

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

5:00 pm---Cornelius & Gertrude Shea  
John Sheppard & Matthew Barther  
7:00 pm---OLM Parishioners

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

7:45 am---OLM Parishioners  
9:15 am---Rene Brochu  
10:45 am---Jim Maher (10 Month Ann)  
12:15 pm---Lorraine DiPietro

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

9:30 am---Bob Nunn  
7:00pm --- Penance Service

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

9:30 am---Anna DeTrolio

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

9:30 am---Judy Schellenburg

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019

9:30 am---Joseph Rogers  
Raymond Murphy  
Andrea LaCosta

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019

9:30 am---OLM Parishioners

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019

5:00 pm---Lewis & Rose Girgenti  
Edward Windt (11<sup>th</sup> Ann.)  
Richard Dzurenko  
7:00 pm---OLM Parishioners

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

7:45 am---For the Unborn  
Kerri Knight  
9:15 am---Mary Ellen Smith  
Leonard Dante  
10:45 am---Dennis McKenna  
Graham Edwards  
12:15 pm---Bart Fitzsimmons  
John Urban

### SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of John Turick



## SUNDAY OFFERING

December 7-8	\$6,902.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 882.00
Flowers	\$ 210.00
Monthly	\$ 624.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,618.00</b>

Faith Direct Donations in November 2019 were: \$9,836.00  
Grocery Gift Card Sales for 2019: \$62,085.00 Profit: \$3,104.25

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

*Reminder: If you attend Mass at either St. Luke's or St. Mark's you can drop your Our Lady of the Mountain envelope in the collection basket and it will be credited as your donation to Our Lady of the Mountain.*

## FAITH DIRECT

During Advent we prepare our minds and hearts for the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. As we reflect on the upcoming Christmas season, it is likely that we will be busy with parties and family gatherings. Perhaps even a trip out of town to visit friends. With all of those joyous celebrations, we might miss Mass. That's where eGiving with Faith Direct can help simplify your life. By supporting Our Lady of the Mountain, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Signing up is easy! Visit [faith.direct/NJ568](http://faith.direct/NJ568), or text the word ENROLL to (Text-to-Give Phone Number). Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account, or text a dollar amount to (Text-to-Give Phone Number) to make a one-time gift today! Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You,  
*Fr. Marcin*

## MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	----- Fr. Javier -----	876-4395
Baptism Preparation	----- Fr. Marcin -----	876-4395
Children's Liturgy	----- Debi Pinelli -----	813-1982
Columbiettes	----- Joanne Lee -----	973-699-6793
Eucharistic Ministers	----- Cindy Jones -----	684-0661
Evangelization	----- Renny Hodgskin -----	876-4395
Food Pantry Director	----- Traci Geraghty -----	876-4003
Gift Shop	----- Fran Clary -----	852-5779
Knights of Columbus	----- John Clary -----	852-5779
Lectors	----- Chris Latran -----	852-9341
Music/Choir Director	----- Rita Mueller -----	973-862-2095
R.C.I.A.	----- Fr. Marcin -----	876-4395
Rosary Altar Society	----- Carol Petronella -----	732-794-8382
Sacristan	----- Linda Richartz -----	876-4395
Visiting Ministry	----- Deacon Bob Head -----	684-8399
Weddings	----- Kim Smith -----	876-4395

Local Youth Protection / Safe Environment Coordinator: Kim Smith

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

**Monday**  
Religious  
Ed. Classes  
Penance  
Service 7:00

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**  
Peer Ministry: 7:30pm  
Columbiette – PC 7:30

**Thursday**  
Bible Study:  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Rm 5 + 6

**Friday**  
Divine Mercy – Ch –  
3:00pm

**Saturday**

## From the Desk of Fr. Marcin



### MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Readings: Is 35: 1-6a, 10. Ps 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10. Jas 5: 7-10. Mt 11: 2-11

Today in our celebration of the Lord's Day we come to the Third Sunday of Advent. The joy and happiness in the Lord that we celebrate today is symbolized by lighting a rose candle on the Advent wreath today instead of a purple one and also symbolized by wearing rose vestments today instead of purple ones.

