

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent



Saturday, March 9

5:30 pm For

Sunday, March 10

9:00 am For Raymond McCabe by Nyman Family

11:00 am For James and Sara Dugan by Monteverde Family

Monday, March 11

8:45 am For

Tuesday, March 12

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen by Parishioners of St. Mark's

Wednesday, March 13

8:45 am For

Thursday, March 14

8:45 am For

Saturday, March 16

5:30 pm For

Sunday, March 17

9:00 am For Anthony Spillone by Nyman Family

11:00 am For Francis Patrick Conlon by Burke Family

REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Sanctuary Lamp: In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone and Aeneas and Genevieve Corry by Corry/Benardone family

Altar Breads & Wine:

Mass Candles:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 16, 17, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Lector: Help Needed

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr Joseph Goode

Lector: Jim Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul & Gina Tupaczewski

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Lector: Gabriella & Emily Nowak

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Reilly

Altar Servers: Help Needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, March 11

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm CEC K-5

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00-8:30 pm Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 12

8:45 am Mass

6:15 pm Family Faith Formation

8:00 pm K oF C Meeting

Wednesday, March 13

8:45 am - Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, March 14

8:45 am Mass

Friday, March 15

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, March 16

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

CYO Basketball Banquet

Sunday, March 17

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

Pot Luck Lunch after 11 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
March 3, 2019: \$1,467 Parish Debt Reduction: \$ 632	March 4, 2018: \$2,675 Parish Debt Reduction: \$787
Supermarket Gift Cards: Sales: \$3,200 Profit: \$160 2019 YTD Profit \$1,083.25 # of families: 14	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help St. Mark the Evangelist by enrolling with Faith Direct to provide the church with consistent support and simplify your giving. Signing up is easy! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **NJ484**, or **text the word ENROLL** to (Text-to-Give Phone Number).

God Bless You, Fr Marcin

DON'T (JUST) GIVE UP...

Lent shouldn't be *just* about giving up – it should also be about giving. One great way to give this Lent would be to donate Supermarket Gift Cards to the Long Valley Food Pantry for their Easter Baskets. What's so great about that? Well, it provides needed food for families in this area (plus some Easter treats for the children in those families), And, it fulfills the very first Corporal Work of Mercy, "To Feed the Hungry." It also happens to be very convenient. Just stop by the Supermarket Gift Card table in the gathering space and tell the nice person there, "I'd like to give!" What could be more convenient? You were going to buy gift cards for yourself anyway, weren't you

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Welcome in the Holy Season of Lent. Today we celebrate 1st Sunday of Lent and begin our preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

Lent is a time to put our souls before a mirror and see ourselves as we really are. Lent is an invitation to allow our sin and darkness and wounds to come to the surface so that we can deal with them and allow them to be healed by the grace of Jesus.

In today's Gospel Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness and tested by the devil for forty days. During this time Jesus proved his love for his Father was stronger than everything else. Our love for Jesus leads us to want to draw closer to Jesus during Lent and overcome anything in our lives from the devil that keeps us apart from Jesus. Jesus in the desert is our model during Lent.

When we give in to temptation we crash God's plans for us. Sin separates us from what God intends for us. Sin separates us from God. It has been like that since the first sin, the sin of Adam in the Garden of Paradise. As a result of that sin Adam and Eve were thrown out of the garden. Sin separates us from Jesus. But our love for Jesus helps us to overcome sin during Lent so that we will not be separated from Jesus.

Our love for Jesus helps us to take Lent seriously so that at the end of Lent we will be closer to Jesus. Do you love Jesus enough to fix whatever in your life is separating you from Jesus? Lent is the time to do it. Do we love Jesus enough to take Lent seriously so that at the end of Lent we can say we gave up this sin or overcame that sinful inclination so that we could be closer to Jesus? Do we love Jesus enough so that when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the end of Lent we can also celebrate Jesus' new life in us because we overcame sin during Lent? Do we love Jesus more than anything keeping us from Jesus? Lent is the time to draw closer to Jesus.

