

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

March 8, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Lent


MASS INTENTIONS
 OF THE WEEK

Saturday, March 7

5:30 pm For Hope Mahoney by Donald family

Sunday, March 8

9:00 am For Joan Bannon by Nyman Family

11:00 am For Angie Borini by Woelfel Family

Monday, March 9

8:45 am For

Tuesday, March 10

8:45 am For

Wednesday, March 11

8:45 am For

Thursday, March 12

8:45 am For

Saturday, March 14

5:30 pm For Kyle Bremer by Monteverde Family

Sunday, March 15

9:00 am For Deceased members of Chambers Family by Stokes Family

11:00 am For Parishioners of St. Marks

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 14, 15, 2020

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
Sharon Donovan John DelGuercio	Help needed	Peer Ministers	Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

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

Sunday, 11:00 am

Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
Dina Carmelengo	Angel Nowak	Help Needed	Help Needed



For the month of March

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, March 9

8:45 am.....Mass
 4:30 pm..... CEC K-5
 7:00 – 8:30 pm... Confession at Our Lady of the Mountain
 7:30 pm.....Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

8:45am.....Mass

Friday, March 13

Parish Office Closed
 7:00 pm.....Confirmation Rehearsal

Saturday, March 14

8:00 am.....Men's Bible Study
 5:30 pm.....Mass and Confirmation

Sunday, March 15

9:00 & 11:00 am.....Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2019
March 1, 2020: \$2,561 Parish Debt: \$976	March 3, 2019: \$1,467 Parish Debt: \$632
Supermarket Gift Cards March 1, 2020 Sales.....\$3,900 Profit.....\$195.00 YTD Profit..... \$965.00 # of Families.....16	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

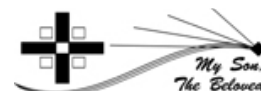
FAITH DIRECT...

During Lent, we prepare ourselves through prayer and giving back to our parish. But, with busy lives and active families, it's easy to skip a weekly tithe when you are unable to attend Mass or are out of town.

This Lent, I want to invite you in joining me and many others at St. Mark the Evangelist in setting up recurring eGiving through Faith Direct. Thanks to eGiving, your weekly offertory will be automatically taken care of, which saves you time and saves our parish money by eliminating all those unused offertory envelopes.

Getting started is easy! Visit faith.direct/NJ484, Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,
 Fr. Marcin



MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,



Today we celebrate 2nd Sunday of Lent and today's Gospel shows us Transfiguration. "...From the cloud came a voice that said, this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him..."

The transfiguration of the Lord foreshadows what we will experience in the future if we die to ourselves in our daily crosses. God will transfigure our bodies and make them glorious ones. He will turn our sufferings into joy. Our crosses will become glorious and we will bring many people into God's kingdom.

The transfiguration of Jesus was not just about Jesus. I would like to see it as a vision of the glorious future to which we are all called. But we encounter problems and negativities and we get hurt going through life. Then we have the choice either to say and negative things or we can choose to remember who we really are - brothers and sisters of Jesus, sons and daughters of God since baptism - and that the glory of the Transfiguration awaits each of us.

The disciples who experienced Jesus' transfiguration had to come down the mountain and return to normality but they remembered the transfiguration. Like them we live in normality but we believe and know that God has destined great things for us. The Transfiguration prepared the disciples for the mystery of the cross. Celebrating Jesus' Transfiguration in Lent reminds us of what comes after the cross because it reminds us of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead.



We Christians are happy because, like the disciples on the mountain of the transfiguration, we have experienced a touch of heaven, the joy of the Lord, the happiness that is to come. Our faith is a journey. When we live our faith we are happy with ourselves. Faith is a journey of joy as we experience others coming to the

Lord. Faith is not just something we profess. Faith is a life that we lead. It is a life of joy, a life of sacrifice, and a life leading us to the Glory of God.

Rise, and do not be afraid. Let us turn from our sins and come back to our heavenly Father. Lent calls us to give ourselves a "shake-up" to remember that we are creatures that we are not God.

MONDAY NIGHT CONFESSION IS HELD ONLY AT OLM CHURCH

.SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT OUR CHURCH.



