

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent



Saturday, March 16

5:30 pm For Parishioners of St. Mark

Sunday, March 17

9:00 am For Anthony Spillone by Nyman Family

11:00 am For Francis Patrick Conlon by Burke Family

Monday, March 18

8:45 am For Fr. Ed Collins

Tuesday, March 19

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

Wednesday, March 20

8:45 am For

Thursday, March 21

8:45 am For

Saturday, March 23

5:30 pm For Parishioners of St. Mark

Sunday, March 24

9:00 am For Sylvia & Jim Scott by Jim Scott

11:00 am For Sylvia Totin by Stokes 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 23, 24, 2019**

Saturday 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Joanne Lee

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Nancy Lennon

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Help Needed

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Isabella DiLizia

Eucharistic Ministers: Eric Woelfel

Altar Servers: Help Needed

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?

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, March 18

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm CEC K-5

PARISH MISSION:

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00m Mass

Tuesday, March 19

8:45 am Mass

PARISH MISSION:

6:30 PM Lenten Music Program "A Journey Through Holy Week"

7:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, March 20

8:45 am - Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

PARISH MISSION:

6:00 pm Penance Service

7:00 pm Mass followed by Closing Dinner (Pizza will be served.

Please sign up in gathering space by 3/19)

Thursday, March 21

8:45 am Mass

Friday, March 22

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, March 23

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, March 24

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
March 10, 2019: \$3,794.50	March 11, 2018: \$2,257
Supermarket Gift Cards: Sales: \$1,775 Profit: \$88.75 2019 YTD Profit \$1,172 # of families: 7	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

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today in the liturgy of the Church we celebrate 2nd Sunday of Lent. Today we begin our Parish Mission, spiritual renewal of St. Mark Parish and with great joy we welcome our previous Pastor Fr. Joe Goode. I am very glad that Fr. Joe accepted my invitation to come back to us and do the Parish Mission.

In the Gospel the Father speaks to the three apostles, Peter, James and John and says, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him." That is what Lent is about, listening to Jesus. Are we giving God sufficient time to speak to us? Is the Lord asking something of us this Lent? If so let us follow the Father's advice, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him." It took the apostles a long time to get to know Jesus and the longer they were with Jesus the better they got to know him. It is the same for us. We also gradually grow in our love for and knowledge of Jesus and we also grow in what in understanding what Jesus is asking of us.

The Transfiguration of Jesus in Today's Gospel is not just about Jesus. I would like to see it as a vision of the glorious future to which we are all called. The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain is also awaiting each of us after death. When the media or your friends criticize the Church and make you look foolish because you are still a practicing Catholic, hold your head high. Because you have been baptized Jesus will transfigure our earthly bodies into copies of his glorious body.

Personal experiences of God's love remind us that heaven is our destiny and that we too like Jesus will be transfigured after death. In the second reading today Paul wrote: "*our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body ...*"



Our celebration of Jesus' Transfiguration during Lent reminds us of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead after the cross. It reminds us that the penance of Lent will give way to the joy of Easter.

GOD SAYS, "THIS IS MY CHOSEN SON; LISTEN TO HIM."

NEW BANNERS (Love God and Love people), NEW LECTIONARY BOOKS AND CHASUBLE WITH EASTER SYMBOL were donated by CYO Basketball teams and families. Thank you for your generous gift to St. Mark's Parish.

PASCHAL CANDLE. If anybody would like to donate a new Paschal Candle and have it lit throughout the year in memory of someone... please contact Fr. Marcín

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT. Lent reminds us that God is gracious and merciful to those who come to him with contrite hearts. This season is one of penance, reflection, prayer, almsgiving and fasting in order that we can prepare ourselves to better celebrate and live Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday and beyond. God's divine mercy is a central theme of Lent. The priceless gift of God's mercy is highlighted and celebrated by the Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I want my sins to be forgiven, not retained. I want them to be loosed, not bound. Through

the sacramental ministry of the Church and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our sins are forgiven and we are given the grace to be more like Christ. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we experience and embody the saving ministry and healing grace of Jesus Christ. **I urge you to be open to God's love and grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. Encourage family members and friends to do the same. EVERY MONDAY – 7PM-8:30PM WITH THE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

DIVINE MERCY ENCOUNTER NEXT SUNDAY AT OLM CHURCH - 3PM (THE HOUR OF MERCY) performed by singer/songwriter, Derek Nelson. Music is based on the diary of St. Faustina, Scripture and quotes of various catholic saints. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed as well. For those interested in experiences the Lord's mercy sacramentally, Reconciliation will be available during the program.

CULTURE OF LIFE. The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join us in prayer for an end to infanticide:

"Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life."

