

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

March 15, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Lent



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

Monday, March 16

8:45 am For

Tuesday, March 17

8:45 am For Edward Moscowicz *by Bill Betz*

Wednesday, March 18

8:45 am For Paul Guterl *by Stokes Family*

Thursday, March 19

8:45 am For

Saturday, March 21

5:30 pm For Jaime Mercadeo *by Donald Family*

Sunday, March 22

9:00 am For Raymond Van Hoorebeke *by Connie Liska*

11:00 am For Jane Ericson *by Solecki Family*

For Elvira Griffin *by Labue Family*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 21, 22, 2020

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
Maryann Hobbie	Nancy & Mike Lennon	Help Needed	Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
Tony Cretella	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
Sharon Donovan	Eric & Sharon Woelfel	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 16

8:45 am.....Mass

4:30 pm..... CEC K-5

5th Grade Retreat

7:30 pm.....Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 17

8:45 am.....Mass

6:15 pm..... Family Faith

Wednesday, March 18

8:45 amMass

9:30 am..... Women's Bible

Study

Thursday, March 19

8:45 am.....Mass

Friday, March 20

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, March 21

8:00 am.....Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm.....Mass

Sunday, March 22

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

SYM classes 9th grade 9:30 am

end at 11 am mass, 10th grade 11

am mass end at 1:30 pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2019
March 8, 2020: \$1,770.28	March 10, 2019: \$3,794.50
Supermarket Gift Cards March 8, 2020 Sales.....\$2,275 Profit.....\$113.75 YTD Profit..... \$1,078.75 # of Families.....12	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

PLEASE NOTE: If you attend mass at either Our Lady of the Mountain or St Luke's please do not just place your check in their collection basket. Please put it in an envelope (any kind of envelope) and mark it St. Mark's and we will be sure to receive your donation. Thank you.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,



Today we celebrate the Lord's Day and observe the Third Sunday of Lent.

Why did the Samaritan woman from today's Gospel come to draw water at noon, the hottest time of the day? What are the places in my life where I am embarrassed,

where I avoid interaction with others?

What are the noonday wells of my life? Imagine yourself as the woman in this passage. Jesus approaches you and tries to reveal his thirst to you—perhaps his thirst for intimacy with you—but you put him off. You are not worthy. It won't work. When he offers to satisfy your thirst, you put him off. You are convinced he can't satisfy your needs, at least not at this well and without a bucket.

Ask: How do I put Jesus off, with excuses, problems, or barriers? Examples might include saying, "I don't have time," "I haven't done this before," "My stuff is too complicated," or "I don't know how to find you in this mess. When Jesus shows the woman that he knows her, she comes to understand she is in the presence of someone special—perhaps the One she has thirsted for all her life.

Do I let Jesus show me that he knows and understands me?

The grace will come when I see that I have been at the well a long time and have long been thirsty. When I can name the new thirst, the Water that now satisfies that thirst, I can overcome my remaining resistance to trust. When I see that Jesus reveals himself to me by revealing me to myself, thereby showing me my need for him as Savior, I will rejoice and tell the whole world, too.

Yes!!! God does understand, yes God does have a plan. All we need is to give ourselves completely to God, to trust completely in God, to allow God be the source of all our existence.

What can we learn from the woman at the well?

The story of the woman at the well teaches us that God loves us in spite of our bankrupt lives. God values us enough to actively seek us, to welcome us to intimacy, and to rejoice in our worship. As a result of Jesus' conversation, only a person like the Samaritan woman, an outcast from her own people, could understand what this means. To be wanted, to be cared for when no one, not even herself, could see anything of value in her—this is grace indeed.

Only through Jesus can we obtain and receive eternal life: "Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life'"

--- **PASCHAL CANDLE.** If anybody would like to donate a new Paschal Candle and have it lit throughout the year in memory of someone... please contact Fr. Marcin

--- Thank you very much to all those who have prepared our used book sale last weekend. All of them spent many hours to segregate books and prepare this event. **THANK YOU SO MUCH.** Profit from book sale was \$1000.



All the best to all those who have received Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

Congratulations on your confirmation. May God in all His goodness bless this special day with true happiness, and may you always keep the memory of your Confirmation day and let it and your faith be a guide.

Congratulations and best wishes!

