

Lord every nation on earth will adore you.

January 5, 2020 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord.


MASS INTENTIONS
 OF THE WEEK

Saturday, January 4

5:30 pm For Parishioner of St. Mark

Sunday, January 5

9:00 am For Roy Serruto *by Madaras Family*

11:00 am For Annmarie Huntz *by Schmitt Family*

Monday, January 6

8:45 am For Thomas Dugan *by his family*

Tuesday, January 7

5:00 pm Fr. Robert Gordon

Wednesday, January 8

9:30 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

Thursday, January 9

8:45 am For Fr. Edward Collins

Saturday, January 11

5:30 pm Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sunday, January 12

9:00 am For Antonette Britton *by Madaras Family*

11:00 am For Raymond VanHoorebeke *by Carolyn & Steve Kramaritsch*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 11, 12, 2019

Saturday, 5:30 pm

| Lector | Euch. Ministers | Gift Bearers | Altar Servers |
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| Help Needed | Help Needed | Help Needed | Help Needed |

Sunday, 9:00 am

| Lector | Euch. Ministers | Gift Bearers | Altar Servers |
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Sunday, 11:00 am

| Lector | Euch. Ministers | Gift Bearers | Altar Servers |
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New Schedules were not available.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, January 6

8:45 am Mass

10:45 amHeath Village Mass Faith Chapel

4:30 pmCEC Grades K-5

Tuesday, January 7

8:45 amMass

6:15 pmJunior Youth Ministry

Wednesday, January 8

8:45 am Mass

Thursday, January 9

8:45 am Mass

Friday, January 10

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 11

8:00 amMen's Bible Study

5:30 pmMass

7:00 pm K of C Prolife movie

"Unplanned" in parish hall

Sunday, January 12

9:00 amMass

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village HCC

11:00 am K-10 & Family Faith Mass



WEEKLY COLLECTION

| Current Year | Last Year 2018 |
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| December 22, 2019.....\$1,680 | December 22, 2018 |
| Online for December: \$7,210 | Figures Not Available for December 23, & 30, 2018 |
| Figures Not Available for Dec. 29, 2019 | Online for December: \$9,872 |
| Supermarket Gift Cards December 22, 2019 | St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484 |
| Sales.....\$2,850 | |
| Profit.....\$142.50 | |
| YTD..... \$6,213.25 | |
| # of Families.....12 | |

FAITH DIRECT...

It is likely that we will be busy with parties and family gatherings. Perhaps even a trip out of town to visit friends. With all of those joyous celebrations, we might miss Mass. That's where eGiving with Faith Direct can help simplify your life. Signing up is easy! Visit faith.direct/NJ484, All ready using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You, Fr. Marcin



For the month of January

Sanctuary Lamp: In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone and Aeneas and Genevieve Corry *by Corry/Benardone family*

Altar Breads & Wine:

Mass Candles:

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Christmas season is coming to an end but peace, love and blessing of our Lord Jesus stay with us because Jesus is with us always in the special way in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Today we celebrate what we call the Epiphany of Jesus that is the revelation or manifestation of Jesus for everyone. Jesus was revealed by the Father to the world as its Savior when the light of a star guided the wise men from the East to worship him, when the Father spoke from heaven at Jesus' baptism declaring Jesus to be his beloved Son.

Today we celebrate the light of a star leading and revealing Jesus as the Savior of the world to wise men. The body language of the wise men before Jesus spoke of their attitude. They prostrated themselves before Jesus. They worshipped him, and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh; gold because Jesus is king, frankincense because Jesus is divine and myrrh prefiguring his Passion.

There is another attitude in today's Gospel, the attitude of Herod. He does not have an attitude of reverence and respect for Jesus. Herod pretends that he is just as respectful to Jesus as the wise men. He tells them, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." (Matt 2:8) However his thoughts were not thoughts of homage, he merely wanted to trick the wise men into telling him where Jesus was so that he could have him murdered. Herod did not want to lose power and control to somebody else, so he rejected the baby Jesus even though Jesus would be no threat to his kingly power. **Herod's problem was not Jesus but Herod himself, and some peoples' problem is not Jesus or the Church but rather that they have rejected Jesus and the Church, particularly by their lifestyles. Anytime I decide that I know better than Jesus or the Church then I have set myself up as a modern day Herod. The faith of the Church is bigger than the faith of any one person.**

The good news of Epiphany is that Jesus is the revelation of God as one who offers himself to us in love. Jesus is the epiphany of the invisible God in all the events of his life: as a helpless child in a manger, as a young man dying on the cross -- the ultimate revelation that God's glory is love. This feast reminds us that each Sunday's liturgy with its gospel reading is an epiphany of the Lord to be reflected upon in the quiet of faith. Epiphany is the revelation of the purpose of the Incarnation: that God and we, God's sons and daughters, might enjoy each other in the embrace of love.

Be wise! Follow the trail of the wise men. Go to Bethlehem. See Jesus and your search will be done.

THANK YOU!!!

I would like to say thank you very much for everything you have done for our church and personally for us, your priests during Christmas time. Thank you very much for your kindness and beautiful cards, May God bless you abundantly for your good hearts. Happy and healthy New Year!!!

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME FOR THE NEW YEAR

How to do it??

The entire family gathers at the main entrance of the home.

Leader: peace to this house

All: And to all who dwell within

Leader: We begin the New Year by dedicating our family to Christ. The search of the magi urges us to renew our baptismal call to find Christ in all we do. Our

family desires to reveal Christ's light to the world. May everyone who enters here find the comfort, joy and love of the lord living among us.

