

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

February 9, 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time


MASS INTENTIONS
 OF THE WEEK

Saturday, February 8

5:30 pm For Roy Serruto by Madaras Family

Sunday, February 9

9:00 am For Special Intention for Fr. Marcin by Corry Family
 11:00 am For Jerry Loughlin by Nowak Family
 For Laurie DiVita by Caracciolo Family

Monday, February 10

8:45 am For Jack Creegan (living) by Donald Family

Tuesday, February 11

8:45 am For

Wednesday, February 12

8:45 am For Thomas Dugan

Thursday, February 13

8:45 am For

Saturday, February 15

5:30 pm For Christine Kilbride by Lennon Family

Sunday, February 16

9:00 am A Special Intention for Fr. Javier by Corry Family
 11:00 am For Raymond Van Hoorebeke by Robert & Dawn Liska

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 15, 16, 2020

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Lector	Euch. Ministers	Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
Tom & Sara Hanifin	Help Needed	Santorelli Family	Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Lector	Euch. Ministers	Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
Jim Scott	Carmen Veras	Help Needed	Help Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Lector	Euch. Ministers	Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
Joanne Lee	Nick Caruso	Help Needed	Help Needed



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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

8:45 am.....Mass
 6:15 pm..... Family Faith
 8:00 pm..... K of C Meeting

Wednesday, February 12

8:45 am..... Mass
 9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, February 13

8:45 am.....Mass

Friday, February 14

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, February 15

8:00 am.....Men's Bible Study
 5:30 pm.....Mass
 Columbiettes Mardi Gras ticket sale

Sunday, February 16

9:00 & 11:00 am.....Mass
 Columbiettes Mardi Gras ticket sale



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2019
February 2, 2020: \$2,399 Parish Debt Reduction: \$885	February 3, 2019: \$ 2,036 Parish Debt: Figures not available
Supermarket Gift Cards February 2, 2020 Sales.....\$2,050 Profit.....\$102.50 YTD Profit.....\$441.25 # of Families.....8	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Our parish relies on the support of everyone in our parish family to help us further our mission this year. As a member of this parish, I am thankful that there is an easy way for all of us to recommit ourselves to supporting St. Mark's this year through eGiving. Enrolling in online giving will simplify your monthly budgeting while also providing St. Mark's with consistent, reliable support for our parish family. If you haven't signed up yet, don't worry, it's easy to get started! Visit faith.direct/NJ484, Thank you for your support.
 God Bless You, Fr. Marcin

Did you know that St. Marks pays a small fee for all gifts made using credit cards? Faith Direct is now offering a way for St. Mark's families to give a little bit extra each month to offset these processing costs. We ask you to please prayerfully consider adding this 2.5% processing offset to your regular tithing so that St. Marks can receive the full amount of your gifts each month. If you manage your giving online, you can log into your Faith Direct account and check the box on the page where you can update your payment information. You can also contact Faith Direct's customer service team to make the change for you. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,



World Marriage Day

Today in the liturgy of the Church we celebrate 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday is designated by the Church as WORLD MARRIAGE DAY and we pray for all married couples from our parish and for the sanctity of marriage life.

The readings and Gospel for this Sunday all speak in various ways of the light that the Lord brings into our lives, and the mission to proclaim this light and to become the light of the world, the salt of the earth. These readings are providential on this Sunday, which is being celebrated as World Marriage Day.

Marriage is filled with many joyful moments and you should treasure these moments. On the other hand, marriage is also about how you live your daily lives. The routines that couples establish and the practices they keep set the tone for their marriage. When a married couple considers such questions as: Do we pray as a couple? Do we go to mass together? Do we recognize the fact that God is a participant in our marriage? Then they will be distinguishing themselves as living the authentic Christian vocation of marriage, as opposed to a union that is easily destroyed by our modern culture.

The love that exists between a man and a woman is the essential part for a happy marriage. The way you love your spouse will take on different meaning as the circumstances of your lives change. Some couples will have to experience times of struggle and hardship, but these challenging times remind us that God is there with us and is the source of our strength.

