

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter



Saturday, May 4

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

Sunday, May 5

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

11:00 am For Anne Bencivengo by Dunn Family

Monday, May 6

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

Tuesday, May 7

8:45 am For Fr. Edward Collins

Wednesday, May 8

8:45 am For

Thursday, May 9

8:45 am For

Saturday, May 11

5:30 pm For Arthur Ford by Morley Family

For Josepha Silfa by her sisters

Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day

9:00 am For Elaine Gebbia by Gebbia Family

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village Health Care Center

11:00 am For Alice Korpanty and Anna Solecki by Solecki Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

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 11, 12, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Joanne Lee

Eucharistic Ministers: help needed

Altar Servers: help needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Jim Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: help needed

Altar Servers: help needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Al & David Escudero

Eucharistic Ministers: help needed

Altar Servers: help needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, May 6

8:45 am Mass

4:00 pm First Communion Practice

Tuesday, May 7

8:45 am Mass

Wednesday, May 8

8:45 am Mass

Thursday, May 9

8:45 am Mass

Friday, May 10

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, May 11

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

11:00 am First Communion

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

May Crowning at 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
April 28, 2019: \$1,361	April 29, 2018: \$2,950
Supermarket Gift Cards Sales: \$2,500 Profit: \$125 YTD Profit: \$2,084 # of families: 9	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, Fr. Marcin

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,

Today we celebrate 3rd Sunday of Easter. The life is full of limitations, but there are no limitations to the resurrected life. Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. The spiritual is real. And we who are united to Him through our baptism have risen with Him.

Everything is changed. Everything is renewed. Nothing that happens in this world has value unless it flows from Him and leads back to Him.

Friendship with Jesus is the one essential thing of life, regardless of any other circumstance-sickness or health, poverty or wealth, low or high position in society or church. That is the supreme truth John wants to tell us in his gospel. The good news is that Jesus desires our friendship, and offers it to all who welcome him in faith. We can identify with many of the persons Jesus encounters in the gospel—the Samaritan woman, Martha and Mary, Lazarus, Peter, Mary Magdalene. The gospel also warns us not to identify with those who reject friendship, and even betray friendship with Jesus. Jesus can also call us his friends because he has told us everything he has heard from his Father.

We need to start with our own relationship to Christ. Before Jesus tells Peter to tend his sheep, he asks, “Do you love me?” Prayer has to come first. Taking time to give thanks to God through prayer each day forms within us a deeper sense of gratitude. **When St. Monica asked the Bishop Ambrose what to do about her pagan son, he told her, “Before you talk to Augustine about God, make sure you talk to God about Augustine.” Great advice. Prayer - especially before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Hear him ask, “Do you love me?”**

An invitation to attend Mass can be powerful. One study showed that 85 percent of those who don't go to church would go if someone invited and accompanied them.

That's what Andrew did for Peter. Andrew met Jesus first. Then he went to Peter and invited him to come and meet Jesus. Bringing Peter to the Lord was probably his greatest success.

We can do something similar. Invite and then put it in God's hands. Evangelization is finally God's work. Jesus says, “Tend my sheep.” The sheep don't belong to Peter, they don't belong to Pope Francis. They belong to Jesus. You and I we all belong to Jesus.

Jesus calls each one of us, even in our own personal weakness and sin, to declare our loyalty to him that we love him first and foremost, above all else. God's love is a free. He loved us first and our love for him is a response to his great kindness and mercy. Do we allow God's love to purify our heart and transform our life? May we now continue to praise Christ's victory over sin and death and may we love Christ and one another with a love that expresses unselfish devotion.

Next Sunday is a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for new and holy vocations for the Priesthood and Religious Life.

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

PRECIOUS BLOOD

The number of reported measles cases so far in 2019 has surged to the greatest number in 25 years, according to preliminary data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Distribution of the Precious Blood will be suspended until this situation is clear. We need to make sure we protect our health.

St. Mark, pray for us...

God bless you...

Fr. Marcin

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

Blessed Anna Rosa Gattorno – May 6 Founder, Daughters of St. Anne (1821 – 1900)

Rosa Maria Benedetta Gattorno Custo was born on 14 October 1831 to Francesco Gattorno and Adelaide Campanella who were from the upper middle-class and she had five other siblings. She was baptized mere hours after her birth in the parush of San Donato. Custo received the sacrament of Confirmation at the age of twelve in the church of Santa Maria delle Vigne under Archbishop Placido Tadini. At the age of 21 she relocated to Marseille. On 5 November 1852 she married Gerolamo Custo at the time she moved to Marseille. The two were forced to return to Genoa after a series of financial difficulties. The two had three children.

