

# My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday



**Saturday, April 13**

5:30 pm For Peter & Caroline Huntz by Daniel & Annemarie Huntz

**Palm Sunday, April 14**

9:00 am For Joan DiBartolomeo by Kopelman Family

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village (Health Care Center)

11:00 am For Thomas Jakubowski by Woelfel Family

**Monday, April 15**

8:45 am For

**Tuesday, April 16**

8:45 am For

**Wednesday, April 17**

8:45 am For

**Holy Thursday, April 18**

No morning mass

7:00 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, April 19**

7:00 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death

**Holy Saturday, April 20**

No 5:30 pm mass

8:00 pm Easter Vigil mass

**Easter Sunday, April 21**

9:00 am For Frank Pennisi by Draghi Family

11:00 am For James & Elvira Griffin by Labue Family

For RCIA people especially Brittany by Lela Callaremi

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS  
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

**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**

*April 20, 21, 2019*

**Saturday 8:00 pm Easter Vigil**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski, Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Help needed

Eucharistic Ministers:

Altar Servers: Piper Heike

**Sunday, 9:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Help needed

Eucharistic Ministers:

Altar Servers: Jared Bermeo, Teagan Daniels

**Sunday, 11:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Tom & Sarah Hanifin

Eucharistic Ministers:

Altar Servers: Piper Heike, Brendan & Jordan Roehrig



Next week, our second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

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

**Monday, April 15**

8:45 am Mass

**Tuesday, April 16**

8:45 am Mass

**Wednesday, April 17**

8:45 am - Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

**Holy Thursday, April 18**

No Morning Mass

7:00 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, April 19**

Parish Office Closed

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's passion and death

**Holy Saturday, April 20**

10:00 am Blessing of Easter Food

No 5:30 pm Mass

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday, April 14**

6:15 am Sunrise Easter Service

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2018
April 7, 2019: \$2,242 Parish Debt Reduction: \$565	2018: figures not available
Supermarket Gift Cards: 4/7/19 Sales: \$1,975 Profit: \$98.75 2019 YTD Profit: \$1,715.75 # of families: 12	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

**FAITH DIRECT...**

The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Mark the Evangelist with electronic donations through Faith Direct. Signing up is easy! Visit [faith.direct/NJ484](http://faith.direct/NJ484) or text the word ENROLL to (Text-to-Give Phone Number).

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

**EASTER FLOWERS...** If you wish to remember a loved one either living or deceased by memorializing them in our Easter flowers, please pick up an Easter Flower Offering envelope in the gathering space. The names of those to be remembered will be published in our bulletin.

## MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

**PALM SUNDAY** is the day we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, one week before His resurrection. As Jesus entered the holy city, He neared the culmination of a long journey toward Golgotha. He had come to save the lost, and now was the time—this was the place—to secure that salvation. Palm Sunday marked the start of what is often called “Holy Week,” the final seven days of Jesus’ earthly ministry. Palm Sunday was the “beginning of the end” of Jesus’ work on earth.



Who would have thought that the crowd which welcomed Jesus with such enthusiasm during his entry into Jerusalem would turn against him so quickly within days and demand his crucifixion and the release of Barabbas who had been condemned for murder?

It was easy to be part of a crowd that welcomed Jesus and it was easy to be part of a crowd that condemned him to death. It is easy to be part of the crowd that receives First Holy Communion, Confirmation. It is easy to be part of the crowd that comes for a funeral or wedding or a baptism.

How many of that crowd come to meet Jesus on Sunday? It is easy to be part of the crowd. But in the account of the Passion the crowd was not there for Jesus when he needed them most. The crowd did not go to the cross. The crowd abandoned Jesus. Only a few women, Mary his mother and John went to the cross.

**The crowds who were crying out “Hosanna!” on Palm Sunday were crying out “Crucify Him!” later that week.**

During the week ahead meditate on the Passion of Jesus, let it become a source of healing for you also. Do not waste this week. Spend this week with Jesus meditating on his Passion. Come to the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday and Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. The crowd which welcomed Jesus with palms turned against him just as quickly and abandoned Jesus. Peter too turned from Jesus to save himself.

**He comes not to rule but to serve; he comes not for glory but for salvation. Let us rejoice and praise God that he has given us so great a redeemer!**



**HOLY THURSDAY** is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of the Eucharist prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. During the Passover meal, Jesus breaks bread and gives it to his Disciples, uttering the words, “This is my body, which is given for you.” Subsequently, he passes a cup filled with wine. He then says, “this is my blood...” it is believed those who eat of Christ’s flesh and blood shall have eternal life.

**HOLY MASS – 7:00PM. AFTER MASS ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TILL 9:30PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY** is the day on which we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. According to the gospels, Jesus was betrayed by Judas on the night of the Last Supper, commemorated on Holy Thursday.

