

The Lord is my light and my salvations.

January 22, 2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, January 21

5:30 pm For Joseph Forlini by Stolte Family

Sunday, January 22

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

9:30 am For Mary Lucero by Maria Marione

11:00 am For John Cannon by Ciniewicz Family

Monday, January 23

8:45 am For Healing

Tuesday, January 24

8:45 am For Teachers

Wednesday, January 25

8:45 am For Unity Among Christians

Saturday, January 28

5:30 pm For Alfred Stepien by Lennon Family

Sunday, January 29

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

9:30 am For Lucia Lombardo by Dave Donlon

11:00 am For Isabel Sargent by Susan Reilly

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 28, 29, 2016

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Lector: Fred McQuaide

Eucharistic Ministers: Holly Zimmerman

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski, Deacon Nick Ardito

Lector: Susan Vettel

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia, Mark Vetterl

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:30 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski, Deacon Bob Head

Lector: Help Needed

Eucharistic Minister: Eric Woelfel, Marylee Terpstra

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Lector: Tom & Sarah Hanifin

Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Mitchell, Mark Marschall, Sue Reilly

Altar Servers: Help Needed

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

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, January 28

5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Martin McDonnell, Deacon Jim Jones

7:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Martin McDonnell

Sunday, January 29

7:45 am Celebrant: Rev. John Andrew Connell

9:15 am Celebrant: Rev. John Andrew Connell

10:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky, Deacon Tom Gibbon

12:15 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

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

Current Year	Last Year 2016
January 15, 2017: \$2,533 Envelopes used: 59	January 17, 2016: \$2,566 Envelopes used: 69
Extended Catholic Obligations: \$629 Envelopes used: 30	Extended Catholic Obligations: \$581 Envelopes used: 29
Supermarket Gift Cards Figures Not Available.	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

The twelve days of Christmas culminate with the celebration of the wonderful feast of Epiphany. I am thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collections donations of your choosing.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ484

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You, Fr. Joe



Have you made any New Year's resolutions yet? (Have you broken any yet?)

Whether it's your first, or one of many, here's a good resolution to consider: Donate something to the Food Pantry every month during 2017. You'll be sure to have a blessed year, and you'll be helping others at the same time. And, you don't have to worry that you'll forget – the Bulletin will remind you every month!

For January, consider stews or hearty soups, hot cereals, canned fruits/vegetables, and medicine cabinet items such as Tylenol, cough drops, etc. As always, anything you donate will be appreciated.

January 21, 2017

Dear Parishioners of St. Mark's

I will be marking my 10th year in Long Valley on June 13th and ten years as Pastor of St. Mark's. For the past six years, I have served also as the pastor of Our Lady of the Mountain. I truly considered myself blessed to be able to minister as pastor to two very special parishes. I find it hard to believe that ten years have gone by so quickly. The administration of two parishes has been a unique challenge and opportunity for me as a priest. As I get a little older I feel it is time to turn the administration over to some else.

After many months of prayer and reflection, I asked Bishop Serratelli last July to allow me to retire in June 2017 and he graciously granted my request. The normal retirement age in our diocese is seventy (70) and this March I will reach that milestone (?). My formal date of retirement is Thursday, June 29, 2017. My last weekend with you will be June 25, 2017.

There are other reasons why I am retiring and this has to do with my family. Over the course of the past several years, three of my four nieces and nephews and their children have moved to Florida. This July I will marry my youngest niece who lives in Florida and after the wedding my sister and brother in law also plan to move from New Jersey to Florida. I plan to spend part of the year in Florida and part in NJ. I plan to be an active senior priest in both Florida and New Jersey and help in parishes as long as I am able to do so.

As I write to you, I am filled with several different emotions. Sadness, excitement, anxiety and adventure.

I truly consider you as my family over the past ten years and I will miss you. I look forward each week to be celebrating the Eucharist with you. I hope that we have grown together in God's love. I will miss the children and young people of the parish. They always bring me joy as I watch them grow up into wonderful young people.

I am also excited about the prospect of taking a new path in my priestly ministry. I truly believe through my prayer that this is the right decision to make at this time. I also am anxious because I know my decision will result in change at St. Mark's and change is always challenging. But change is always a part of our lives and can lead us to new paths and discoveries.

Finally, I also feel a sense of adventure. As many of you know I like to hike and I have not kept it a secret that when I do retire I intend to take a road trip to various parts of our country to see some great scenery, do some hiking and visit some family and friends who live in various states literally from coast to coast. Of course, these are my plans and I still trust that God's will be done in my personal life.

