

# I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**February 11, 2018**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Saturday, February 10**

5:30 pm For Michael Mullaney by Barron Family

**Sunday, February 11**

8:00 am For Helen Clark by Clark Family  
 9:30 am For Aeysha Qureshi by St. Mark's Staff  
 For Joan Bannon by Rich & Marianne Nyman  
 11:00 am For Irene Gecik by McGrath Family  
 For Bernard Cho by Stokes Family

**Monday, February 12**

8:45 am For Betty Meyer by Fania Family

**Tuesday, February 13**

8:45 am

**Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday**

8:45 am For Theresa Amantea by Heath Village Eucharistic Ministers

**Thursday, February 15**

8:45 am For

**Saturday, February 17**

5:30 pm For Kenneth Strahan by Barron Family  
 For Kimberly Lewis by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Huntz

**Sunday, February 18**

8:00 am For Veronica Smolenski by Gruby Family  
 9:30 am For Bernie Cho by Fleming Family  
 11:00 am For Mary Rice by Fania Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS  
 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:**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
 February 17, 18, 2018**

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno  
 Lector: Joanne Lee  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Marylee Terpstra  
 Altar Servers: Shaeleigh & Shane Fleidner-Book

**Sunday, 8:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno, Deacon Jim Jones  
 Lector: Tony Cretella  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras  
 Altar Servers: Help needed

**9:30 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno, Deacon Bob Head  
 Lector: Katie VanWoert  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Gina & Paul Tupaczewski  
 Altar Servers: Hannah & Sarah Tupaczewski

**11:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno, Deacon Tom Gibbon  
 Lector: Al & David Escudero  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Angel Nowak, Nick Caruso  
 Altar Servers: Giuliana Rolli

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S**

**Monday, February 12**

8:45 am Mass  
 4:30 pm CEC K-5 4<sup>th</sup> grade retreat with parents  
 7:00 pm PAC Meeting

**Tuesday, February 13**

8:45 am Mass  
 4:30 pm CEC K-5 4<sup>th</sup> grade retreat with parents

7:30 pm Choir

**Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday**

8:45 am Daily Mass and distribution of ashes  
 9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
 4:30 pm Service – distribution of ashes  
 7:00 pm Mass and distribution of ashes

**Thursday, February 15**

8:45 am Mass

**Friday, February 16**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, February 17**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study  
 5:30 pm Mass – Columbiettes "Wonders of Chocolate" ticket sales

**Sunday, February 18**

Masses, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am  
 Columbiettes "Wonders of Chocolate" ticket sales

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2016
February 4, 2018: \$2,937 Envelopes used: 59	February 5, 2017: \$3,392 Envelopes used: 63
Parish Debt Reduction: \$847 Envelopes used: 26	Parish Debt Reduction: \$739 Envelopes used: 26
Supermarket Gift Cards: February 4, 2018 Sales: \$2,300 Profit: \$115.00 YTD Profit: \$835.50 # 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! Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **NJ484**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!  
 God Bless You, Fr. Marcin

**FOOD PANTRY...**

Please keep the food pantry in your prayers and on your shopping lists this February. They are in particular need of medicine cabinet items, peanut butter and jelly, and coffee/tea, but anything you can donate will be appreciated. Thank you.

## FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,

Today we celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is the last Sunday before we begin the Holy Season of Lent our preparation to celebrate Jesus passion, death and glorious resurrection.

February 14<sup>th</sup> is known as Valentine's Day but what is more important for us this year it is ASH WEDNESDAY – Day of fasting and abstinence, the first day of Lenten season.

In today's Gospel that poor leper had two sufferings to carry; not only was he suffering from illness but he was also cut off from the community. Lepers had to live outside the village or town in a sort of leper colony because of the contagious nature of the disease. When people were nearby lepers would say, "Unclean, unclean." The leper shouldn't even have been in the village that day when Jesus came. Even when he approached the leper Jesus kept his distance. Jesus had to stretch out his hand to touch him when curing him. **When Jesus healed the leper, Jesus not only healed his illness but restored him to his community and family once again.**

We are meant for community, we are not meant for isolation. We have been created for community and are called to live our faith in and with a community. Isolation and independence is a contradiction to Christianity. Every Sunday when we celebrate the Eucharist we celebrate as a community. In community we are to make Christ real. Love is to be the characteristic of the Christian community. When we gather for the Eucharist it is to be an act of love, reflecting the love in the community, because everyone in the community is to reflect Christ. If we gather for the Eucharist but do not love each other, our Eucharist is a sham. Jesus healed the leprous man and restored him to community. We have been created for community and are called to live our faith in and with a community. "We though many form one single body," and "by this will all know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another."

## ASH WEDNESDAY AND HOLY SEASON OF LENT.

*Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ."- Pope Francis*

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us.



During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self-control through fasting.