Stations of the Cross every Monday night at 7:00pm

No meat on Fridays 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. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

CRS RICE BOWL OPERATION

Through CRS Rice Bowl, we share the journey with members of our human family around the world, and commit our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving to deepening our faith and serving those in need.

For almsgiving or helping the poor, the Church makes it easy for us by giving us the opportunity to contribute to Catholic aid agencies, (Rice Bowl operation is something that we all can do. \$1 a day for 40 days of lent helps provide: 1 month of food for a family, 2 years of seed for a farmer, 1 emergency kit for refugees – My Lenten gifts change lives. Fill your CRS Rice Bowl with dollars and coins, or give online at crsricebowl.org/give. **Helping the poor during Lent brings the words of Jesus to mind, "Whatever you did to one of the least of these you did to me."**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

Pope Francis encourages us to go to confession!!! – Do not be afraid to go to confession this Lent!!!

"Everyone say to himself: 'When was the last time I went to confession?' And if it has been a long time, don't lose another day! Go, the priest will be good. And Jesus, (will be) there, and Jesus is

better than the priests - Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be courageous, and go to confession."

Don't be afraid of confession. When someone is in line for confession he feels all these things - even shame - but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves (feeling) free, great, beautiful, forgiven, clean, and happy.

When I go to confession, it's for healing: healing the soul, healing the heart because of something that

I did to make it unwell. The sacrament of reconciliation is a sacrament of healing, every time we go to confession, God embraces us." – POPE FRANCIS, FEB. 14, 2014.

LET US LISTEN TO OUR POPE AND GO TO CONFESSION THIS LENT!!! --- Every Monday night 7pm – 8:30pm in our Church and in every Church of the Diocese of Paterson. Every Saturday at 5pm and on Sunday 10am – 11am.

THANK YOU

+Recently all faucets in our bathrooms were replaced. Thank you very much to Xcel Plumbing & Heating, Inc. for doing this work. God bless you.

+New banners "Love God" and "Love People" were donated by CYO basketball teams.

PARISH MISSION CONDUCTED BY MSGR. JOSEPH GOODE --- NEXT WEEKEND (March 16/17 – 18, 19, 20) DO NOT MISS IT.

Have a blessed Lent,

St. Mark, our patron pray for us...

Fr. Marcin

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

Bl. Chiara Lubich – March 14

Founder of the Focolare Movement (1920 – 2008)

Chiara Lubich, a schoolteacher and Third Order Franciscan, was born in Trent, Italy. Her true vocation took form in 1943 under the Allied bombing of her city when she and a number of other women determined that love was the fundamental reality of life and the purpose of their existence. In the next months, while caring for victims of the war, Lubich conceived of a new movement, the Focolare (meaning "hearth"), to promote unity, reconciliation, and the spirit of love.

The message of Focolare was simple, but it spread quickly in Italy and elsewhere in war-torn Europe. With its joyful spirit, its emphasis on the laity, the promotion of Scripture, liturgical renewal, and ecumenism, it fostered the spirit of renewal that took shape in Vatican II. Based in small communities of both married families and single people, the Focolare eventually spread to 180 countries, promoting a unity across all borders of religion, race, and nation. Lubich was embraced by Pope John Paul II and always remained rooted in her Catholic faith, but she gladly accepted invitations to speak to Buddhist, Muslim, and Jewish audiences around the world. She died on March 14, 2008.

"What is the secret? It is that we risked our life at the beginning for a great Ideal, the greatest: God. It is that we believed in His love and then we abandoned ourselves moment by moment to His will. If we had done our own will there would have been nothing of all this today. Instead we plunged ourselves into the divine adventure."

-Chiara Lubich

**FROM FR. JAVIER...
TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

My dear brothers and sisters let us continue our learning from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Why a Sacrament of Reconciliation after Baptism?

"You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." One must appreciate the magnitude of the gift God has given us in the sacraments of Christian initiation in order to grasp the degree to which sin is excluded for him who has *"put on Christ."* But the apostle John also says: *"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."* and the Lord himself taught us to pray: *"Forgive us our trespasses,"* linking our forgiveness of one another's offenses to the forgiveness of our sins that God will grant us.

