

# We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

May 12, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter



**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

**Monday, May 13**

8:45 am For Fr. Robert Gordon

**Tuesday, May 14**

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

**Wednesday, May 15**

8:45 am For

**Thursday, May 16**

8:45 am For

**Saturday, May 18**

5:30 pm For Joseph & Anna Hayko by Daniel & Ann Marie Huntz

**Sunday, May 19**

9:00 am For Dr. John S. Madaras, Sr. by Stokes Family  
11:00 am For Sylvia Totin by Stokes 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 18, 19, 2019  
Saturday 5:30 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno  
Lector: help needed  
Eucharistic Ministers: help needed  
Altar Servers: help needed

**Sunday, 9:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski  
Lector: help needed  
Eucharistic Ministers: help needed  
Altar Servers: help needed

**Sunday, 11:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski  
Lector: Dina Carmelengo  
Eucharistic Ministers: help needed  
Altar Servers: help needed

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

**Monday, May 13**

8:45 am Mass

**Tuesday, May 14**

8:45 am Mass

**Wednesday, May 18**

8:45 am Mass

**Thursday, May 16**

8:45 am Mass

**Friday, May 17**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, May 18**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, May 19**

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2018
May 5, 2019: \$2,040 Parish Debt Reduction: \$355	May 6, 2018: \$2,414 Parish Debt Reduction: \$497
Supermarket Gift Cards Sales: \$3,400 Profit: \$170 YTD Profit: \$2,254.50 # of families: 14	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484



**PETER'S PENCE...**

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

**FAITHDIRECT...**

May is the month for planning. We plan our Memorial Day cookout menus, we plan our children's activities, we plan our summer travel. But have you planned your giving to St. Mark the Evangelist? By enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct you can plan your giving through the summer so your gifts will reach St. Mark the Evangelist even when you cannot, and our ministries can continue uninterrupted.

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. God Bless You, Fr. Marcin



**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 in the liturgy of the Church we celebrate 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day and World Day of Prayer for Vocations --- three things at once.

Today we think about Jesus as our Good Shepherd and the intimacy and friendship between Jesus and us. Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me" and, "No one can take them out of my hand." This is a beautiful description of Jesus close to us and protecting us; we are in Jesus' hand. Just as a father or mother holds a child up in its arms, Jesus holds us up in his hands close to him. He wants us to be close to him. When the Samaritan woman opened her heart to Jesus, that was all that Jesus wanted, and on the cross he thirsted for our love, affection and intimacy. We satisfy Jesus' hunger and thirst for us by meeting him during Sunday Mass, by spending time with him in prayer every day and receiving him in the Sacraments.

As we satisfy Jesus' hunger and thirst for us, Jesus the Good Shepherd continues to love us and care for us by calling men into the priesthood and religious life to take care of us and shepherd us. The priesthood is a sign of God's love and concern for us. Today, Vocations Sunday, we pray that many will answer the Lord's call to give themselves to Him in the priesthood and religious life.



*O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Not only is Jesus the Good Shepherd close to us and holding us in his hand and giving us eternal life, but he also wants us to be close to him. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus saying what he gives to his sheep; he says, "I give them eternal life" but did not explain how. But twice already in this Gospel of John, Jesus has told us how he gives eternal life. When Jesus met the woman who came to get water from the well in Samaria, he said to her, "the water that I shall give will become a spring welling up to eternal life." (That spring welling up to eternal life is the Holy Spirit we receive first at baptism. Then two chapters later we hear Jesus say, "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." **Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who holds us in his hand to protect us, and promises us eternal life through Baptism and the Eucharist**

**The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the the heart of a mother. St. Therese of Lisieux**



Motherhood involves a special communion with the mystery of life, as it develops in the woman's womb. The mother is filled with wonder at this mystery of life, and "understands" with unique intuition what is happening inside her. In the light of the "beginning", the mother accepts and loves as a person the child she is carrying in her womb. This unique contact with the new human being developing within her gives rise to an attitude towards human beings - not only towards her own child, but every human being - which profoundly marks the woman's personality. St. John Paul II

**May God bless all the Mothers that give of themselves and tend to their household needs before the needs of 'self'. For they are there with comfort for each child's broken heart, bringing them to God in prayer, with His love to impart.**

...OLM CHURCH...