The vocation to marriage is a call to a life of holiness and service within the couple's own relationship and in their family. As a particular way of following the Lord, this vocation also challenges a couple to live their marriage in a way that expresses God's truth and love in the world.

On this World Marriage Day, we thank our heavenly Father for the gift and blessing of marriage and the family.

Let's reclaim Sunday as the Day of the Lord and a day of the family. We are already doing it now by participating in the celebration of Mass. But is there something more the Lord is inviting us to when we go back home? Praying together, or spending some time together, or having dinner together as a family.

May the Lord be glorified in all our words and deeds, and may our families be the salt of the earth and shine with the light of Christ for all to see.

I wish you, all the best a long life of happiness. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and I tell you that you will be able to love one another all the days of your life.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK --- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH.
TUESDAY MORNING MASS WITH THE ANNOINTING OF THE
SICK**



On Tuesday, February 11th is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. On this day the Holy See reminds us of the care and dignity we must show those who are sick and disabled. We must show the same compassion and care as was demonstrated by our Savior.

"You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8). These are the words spoken by Jesus when sending forth his apostles to spread the Gospel, so that his Kingdom might grow through acts of gratuitous love.

To Mary, Mother of tender love, we wish to entrust all those who are ill in body and soul, that she may sustain them in hope. We ask her also to help us to be welcoming to our sick brothers and sisters. The Church knows that she requires a special grace to live up to her evangelical task of serving the sick. May our prayers to the Mother of God see us united in an incessant plea that every member of the Church may live with love the vocation to serve life and health. May the Virgin help the sick to experience their suffering in communion with the Lord Jesus; and may she support all those who care for them. To all, the sick, to healthcare workers and to volunteers, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing. POPE FRANCIS

Should you know of someone who is in need of a pastoral visit from the clergy or lay ministers please do not hesitate to call the parish office. We will be happy to visit and provide the sacramental care requested.

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH –

The Sacrament of Matrimony

My dear brothers and sisters, let us continue our learning from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. According to our catechism, *"the matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."*

The Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God. Also, the Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its "mystery," its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation.

My brothers and sisters *"the intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws. God himself is the author of marriage."* The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures, and spiritual attitudes. These differences should not cause us to forget its common and permanent characteristics. Although the dignity of this institution is not transparent everywhere with the same clarity, some sense of the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. *"The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life"* God bless you

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our "dawn," our "rear guard," our "light" if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called "wisdom" of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be "the salt of the earth." They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.



USED BOOK SALE

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7th 9:00 AM-3:00 PM & 5:00 PM-7:00 PM
AND
SUNDAY, MARCH 8th 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.**

St. Mark's Fundraising Group will be holding a Used Book Sale. 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.



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.



Our Council would like to thank all the parishioners and St. Luke's parish for their support to our Annual Christmas Auction. The final numbers are in and it was a great success. We had a record crowd of almost 180 people with many favorable comments regarding the food and the prizes. The auction is an important fund raiser as it enables our Council to continue our charitable mission – aka putting our Faith into Action. A few examples are our bi-monthly dinners we provide to the PTSD wards at Lyon Veterans Hospitals; presenting First Communion gift sets to every child making their First Holy Communion in our 3 parishes; supporting a Paterson Diocese Seminarian, providing 384 winter coats for needy children; and providing financial support to Pregnancy Care Centers in our area for unwed mothers, Smile Train, our parish family welfare funds, K of C scholarships, March for Life Buses, OLM 50th, St. Luke's Picnic, St. Marks Wi-Fi, etc. We thank you, and you may rest assured, the recipients of your generosity thank you as well.

Reflection for the Week

The opposite of love is not hate, its indifference.

Eli Wiesel

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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.

Community News

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY...

Join the sisters and the staff at Mallinckrodt Convent in Mendham as a volunteer and become a part of the team that services our older religious. Any of your gifts can be used to help make life enjoyable for our Sisters. Any time you can give will be helpful. Weekends are especially good times to be with our Sisters. If you are interested, contact Sister Joanne Bednar 973-224-3545 or email sisterjoannebednar@yahoo.com.

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, summecamp@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.

