

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter –Divine Mercy



Saturday, April 27

5:30 pm Andrzej Siwadlo by Skoczylas Family

Sunday, April 28

9:00 am For Marshall Brodien by Uccardi Family

For Joseph Carruba by Kopelman Family

11:00 am For Marilyn O'Connor by Roehrig Family

Monday, April 29

8:45 am For Fr. Edward Collins

Tuesday, April 30

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

Wednesday, May 1

8:45 am For

Thursday, May 2

8:45 am For

Saturday, May 3

5:30 pm For John Stephen Madaras, Sr. by Lennon Family

Sunday, May 4

9:00 am For Joseph Massoud by Marcones-Hernandez Family

11:00 am For Anne Bencivengo by Dunn 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 Krzywosz, and Wladyslaw and Anna Skoczylas by Skoczylas Family

Mass Candles:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 4, 5, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Tom Morley

Eucharistic Ministers: help needed

Altar Servers: Jared Bermeo

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Tony Cretella

Eucharistic Ministers: help needed

Altar Servers: help needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Emily & Gabriella Nowak

Eucharistic Ministers: help needed

Altar Servers: Piper Heike



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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, April 29

8:45 am Mass

4:00 pm First Communion Rehearsal

7:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 30

8:45 am Mass

Wednesday, May 1

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, May 2

8:45 am Mass

Friday, May 3

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, May 4

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, May 5

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
Easter Collection 2019: \$6,564	Easter Collection 2018: \$7,967
Campaign for Human Development: \$900	Campaign for Human Development: \$447.75
April online: : \$6,661	April online:\$9,390
Supermarket Gift Cards were not sold last weekend.	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!



PANTRY HAD A HAPPY EASTER

Thanks to St. Mark's parishioners, who contributed \$775 worth of supermarket gift cards for the Easter Basket drive. We should all be proud of our generous parish!



AND NOW IT'S MOTHER'S DAY

In May, we celebrate Mother's Day. Please consider donating some nutritious food for the mothers in the Long Valley Food Pantry – and their families. Anything you can donate will be appreciated, but this month, infant formula, baby food, diapers, cereal, and shelf-stable milk would be especially helpful.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Happy Easter. Today we celebrate 2nd Sunday of Easter --- Divine Mercy Sunday. Come to the Feast of Divine Mercy! Calling all Catholics to the Feast of Mercy on the Sunday after Easter, April 28th! Did you know that the Lord said that this feast would one day be the “last hope of salvation”? **Have you considered what would happen to you if you suddenly died in the state of mortal sin?**

To properly celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy and to receive the forgiveness of all sins and punishment, you must go to Confession to a Catholic priest within 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. Or if you are in the state of very serious or mortal sin, you must always confess them before receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, or you will also commit a sacrilege, which is also a very serious sin. If you haven't been going to Sunday Mass without any good reason, you may be in a state of serious sin and you must confess before receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.

In the year 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter occurred on April 30th. On that day, the Holy Father, St. John Paul II, canonized Sr. Mary Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina was only 33 years old when she died in 1938. She spent most of her life in convents in Poland. Yet her life has made an impact upon the entire world.

St. John Paul II said in his canonization homily that St. Faustina was told that the two rays coming from Jesus' heart represented blood and water. Blood referred to the sacrifice of the cross, and the gift of the Eucharist. Water referred to the gifts of baptism and the Holy Spirit. Jesus told her, "My daughter, tell people that I am love and mercy personified." St. John Paul II said that this was a needed message for the people who had witnessed the sufferings of millions during the last century.

Jesus Christ is the source of our peace. He is love. He is mercy. We go before Him in the face of the horrible attacks of evil upon the world and say to Him, "I trust in you." We go before Him recognizing our own sinfulness and say to Him,

"I trust in you." There are hundreds of thousands, if not millions still suffering the attacks of others. We recognize their pain and we call upon Jesus who is Love and Mercy and say, "I trust in you." There are many who have committed the most unspeakable sins, particularly sins against life who need to bring their sinfulness before the Lord and say, "Jesus, I trust in you." We need to bring our own sins before the Lord and say, "Jesus I trust in you."

St. John Paul II concluded the canonization homily by saying: "And you, Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of divine mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters.

God is like a father who comes out of the house to welcome back us his sons and daughters. Today God has thrown a party during which we can receive God's infinite mercy. Let us go to the party and receive God's mercy.

A number of times in St. Faustina's diary we see the power of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Jesus said it is a very powerful prayer at the time of death and at the bedside of a dying person. The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by my mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death.

Jesus is in the Confessional. One of the most reassuring things Our Lord Jesus revealed to us through Saint Faustina includes the several times when He indicated to her that He is really there in the Confessional when we are making our individual Confessions, to the priests. Jesus said that every time we enter the Confessional, that He Himself is there waiting for us, and that He is only hidden by the priest. Jesus said never to analyze what sort of a priest that He is

making use of, but for us to reveal our souls to Him and that He will fill us with His peace and light.

