

# The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

May 13, 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter



**Saturday, May 12**

5:30 pm For George Stolte by Draghi Family

**Sunday, May 13**

8:00 am For Elaine Gebbia by Gebbia Family

9:30 am For Bernie Cho by Cho Family

11:00 am For Phyllis D. Fania by Fania Family  
For Josefa Silfa by her sisters

**Monday, May 14**

8:45 am For Dominic Puleo by Stokes Family

**Tuesday, May 15**

8:45 am For

**Wednesday, May 16**

8:45 am For

**Thursday, May 17**

8:45 am For Aloysia Betz by Bill Betz

**Saturday, May 19**

5:30 pm For Virginia Kadri by Cronin Family

**Sunday, May 20**

8:00 am For

9:30 am For Mary Sperling by Woelfel Family

11:00 am For Bernie Cho by Cho Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS  
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

**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  
May 19, 20, 2018**

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Rhianna Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Marylee Terpstra, Mary Scarda

Altar Servers: Libby Masterson

**Sunday, 8:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Jim Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras

Altar Servers: Piper Heike

**9:30 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Kevin O'Shea

Eucharistic Ministers: Gina & Paul Tupaczewski

Altar Servers: Hannah and Sarah Tupaczewski

**11:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Dina Carmelengo

Eucharistic Ministers: Angel Nowak, Nick Caruso

Altar Servers: Giuliani Rolli

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

**Monday, May 14**

8:45 am Mass

7:30 pm Finance Meeting

**Tuesday, May 15**

8:45 am Mass

7:30 pm Choir

**Wednesday, May 16**

8:45 am Mass

**Thursday, May 17**

8:45 am Mass

**Friday, May 18**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, May 19**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, May 20**

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

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

| Current Year   | Last Year 2017                                  |
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| May 6, 2018: \$2,414.00<br>Parish Debt Reduction: \$497.00   | May 7, 2017:<br>Figures unavailable             |
| Supermarket Gift Cards:<br>May 6, 2018<br>Sales: \$3,375<br>Profit: \$168.75<br>YTD Profit: \$2,533.75<br>#of families: 16 | St. Mark's Faith Direct<br>Church Code is NJ484 |

**FAITH DIRECT...**

May can be a busy month. Are you booking travel for Memorial Day? Gearing up for summer vacation? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure your gifts reach St. Mark the Evangelist when you cannot, and our ministries can continue uninterrupted. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **NJ484**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



**FOOD PANTRY....What is THE best gift for Mother's Day?**  
Flowers? Jewelry? Nutritious food?

There are mothers in our area who would consider nutritious food for their family the most precious gift possible! So this Mother's Day, in addition to flowers or jewelry for *your* mother, consider donating some non-perishable food items to the Long Valley Food Pantry. Other mothers will thank you. And so will yours!

Anything you can donate will be appreciated, but this month you might want to consider infant formula, baby food, diapers, cereal, and shelf-stable milk.

Spoiler alert: Next month – similar idea for Father's Day.

My dear parishioners,

After Jesus' Ascension his disciples returned to the upper room where they had celebrated the Last Supper and gathered in prayer with Mary, the women, the apostles and many disciples. They needed time apart after Jesus' Ascension. It was like a time of retreat for them. Jesus had said to them to stay in the city until they were clothed with power from on high. Jesus had promised that he would send them the Holy Spirit.

So they spent these days on retreat praying for the Holy Spirit. Although Jesus would no longer be with them as he had been, he would continue to be with them as they celebrated the Eucharist and would be with them through his Spirit whom they would receive at Pentecost after this time of prayer together.

Remembering Mary, the women, apostles and disciples gathered in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit reminds us of the importance of praying for what we need. While prayer is principally to make us more open to God, to help us respond better to God's grace in our lives, we also believe that God's love leads him to hear and answer our prayers of petition. We greatly admire the faith of people who pray to God every day for a request and a long time afterwards have their prayer answered. Each one of us knows people whose prayers seem to be always answered, and then they are asked to pray for others also. People often ask priests and sisters to pray for their intentions and ask priests to offer Mass for their intentions; that is good, but it is also good that each of us prays for ourselves. Jesus himself taught the importance of asking God for what we need, "Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him".

Is prayer wasting time instead of doing something good? We need both work and prayer in our lives. Remember what Jesus said to Martha who was busy serving Jesus while Mary sat listening at his feet, "Martha, Martha, you worry about so many things and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part and it shall not be taken from her." If we do not pray every day there is a huge void in our lives and we cannot hope to be happy.

Not all prayers are answered, not answered in the way we wanted. Even though not all prayers are answered in the way we desired, hopefully we can see that we have received graces we probably would not have received had those prayers been answered as we wished. We have plans and sometimes our plans are not fulfilled. Our lives can sometimes revolve around 'me' or 'I' or 'myself. But God has still more wonderful plans for us if we will allow them to be fulfilled. It is only in the next life that we will fully understand God's plans.

During this week before Pentecost I ask you to please pray like Mary, the women, the apostles and disciples for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church and on all of us that we may respond to God better. Please believe that your prayer will be answered. Pray that our celebration of Pentecost will lead to the Church being renewed and strengthened by God's Spirit.

Jesus has ascended into heaven so we can receive the Spirit. Now, we need to fight for the Kingdom of God. We need to fight against the darkness. We need to proclaim Jesus Christ with our lives.

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN...PRAY FOR US...  
ST. MARK...PRAY FOR US...