I wanted to let you know of my decision now because it is not a secret especially among my fellow priests and I wanted you to hear from me the reasons for my decision. I ask you to say a few prayers for me during the coming months.

God Bless you,

Fr. Joe



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK... When we are rooted in Christ, we are rooted in an ancestry of many who have gone before us. We stand in the light of the teachings that come to us from Scripture, and the teachings that come to us from the wisdom of the Catholic community. We stand in the wisdom of Jesus Christ, the one who becomes for us the person and hope in which we are rooted.

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe: During the greater part of his life, Jesus shared the condition of the vast majority of human beings: a daily life spent without evident greatness, a life of manual labor. His religious life was that of a Jew obedient to the law of God, a life in the community. From this whole period, it is revealed to us that Jesus was "obedient" to his parents and that he "increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man." The Catechism of the Catholic Church 531

MARCH FOR LIFE...

On Friday, January 27th, if you would like information on this year's March for Life, contact Pat Gibbons at patgibb@gmail.com (908) 414-0963, or Tom Sanders (908) 887-4504

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM...

Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year will be held during the months of January and February 2017 Tuesday through Thursday from 12 to 1 pm at the Preschool. If that time doesn't work, you can bring the Registration to the St. Luke Office. Forms are located in the Gathering Room and can also be accessed on the St. Luke website at www.stlukeparishlv.com. A \$50 non-refundable check is required to reserve your child's enrollment. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at preschool@stlukelv.org

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY...

The Knights of Columbus will be having an eyeglass recycling container in St. Mark's gathering space beginning February 1 through February 28. Please donate your used eyeglasses which will be given to the needy and be sincerely appreciated.

LONG VALLEY COLUMBIETTES...

The Long Valley Columbiettes are having a "WONDERS OF CHOCOLATE" afternoon celebrating Valentine's Day, featuring music by Marianne Seiler and Rich Ortiz, to be held on Sunday, February 12 from 3 - 5pm at St. Mark's Parish Hall. Tickets will be sold after all masses the weekend of January 28/29th for a donation of \$12.00. Delicious chocolate desserts, coffee and tea will be served along with a chocolate dessert auction. Proceeds will help fund various Columbiettes' charity endeavors. Please come and enjoy an afternoon of great music, wonderful chocolate treats and fellowship. Thank you for your support.

Community News

FEMALE SELF DEFENSE CLASS FOR TEENS...

Two girl scouts from Troop 94100 have created a no-charge female self-defense class for girls run by Washington Township police with the help of the Township Rec. Department. This class will teach physical techniques, security tips, and how to avoid potentially dangerous situations. Two 4 week sessions are available, one for grades 9-12, January 23rd through February 13th, and another for

grades 6-8, February 27th through March 20th. All sessions are on Monday from 4:30-5:30 pm at the Senior Center, 34 East Springtown Road. If interested contact the Rec Department by either calling (908) 876-5941 or emailing recreation@wtmorris.net to sign up.

MARCH 23, 2017 - ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS' 16TH ANNUAL CARING BASKET GALA!...

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, NJ, is proud to honor Father Brian Plate, Eileen and Les Quick and Terry and Prudence Pigott for their service to Church, family and community. Assumption College for Sisters, sponsored by the Sisters of Christian Charity, exists primarily to educate women called to consecrated life. The Gala raises scholarship money for the Sisters' education, which equips them with the necessary pastoral and professional skills for ministry. For more information, contact Patricia McGrady 973-957-0188 ext. 101, or email: gala@acs350.org.

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENT...

Consider taking an online course with Assumption College for Sisters from June 4 - July 30. Acs OCO Online Course Orientation (required) 0 credits Hi 101_O World Civilization I 3 credits - Ps 101_O General Psychology 3 credits Th 208_O Special Topics in Theology: Christian Ethics 3 credits - Cost: \$170/credit plus \$25 registration fee. Courses are open to high school graduates and students entering their senior year of high school with the written recommendation of their guidance counselor. For more information, contact academicdean@acs350.org or call 973-957-0188 Ext. 106. Assumption College for Sisters is accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education



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, Richard Alvarez, John Andaloro, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Krish Dharja, Catherine DiPasquale, Ellen Eichler, Connie Elliott, Rick & Nicholas Fania, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Claudia Kallmeyer, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Helene Mackie, Wayne Marks, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene Madelyn S., Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, Arlene Parikh, Rev., Raymond Pavlick, Nicky Pilosi, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, William Thompson, Elizabeth Tomaszewski, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile