

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

February 2, 2020 ~ The Presentation of the Lord.



Saturday, February 1

5:30 pm For Aurelia Stypulkowski by Lennon Family

Sunday, February 2

9:00 am For Anna M. Rapuano by Rich & Marianne Nyman
A Special Intention

11:00 am For Dorothy D'Epagnier by Kenney Family

Monday, February 3

8:45 am For PFC Brendan Rochelle (living) by Mike & Mary Frost

Tuesday, February 4

8:45 am For Joseph Wejnerows by Fr. Marcin

Wednesday, February 5

8:45 am For

Thursday, February 6

8:45 am For

Saturday, February 8

5:30 pm For Roy Serruto by Madaras Family

Sunday, February 9

9:00 am A Special Intention for Fr. Marcin by Corry Family

11:00 am For Jerry Loughlin by Nowak Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 8, 9, 2020

Saturday, 5:30 pm

| Lector | Euch. Ministers | Gift Bearers | Altar Servers |
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| Maryann Hobbie | Mary Scarda | Help Needed | Help Needed |

Sunday, 9:00 am

| Lector | Euch. Ministers | Gift Bearers | Altar Servers |
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| Gabriella & Lia Nowak | Help Needed | Help Needed | Help Needed |

Sunday, 11:00 am

| Lector | Euch. Ministers | Gift Bearers | Altar Servers |
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| Maria Green | Lorraine Fleming | Help Needed | Help Needed |

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, February 3

8:45 am..... Mass
4:30 pmCEC K-5
7:30 pm.....Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 4

8:45 am.....Mass
6:15 pmJYM

Wednesday, February 5

8:45 am..... Mass

Thursday, February 6

8:45 am.....Mass

Friday, February 7

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, February 8

8:00 am.....Men's Bible Study
5:30 pmMass

Sunday, February 2

9:00 & 11:00 amMass



WEEKLY COLLECTION

| Current Year | Last Year 2019 |
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| January 26, 2020: \$1,687 | January 27, 2019: \$2,091 |
| Winter Maintenance: \$450.55 | Winter Maintenance: \$541 |
| Online for January: \$6,256 | Online for January: \$6,971 |
| Supermarket Gift Cards January 26, 2020 | |
| Sales.....\$1,300 | St. Mark's Faith Direct |
| Profit.....\$65 | Church Code is NJ484 |
| YTD Profit.....\$438.75 | |
| # of Families.....6 | |

FAITH DIRECT...

With the dawn of the New Year, we continue to rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior. I am blessed and thankful for all the gracious gifts that you provided to our parish in the past year. Your prayers, support, and monetary gifts allow us to continue to spread the Gospel and share God's message of love and peace. Faith Direct will automatically process donations to the offertory or any second collections of your choosing. To enroll in online giving, visit faith.direct/NJ484. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless you



For the month of February

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

Mass Candles: In loving memory of Dorothy Totin Donohue and Marion Chambers by Stokes family

Altar Breads & Wine: Special Intention for Skoczylas Family

2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS...

If you would like to receive an end of the year statement of your contributions to St. Mark's you can email our Bookkeeper joanne.stm@comcast.net

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,



Forty days after Christmas, we celebrate the Lord who enters the Temple and comes to encounter his people. In the Christian East, this feast is called the "Feast of Encounter": it is the encounter between God, who became a child to bring newness to our world, and an expectant humanity, represented by the elderly man and woman in the Temple. Today we also celebrate World day for Consecrated Life.

Today we hear the story of Simeon and Anna. And the Gospel tells us that both Simeon and Anna went to the Temple every day, because both of them believed that one day, they would see the Messiah there. They went every day! The Gospel says, in a nice way, that they were both older. So this is something that Simeon and Anna had done for a long time. And of course, as we just heard, they are both rewarded for their Faith and their perseverance, by the fact that they do get to see Jesus on the day that He is presented to God in the Temple. God fulfills His promises to Simeon and Anna. All those days, all those trips, all that time they spent at the Temple, they get to see the Messiah that will save them and us. It must have been quite a day. **Simeon even says, "Lord, now I can go in peace, my eyes have seen the salvation."**

This Feast Day and this story has got to make all of us think, how much is God a part of our lives every single day? We don't all have to come to the Temple every day, like Simeon and Anna did. And yet shouldn't there be some acknowledgment of God every day in our lives? God has also made promises to us, and we have made promises to Him. How can we remember those promises if we go on day after day without even thinking about God? This is why we have got to find some time for God every in our lives. God wants us in communion with Him all the time. What if Simeon and Anna decided NOT to go to the Temple that day when Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus to the Temple? They would have missed out! Are we missing out on a lot of great things, all because we are NOT there for God?

Sometimes we really do need to show up. Sometimes our presence can make all the difference in the world. Sometimes our prayer life and our relationship with God CAN'T wait, and CAN'T be put on the back burner. Sometimes God wants us right now! We have got to make God more and more a part of our daily lives. What do we have to do to make that happen?

You know, not brushing your teeth every day, not taking a shower every day, not eating right every day, not exercising every day, not getting enough sleep every day, all of these things can get us into trouble one way or another. So too, not letting God into your life every day can cost you. We can miss out on so much! Do not let that happen.

Simeon took Jesus in his arms, close to his heart. Jesus was the fulfillment of all Simeon's expectations. Jesus is the fulfillment of all our longings and hopes also. We can take Jesus not only in our arms close to our heart, but into our hearts as we contemplate his words to us and receive him around the table of the Eucharist in the pure sacrifice offered from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Let God fulfill His promises to you every day!

St. Mark...pray for us...

Special thanks to all for participating in the March for Life in Washington DC especially the Long Valley Knights of Columbus and Mike Lennon for organizing this trip. God bless you!!!

World Day for Consecrated Life - February 2, 2020

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

Prayer for Consecrated Persons

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

WHY SPENDING A HOLY HOUR BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT?



- You are greatly needed! "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration." (Pope John Paul II).
- This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." (Pope John Paul II).
- Jesus is counting on you because the Eucharist is the center of life.
- Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair evils of the world and bring about peace on earth.
- Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to him!
- You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus!
- The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus, your Best Friend, in the Blessed Sacrament!
- If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome him, but he remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of bread, because he is calling us to faith, that we many come to him in humility.
- If the Pope himself would give you a special invitation to visit him in the Vatican, this honor would be nothing in comparison to the honor and dignity that Jesus himself bestows upon you with the invitation of spending one hour with him in the Blessed Sacrament.

...OLM CHURCH...

WILL WE VISIT JESUS THIS FRIDAY? HE IS WAITING FOR US...

7pm-8pm (priest will be available for confession)

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH - The Sacrament of Holy Orders

My dear brothers and sisters, according with the Catholic teaching the whole Church is a priestly people. Through Baptism all the faithful share in the priesthood of Christ. This participation is called the "*common priesthood of the faithful*." Based on this common priesthood and ordered to its service, there exists another participation in the mission of Christ: the ministry conferred by the sacrament of Holy Orders, where the task is to serve in the name and in the person of Christ the Head in the midst of the community.

The ministerial priesthood differs in essence from the common priesthood of the faithful because it confers a sacred power for the service of the faithful. The ordained ministers exercise their service for the People of God by teaching, divine worship and pastoral governance.

Since the beginning, the ordained ministry has been conferred and exercised in three degrees: that of bishops, that of presbyters, and that of deacons. The ministries conferred by ordination are irreplaceable for the organic structure of the Church.

The bishop receives the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders, which integrates him into the episcopal college and makes him the visible head of the particular Church entrusted to him. As successors of the apostles and members of the college, the bishops share in the apostolic responsibility and mission of the whole Church under the authority of the Pope, successor of St. Peter.

Priests are united with the bishops in sacerdotal dignity and at the same time depend on them in the exercise of their pastoral functions; they are called to be the bishops' prudent co-workers. They form around their bishop the presbyterium which bears responsibility with him for the particular Church. They receive from the bishop the charge of a parish community or a determinate ecclesial office.

Deacons are ministers ordained for tasks of service of the Church; they do not receive the ministerial priesthood, but ordination confers on them important functions in the ministry of the word, divine worship, pastoral governance, and the service of charity, tasks which they must carry out under the pastoral authority of their bishop. God bless you



PARISH WINTER MAINTENANCE ...

As you know every winter our heating, snow, and ice removal costs go up and this winter is no exception. We could use your help. There are envelopes in the gathering space and a box for your donation. As always, we thank you for your support to St. Marks.



USED BOOK SALE...

St. Mark's Fundraising Group will be holding a Used Book Sale on March 7/8. We will be collecting books and DVD's (children's and adults) from now thru Feb. 20. Books/DVD's can be dropped off in the collection bin located in the gathering space as well as at the front entrance. Please do not leave text books, encyclopedias, magazines or VCR tapes. Thank you.



We are looking for a few Good Knights! You don't have to attend every meeting and participate in every event. Considered the "right arm of the Catholic Church," the Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal, family service organization in the world! Help those in need and grow in your faith.

Reflection for the Week

Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth

Muhammad Ali

Become a Knight! www.lvkofc.org

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY...

The Knights of Columbus will be having an eyeglass recycling container in St. Mark's gathering space February 1-28. Please donate your used eyeglasses which will be given to the needy and be sincerely appreciated.

K OF C COUNCIL #6100 BLOOD DRIVE...

Saturday, Feb. 8th 7:15am -1:15 pm St. Jude Church Parish Center, 17 Mt. Olive Rd. Budd Lake includes breakfast. To schedule an appointment please visit https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/267077 Walk-ins welcome

VILLA WALSH ACADEMY 2020 SUMMER CAMP – GIRLS GRADES 4-8...

Two sessions offered: Session 1: June 22-26, 9am-12 pm, and Session 2: June 29-July 3, 1pm-4pm. Evening sessions for girls **grades 9-12** 4:30 pm-7:30 pm Week 1: June 22-June 25, Week 2 June 29-July 2. For registration visit website at www.villawalsh.org under Athletics tab or email camp director, Shannon Graziani, summercamp@villawalsh.org. 973-538-3860



VALENTINES DAY ROSE SALE....

The Long Valley First Aid Squad Auxiliary is hosting our First Annual Valentine's Day Rose Sale on Feb. 13th from 12pm-7pm and 14th from 12pm-6pm at the LV First Aid Squad building on East Mill Rd. We are selling 1 Dozen Red Roses for \$30, 2 Dozen Non-Red Roses for \$35, and 1 Dozen Non-Red \$25. We are accepting pre-orders through our website www.store.lvfas.org now through Feb. 9th and also accepting walk-ins on February 13th from 12pm-7pm and 14th from 12pm 6pm. All Roses can be picked-up at the Long Valley First Aid Squad building at 70 East Mill Rd in Long Valley. Our fundraising helps us support the LV. First Aid Squad with new equipment.