Reader: Magi from the east came to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they presented him with precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God and myrrh symbolic of his burial. Alleluia!

Reader: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Both now and forever.

Reader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

The entire family pray Our Father...

Leader: God, who on this day revealed your only begotten Son to all the nations by the guidance of a star, grant that we who know you by faith may finally behold you in your heavenly majesty; Lord we beg you to visit this house and banish from it all the dark power of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell here and keep us in peace, security, love and grace. May your blessing always be upon us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The inscription is made with the blessed chalk over the door.

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This inscription comes from Latin: Christus Mansionem Benedicat --- May God bless this home.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD...

We will not distribute the Precious Blood at all masses for winter season. Distribution of the Precious Blood will come back on Holy Thursday (It is a beautiful day to be able to receive Holy Communion under two forms).

It is winter time and flu season, and during this time some people get sick and to protect the health of our parishioners I made this pastoral decision for the good of the parish and our good parishioners. When we receive the Bread of Life we still receive the whole Jesus his Body and Blood. **It is nothing new! The same was last year and two years ago.**

Religious Education News

SIGN UP SHEET FOR FOOD FOR ANTIOCH RETREAT...

There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space for food items that are needed to feed our teens and adults who will be attending the Antioch Retreat on January 24-26. Your Support is greatly appreciated.



FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

Who Can Confer This Sacrament?

My dear brothers and sisters, the sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred by the laying on of hands followed by a solemn prayer of consecration asking God to grant the ordinand the graces of the Holy Spirit required for his ministry. Ordination imprints an indelible sacramental character.

It is only the bishops who confer the sacrament of Holy Orders in the three degrees.

According with the catechism of the Catholic Church, Christ himself chose the apostles and gave them a share in his mission and authority. Raised to the Father's right hand, he has not forsaken his flock but he keeps it under his constant protection through the apostles, and guides it still through these same pastors who continue his work today. Thus, it is Christ whose gift it is that some be apostles, others pastors. He continues to act through the bishops.

Since the sacrament of Holy Orders is the sacrament of the apostolic ministry, it is for the bishops as the successors of the apostles to hand on the "gift of the Spirit," the "apostolic line." Validly ordained bishops, those who are in the line of apostolic succession, validly confer the three degrees of the sacrament of Holy Orders.

God bless you



In Memory/Honor of:

Stokes, Grieve, Chamber, Totin Families, Jan & Amelia Krzywosz, Wlabyslaw & Anna Skoczylas, Leo & Dorothy Vilari, Bertha Vansikle, Stoffers Family, Joseph Callaremi, Sr., Hobbie Family, Wolowicz Family, Rosemarie Linfante, Jute Family, DelGuercio Family, Jean Redmond, Ellen & Charles Eichler, Veno Family, Hannah Magistro, Bill & Mary Kuhl, Johnny & Margaret Burke, John David Burke, Stanley Guzek, Cho Family, Annmarie Huntz, Dave Woeste, Frank & Joy Warner, Anthony & Anna Monteverde, Thomas & Julia Dugan, Patricia Barone, Marjorie & Samuel Terpstra, Dolores Milazzo, Lennon & Onorevole families, Thomas & Irene Walsh, Mary Walsh, Agnes & Joseph Dondero, Hanifin Family, Joseph Callaremi, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. James Griffin, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Labue Sr., Frank & Pauline Pagnani, Frank & Claire Lankford, John Patricia & Christopher Grace. John & Letha Bell, Orville and Helen McCarver



Next Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm, the Knights of Columbus will be showing a prolife movie *Unplanned*, in the hall at St. Mark's. *Unplanned* is a film that speaks to one of the most polarizing topics of our time, bringing an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry through one woman's inspiring true story of transformation. There is no cost, and all are invited.

Together with St. Luke and OLM, the Knights are sponsoring a bus to the March for Life in Washington DC on January 24, 2020. To reserve a seat or obtain more info email mike.lennon@comcast.net.

Reflection for the Week

I see no reason why I should be consciously wrong today because I was unconsciously wrong yesterday.
Justice Robert H. Jackson, US Supreme Court.

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

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 50/50 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

K of C council members from Long Valley, Hackettstown, and Washington form the Augustus J. Rampone Assembly # 2450. The Assembly represents the Patriotic Degree of the K of C. For the last 9 years proceeds from our 50/50 Christmas Raffle were donated to over 20 different Veteran and Charitable Organizations: The Military Chaplin's Fund, RISE (Gary Sinise Foundation), Hope for Veteran's, VA New Jersey Health Care System, Life Choices in Phillipsburg, and Homeless Solutions in Morristown to name a few.

Thanks to the generous support from St. Mark's parishioners and Fr. Marcin, AJR will be donating our net proceeds to an organization determined by our finance committee. This year the winning ticket of the raffle was purchased at OLM. The winner of that ticket, # 0776, was awarded \$2,347.50. AJR wants to thank all of the St. Mark's parishioners who have supported this endeavor over the years. AJR wishes the parishioners of St. Mark's a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year. May God bless the families of St. Mark's.



Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, Jamie Barone, Bob & Jeff Cheripka, Daria Cremonini, Brittany Cicchino, Carol DeAlvandes, Ann Geary, Sue Geary, Heidi L., Daniel Huntz, Suzy Ladlee, Vincent Lai, Mary McArdle, Denise Niessing, Girard Nolte, Jr., Rosemarie Picarelli, Georgette Petromelis, Christopher Popp, Tim Popp, John S, Don & Joyce Schmitt, George and Ann Senftinger, Fredrick Senftinger, Special Intention, Tracy Tobin, Christopher Zeliff