FINANCIAL REPORT. In this week's bulletin you can see our financial report for first half fiscal year 2018-2019 (July-December). Our total expenses: \$192,032.00 but net income is - \$12,857.00. **Your regular financial support is very important to keep our Parish in good condition.** We observed big savings on snow removal this year. 2017-2018 --- \$21,288.00 this year only \$4,500.00. Thank God!!!

ST. MARK'S IS YOUR SECOND HOME, PLEASE BE GENEROUS AS YOU CAN. LOOK HOW MANY GOOD THINGS WERE DONE RECENTLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR PARISH.

PARISH MISSION

Monday – 6:30pm - Stations of the Cross. 7:00pm – Holy Mass with preaching.

Tuesday – 6:30pm – Lenten music program. 7:00pm – Holy Mass with preaching.

Wednesday – 6:00pm – Penance service - 7:00pm – Holy Mass with preaching.

After mass on Wednesday – PIZZA DINNER.

*St. Mark, our patron --- pray for us...
Have a blessed week, Fr. Marcín*

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

Father António de Andrade – March 18

Martyr – Jesuit Missionary and Explorer (1580 – 1634)

Was born in Oleiros, Portugal. In 1600 he went to Goa, the capital of Portuguese India, where he pursued his higher studies and was ordained a priest. He was one of the Jesuits attached to the court of the Mughal emperor Jahangir, and was head of the Jesuit mission in Agra. In 1624 he left Agra, headed to Delhi where he and the Jesuit brother Manuel Marques joined a group of Hindu pilgrims bound for the temple of Badrinath located in the Northern part of the present-day Indian state of Uttarakhand. Overcoming incredible hardships in the journey, they crossed the Mana Pass to Tibet, the first Europeans known to have done so.

Kindly received in Tibet by the sovereign of the Western Tibetan kingdom of Guge, in the capital city of Tsaparang, Andrade left after less than a month to obtain formal permission for the mission from the Father-Provincial in Goa, and to get funds and other missionaries to accompany him back to Tsaparang. Andrade returned to Tibet in 1625 and was joined by other Jesuit missionaries. They succeeded in building a church and made many converts, aided by support from the king and other members of the royal family. Andrade returned to Goa in 1629; the mission foundered soon afterward, with the invasion of Guge by Ladakh, the death of the pro-missionary king and the installation of a hostile Ladakhi-controlled government in Tsaparang. The missionaries were persecuted or expelled, the Tibetan Christians were sent to Ladakh, and by 1640 the mission, which had begun with so much promise, was over.

Andrade became the Father-Superior of the Jesuit province of Goa in 1630, leaving this post in 1633 and resuming the rectorship of the College of St. Paul. He was also active during this period as a deputy of the Goa Inquisition. He was poisoned on March 4, 1634, and lingered on in agony until March 19. The Inquisition inquiry into his death revealed that he had been murdered on March 19, 1634. The matter was hushed up and nobody was ever prosecuted for the crime. Later Jesuit accounts portrayed Andrade as a martyr to the Faith who was killed because of his zeal as an official of the Inquisition.

"It was all dazzling whiteness to our eyes, and we could make out no sign of the route we were to follow."

- Antonio de Andrade, S.J.

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 Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."* In the Church's preaching this call is addressed first to those who do not yet know Christ and his Gospel. Also, Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life.

Christ's call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This second conversion is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, *"clasping sinners to her bosom, (is) at once holy and always in need of purification, (and) follows constantly the path of penance and renewal."* This endeavor of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a "contrite heart," drawn and

moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first.

St. Peter's conversion after he had denied his master three times bears witness to this. Jesus' look of infinite mercy drew tears of repentance from Peter and, after the Lord's resurrection, a threefold affirmation of love for him. The second conversion also has a communitarian dimension, as is clear in the Lord's call to a whole Church: "Repent!" God bless you!

BEA McNALLY'S RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER... Thursday, March 28th (5:00 pm to 10:00 pm) simply dine in or take out a tasty meal and St. Mark's will benefit. Bea McNally's has kindly offered [to donate](#) 20% of total sales. The more the merrier - invite your friends, etc. Please help to make this a success. You will not need to bring any paperwork with you. Simply mention St. Mark's when you dine in or phone in your order. Bea McNally's Irish Pub and Eatery, 109 Grand Avenue, Hackettstown, NJ 07840 (908) 813-1900.

ST MARK'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE...

Saturday, April 27, 7- 10 pm. We are going to celebrate the end of our 30th Anniversary year with a Dinner Dance in our Parish Hall. Music to be supplied by SC3 Entertainment. At this time we are looking for parishioners to help plan and organize the event. Please contact Phyllis Fania at (201) 919-7962.

IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE LV 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.

OLM ALTAR SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS...

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.



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