## Here are the church regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent:

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
- Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

## Devotions and activities during Lent

**-Stations of the Cross** – Traditional Lenten Devotion – Every Friday – at **OLM** after morning mass, and 7:30pm and every Monday at our church **St. Mark's** at 7pm.

**-Every Monday Sacrament of Penance** will be celebrated in our church and every church in our diocese from 7pm to 8:30 during this time the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held as well.

## - Lenten reflection with Fr. Marcin (Every Tuesday night during Lent at **OLM PARISH CENTER**)

**First session – February 13 – 7PM**

Would you like to get closer to the risen Christ this Easter?

If so, please join me and your fellow parishioners as we explore on the Sunday Lenten gospel readings each Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00. We will begin our reflection on February 13, and each Tuesday evening through March 27. Additionally, we will discuss any questions you have related to our Lenten readings. So bring a friend as we prepare to celebrate the most important feast day of the year on Easter Sunday, April 1.

## - HEALING MASS - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – 10AM.

During this mass we will pray for our sick parishioners, and the sacrament of the sick will be administered to the elderly, and our sick parishioners. Join us for prayer for our sick brothers and sisters.

## OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...

**ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...**

**FR. MARCIN**

## FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

**Saints Cyril and Methodius – February 13**

Apostles to the Slavs (d. 869, 855)

Cyril and Methodius were brothers born in Tessaonica in the early ninth century. Cyril, the younger, studied philosophy at the imperial university in Constantinople, where he was ordained a priest. His older brother Methodius remained a monk in Greece. Both had participated in cultural and diplomatic missions among the Slavs and had some knowledge of their language. When, therefore, the emperor received a request for Christian missionaries from the ruler of Moravia, he commissioned the two Greek brothers. They set off in 863.

Though German missionaries had been operating in the East for some while, they were hampered by their refusal to instruct the people in any language but Latin. Cyril and Methodius, in contrast, preached in the vernacular. What is more, they invented a Slavonic alphabet into

which they translated the Scriptures, with the result that they are remembered among other things as founders of Slavonic literature. They also introduced the Slavonic language into the liturgy (to this day the official liturgical language of many churches of the East). Though their innovations led to conflict with the German bishops, their mission was a huge success. They are honored in the calendars of both the East and the West, remembered not only as apostles to the Slavic peoples but as innovative missionaries and pioneers of inculturation.

*"They desired to become similar in every aspect to those to whom they were bringing the Gospel; they wished to become part of those people and to share their lot in everything."*

*Pope John Paul II on Saints Cyril and Methodius*

#### FROM FR. JAVIER...

#### TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE TEN COMMANDMENTS The Sixth Commandment

**You shall not commit adultery. "You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart".**

My dear brothers and sisters the catechism of the Catholic Church in the numeral 2361 says that *"Sexuality, by means of which man and woman give themselves to one another through the acts which are proper and exclusive to spouses, is not something simply biological, but concerns the innermost being of the human person as such. It is realized in a truly human way only if it is an integral part of the love by which a man and woman commit themselves totally to one another until death"*.

The spouses' union achieves the twofold end of marriage: the good of the spouses themselves and the transmission of life. These two meanings or values of marriage cannot be separated without altering the couple's spiritual life and compromising the goods of marriage and the future of the family.

The married couple forms *"the intimate partnership of life and love established by the Creator and governed by his laws; it is rooted in the conjugal covenant, that is, in their irrevocable personal consent."* Both give themselves definitively and totally to one another. They are no longer two; from now on they form one flesh. The covenant they freely contracted imposes on the spouses the obligation to preserve it as unique and indissoluble. *"What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder"*.

Fidelity expresses constancy in keeping one's given word. God is faithful. The Sacrament of Matrimony enables man and woman to enter into Christ's fidelity for his Church. Through conjugal chastity, they bear witness to this mystery before the world.

God love you.



Beginning next week the parish office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm. We will be closed on Fridays.

We are also adding an additional daily mass on Thursdays at 8:45 am. Daily masses are now Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:45 am in the chapel.

#### NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY...

The Knights of Columbus will be having an eyeglass recycling container in St. Mark's gathering space until February 28, 2018. Please donate your used eyeglasses which will be given to the needy and be sincerely appreciated.

#### WONDERS OF CHOCOLATE...

The Long Valley Columbiettes will be hosting a chocolate festival on Sunday, February 25th at St. Mark's from 3-5pm. Delicious chocolate desserts, coffee & tea will be included along with cake auctions and specialty baskets for bid. Music by Robin and Peter will provide wonderful and loving entertainment. Tickets are \$12 which will be sold at the door and after all masses at OLM and St. Mark's on February 17/18. For more information, please contact 908-342-6305. Proceeds benefit charities supported by the LV Columbiettes. Thank you for your support.

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

- March 4 – Annual Pot Luck Lunch sign-up sheet in gathering space
- April 6 – Winetasting
- April 29 – St. Mark's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass and Luncheon. Bishop Arthur Serratelli will be our celebrant at the 11:00 am mass.

#### Pray for the Sick

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