Our readings today remind us that we, as Christians, are in a time of expectation, a time of awaiting. We are not waiting to get over or beyond something – to be done with it. Rather, we are reminded of the great coming of the Lord at Christmas when Isaiah tell us, "Here is your God he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you."

In our Gospel, Matthew goes further and challenges us to reflect on what are we really expecting at Christmas. The words he has Jesus saying to the disciples of John, should be ones we are pondering. "Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." Who is the Jesus you are expecting and how are you ready to follow the way he is preparing for you? How is the path you are walking with Jesus impacting you and how you relate to others in real concrete ways that they can recognize?

Today it offers us encouragement by naming the Third Sunday of Advent "Gaudete Sunday," that is, in English, "Rejoice Sunday." This comes from today's Entrance Antiphon from Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always." James in his Letter today also seeks to encourage us who are weary while in expectation, when he tells us, "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord," and "Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."

As the Church is encouraging us with this Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, we are called to show to others the impact of our experience with the Lord. The ways that our lives reflect the Gospel message speaks volumes to the world about the ways the Lord is here now in our lives. Even on a deeper level we can demonstrate who we are waiting for during Advent by the actions we do in Jesus' name, most particularly in the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. In the most personal way, we can be contagious in our rejoicing this day in our Advent expectation, by encouraging each other with our joy, because "God loves a cheerful giver." Most of all, work on finding encouragement through cheerful people. Let their cheerfulness be contagious to you. In doing so, be contagious by helping God to love that cheerful giver who gives to you.

*The Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patron – pray for us...*

*"Rejoice in the Lord always..."*

I would like to thank Laura and Dan Bigos for preparing "Night with Santa" last Friday and all those who helped them to do it. GOOD JOB. It was a great event. Thank you also to all those who joined us for St. Nicholas celebration.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT --- ST. MARK'S CHURCH --- Sunday, December 15th at 4:00 pm

The Music Ministry of St. Mark's cordially invites you to celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas with St. Mark's 13th Annual Christmas Concert featuring: The Choir of Our Lady of the Mountain, West Morris Central's, Howlers West Morris Central's Loreleis and The Choir and Music Ministers of St. Mark the Evangelist.

### ST. MARK'S --- NEW YEAR'S DAY 5K - JANUARY 1, 2020 11:30 AM

5K Course through Nestling Woods. USATF Certified Course.

Register at [RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/NJ/LongValley/StMarksNewYearsDay5K](https://www.runsignup.com/RACE/NJ/LongValley/StMarksNewYearsDay5K).

Bagels and Hot Chocolate will be provided at an indoor awards ceremony with drawings for prizes. We need Sponsors, Volunteers and Runners/Walkers. Come Join Us!! **All are Welcome! Contact Kim at [fkdunn@comcast.net](mailto:fkdunn@comcast.net) for more information.**

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

OLM CHURCH --- MONDAY (December 16<sup>th</sup>) --- 7PM.

ST. MARK'S --- TUESDAY (December 17<sup>th</sup>) --- 7:30PM

As we examine our consciences this Advent and see our shortcomings we are privileged to receive the mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During this season of Advent, let us ask ourselves is there anything keeping us and God apart? Is any sin of any kind in our lives keeping us separated from God? We may say we have no sins and when we go to Confession we have to make up sins to tell the priest. Are we really that holy? There were only two people on this earth who had no sin, Jesus and his mother Mary. If we say we have no sin are we expected to think that we are Jesus or Mary?

