

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

March 22, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent



Saturday, March 21

For Jaime Mercado *by Donald Family*

Sunday, March 22

For Raymond Van Hoorebeke *by Connie Liska*

For Jane Ericson *by Solecki Family*

For Elvira Griffin *by Labue Family*

Saturday, March 28

For Jaime Mercadeo *by Donald Family*

Sunday, March 29

For Julia & Thomas Dugan *by family*

For Kathleen Goodman *by Stokes Family*

ALL WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE RESCHEDULED



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

ALL MASSES, SUSPENDED

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2019
March 15, 2020: \$1,252 2nd Collection: \$308	March 17, 2019: \$2,317.47 2nd Collection \$404
Supermarket Gift Cards March 15, 2020 Sales.....\$1,400 Profit..... \$70 YTD Profit.....,148.75 # of Families.....6	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

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.

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,

DUE TO CORONAVIRUS ALL MASSES IN THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please check our parish website daily for an update (look at the box with announcements)

MY MASSES, THOUGH PRIVATE, WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS (WEEKEND) LISTED IN OUR PARISH MASS BOOK. WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE RESCHEDULED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A MASS, OR IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE WE CAN HELP YOU WITH, PLEASE BE IN TOUCH.

Our church is still open every day (during office hours) from Monday to Thursday) for private prayer and adoration

(Sunday) OLM CHURCH (I am still by myself) will be open from 9am to 12noon for private prayer and adoration, come and spend some time with our Lord and receive spiritual Holy Communion.

Please do not stop sending your weekly offering to the church (use faith direct or mail to the church). Your weekly offering is needed to keep our parish financially stable at this difficult situation.



Today we celebrate 4th Sunday of Lent. This Sunday is not the same because we stay home but I still encourage you to come to church and pray privately. During this time I ask you to read daily readings and Gospel so you can stay close to our Lord. Watch mass on TV and receive spiritual communion.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

In today's Gospel a blind man met Jesus and since then his life was not the same. What a privilege for the blind man to have met Jesus and be healed by him. What a privilege for him to have Jesus touch his eyes and bring him sight. The blind man became a disciple through faith and through Jesus' reaching out to him as an individual. . Jesus not only cured the blind man of his physical condition, but He gave him new hope and a purpose in life-faith in Jesus as sent from God.

Each person, Jesus shows us, is worthy of dignity no matter who he or she is. How do we treat others? How do we look at others? Do we look at them in the same way as Jesus does?? With love, kindness and compassion.

When Jesus comes to us how does he come? Every time we receive the sacraments Jesus comes to us and there is a visible sign of Jesus coming to us invisibly through his sacrament. Jesus comes to us in each sacrament when matter is used together with prayer and we call the prayer the "form." So the matter and form of every sacrament is the visible sign of Jesus coming to us invisibly but powerfully in the sacrament. In every sacrament Jesus comes to us invisibly but powerfully. As you receive the sacraments you hear Jesus, and Jesus touches you. Jesus touched the blind man and Jesus touches you when you receive his sacraments.

LORD JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD, YOU WHO HAVE COME TO HEAL OUR BLINDNESS: GIVE US EYES TO SEE OTHERS TRULY, SO THAT WE MAY KNOW THEM EVEN AS YOU KNOW THEM. AMEN

FROM OUR BISHOP,

As the cases of coronavirus increase exponentially, it is a moral imperative for all people to do what is humanly possible to prevent the spread of the illness. Large gatherings of people have rapidly become a grave health risk. Therefore, I am making the following provisions for the Diocese of Paterson, effective immediately.

-Effective immediately, all Masses in the Diocese of Paterson are to be offered only privately.

-All gatherings of the faithful are suspended. This includes the Welcome Home to Healing initiative, all penance services, and Stations of the Cross.

-The Sacrament of Confirmation will not be celebrated until further notice.

-Baptisms, weddings, and funerals may be celebrated at the discretion of the local pastor.

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH -The Sacrament of Matrimony

Matrimonial Consent

My dear brothers and sisters in the Matrimonial Consent the parties to a marriage covenant are a baptized man and woman, free to contract marriage, who freely express their consent; "to be free" means:

- *Not being under constraint;*

- *Not impeded by any natural or ecclesiastical law.*

The Church holds the exchange of consent between the spouses to be the indispensable element that "makes the marriage." If consent is lacking there is no marriage.

The consent must be an act of the will of each of the contracting parties, free of coercion or grave external fear. No human power can substitute for this consent. If this freedom is lacking the marriage is invalid.

The priest (or deacon) who assists at the celebration of a marriage receives the consent of the spouses in the name of the Church and gives the blessing of the Church. The presence of the Church's minister (and also of the witnesses) visibly expresses the fact that marriage is an ecclesial reality.

This is the reason why the Church normally requires that the faithful contract marriage according to the ecclesiastical form. Several reasons converge to explain this requirement:

- *Sacramental marriage is a liturgical act. It is therefore appropriate that it should be celebrated in the public liturgy of the Church.*

- *Marriage introduces one into an ecclesial order, and creates rights and duties in the Church between the spouses and towards their children.*

- *Since marriage is a state of life in the Church, certainty about it is necessary (hence the obligation to have witnesses). God bless you.*



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

Every now and then we try to update our prayer list of names of the sick and special intentions. Please look over the list and if you requested prayers for a person please call the parish office to let us know if you wish to continue to be on this prayer list.



All the good works we do are informed by one of our four core principles. Principle 1 is Charity. Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

Reflection for the Week
A friend in need is a friend indeed.
Proverb

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