

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday



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

Monday, April 22

8:45 am For Fr. Robert Gordon

Tuesday, April 23

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

Wednesday, April 24

8:45 am

Thursday, April 25

8:45 am

Saturday, April 27

5:30 pm Andrzej Siwadlo by Skoczylas Family

Sunday, April 28

9:00 am Marshall Brodien by Uccardi Family
Joseph Carruba by Kopelman Family
11:00 am For Marilyn O'Connor by Roehrig Family

**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: In loving memory of Jan and Amelia Krzywsoz, and Wladyslaw and Anna Skoczylas by Skoczylas Family

Mass Candles:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**April 27, 28, 2019
Saturday 5:30 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
Lector: Fred McQuaide
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Nancy Lennon
Altar Servers: help needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
Lector: Kevin O'Shea
Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras
Altar Servers: help needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
Lector: Isabella DiLizia
Eucharistic Ministers: Eric Woelfel
Altar Servers: Brendan & Jordan Roehrig

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, April 22

Parish office closed
8:45 am Mass
4:30 pm CEC K-5 (last class)
First Communion Rehearsal in class
CEC Registrations for 2019-2020
7:00 pm fundraising meeting

Tuesday, April 23

8:45 am Mass
6:15 pm JYM (last class)
8:00 pm K of C Open House

Wednesday, April 24

8:45 am Mass
9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 25

8:45 am Mass Feast of St. Mark

Friday, April 26

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 27

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm Mass
7:00 pm Anniversary Dinner Dance

Sunday, April 28

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
April 14, 2019: \$2,685	April 15, 2018: \$4,054
April 14 Supermarket Gift Cards Sales: \$4,875 Profit: \$243.75 2019 YTD Profit: \$1,959.50 Total Food Pantry donations: \$760 # of families: 20	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 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

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

HE IS RISEN!!! ALLELUIA ALLELUIA!!! REJOICE AND BE GLAD BECAUSE HE IS NO LONGER IN THE TOMB. JESUS IS ALIVE!!! Happy Easter! There is breaking news! Jesus has risen from the dead! We hear all sorts of news every day but there is one news item more important than all others – Jesus' resurrection.

What a joy it is for us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The true light that enlightens the world is not the sun but Jesus. His resurrection has scattered the darkness and brought us the true light. Because Jesus' resurrection is such big news, we celebrate it in a particular way for the next fifty days during the entire Easter Season. We spend the next seven weeks unraveling the meaning of Jesus' resurrection for our lives and the Church. We see Jesus' resurrection symbolized by the Paschal Candle lit during every Mass throughout these next fifty days until Pentecost. It was first lit last night during the Easter Vigil symbolizing Jesus' resurrection. During every Mass until Pentecost we will read a portion of the Acts of the Apostles which shows us the effects of Jesus' resurrection spreading out as the Church grows and grows and spreads and spreads.

What really matters in life? Having Jesus in your life is what is most important. We hear many proposals about life, many suggestions about how to live and conduct our lives. There are many ideologies all around us. There is only one answer to how we are to live our lives. There is one clear light shining in the darkness and that is the light of Jesus whose Paschal Candle lit up the darkness in this church last night. Jesus is the only one who has risen. He is the only one with true answers to our questions about life and the meaning of life and how to live.

The breaking news of the empty tomb in our Gospel today tells us the body of Jesus was not there. Where is he? He is in the Church and still with you, and you can meet him every time you receive his sacraments and every time you read his words - the most important words of the whole world - in the Gospels. When you want answers, look to Jesus. Jesus is the only one who has risen. Listen to him.

CHRIST IS RISEN! WHAT JOY WE HAVE TODAY AS WE CELEBRATE JESUS' RESURRECTION.

Easter brings fun, Easter bring Happiness, Easter brings God's endless blessings, Easter brings love and the freshness of spring. Easter gives us yet another reason to be thankful to God. Have the joy of the coming of Christ be filled in your heart and bring peace into your life. Have a Blessed Easter. ST. MARK PRIESTS AND PARISH STAFF WISH YOU ALL THE BEST!!!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 28 – 12noon (after 11am Mass)

Did you know that in the 1930's Our Lord Jesus requested through St. Faustina that a Feast of Divine Mercy be established and solemnly celebrated in His Church on the First Sunday after Easter every year?

In the year 2000 after many years of study by the Catholic Church, Pope John Paul II fulfilled the will of Christ and officially established that Feast of Divine Mercy and named it Divine Mercy Sunday.