**We are living now in this time of mercy when we have an opportunity to repent. Let us receive as much grace as we can from God during this time of Advent. The Lord has no limits to what he wants to give us.**

## 2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

I would like to bring to your attention that many companies offer free gift matching for non-profit organizations. It is a great idea to use it for our Annual Bishop Appeal. Whatever employee donates for Annual Bishop Appeal, company donate the same amount. I would like to encourage you to ask if your company offer gift matching and if they do ask for paperwork and send to Tim Potter, Director of Development Office of Paterson Diocese at [tpotter@patersondiocese.org](mailto:tpotter@patersondiocese.org) with note that this matching gift needs to be credited to Our Lady of the Mountain Parish in Long Valley, NJ.

Due to recent tax law changes, if you are age 70 1/2 or older and are required to withdraw a 'required minimum distribution' (RMD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) you can request a donation be made directly to Our Lady of the Mountain which will reduce the taxable amount of your RMD regardless if you itemize or take the standard deduction. These are called Qualified Charitable Donations and they must come directly from your IRA to the parish (see IRS Publication 590-B for complete details).

FROM FR. JAVIER

### TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH The Sacrament of Holy Orders

The Three Degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Orders

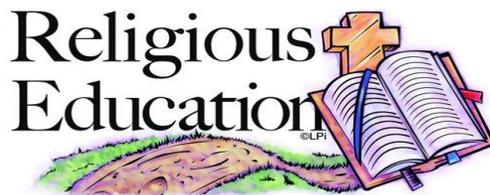
2. The ordination of priests - co-workers of the bishops

My dear brothers and sisters, the priests exercise their full ministry in the Holy Mass. *"In the Eucharistic assembly of the faithful that they exercise in a supreme degree their sacred office; there, acting in the person of Christ and proclaiming his mystery, they unite the votive offerings of the faithful to the sacrifice of Christ their head, and in the sacrifice of the Mass they make present again and apply, until the coming of the Lord, the unique sacrifice of the New Testament, that namely of Christ offering himself once for all a spotless victim to the Father."* From this unique sacrifice their whole priestly ministry draws its strength.

The priests, prudent cooperators of the episcopal college and its support and instrument, called to the service of the People of God, constitute, together with their bishop, a unique sacerdotal college dedicated, it is, true to a variety of distinct duties. In each local assembly of the faithful they represent, in a certain sense, the bishop, with whom they are associated in all trust and generosity; in part they take upon themselves his duties and solicitude and in their daily toils discharge them. Priests can exercise their ministry only in dependence on the bishop and in communion with him. The promise of obedience they make to the bishop at the moment of ordination and the kiss of peace from him at the end of the ordination liturgy mean that the bishop considers them his co-workers, his sons, his brothers and his friends, and that they in return owe him love and obedience.

*"All priests, who are constituted in the order of priesthood by the sacrament of Order, are bound together by an intimate sacramental brotherhood, but in a special way they form one priestly body in the diocese to which they are attached under their own bishop. . . ."*

God bless you.



**Grade K - 6 --- NO CLASSES December 22 & 29**

**Grade 7** ----- Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>----- 6:00 - 7:15 pm

**Grade 8** ----- Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 7:15 pm

**Grade 9** ----- Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>----- 7:30 - 9:00 pm

**Grade 10**----- Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30 - 9:00 pm



**High School Youth Group  
Grades 9 to 12**

Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 pm  
(Teen Center)

### WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC

*We are Catholic because we believe:*

God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them: "Give to him who begs from you, do not refuse him who would borrow from you"; "you received without pay, give without pay." It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones. When "the poor have the good news preached to them," it is the sign of Christ's presence. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 2443

### IMPORTANT

A growing number of parishes are reporting that they, their parishioners, and parish staff have been receiving a request to buy gift cards for their pastor and get them to a particular address. If you get such an email, you can be rather sure that this is a scam. Our priests do not ask parishioners to buy gift cards for them. Please be vigilant!!

### GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Grocery Gift Card Sales for this month are \$9,900.00 with a profit of \$495.00. They are always available in the parish office daily. Please consider helping us continue our scholarship program for our graduating seniors and our college students. Thank you

### Christmas Flower Envelopes

There are envelopes on the ushers table at all of the doors of the church if you would like to remember a loved one with a flower donation. They will be listed in the bulletin after Christmas. Thank you



### Columbiette Cookie Sale



The Long Valley Columbiettes' will be selling delicious, homemade Christmas cookies after all masses in the gathering space for this weekend, December 14/15.

Thanking you in advance for your support which will benefit many others, such as veterans, VBS, local food pantries, high school scholarships. Merry Christmas.

### The Church Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is in need of volunteers after all weekend Masses. This is a simple job that requires only 20 minutes after the weekend Mass you usually attend. We are also in need of substitutes for the regular volunteers. Please call me, Fran Clary at 908-852-5779 if you think you may be or able to volunteer at a particular Mass or be an on-call substitute.



### Christmas Pageant

Presented by the children of the parish  
Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 PM in church

All are invited to hear the Christmas story  
as told by the children in words and song.



### **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual bake sale. We had record sales thanks to all those who baked and those who purchased. Again thank you for your support.

### **"Pizza Night with the Bishop" for young men.**

There will be two evening events in the month of February, both from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm:

Monday, February 3 at DePaul High School in Wayne

Thursday, February 13 at Pope St. John XXIII High School in Sparta.



### **THANK YOU...**

To everyone who participated in our 28<sup>th</sup> annual community auction and helped make it a wonderful success. All proceeds are used to fund our charitable programs and to benefit the needy. A superb way to begin this blessed season of Advent.

### **Reflection for the Week**

*Some men see things as they are and say why? I dream things that never were and say why not?*

*George Bernard Shaw*

If you would like to be a part of an international organization of nearly 2 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you. We are an active council and have a lot to offer.

**Become a Knight!**

[www.lvkofc.org](http://www.lvkofc.org)

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please remember to pray for the sick of our parish community who have requested our prayers:

*Baby Aiden, Anthony Arbolino, Arianna Anello, Bob Beck, Vic Berzanski, Addison Bigos, Alex Birdsall, Julien Bonifacio, Noah Bonita, Toni Brenner, Christina Brithly, Tim Burns, Josephine Canova, Patricia Carroll, Joseph Caruso, Ron Caruso, James Castagna, Jeff Cheripka, Robert Cheripka, David Chung, Eric Clemente, Robert Curtis, Sr., Randy Clymer, William Corchado, Chris Cornell, Genevieve Dancicco, Gary Davila, Phyllis DeFranco, Christopher Deplato, Michelle Demarest, Mike Depew, Vito Dellibovi, Dennis Doner, Sue Elahie, Glenn Evans, Jayden Feichter, Michael Fiume, Barbara Froetscher, Mary Gallagher, Baby Antonia Gallardo, Ann Gentile, Jean Greco, Jerry Green, Don Grevera, Mike Grundy, Sr., Anabela Guerra, Laurel Jilek, Kristina Kantz, Michael Kennedy, Martin Kester, Carman Kissoczy, Salvatore Lombardo, Pam Longo, Raymond Lurker, Jillian Martin, Nancy Martin, Judy Martino, Aiden Mason, Darlene McHugh, Ed Michonski, Jennifer Mollitor, Faith Morelli, Emilio Morrone, Bob Nunn, Nora Ochwat, Johnnie O'Conney, Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, Arlene & Chandra Parikh, Anita Paterson, Jim & Carolynn Pauze, Stelios & Mary Pispitsos, Rita Powell, Deanna Procuito, Clifford Pultz, Art Quails, Suzane Sturla Reid, Joanne Reilly, Dan Salerno, Kathleen Sanders, Jillian Sayre, Pauline Scala, Connor Scott, Colinda Sherence, Paula Smith, Brian Steli, Janet Stiles, Bob Taylor, Thomas Tell, Jr., April Turkmen, Paula Vacca, Lil Varga, Fred Walliser, Ronald Warner, Allen Watts, Ryan Wendt, Adrienne Werner, Alice Whedon, Betty Windt, Melissa Winters, Ron Zielensky & Issac Zujkowski. We are currently praying for the sick from the pulpit for one month then adding their names to this list in the bulletin.*



