

Blessed are the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Monday, January 30

8:45 am For Peace

Tuesday, January 31

8:45 am For Teachers

Wednesday, February 1

8:45 am For Persecuted Christians

Saturday, February 4

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

5:30 pm For Eileen Heaton by Ronceray Family

Sunday, February 5

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

9:30 am For Michael Feula by Davidson Family

11:00 am For a special intention by Mangiaracina Family

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
February 4, 5, 2017, 2016**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Lector: Joanne Lee

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Lee, Mary Scarda

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Jim Jones

Lector: Amy & Bill Barron

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Clark

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:30 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

Lector: Kevin Mullin

Eucharistic Minister: Teri & Bob Baffuto, Steve Beggin

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Lector: Emily & Gabriella Nowak

Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Labue, Kevin Ramos, Nick Caruso

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, February 4

5:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

7:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Sunday, February 5

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Nick Ardito

10:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski, Deacon Bob Head

12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

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

Current Year	Last Year 2016
January 22, 2017: \$2,878.85 Envelopes used: 56	January 24, 2016: \$998 Envelopes used: 22
Supermarket Gift Cards January 22, 2017 Sales: \$3,550 Profit: \$177.50 YTD Profit: \$479.50 # of families: 11	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.



BLESSED ARE YOU...

The scriptures are God’s living Word spoken to us each time we read them or hear them proclaimed. Today’s Gospel presents to us the Words of Jesus from his sermon on the Mountain. We called them the Beatitudes because each phrase begins with the words “Blessed are...” Jesus is instructing us on the way to enter his eternal kingdom. If we develop an attitude of unselfishness we become poor in spirit because we are emptying ourselves in doing things for others first. We are becoming rich in the ways of God by our outreach, love and concern for others. The other beatitudes speak of some of the groups or causes that Jesus especially named: Those who mourn, the hungry, the thirsty, the meek, the peacemakers, and of course he tells us his way will not always be easy because some will not accept the message of our lives. Some will seek to harm us. Some will see to do anything they can to resist the message of Jesus because it is not always very popular. Our commitment to living out the beatitudes in our daily lives keeps us close to Jesus’ way. By putting, the practice of the beatitudes into our daily routine helps us to focus on whom and what are important in the eyes of Jesus...Fr. Joe

NOTE: While I am away for a short vacation Fr. Dan will take care of things...Fr. Joe

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe: Jesus’ obedience to his mother and legal father fulfills the fourth commandment perfectly and was the temporal image of his filial obedience to his Father in heaven. The everyday obedience of Jesus to Joseph and Mary both announced and anticipated the obedience of Holy Thursday: “Not my will...” the obedience of Christ in the daily routine of his hidden life was already inaugurating his work of restoring what the disobedience of Adam had destroyed. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 532...

FROM WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP...

In a never ending effort to improve communication within our Township, we are reaching out to individuals and groups and asking for help in spreading the word. Please share this information with your friends, neighbors, and organizations. Residents and interested parties are encouraged to “opt in” to the following communication opportunities:

Emails...Interested parties can sign up to receive emails from the Township. This is done through Google Groups. The Township will post information and the subscriber can select how often they want to receive the emails, as we post them, or get a consolidated email once a week. There are three separate email lists that you can sign up for. Township announcements, Recreation Announcements, and/or Senior Announcements. Visit the Township Website (www.wtmorris.org),

Nixle...The Township Office of Emergency Management and other local Public Safety Agencies send notifications via the Nixle System. You can receive emails and/or text messages about power outages, road closings, and other public safety issues in our area. To sign up for Nixle Alerts go to the front page of the Township Website www.wtmorris.org and look for the Nixle registration box on the right side of the home page.

Facebook... Both the Township and the Police Department actively post on FaceBook. “Like” the pages if you are on FaceBook to receive announcements and notifications about programs, meetings, field closings and other Township news.

Website...Follow “Washington Township Government, Long Valley” and “Washington Township Police Department” Website. The Township Website is a resource for events, news and contact information www.wtmorris.org .

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.

THANK YOU...

The Long Valley Community Assistance Program (LVCAP) wishes to thank St. Mark’s Parish for your \$500 donation to our organization during the holiday season. The volunteers who manage LVCAP, the area churches that support it, and most importantly your neighbors who use the food pantry and may need emergency assistance, are all grateful for your trust in the program and your decision to contribute. As the holiday season ends, we can still use donations to help those in our community who struggle financially. If you know of any families who may need emergency financial assistance, please email LVCAP at longvalleycap@gmail.com

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Zephaniah prophesies that the Lord will punish wicked nations along with Jerusalem, but he will shelter from his anger those who practice justice and humility and do no wrong.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Paul tells the Corinthians that God prefers the humble, the weak, the lowly of station — people like themselves. In Christ Jesus they will find wisdom, honor and justice.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches the Beatitudes in his Sermon on the Mount. He extols those who are merciful, peaceful, lowly, poor in spirit and promises them that “the reign of God is theirs.”



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 Dharia, 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

Every now and then we try to update our prayer list of names of the sick and special intentions. We have alphabetized the names in the hopes of making them easier to read. There are some names that we in the parish office cannot associate with a person who made the request to pray for them. Please look over the list and if you requested prayers for a person please either call the office or e mail Fr. Joe to let us know if you wish to continue to be on this prayer list.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Teresa Dobbings

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



