

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

February 21, 2016

Second Sunday of Lent

@Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 20

5:30 pm For Bill Dondiego by Fania Family

Sunday, February 21

8:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's

9:30 am For Janet Noll by Stokes Family

11:00 am For Donald Dobbings by McDermott Family

Monday, February 22

8:45 am For Government Leaders

Tuesday, February 23

8:45 am For Bishops

Wednesday, February 24

8:45 am For Peace

7:30 pm For Refugees

Saturday, February 27

5:30 pm For Dave Woeste by Woeste Family

Sunday, February 28

8:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's

9:30 am For John S. Latin by Schwint Family

11:00 am For Piotr Beyga by Fania Roofing Company

MINISTRY SCHEDULE February 27, 28, 2016

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Kevin O'Shea

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Nick Ardito, Holly Zimmerman

Altar Servers: Sarah Hanifin

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Greeter: Need Help

Lector: Sue Vetterl

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia, Mark Vetterl

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 9:30 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Greeter: Anne Ronceray

Lector: Sarah Murray

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Bob Head, Eric Woelfel, Marylee Terpstra

Altar Servers: Hannah Tupaczewski

Sunday 11:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Kathy Yates

Lector: Emily Nowak, Gabriella Nowak

Eucharistic Ministers: Allison Kowlewski, Trish Mitchell, Lorraine Fleming

Altar Servers: Help Needed

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Altar Breads & Wine – In loving memory of Patsy & Philip Marchese by Marchese family.

Sanctuary Lamp – In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone by Corry and Benardone families.

Mass Candles: For Harmony in the World by Skoczylas Family

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PARISH

Saturday, February 27

5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

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Sunday, February 28

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

10:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

12:15 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Peter McHugh

ST. MARK'S NEEDS \$5,280 PER WEEK TO MEET OUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

Current Year	Last Year 2014
February 14, 2016: \$3,314 Envelopes Used: 60	February 15, 2015: \$1,961 Envelopes used: 40
Supermarket Gift Cards February 14, 2016 Sales: \$2,710 Profit: \$135.50 YTD Profit: \$927.50 # of families: 12	St. Mark's Faith Direct church code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with *Faith Direct* will provide St. Mark the Evangelist with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season!

You can quickly sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: **NJ484**, or by mailing an enrollment form available in the parish office.

God Bless!

Fr. Joe





WHERE DO YOU FIND GOD THIS WEEK?

Today's story of Abram (at one point to become Abraham) Abram finds God in a smoking fire pot and flaming torch that passes between the remains of the animal sacrifice he made hours before. Abram was patient, he waited for God to act. Abram saw the power and strength of God in the fire. He put his faith in God's words that a covenant of trust and love was established between them. God would care for his people. He would endow them with blessings and always be their God. In return they were to be his people who followed no other gods.

On the mountain with Jesus, Peter, James and John, witness a transformation in Jesus' appearance as he is transfigured into his glorified self as God - the same God who appeared to Abram and Moses and Elijah the great prophet. They hear a voice from the heavens and Peter realizes he was in the presence of God as no other had ever been.

So the question – Where did God appear to you this week? None of us had the dramatic appearances of God like Abram and the Apostles but wasn't God showing his glory, his care, his love to you this week. Did you see happiness in a little child? Did you see someone showing care and generosity to someone else? Did you experience the closeness and support of someone you love? Did you not see God as others revealed him to you?

So a further question - How did you show others the presence of God? Or did you? Like Jesus who revealed the Glory of God to his disciples so they would believe in him, we too, as disciples, are to reveal the presence of God to others. We do this through our actions. When we can see Jesus in each person we encounter no matter who they are or their status we are in contact with God. It is easy to do this with those we love, but what about the homeless person you might encounter? What about the refugees seeking a home safe from violence and war- are we welcoming them as Jesus would do? Revealing God might mean we have to change not our appearance but our attitudes and instead of thinking me first begin to think first of the needs of the others. Revealing God might mean that we have to take risks to stand up for what we believe as Catholic Christians in matters of life, poverty, hunger and violence. Revealing God to others challenges us not only to acknowledge the difficulties that we face in the community and in the world but to be active in doing our part to bring the presence of God's love to all these situations. Maybe you think I can't do that. Maybe Abram and Peter and the others felt the same way but it was the power of God's love and mercy that transformed them and brought them out of themselves to become witnesses for the powerful presence of God among us...ask God to be present to you with his powerful love and great mercy...you might be surprised the effect it will have on you...Fr Joe

A THOUGHT FOR A LENTEN DAY: "A rich person is not one who has the most, but is the one who needs the least." A lesser known saint is St. Gilbert 1083-1189 the son of a Norman knight who lived in England during the *middle ages*. He became a priest and founder of the order called the Gilbertines. Over the years a special custom grew up in the houses of the order called "the plate of the Lord Jesus." The best portions of the dinner were put on a special plate and shared with the poor, reflecting Gilbert's lifelong concern for less fortunate people. Unfortunately the order came to an end when King Henry VIII suppressed all Catholic monasteries. What do we do with our best portions? How is your Rice Bowl doing? Are you giving money to help feed the hungry?

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC...

Matthew Kelly offers a brief reflection each day of lent that you receive by e mail... Sign up don't miss out go to www.DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

LENT AT ST MARK THIS WEEK...

Daily Mass M -T-W @ 8:45 a.m. --- Monday. --- Reconciliation 7-8:30 p.m. ---

Lenten Mass Wed. @ 7:30 p.m. followed by Scripture Reflection on next Sunday's readings in our daily mass chapel.

LENT4.2 – Are you reading the insert each week in the bulletin... last week's was on Food...?

LENT AT OLM THIS WEEK... Daily Mass M-F 9:30 a.m. ---

Monday prayer in church 4-7 ... silent prayer time...and communal prayer seeking mercy of God --- bible study Thursdays 7:30 p.m. --- the Stations of the Cross on Friday 7:30 p.m. .

YEAR OF MERCY..."As we can see in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God's action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible; that is, he desires our well-being and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other."

— Pope Francis

CATHOLIC CHARITIES...You Did It for Me

82-year-old Ida* came to the U.S. in 1989 on a VISA status. She worked as a housekeeper for three decades. Years ago a lawyer told Ida that he could help her gain citizenship. He charged \$2500. Ida paid, but she never heard from the lawyer again. Ida was afraid of being deported. One Sunday, Ida read in a church bulletin that Catholic Charities had an immigration services office. She made an appointment. The case manager explained everything and walked Ida through the whole citizenship application process. Today she is a citizen.

In 2014 Catholic Charities agencies assisted 40,635 immigrants with family visa, citizenship and DACA applications, providing the opportunity for stability, reunification and permanency. To learn more, visit www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES

2nd Sunday of Lent

...in accordance with the scriptures ... He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Luke 24:44

The Messiah Will Be Betrayed By One Of His Followers...

The Prophecy – Psalm 41:10, 55:13-15 Even my trusted friend, who ate my bread, has raised his heel against me. For it is not an enemy that reviled me—that I could bear—not a foe who viewed me with contempt, from that I could hide. But it was you, my other self, my comrade and friend, you, whose company I enjoyed, at whose side I walked in the house of God.

The Fulfillment – Matthew 26: 47-50...While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them,

saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him." Immediately he went over to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and he kissed him. Jesus answered him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

About the Prophecy - Psalm 41 is a psalm of David. He speaks of his own isolation and his trust in God. He describes how the sharing of food unites people in loyalty and friendship. Psalm 55 is a psalm of David as well. In this psalm, he outlines the betrayal of a trusted friend, who was seemingly a follower of God. Both of these psalms prophesy the betrayal of Jesus by a close and trusted friend.

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...All Christ's riches "are for every individual and are everybody's property." Christ did not live his life for himself but for us, from his Incarnation "for us men and for our salvation" to his death "for our sins" and Resurrection "for our justification." He is still "our advocate with the Father," who "always lives to make intercession" for us. He remains ever "in the presence of God on our behalf, bringing before him all that he lived and suffered for us." - The Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph #519.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED AT ST. MARK'S...

Any boy or girl in grade 4 and higher is welcome to become an altar server. Just call the parish office at 908 850-0652 and leave your name and contact information (phone or e mail) and Father Joe will be in contact with you. There are three training sessions.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY...