Some have wondered why Jesus would want us to confess our sins to a priest, but the answer is in the very first instruction that Jesus gave to His Apostles directly after His Resurrection from the dead. On the evening of the Resurrection, Jesus walked through the door of the Upper Room where the Apostles were hiding and said to them "Receive the Holy Spirit, what sins you forgive are forgiven them, what sins you retain are retained". This was the start of Confessions. For sure, that command was not only for the Apostles to be able to forgive sins, and then to be forgotten, but for that power to be passed on, to all the ordained priests of today, in the Catholic Church.

Jesus said that the greater the sinner, the greater the right they have to His mercy! Don't continue to carry your sins, Jesus forgives!



Contemplate, today, the image of The Divine Mercy. Contemplate, especially, the fact that no image will even come close to expressing the full depth of love pouring forth from the Heart of our Savior. Grow in a desire for that Mercy as you ponder this sacred image.

OLM CHURCH.
2PM – EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION
3PM – DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND BENECTION



Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary --- will be said in the end of daily mass (Monday-Thursday) in May.

From May 1st to May 16 I will be away. If you need to contact me please wait until I get back. Please do not send me any emails because I will not be able to respond to you.

Jesus I trust in you...

St. Mark, pray for us...Fr. Marcín

EASTER FLOWERS 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, Grieve, Stokes, Totten & Chambers families, Patricia Harrington, 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, In memory of loved ones Halko Family, Elaine Gebbia, Theresa Michonski, Hanifin Family

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

Bl. Elisabeth Leseur – May 3

Faithful Witness (1866-1914)

Elisabeth, who was born in Paris, married Dr. Felix Leseur when she was twenty-two. While she was a devout Catholic, her husband was a determined atheist. Over time, as his convictions hardened, he became the editor of a militantly anti-Catholic newspaper. Yet his efforts to shake Elisabeth's beliefs only strengthened her resolve to study and deepen her faith. Though these tensions in her marriage caused her bitter suffering, Elisabeth came to believe the salvation of her husband was her actual life's mission.

When she confided to him the firm belief that he would one day become a priest, her husband ridiculed the notion. But two years later, as she was dying of breast cancer, he became increasingly impressed by her courage and equanimity, and the realization that she drew this strength from her faith.

Elisabeth died on May 3, 1914. She had for years been corresponding with a wide array of spiritual seekers, who thronged to her funeral. Felix was overcome to discover a note in his wife's spiritual diary in which she offered her sufferings and her life for his conversion. He went on to edit and publish her spiritual writings. In 1923 he was ordained as a Dominican priest.

"Silence is sometimes an act of energy, and smiling, too."

- Bl. Elisabeth Leseur

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 Christ instituted the sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of his Church: above all for those who, since Baptism, have fallen into grave sin, and have thus lost their baptismal grace and wounded ecclesial communion. It is to them that the sacrament of Penance offers a new possibility to convert and to recover the grace of justification. The Fathers of the Church present this sacrament as *"the second plank of salvation after the shipwreck which is the loss of grace."*

Over the centuries the concrete form in which the Church has exercised this power received from the Lord has varied considerably. During the first centuries the reconciliation of Christians who had committed particularly grave sins after their Baptism (for example, idolatry, murder, or adultery) was tied to a very rigorous discipline, according to which penitents had to do public penance for their sins, often for years, before receiving reconciliation. To this "order of penitents" (which concerned only certain grave sins), one was only rarely admitted and in certain regions only once in a lifetime. During the seventh century Irish missionaries, inspired by the Eastern monastic tradition, took to continental Europe the "private" practice of penance, which does not require public and prolonged completion of penitential works before reconciliation with the Church. From that time on, the sacrament has been performed in secret between penitent and priest. This new practice envisioned the possibility of repetition and so opened the way to a regular frequenting of this sacrament. It allowed the forgiveness of grave sins and venial sins to be integrated into one sacramental celebration. In its main lines this is the form of penance that the Church has practiced down to our day.

God bless you



Two weekends ago our council held its annual Easter food Drive for the benefit of local charities. As a result, our council delivered 322 filled grocery bags. 42 hams/turkeys and 24 \$25 gift cards to 3 area food pantries and 33 residents of the Robert E. Cole Affordable Senior Housing apartment complex in Chester, NJ. Great job and thank you to everyone who contributed!

Applications for Long Valley Knights of Columbus Scholarships are in the gathering space. The Application deadline is May 31, 2019

St. Jude Parish will be the host of the traveling Icon of "Our Lady of Persecuted Christians." On Wednesday, May 8th at 7 PM, there will be a prayer service intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith. Everyone is welcome. This event and a reception to follow is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Become a Knight
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The Food Pantry Had a Happy Easter

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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

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: All ladies of Our Lady of the Mountain and St. Mark's parishes are invited to join us for our Rosary Altar Society Meeting at OLM on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:15 pm. We begin with the Rosary followed by Mass and the Novena to our Blessed Mother, and end with our meeting where you can enjoy some refreshments. At this May meeting we will also have the crowning of the Blessed Mother and the induction of new members, as well as the election of our 2019 – 2021 Board Members. We'll also be collecting donations of baby clothes going to the Father English Center in Paterson (size 3 months to age 7 – leave the tags on) and any items you may wish to donate for the Moms. For information, call our President, Linda Richartz at 908-876-9601.