If there is someone's name listed that has passed away please contact the office and let us know. Thank you

## Mass schedule for Christmas

### Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24

There is NO Mass in the morning

4:00PM

6:30PM

10:00PM

### Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25

7:45AM

9:15AM

10:45AM

12:15PM

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## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

**Monday's Jan 6-Mar 2, 2020** Let's Move with Cardio Dance from 12:45pm-1:30pm; Circuit Craze from 4:15pm-5:15pm; **Tuesday's January 7-March 3, 2020** Low Impact Strength & Cardio from 12:45pm-1:45pm; and **Wednesday's January 8 – March 4, 2020** Let's Move with Cardio Dance from 12:45pm-1:30pm; Circuit Craze from 4:30-5:30pm. **A nonrefundable fee is due before January 3, 2020. Any payments received after that will pay a \$10 late fee.** Registration forms will not be accepted once the classes have begun.

**On Wednesday's from January 8 – March 4, 2020 (9 weeks)** we will have three Yoga classes. Beginner Mat Yoga will be held from 9am-10am, Intermediate Mat Yoga 10:15am-11:15am and Gentle Mat Yoga 11:30pm-12:30pm.

**On Thursday's January 9 – March 5, 2020 (9weeks)** we will also have three yoga classes. Early Morning Mat Yoga from 8am-9am, Lunch Break Yoga 12-1pm, and Beginner Chair Yoga 1:15-2:15pm. All sessions have a nonrefundable fee due before January 3, 2020. Any payments received after that will pay a \$10 late fee. Registration forms will not be accepted once the classes have begun.

All classes will be held at the Washington Township Senior Center, Long Valley, NJ and is for ages 18-up. For more information contact the recreation office at (908) 876-5941 or email us at [recreation@wtmorris.net](mailto:recreation@wtmorris.net) or visit our website at [www.wtmorris.org](http://www.wtmorris.org).

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The St. Luke Catholic Preschool is currently accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. This is how families describe the St. Luke preschool program:

"Impressive"

"Outstanding"

"Highly Recommended"

"Well Rounded"

Call to make an appointment to visit our school at 908-876-3515, Ext.41

Come and see for yourself how we can give your child an excellent start on a successful school career!

Forms are located in the Gathering Place and can also be accessed on the St. Luke website at

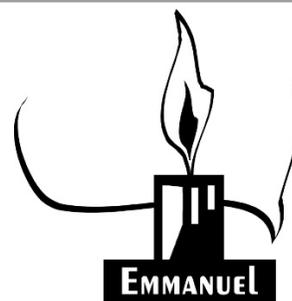
[www.stlukeparishlv.com](http://www.stlukeparishlv.com)

Upon Registration, a \$50 non-refundable check is required to Reserve your child's enrollment.

If you have any questions, please e-mail us at

[preschool@stlukelv.org](mailto:preschool@stlukelv.org)

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## ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

**Young Adult Mass with Bishop Serratelli** – Sunday, February 2nd, at 11am – All young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited to attend mass with Bishop Serratelli on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 am. Coffee, treats and fellowship to follow.

**Purified, with Best Selling Author Jason Every** – Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm to 9pm – The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come hear best-selling author Jason Evert on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, from 7pm – 9pm and discover how to protect and heal your family. To learn more and to buy tickets visit [chastity.com/purified](http://chastity.com/purified)

**Evolution and Faith: What is at stake?** – Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 11:30am – Dr. John Haught, distinguished Professor of Theology at Georgetown University, will discuss Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection and how it challenges religious trust in a providential God who purposefully creates, influences, and cares for the world.