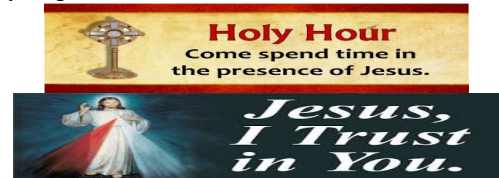
**The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.**

*St. Therese of Lisieux*

Motherhood involves a special communion with the mystery of life, as it develops in the woman's womb. The mother is filled with wonder at this mystery of life, and "understands" with unique intuition what is happening inside her. In the light of the "beginning", the mother accepts and loves as a person the child she is carrying in her womb. This unique contact with the new human being developing within her gives rise to an attitude towards human beings - not only towards her own child, but every human being - which profoundly marks the woman's personality. *St. John Paul II*

May God bless all the Mothers that give of themselves and tend to their household needs before the needs of 'self'. For they are there with comfort for each child's broken heart, bringing them to God in prayer, with His love to impart.

**Join us for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday – 7pm-8pm, and for our monthly DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION on Friday – 3pm. – OLM CHURCH!!!**



**YOUTH FROM OUR DIOCESE WILL GATHER WITH OUR BISHOP.**

Sunday, June 10, 2018, 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Location: Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

Geared to high school students, the event is a unique opportunity to learn about the history and spiritual value of the newly renovated Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The program includes: tour of the Cathedral, games and snacks, engaging talks and music, and Mass with the Bishop. For more information please ask one of our priests.

**RETREAT!!!**

**"Quo Vadis – Where are you going?"**

Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25. "Quo Vadis – Where are you going?" Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food, and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held June 27- 29, 2018 at the Saint Mary's Abbey Retreat Center in Morristown, New Jersey. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera and David Monteleone in the Vocations Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711, by email: revedgar@patersondiocese.org. or ask one of our priests.

## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION...

Next week, we will take the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/petrs-pence](http://www.usccb.org/petrs-pence).

## FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

### St. Matthias – May 14

Apostle (First Century) Upon the death of the treacherous Judas, St. Peter determined that another disciple should be chosen to complete the original company of twelve apostles. Criteria for selection were that the candidate should have been among the followers of Jesus and a witness of the risen Lord. By the casting of lots, the choice fell to Matthias. On Pentecost, along with the other apostles, he received the gifts of the Holy Spirit and went on, with zeal, to advance the Gospel. Other than this brief account from the Acts of the Apostles little is known of St. Matthias. Clement of Alexandria included him among the seventy-two disciples sent in mission by Jesus. Other accounts, with scant authority, describe later mission work in Cappadocia, and even among cannibals in Ethiopia. According to legend, he was eventually crucified, though nothing certain is known of the circumstances of his death. His body was believed to rest in Jerusalem, from which his remains were said to be translated to Rome by St. Helen.

## FROM FR. JAVIER...

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

### The Eighth Commandment

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. It was said to the men of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn."**

Dear brothers and sisters the eighth commandment talks about respect for the Truth. The right to the communication of the truth is not unconditional. Everyone must conform his life to the Gospel precept of fraternal love. This requires us in concrete situations to judge whether or not it is appropriate to reveal the truth to someone who asks for it.

Charity and respect for the truth should dictate the response to every request for information or communication. The good and safety of others, respect for privacy, and the common good are sufficient reasons for being silent about what ought not be known or for making use of a discreet language. The duty to avoid scandal often commands strict discretion. No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it.

The secret of the sacrament of reconciliation is sacred, and cannot be violated under any pretext. "The sacramental seal is inviolable; therefore, it is a crime for a confessor in any way to betray a penitent by word or in any other manner or for any reason.

Also everyone should observe an appropriate reserve concerning persons' private lives. Those in charge of communications should

maintain a fair balance between the requirements of the common good and respect for individual rights. Interference by the media in the private lives of persons engaged in political or public activity is to be condemned to the extent that it infringes upon their privacy and freedom. God bless you.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM...

The Long Valley Knights of Columbus College Scholarship Program is now taking applications for 2018. Information about the program and application forms are located in the gathering space and parish office. **Deadline for receiving applications is May 31, 2018.** You may also contact Patrick Gibbons for a copy of the application at 908.414.0963 ([patgibb@gmail.com](mailto:patgibb@gmail.com)).

## COLUMBIETTES SCHOLARSHIP...

Long Valley Columbiettes College Scholarship Committee is now taking applications for 2018. Details about the program and application forms are available at the parish office or in the gathering space. **The deadline for receiving applications is May 28<sup>th</sup>.** You may also contact the Long Valley Columbiettes for a copy of the applications at [lvolumbiettes@gmail.com](mailto:lvolumbiettes@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WEST MORRIS CENTRAL H.S. PROJECT GRADUATION TRICKY TRAY...

Friday, May 18, at Zion Lutheran Church 11 Schooley's Mtn. Rd. Long Valley. Doors open: 5:30 pm, Raffle Room Closes: 7:00 pm, Start Calling Winners: 7:30 pm. Register at [wmchprojectgraduation.com](http://wmchprojectgraduation.com)

### SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY...

St. Luke's Special Needs Ministry is looking for a "special" registered nurse with an interest in volunteering to work with children and adults with special need. Candidate must be able to have fun! The position would include attending our monthly, Special Needs Sunday Mass and Event, as well as travelling to Lourdes, France for an Easter Pilgrimage during Easter week. Anyone interested, or if you have any questions, please contact Marie Peppas at [mariepeppas20@gmail.com](mailto:mariepeppas20@gmail.com) for more information.



Randi Alloway, Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, Kenneth Bernisky, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Emily Condit, Naalia 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, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Madelyn 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 Pilosi, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner, Ann Senftinger, Bill Siegrist, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau,, Patricia Villano, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

