

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

January 21, 2018

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, January 20

5:30 pm For James Doran by Madaras Family

Sunday, January 21

8:00 am For Mark Zeliff by Susan Reilly
 9:30 am For Bernard Cho by Heim Family
 11:00 am For Theresa Dobbings by McDermott Family

Monday, January 22

8:45 am For Bill Perry by Rieg Family

Tuesday, January 23

8:45 am For

Wednesday, January 24

8:45 am For Claudia Harrington by Stokes Family

Saturday, January 27

5:30 pm For Helen Clark by Clark Family
 For Joan Pirolo by Masterson Family

Sunday, January 28

8:00 am For William Wagner by Regan Family
 9:30 am For Bernard Cho by Hobbs Family
 11:00 am For Aeysha Quireshi by OLM parish staff

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
 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:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 27, 28, 2018

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
 Lector: Rhianna Smith
 Eucharistic Ministers: Holly Zimmerman, Nancy Lennon
 Altar Servers: Libby Masterson

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
 Lector: Jim Scott
 Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia
 Altar Servers: Help needed

9:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
 Lector: Katie Van Woert
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel
 Altar Servers: Hannah & Sarah Tupaczewski

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
 Lector: Sharon Donovan
 Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Mitchell
 Altar Servers: Ryan Arrambide

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, January 22

8:45 am Mass
 4:30 pm CEC K-5

Tuesday, January 23

8:45 am Daily Mass
 4:30 pm CEC K-5
 7:30 pm Choir
 8:00 pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, January 24

8:45 am Daily Mass
 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
 6:00 pm JYM
 8:00 pm K of C Meeting

Thursday, January 25

Parish Office Closed

Friday, January 26

No events planned

Saturday, January 27

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
 5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 28

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2016
January 14, 2018: \$3,643 Envelopes used:62	January 15, 2017: \$2,533 Envelopes used: 59
Snow removal: \$927	
Supermarket Gift Cards: January 14, 2018 Sales: \$5,220 Profit: \$261 YTD Profit: \$395 # of Families: 21	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

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 donation of your choosing. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **NJ484**. Thank you for your continued support. God Bless You, Fr. Marcini

FOOD PANTRY – 2018...

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 2018. 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.

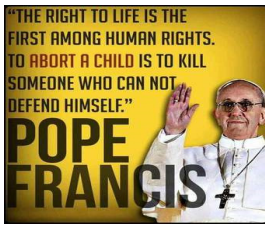
FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,

In the Gospel today we see that Jesus begin his preaching by calling on people to repent. Jesus says: Repent, and believe in the gospel. Repentance, as we know, means a change of mind. It means turning our minds again to God. Then Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James and John. They had to change their minds about their present circumstances and about the meaning of life before they could answer Jesus' call. The kingdom of God is at hand for each of us as members of His one Body, we meet Christ as Redeemer in his Church. **Jesus message was and still is simple: Repent and believe in the Gospel, the Good News.** The Good News is that happiness and peace are offered to us if we are willing to fight against sin and turn to the Lord. The Good News is that nothing can take Christ from us. No one, no situation in life, nothing can destroy the joy that we have in being united to the Lord. The good news brings hope. The good news offers everyone peace. The Lord never gives up on us. Even we do not have the right to give up on ourselves.

Today Jesus says to us: The time has come...and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News. (Mark 1:15).

**MONDAY – JANUARY 22 – DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE
LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**



**45 YEARS AGO SUPREME COURT MADE ABORTION LEGAL
IN OUR COUNTRY**

Several passages in the Bible tell us that life in the womb is sacred and comes from God. *“For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother’s womb. I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation.”* (Psalm 139).

That passage expresses so beautifully that it is God who is the Creator of life in the womb; *“For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother’s womb.”*

What a unique way to express God forming us in the womb, *“you knit me together in my mother’s womb.”*

The natural response to this is to praise God as does the Psalm *“I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation.”*

Then Ps 139 goes on to describe how God knew all about us during gestation in the womb *“Already you knew my soul, my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and molded in the depths of the earth.”*

Also in many places in the Bible we read that because life is from God, we do not have the right to decide to take another person’s life. Since life comes from God, we would be praying God to take someone else’s life whether fully grown or still in the womb. Human life is sacred, we do not have the authority from God to meddle with the sacredness of human life, to destroy it in any way. Pope John Paul II in his encyclical Evangelium Vitae states: *“I declare that direct*

abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, always constitutes a grave moral disorder, since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being. (Evangelium Vitae §62).

Modern medical science has clearly shown us that human life begins at conception. At conception a new human being begins, complete with his or her own unique set of DNA, which is present from the first day of life. The new little person’s sex is also determined from the beginning. Eighteen days after conception the baby’s heart is beating.

The beautiful thing about this life is that it is created by God. **Let us kneel before the God who made us. Because it is God who made us we have great respect for human life. The right to life is the most fundamental of all rights.**

On Monday, January 22nd, I will be leaving on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land which will be led by our Bishop, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Arthur Serratelli. The group will include both clergy and lay people. I will remember you, my dear people, in every prayer I offer at the holy places where our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ walked. You are my most precious gift that God gave me when I came to Long Valley 6 months ago.