Conversion to Christ, the new birth of Baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Body and Blood of Christ received as food have made us *"holy and without blemish,"* just as the Church herself, the Bride of Christ, is *"holy and without blemish."* Nevertheless the new life received in Christian initiation has not abolished the frailty and weakness of human nature, nor the inclination to sin that tradition calls concupiscence, which remains in the baptized such that with the help of the grace of Christ they may prove themselves in the struggle of Christian life. This is the struggle of conversion directed toward holiness and eternal life to which the Lord never ceases to call us.

God bless you.

AMAZON SMILE - YOU SHOP AMAZON DONATES
St Mark's has received the Amazon Smile donations for purchases from October to December 2018! Every penny counts! If you have already set up St. Mark's as your charity: Simply shop Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) every time you make a purchase! So EASY! If you need to set up St. Mark's as your charity: Go to smile.amazon.com. Type in "St Mark the Evangelist Church Long Valley, NJ" under "Select a Charity." 0.5% of your purchases will go to St Mark's at no cost to you. Let's increase our Amazon Smile donation for the first quarter 2019!

**IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE LONG VALLEY
COLUMBIETTES...**

Please consider joining the Long Valley Columbiettes to meet dedicated Catholic women who work together to help out others in need. Social and fundraising events take place every year, such as a Christmas party, knitting scarves for the homeless, veterans' hospital visit, pajamas/book collection, and many more charitable projects. We meet the third Wednesday of every month at OLM. The degree installation is Sunday, March 31. Please contact Lucie Cohn 973-699-6793 for more information.

**OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN ALTAR SOCIETY
UPCOMINGEVENTS...**

DAY OF RECOLLECTION - MARCH 30, 2019,
A Day of Recollection sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019, from 9:30 to 3:00 pm. All attendees are to bring a brown bag lunch, desserts will be served. Coffee and Bagels will be provided.. The cost is \$10.00. Please contact Dolores Reagle at 908-296-5660 to sign up. All ladies of OLM & St. Mark's and their guests are invited.

TRIP TO LONGWOOD GARDENS, SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH.
This trip is open to all church members. The bus will be leaving the OLM church parking lot at 8 am and returning approximately 6 pm. Price of \$45 includes the bus and entrance fee. Checks must be received by **March 25th**. Checks should be made out to OLM Altar Rosary Society and can be sent to the OLM church office. Please put attention Altar Rosary on the envelope. Questions, call Cyndi Sturla 908-391-4764 or Linda Richartz 908-876-9601.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION UPCOMING
EVENTS...**

1. YOGA CLASSES: Girls Rock Yoga, Beginner Mat Yoga, Intermediate Yoga and Gentle Mat Yoga, Early Morning Mat Yoga and Beginner Chair Yoga.

**2. SOCCER CLINIC WITH KICKZ SOCCER FITNESS
PROGRAMS**

3. CIRCUIT CRAZE, LET'S MOVE WITH CARDIO DANCE

**4. PARENT AND CHILD MEAL PREP NIGHT WITH CHEF
JANICE PARISH**

For more information on these events contact the recreation office at (908) 876-5941 or email us at recreation@wtmorris.net or visit our website www.wtmorris.org

**FISH & CHIPS DINNER -ST. JUDE PARISH BUDD LAKE,
MARCH 26, 2019...**

Fish & Chips Dinner by Tastefully British. Take out 5-6 pm, Sit Down 6-8 pm. Adults \$15, Kids 9 and under \$8. Family discount (\$1 less per family member). 50/50 Raffle. Call Helena (908) 691-1561 for tickets.



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.

Richard Alvarez, Daria Cremonini, Tony Atkins, Mary McArdle, Rocky Labato, Anna McFarland, Girard Nolte, Jr., Dan Salerno, George and Ann Senftinger, Fredrick Senftinger, Anne Sheehan, Mary Travisano, Christopher Zeliff