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

THIRD SESSION – MARCH 18TH

TOPIC: Let's give up gossip during Lent
PRESENTER: Msgr. Raymond Lopetesky

.CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION.



Lent is a time when we should go to confession. Every Monday evening every church in our diocese is open from 7 to 8:30 with priest who is waiting to those who would like to reconcile themselves with God through the sacrament of penance. **OUR LENTEN CONFESSION IS ONLY AT OLM CHURCH. CONFESSION AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN OUR CHURCH WILL BE ON MONDAY, MARCH 23RD AT 7PM.**

We know that still many Catholics do not go to confession frequently but they come to communion every time when they come to church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion"

St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that the Eucharist is the very Body and Blood of the Lord. He urges them to examine their consciences, warning them to refrain from receiving Holy Communion if they are in serious sin. He says, "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily...eats and drinks judgment on himself".

Confession is never easy. It requires deep humility. For this reason, Tertullian, a Christian writer living at the end of the second century, urged Christians to move beyond any embarrassment in confessing their sins.

Everyone in the Church from the young person preparing to receive First Holy Communion to the pope himself needs to go to confession. As Pope Francis has said, "... [even] priests and bishops...have to go to confession. We are all sinners". So important is individual confession that Pope Francis has spoken about it more than his predecessors. He himself goes at least twice a month.

Jesus never stops looking at us with love. Thus, it is always possible for us to be forgiven, no matter what our sins may be. His pierced heart is the fount of forgiveness. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Crucified and Risen Lord, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, continually offers us pardon and hope. Thus, in making a worthy confession, we find peace in the embrace of God's mercy.

**OUR LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE WILL BE ON MONDAY, MARCH 30TH
AT 7PM --- OLM CHURCH**

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH -The Sacrament of Matrimony

The celebration of marriage

My dear brothers and sisters in the Latin Rite the celebration of marriage between two Catholic faithful normally takes place during Holy Mass, because of the connection of all the sacraments with the Paschal mystery of Christ. In the Eucharist the memorial of the New Covenant is realized, the New Covenant in which Christ has united himself for ever to the Church, his beloved bride for whom he gave himself up. It is therefore fitting that the spouses should seal their consent to give themselves to each other through the offering of their own lives by uniting it to the offering of Christ for his Church made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice, and by receiving the Eucharist so that, communicating in the same Body and the same Blood of Christ, they may form but "one body" in Christ.

"Inasmuch as it is a sacramental action of sanctification, the liturgical celebration of marriage . . . must be, per se, valid, worthy, and fruitful. It is therefore appropriate for the bride and groom to prepare themselves for the celebration of their marriage by receiving the sacrament of penance".

According to Latin tradition, the spouses as ministers of Christ's grace mutually confer upon each other the sacrament of Matrimony by expressing their consent before the Church. In the tradition of the Eastern Churches, the priests (bishops or presbyters) are witnesses to the mutual consent given by the spouses, but for the validity of the sacrament their blessing is also necessary.

The various liturgies abound in prayers of blessing and epiclesis asking God's grace and blessing on the new couple, especially the bride. In the epiclesis of this sacrament the spouses receive the Holy Spirit as the communion of love of Christ and the Church. The Holy Spirit is the seal of their covenant, the ever available source of their love and the strength to renew their fidelity. God bless you.



We are looking for a few Good Knights! You don't have to attend every meeting and participate in every charitable or church 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

To keep your marriage brimming with love in the loving cup, whenever you're wrong admit it; whenever you're right, shut up.

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.

USED BOOK SALE "THANK YOU" ...

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered or purchased books from our Used Book Sale. This event was a wonderful success and all of the unsold books were donated to another organization that will work to donate the books to underserved areas.



Don't (Just) Give Up

Lent shouldn't be *just* about giving up – it should also be about giving. One great way to give this Lent would be to donate Supermarket Gift Cards to the Long Valley Food Pantry for their Easter Baskets. What's so great about that? Well, it provides needed food for families in this area (plus some Easter treats for the children in those families), and, it fulfills the very first Corporal Work of Mercy, "To Feed the Hungry." It also happens to be very convenient. Just stop by the Supermarket Gift Card table in the gathering space and tell the nice person there, "I'd like to give!" What could be more convenient? You were going to buy gift cards for yourself anyway, weren't you? (If you would like to donate an amount that does not match any of the available gift cards, cash or checks will also be accepted.)