Do you know a new mom or a "seasoned" mom who may need a little help with meals due to giving birth or a recent event that has put them under extra stress? Our Elizabeth ministry would like to help out. This ministry is a group of moms who have found themselves in similar situations and just want to pass on the gift that someone once gave them...a word of encouragement, a hot meal, or a helping hand of some other kind. We are always looking for new people to add to our circle of helpers as well. If interested, please contact Angel angel.stm@comcast.net or call the church office.

LVCAP/FOOD PANTRY NEWS...

Have donations for the food pantry but forget to bring to mass each week? The Food Pantry will now be open on the 1st Saturday of each month from 10am-12pm for donations. Donations needed – boxed milk, cereal, pasta, meals in a can (stew/chili etc.), coffee, tea, apple juice, canned fruit and vegetables.

FOOD PANTRY/LVCAP VOLUNTEER NEEDED...

Do you have a little extra time? Feel like getting involved in the community and St. Mark's? Then please consider the Food Pantry (LVCAP). Commitment is minimal and the reward is great! Duties include coordination of food donations from St Mark's to the food pantry, located at the Long Valley Presbyterian Church. Did you know the Food Pantry serves over 60 families in the Long Valley community? Call me for more information Miriam Marschall 852-2907

MORRIS CATHOLIC AUCTION...

Morris Catholic High School will be conducting its' 26th Spring Auction on Saturday March 12, 2016 at Hanover Marriott. Tickets \$75. Msgr Raymond Kupke will be the honoree. For reservations contact ftuite@morriscatholic.org

PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP...

Two nights - Morris Catholic is Tuesday, March 1 at 7 PM. The next Pizza Night with Bishop will be held on Thursday, March 17 at 7 PM at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta. All young men of high

school age are invited to participate in this evening of prayer, discussion and fraternity with Bishop Serratelli and other young men as well as priests from around the diocese. If you know someone who may be interested, please ask the young man to contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, extension 711 or by email at jbrogan@patersondiocese.org.

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY...

The Long Valley Knights of Columbus Council 10419 will be conducting a *New Eyes for the Needy* drive in the month of February. The program's objective is to collect eyeglasses in any condition – new, used, broken, including frames, and have them repaired and distributed to the needy. Please look for old eyeglasses and deposit them in the receptacle labeled *New Eyes for the Needy* that the Knights of Columbus placed in the gathering space. Thank you for your efforts. Remember: The eye is the most precious and useful organ of the human body. It is indeed a masterpiece of God's handiwork; let's help those who need glasses and cannot afford them.

PLEASE SAVE SODA/CAN TABS...

The Columbiettes are saving soda/can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please place the tabs in the container found in the gathering space. Thank you

PAINTING WITH A TWIST...

Tired of the cold and snow? The Columbiettes will be holding a fund raiser on Sunday, March 6 from 1-3 pm at Uptown Art in Denville, NJ. Tickets will be on sale Feb. 20 & 21 and 27 & 28 after all the masses. Only 50 tickets will be sold. Price \$45. So warm up with us and join the fun. All proceeds will benefit the Columbiette programs.

OPEN HOUSE – ST. THERESE SCHOOL...

On Thursday, February 25th 5:00-7:00 pm. 135 Main St., Succasunna. (973) 584-0812. Visit with Faculty, Staff, Home & School Representatives, Fundraising Chairpersons, After School Club Representatives, Watch a Robotics Demonstration!



All-powerful and ever-living God the lasting health of all who believe in you, hear us as we ask your loving help for the sick; restore their health that they may again offer joyful thanks in your church.

Randi Alloway, John Andaloro, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Baby Natalia Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Daniel DePaul, Krish Dharia, Charles & Ellen Eichler, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, George Foehner, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimly, Bob Hodiern, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Claudia Kallmeyer, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Anne Kindt, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Lenore, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Helene Mackie, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, John Parker, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Pilosi, Martha Towne Riley, Clifford Reynolds, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Tommy Scheffler, Kurt Shubert, Rhonda Soto, Judy Stone, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Debra Vitale, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Julia Wilke, Marie Zimbile,