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...

ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...

FR. MARCIN

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

Saint Francis De Sales – January 24

Born Aug. 21, 1567

Roman Catholic bishop of Geneva and doctor of the church, who was active in the struggle against Calvinism and cofounded the order of Visitation Nuns. He wrote the devotional classic Introduction to a Devout Life (3rd definitive edition, 1609), which emphasized that spiritual perfection is possible for people busy with the affairs of the world and not only, as many believed at the time, for those who withdraw from society. In 1923 Pope Pius XI named him patron saint of writers. He was educated at the Jesuit college of Clermont in Paris and at Padua, Italy, where he received a doctorate in law. After briefly practicing law he turned to religion and was ordained in 1593 at Annecy, chief town of his native Savoy. Francis began intense missionary work in Chablais, a district that had broken away from Savoy and had become Calvinist but had been regained by the duke of Savoy, Charles Emmanuel, an ardent Catholic. Under his protection, Francis won the bulk of the people of Chablais to Catholicism. Francis was consecrated bishop of Geneva on Dec. 8, 1602. In 1610, with St. Jane Frances de Chantal, he founded the Visitation of Holy Mary, which became principally a teaching order. Francis was the first to receive a solemn beatification at St. Peter’s, Rome (1661). In 1877 he became the first writer in French to be named doctor of the church. In addition to his spiritual works, his writings include controversies against Calvinists, letters, sermons, and documents on diocesan administration.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT...

ST. MARK – Last Monday of each month from 7-8 pm. Next Adoration is on January 29th.

OLM – Second Monday of each month from 7-8 pm, Next Adoration is on February 12th

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not kill. "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, You shall not kill: and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment. But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment".

My brothers and sisters, the Fifth Commandment also talks about Euthanasia.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church numeral 2276 says, "*Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible. Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable*".

Thus an act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator.

The error of judgment into which one can fall in good faith does not change the nature of this murderous act, which must always be forbidden and excluded.

Even if death is thought imminent, the ordinary care owed to a sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted.

The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable

Palliative care is a special form of disinterested charity.

God bless you.

REMEMBERING TOM MACKIE...

On Sunday, February 4th, the 11:00 AM Mass will be offered for Tom Mackie on behalf of the St. Mark's Choir and parish community. Let us come together at this Mass to remember Tom, who passed away from cancer this past summer. Let us remember the more than 25 years he was a member of our choir and recall how his wonderful, God-given voice enhanced our liturgies. We hope to see you there. Thank you.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS AT ST. MARK'S SAVE THE DATES...

- March 4 – Annual Pot Luck Lunch
- April 6 – Winetasting
- April 29 – St. Mark's 30th Anniversary Mass and Luncheon. Bishop Arthur Serratelli will be our celebrant at the 11:00 am mass.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS.... If you would like a statement of contributions for 2017, please contact Joanne, our parish bookkeeper at joanne.stm@comcast.net. You can also call her at the parish office. Please do so by January 31, 2018.

ST. LUKE'S SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY PRESENTATION...

All are invited to attend a special free presentation by Kerry Magro on Sunday, February 4 1:00-3:00 pm. "Autism can't define me...I define autism". Kerry is an award winning national speaker and bestselling author. Kerry has become a role model in the disabled community.

ST. LUKES' CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM...

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be held during the month of January and February 2018, Tuesday through Thursday from 12-1pm at the Preschool. You can also bring the Registration to the parish office. Forms are located in the gathering space 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. Questions??? email preschool@stlukelv.org

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, MENDHAM...

Sunday, January 28th. Learn more about the outstanding academics in our Pre-K-8 programs Mass at 11:30 am, followed by an information session at 12:30 pm, and tours of the school beginning at 1:00 pm. Visit our website at www.sjstemdham.org, or contact Lori Arends, Principal, at 973-543-7474, ext. 7. St. Joseph School – National blue ribbon School of Excellence; AdvancEd Accredited.

PAJAMA & BOOK COLLECTION FOR INFANTS/ TEENS...

Pajamas and Books are being collected by the LV Columbiettes to be donated to the Hackettstown Pajamas Program which services needy infants to teens in Warren County. Collection boxes will be in the gathering space the weekend of January 27/18. We greatly appreciate your generosity and kindness.



Randi Alloway, Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, Charlie, , Kenneth Bernisky, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Emily Condit, Natalia Danilczuk, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, Elizabeth, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Jerry Green, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Joey, Claudia Kallmeyer, Jim Karpinski, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris,, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Wayne Marks, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene, Madelyn S. Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Meghan McDonough, Harold & Mary McKay, Edward Michonski, Sr., Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Josh Olsen, Jim Owens, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Plosi, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner, Rev. Frank Rodimer, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy, Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Rev. Zbigniew Tyburski, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