What is so special about this Feast of Divine Mercy you might ask? Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the

Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

Why would Jesus offer us something so great at this time? Jesus told St. Faustina that she was to prepare the world for His Second Coming and that He would be pouring out His Mercy, in very great abundance, before He comes again as the Just Judge and as the very last hope of salvation.

If you have been away from the practice of your Catholic faith, and if you would like to come back into the, one, true Catholic Church, then this is the most perfect opportunity, for you, if you are ready to repent and turn away from sin.

Many former fallen-away Catholics have taken advantage of this great Feast of Mercy to get a brand new start in life and to be totally prepared to stand before the Lord. Don't miss out on this incredible gift of mercy that is available, in every Catholic Church, on Sunday, April 28th of this year!

AFTER 11AM MASS - ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND BENEDICTION.

PASCHAL CANDLE: This year the Paschal Candle is donated by Patti and Thomas Lynch in memory of her beloved father James Hanlon. May he rest in peace. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

*Happy Easter...
God bless you,
Fr. Marcin*

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Zita – April 27
Domestic Worker (ca. 1218 – 1278)

St. Zita is the patron of servants and domestic workers. Such was her own station for forty-seven years of service from the age of twelve to the time of her death – with a wealthy family in Luca, Italy. Early on, Zita was recognized for her unusual piety – a source of contempt among many of the household staff. She rose in the night for prayer and always attended the first Mass of the morning. But apart from such devotions, Zita considered her work itself to be an expression of her spiritual life: “A servant is not good if she is not industrious; work-shy piety in people of our position is sham piety.” Gradually her qualities won respect and admiration. Her employer even overlooked her profligate generosity to the poor and sick. In her later years she spent increasing time visiting the sick and prisoners. She had a special devotion to those facing sentences of death; for these, she prayed without ceasing.

She died on April 27, 1278. Among other things, St. Zita is often invoked for the finding of lost keys.



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 during his public life Jesus not only forgave sins, but also made plain the effect of this forgiveness: he reintegrated forgiven sinners into the community of the People of God from which sin had alienated or even excluded them. A remarkable sign of this is the fact that Jesus receives sinners at his table, a gesture that expresses in an astonishing way both God's forgiveness and the return to the bosom of the People of God.

In imparting to his apostles his own power to forgive sins the Lord also gives them the authority to reconcile sinners with the Church. This ecclesial dimension of their task is expressed most notably in Christ's solemn words to Simon Peter: *"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."* *"The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of the apostles united to its head."*

The words bind and loose mean: whomever you exclude from your communion, will be excluded from communion with God; whomever you receive anew into your communion, God will welcome back into his. Reconciliation with the Church is inseparable from reconciliation with God. God bless you.

**BEAUTIFUL EASTER FLOWERS HAVE BEEN DONATED
IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:**

Frank & Claire Lankford, Frank & Pauline Pagnani, John, Patricia & Christopher Grace, Bill & Mary Kuhl, Johnny & Margaret Burke, James & Elvira Griffin, Dave Woeste, Julia & Thomas Dugan, Patricia Barone, Anna & Anthony Monteverde, George & Florence Lennon, Richard Onorevole, John McQuaide, Donovan family, Hernandez family, Callaremi family, Heike family, Gold & Jarrett Smith, Florence & Louis Mraz, Helen & Geza Higl, John & Letha Bell, Orville & Helen McCarver



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.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US SIGN UP SHEET
IS IN THE GATHERING SPACE.**
Any questions, please call Phyllis Fania at 201-919-7962



HAPPY EASTER

Our KOC Council is offering two scholarships to students heading to college this fall. Any high school senior sponsored by a member of the Long Valley Knights of Columbus Council is eligible. Candidates must be a practicing Catholic and be accepted to a two or four year program at an accredited college, university or Trade School for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 2019.

Reflection for the Week
What we are is God's gift to us,
What we become is our gift to God
Eleanor Powell

We are an active council and have a lot to offer. Our Principles:
Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.
Become a Knight!
www.lvkofo.org

COLUMBIETTE SCHOLARSHIP...

The LV Columbiettes College Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for 2019. Details about the program and application forms are available in the gathering space. The deadline for receiving applications is May 27, 2019 to Marge Sanders 225 Harvard Drive, Hackettstown, 07840. You may also contact the LV Columbiettes for an application at lvolumbiettes@gmail.com Contact Marge at 908-852-3091



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



John Stephen Madaras, Sr.