Their eldest daughter Carlotta suffered from deafness after she was struck with a sudden illness. Her husband's death on 9 March 1858 paved the path for a new vocation to blossom within her. She cultivated this feeling and under the guidance of her confessor - Giuseppe Firpo - she took her vows as a member of the Franciscan third order on 8 December 1858. She dedicated herself to the poor and to the children. In 1862 she received the stigmata and the pain hit her most on the date of the death of Jesus Christ each week.

She feared that her new path as a professed religious would force her to abandon her children and she asked for the advice of Francesco di Camporosso - a Capuchin friar and future saint. She also consulted with her confessor and the Archbishop of Genoa. She was received in a papal audience with Pope Pius IX at the beginning of 1866 and he encouraged her to start her new order while still being able to remain with her children.

Custo established the Daughters of Saint Anne on 8 December 1866 in Piacenza and she assumed the habit in 1867; her religious profession was made with twelve new nuns on 8 April 1870. The new order received the Decree of Praise in 1876 from Pius IX and received the official papal approval of Pope Leo XIII in 1879. The official Rule of the order was not introduced until 1892. Custo also collaborated with Bishop Giovanni Battista Scalabrini - future Blessed - in providing assistance to the deaf.

She contracted influenza at the beginning of 1900 and her health started to deteriorate. She was to receive the last rites and died on 6 May 1900 at 9:00am.

The recognition of her life of heroic virtue allowed for Pope John Paul II to declare her to be Venerable on 21 December 1998.

The miracle attributed to her intercession was investigated in a diocesan tribunal and received its formal ratification on 20 December 1996. John Paul II approved the healing as a miracle on 28 June 1999 and beatified her on 9 April 2000.

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 the changes in discipline and celebration that this sacrament has undergone over the centuries, the same fundamental structure is to be discerned. It comprises two equally essential elements: on the one hand, the acts of the man who undergoes conversion through the action of the Holy Spirit: namely, contrition, confession, and satisfaction; on the other, God's action through the intervention of the Church. The Church, who through the bishop and his priests forgives sins in the name of Jesus Christ and determines the manner of satisfaction, also prays for the sinner and does penance with him. Thus the sinner is healed and re-established in ecclesial communion.

The formula of absolution used in the Latin Church expresses the essential elements of this sacrament: the Father of mercies is the source of all forgiveness. He effects the reconciliation of sinners through the Passover of his Son and the gift of his Spirit, through the prayer and ministry of the Church:

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and the resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you.

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.



The Long Valley Knights of Columbus and the Paterson Federation College Scholarship Programs are now taking applications for 2019. Please contact Patrick Gibbons for a copy of the application or additional information at 908-414-0963 or (patgibb@gmail.com). The deadline for receiving applications is May 27, 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.

Reflection for the Week

What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught, not your competence but your character. Michael Josephson

We are an active council and have a lot to offer.

Become a Knight!

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

The high priest chastised Peter and the other apostles for continuing to preach when they had been ordered to stop. Peter replied he would rather obey God than men, considering God's power even over death. They are again warned to stop speaking of Jesus, and then freed.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

John had a vision of many angels and all the living creatures of the world gathered around a throne. The angels cried out that the slain Lamb was worthy of receiving power, glory and praise. Then every creature on earth called out praise to God and the Lamb, and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Jesus appeared to the disciples for the third time since his resurrection while they were fishing. They hadn't caught anything, and then Jesus advised them to cast their net from the other side of the boat. When they did this, they caught a great number of fish. Jesus then asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" When Peter said he did, Jesus asked him to tend and feed his sheep.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION...

It's picnic time! What a fun way to start the summer, but with a picnic and great entertainment. W.T. Recreation welcomes seniors to a live musical journey back to the 50's on Monday, June 17 at 11:00 am at the Senior Center Pavilion in Rock Spring Park. Cost is \$10 for residents and \$11 non-residents. Send your check payable to WTP&R to W.T. Recreation 50 Rock Rd. Long Valley by June 10th.

SPRING TENNIS...

The program begins on Tuesday evenings 5-6:30 pm. starting May 14 through June 11 at Rock Spring Park Tennis Courts for ages 5-14. Cost is \$125 and is due before May 10th.

For more information on these events call 908-876-5941 or visit our website at www.wtmorris.org.