Next Saturday at our vigil mass at 5:30pm 18 young adults from our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from the hands of Bishop Serratelli. We pray for our young parishioners and wish them all the best. Please join us for this special mass and show your support to our candidates.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



RETURNING TO THE LORD THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Lent and confession go hand in hand in two ways. The former is the season of conversion, and the latter is one of the greatest means of conversion. The Church exhorts her children to go to Jesus for healing. "'Yet even now,' says the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.' Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil" (Joel 2:12-13). Second, Lent is there to build the Church up to celebrating Easter. The Church has crafted the liturgical calendar such that the feast of Easter has an entire 40 days of preparation. Christ suffered and died for our sins in His Passion and then resurrected on Easter Sunday. We go to the cross in the confessional, and rise again renewed after unloading our sins.

Lent is the time of year when God obligates us to prepare our hearts and to purify our souls so that we are ready to receive Our Lord in His glorious coming at Easter. There's no time to delay. The Bible says, "Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2).

During this season, every day we should try to make a good examination of conscience by asking ourselves these questions:

Is there something I can do to get closer to God?

Is there something I can do to know God better and to love Him more?

Is there some way I can increase my desire for prayer?

Is there some way I can rekindle that fire of divine love that might have gone out in my life?

Is there some way I can rid myself of the spiritual mediocrity, the spiritual indifference that I find myself in so much of the time?

Is there something I can give up?

Is there something in my life right now that is not pleasing to Almighty God?

Is there some sin that I am holding on to?

Is there some habitual sin that is separating my heart from God's loving grace?

Is there something I need to confess?

"Catholics should go to confession, the pope said, because everyone needs forgiveness for their sins, for the ways we think and act contrary to the Gospel. Whoever says he is without sin is a liar or is blind" Pope Francis...

DURING LENT AT OLM CHURCH

- Sacrament of Penance and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday night (7-8:30).

- Stations of the Cross - Friday morning at 10am (after 9:30 mass).

- Every Wednesday join us for our Lenten program Stations of the Cross, Soup and Bread, and Talk.

6:30pm – Stations of the Cross

7:00pm – 7:45pm – Bread and Soup dinner

7:45pm – Lenten reflection and questions

SECOND SESSION – MARCH 11TH

TOPIC: Stations of the Cross: Some characters we meet on the way of the cross.

PRESENTER: Fr. Owen B. Moran Pastor of St. Luke Parish in Long Valley

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 Christ is the center of all Christian life. The bond with him takes precedence over all other bonds, familial or social. From the very beginning of the Church there have been men and women who have renounced the great good of marriage to follow the Lamb wherever he goes, to be intent on the things of the Lord, to seek to please him, and to go out to meet the Bridegroom who is coming. Christ himself has invited certain persons to follow him in this way of life, of which he remains the model:

"For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to receive this, let him receive it."

Virginity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven is an unfolding of baptismal grace, a powerful sign of the supremacy of the bond with Christ and of the ardent expectation of his return, a sign which also

recalls that marriage is a reality of this present age which is passing away.

Both the sacrament of Matrimony and virginity for the Kingdom of God come from the Lord himself. It is he who gives them meaning and grants them the grace which is indispensable for living them out in conformity with his will. Esteem of virginity for the sake of the kingdom and the Christian understanding of marriage are inseparable, and they reinforce each other:

"Whoever denigrates marriage also diminishes the glory of virginity. Whoever praises it makes virginity more admirable and resplendent. What appears good only in comparison with evil would not be truly good. The most excellent good is something even better than what is admitted to be good".

God bless you



As we put our faith into action, we need more men to join us!

The Knights of Columbus is the largest, Catholic, fraternal, family service organization in the world!!! We are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action and are considered the "right arm of the Catholic Church." Join us as we assist our Pastors and Parishes in ways toward "Building the Domestic Catholic Church."

Reflection for the Week

The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

Mark Twain

The Knights of Columbus, Long Valley Council 10419 welcomes all Catholic Men age 18 and older. We are an active council and have a lot to offer.

Become A Knight!

www.lvkofc.org



St. Marks is hosting a wine tasting! But don't just come for the red and white wines but also for the good company, appetizers, buffet dinner (which some say is fit for the finest kings and queens of Europe). Friday, May 1st 7:00-10:00 pm. Seating is limited to 100 – Sign up now! Cost: \$40 per person at the door. Sign up and pay by April 19 (second Sunday of Easter) and treat yourself to a \$10 advance discount so that you pay only \$30 per person. Place checks payable to St. Mark's in the box in the gathering space.