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament --- Monday --- 7pm-8pm**

**Divine Mercy Devotion --- Friday --- 3pm**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS WEEKEND.**

*St. Mark, pray for us...*

*God bless you...*

*Fr. Marcin*

**ST. MARK'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...**

**ROAR! LIFE IS WILD – GOD IS GOOD**

July 8-July 12 from 9:30 am-Noon

Pre-School (age 4) – Grade 5 (as of Fall 2019)

Fee \$20 per family

VBS is open to anyone. You do not have to be a parishioner to attend. Bring friends and neighbors!

**Deadline to sign up is June 27, 2019**

**FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...**

**St. Mary Mazzarello – May 13**

Founder, Salesian Sister (1837 – 1881)

Mary Mazzarello was born to a peasant family in a town near Genoa. After a bout of typhoid left her too weak to work the fields, she took up dressmaking. Over time, she began to take in other girls as apprentices, combining her training with religious education.

Don Bosco, founder of the Salesians, had been looking for a woman to take up with girls the educational work he was doing with boys. Introduced to Mary, he was convinced she was the one. Such was the beginning of the Salesian Sister.

Mary, who was barely literate before the age of thirty, was in some ways a surprising choice for such an apostolate, yet she proved equal to the task. As she liked to say, "Wisdom is justified by her children."

In keeping with the spirit of the Salesians, she combined education with vocational training and religious formation. "Laugh and play and dash about as much as you like," she said to the younger children, "but be ever so careful not to do or say anything that would be displeasing to God."

The order spread through Italy, France, and eventually South America. Mother Mary fell ill in 1881. When she asked Don Bosco whether she would recover, he replied, "No; it is the office of a superior to lead, even in death." She died on May 14. Her last words were, "I will see you in Heaven." She was canonized in 1951. "Have love in your hearts but repress the tendency to appear devout."

**FROM FR. JAVIER...**

**TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH -  
THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH  
The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**

**The Acts of the Penitent**

My dear brothers and sisters according with the catechism of the Catholic Church "*Penance requires . . . the sinner to endure all things willingly, be contrite of heart, confess with the lips, and practice complete humility and fruitful satisfaction.*"

Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is "*sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again.*"

When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called "perfect" (contrition of charity). Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible.

The contrition called "imperfect" (or "attrition") is also a gift of God, a prompting of the Holy Spirit. It is born of the consideration of sin's ugliness or the fear of eternal damnation and the other penalties threatening the sinner (contrition of fear). Such a stirring of conscience can initiate an interior process which, under the prompting of grace, will be brought to completion by sacramental absolution. By itself however, imperfect contrition cannot obtain the forgiveness of grave sins, but it disposes one to obtain forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance.

God bless you.



***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, Kathleen Goodman, Mary McArdle, Anna McFarland, Denise Niessing, Girard Nolte, Jr., Dan Salerno, George and Ann Senftinger, Fredrick Senftinger, Anne Sheehan, Special Intention, Tracy Tobin Christopher Zeliff



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](mailto:patgibb@gmail.com)). The deadline for receiving applications is May 27, 2019.

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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." Member 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

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**Reflection for the Week**

*Cast your bread upon the waters – and it will come back buttered.*  
LLyn McLoughlin

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

**Become a Knight!**  
[www.lvkofc.org](http://www.lvkofc.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](mailto:lvolumbiettes@gmail.com). Or contact Marge at 908-852-3091

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION EVENTS...**

Memorial Day Ceremony Saturday, May 25, 12 pm (rain or shine) at Rock Spring Park at the War Memorial Site. Rock Spring Park will be closed to all other activities on this day. Questions? Call 876-5941

**PICNIC...**

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 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information on these events call 908-876-5941 or visit our website at [www.wtmorris.org](http://www.wtmorris.org).