<b>LONG VALLEY CROSS WALK 12:00 PM</b>
<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 3PM</b>
<b>LITURGY OF THE GOOD FRIDAY WITH THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS – 7PM</b>

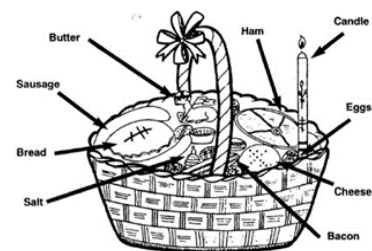
**HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL)** is the high point of the Easter triduum celebrating the passion and resurrection of Jesus. With a rich display of symbols, rites and readings, the church in worship expresses her faith in the mystery that brings her into being.

Rejoice! This night says as it brings before us the deepest symbols of our hopes and fears. The darkness, sign of evil and death, has been overcome by light. A lamp, a candle has been lit; a fire is enkindled in our hearts; a nourishing water flows through our lives; a baptism destroys what is unclean and brings to life again.

**Rejoice! This night says to all creation. The Word who made all things, as a new Adam, freshly proclaims God's promise of life. All creation celebrates God's love.**

<b>A TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD – 10AM</b>
<b>CELEBRATION OF THE EASTER VIGIL – 8PM</b>

Basket Contents and Symbolism



**Butter:** This dairy product is often shaped into a lamb, reminding us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

**Easter Bread:** A round rye loaf topped with a cross, symbolic of Jesus, the Bread of Life.

**Horseradish:** Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds, but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection.

**Eggs:** Indicate new life and Christ’s Resurrection from the Tomb.

**Sausage:** A spicy sausage of pork products, indicative of God’s favor and generosity.

**Ham:** Symbolic of great joy and abundance.

**Smoked Bacon:** A symbol of the overabundance of God’s mercy and generosity.

**Salt:** So necessary an element in our physical life, that Jesus used its symbolism: “You are the salt of the earth.”

**Cheese:** Shaped into a ball, it is the symbol of the moderation Christians should have.

**A candle,** often marked like the Paschal Candle lit during the Easter Vigil, is inserted into the basket to represent Christ, Light of the World.

**A colorful ribbon** and sometimes sprigs of greenery are attached.

**The linen cover** is drawn over the top and is ready for the trek to the blessing.

### EASTER MORNING SUNRISE SERVICE...

Please join Rich Ortiz on Easter morning in our annual sunrise gathering at 6:15 am. This is not a mass. We begin our celebration of Resurrection Sunday in the chapel with joyous song and reflection and prayer. Refreshments will follow for the early risers.

### !!!PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY WEEK!!!

*St. Mark pray for us...Fr. Marcin*

### FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

**St. Hildegund of Schonau – April 20**  
Monk and Virgin (d. 1188)

St. Hildegund was the daughter of a German knight. After the death of her mother she accompanied her father on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. She was about twelve at the time, and for protection on the journey she was disguised as a boy called Joseph. On the way home her father died, leaving Hildegund/"Joseph" to undergo a series of extraordinary adventures before making it back to Germany.

All the while and over many years, she maintained her identity as a boy and then a man. Finally, back home she was admitted to the Cistercian monastery in Schonau, where she remained until her death, still a novice, never having taken vows. Only at that point was the secret of her sex discovered.

Despite its fabulous qualities, the story of St. Hildegund is attested by many contemporary sources. It is interesting to note that such stories of women passing as men in religious life are far from uncommon in the annals of the saints. Though some of these are undoubtedly apocryphal, still several remain in the official calendar of saints, perhaps serving as parabolic reminders of the ideal that "in Christ" – if seldom elsewhere – "there is no male or female."

### 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, sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time it damages communion with the Church. For this reason conversion entails both God's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Also, only God forgives sins. Since he is the Son of God, Jesus says of himself, *"The Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"* and exercises this divine power: *"Your sins are forgiven."* Further, by virtue of his divine authority he gives this power to men to exercise in his name.

Christ has willed that in her prayer and life and action his whole Church should be the sign and instrument of the forgiveness and reconciliation that he acquired for us at the price of his blood. But he entrusted the exercise of the power of absolution to the apostolic ministry which he charged with the "ministry of reconciliation." The apostle is sent out "on behalf of Christ" with "God making his appeal" through him and pleading: "Be reconciled to God.

God bless you



All the good works we do are informed by one of our four core principles. Principle 1 is Charity. Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

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Reflection for the Week  
*A friend in need is a friend indeed.*  
Proverb  
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The Knights of Columbus, Long Valley Council 10419 welcomes all Catholic Men age 18 and older. We are an active council and have a lot to offer - Become a Knight!

[www.lvkofo.org](http://www.lvkofo.org)

### K OF C SCHOLARSHIP...

The Long Valley Knights of Columbus are offering two scholarships to students heading to college from the three Long Valley Churches. Applications are available on the back table in the gathering space, or by contacting Mike Lennon. [Mike.lennon@comcast.net](mailto:Mike.lennon@comcast.net).

**Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 2019.**



**ST. MARK'S 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE...**  
Saturday, April 27, 7- 10 pm. We are going to celebrate the end of our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year with a Dinner Dance in our Parish Hall. Music to be supplied by SC3 Entertainment.

**Last call for tickets to the Dinner Dance! We know it is a busy time of year, but we have to give a final count to the caterer soon. Any questions, please call Phyllis Fania at 201-919-7962. Thanks**



*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, Special Intention, Christopher Zeliff,

