

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

10:00 am Christine Benavente
 5:00 pm---- Louis & Rose Girgenti
 Angela & Joseph Palazzo
 7:00 pm---- Francie Murphy

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

7:45 am---- Evelyn Rogan
 ---- Charlotte Seickel
 9:15 am---- Paul Guterl
 ---- Janet Rodriguez
 10:45 am---- Lenore Lazzaro
 Mike Morin
 12:15 pm---- Louise Bonfante
 ---- Ronald Bauer
 ---- Walter Weiss, Jr. (8th Ann)

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

9:30 am---- Rose Anello

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

9:30 am---- Dennis McKenna
 ---- Patrice Schaffer (Living)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020

9:30 am---- Ronald Bauer (1st Ann)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020

9:30 am---- Robert Lederer

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020

9:30 am---- Michael Howlin

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

5:00 pm---- Paul Shernce
 Bob Nunn
 Olga Coss
 7:00 pm---- OLM Parishioners

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

7:45 am---- Evelyn Rogan
 ---- James Bono
 9:15 am---- Paul Guterl
 ---- Edward Oleksy
 10:45 am---- Lenore Lazzaro
 Mary Nolan
 ---- Edward Oleksy
 12:15 pm---- Michael & Gail Quick – by Susan Turick
 ---- Dennis Doner

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Dn. Pat VanOrman



SUNDAY OFFERING

February 29-March 1 \$7,506.00
 Monthly \$3,767.00
 Cupboard \$ 20.00
 European relief \$ 123.00
 Ash Wednesday \$ 2,888.00
TOTAL \$14,622.00

Grocery Gift Card Sales for Jan. & Feb. 2020: \$16,060.00 Profit: \$ 803.00

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 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 Our Lady of the Mountain 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/NJ568, or text the word ENROLL to (Text-to-Give Phone Number). 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 ----- 908-256-6338
 Columbiettes ----- Joanne Lee ----- 908-619-3835
 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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Religious Ed. Classes Reconciliation 7-8:30pm	Bible St. 10:00am 1 st Reconciliation Practice 4:30pm	7:00pm Baptism Class 6:30pm – Stations 7-7:45 Soup & Bread 7:45pm – reflection		Stations 10:00 am	Religious Ed Mass Grades 4-6 at 5:00pm

From the Desk of Fr. Marcin



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.

DURING LENT IN OUR 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.

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...

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



EASTER GIVING TREE

In connection with Division of Children & Families (formerly DYFS) we will be preparing baskets and Easter treats for over 100 children ages up to 18 years. **They are due back to us March 28th & 29th and can be brought back to the office during regular hours or left in the gathering room by the tree.** Any questions please call Kim Smith (908)813-2286 or the office (908)876-4395. **Thank you for your kindness & generosity! Please pick up a copy of the directions!**

In Accordance With the Scriptures

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Luke 24:44

The Messiah Will Be Betrayed For 30 Pieces Of Silver

The Prophecy - Zechariah 11:12-13 *Then I said to them, "If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, withhold them." And they counted out my wages, thirty pieces of silver. Then the LORD said to me, "Throw it in the treasury—the handsome price at which they valued me." So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the treasury in the house of the LORD.*

The Fulfillment - Matthew 26:14-16 – *Then one of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.*

About the Prophecy - Zechariah's prophecy speaks about the amount paid for the Lord and His life. This amount also refers to the amount paid for the life of a slave.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Each time a child is Baptized, God smiles from up above knowing he has someone new to shelter and to love.

*We welcome into our church family the following baby recently Baptized: **Ayden John***



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.

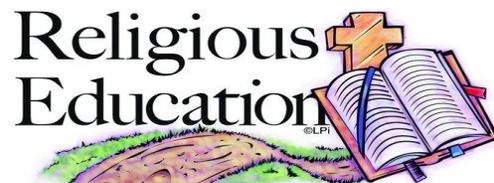
Mark Twain

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.lvkofo.org



Grade K - 6----CLASSES Today at regular times

Grade 7-----Monday, March 16th -----6:00 - 7:15 pm

Grade 8-----Monday, March 9th-----6:00 - 7:15 pm

Grade 9-----Monday, March 16th -----7:30 - 9:00 pm

Grade 10-----Monday, March 9th-----7:30 - 9:00 pm



High School Youth Group

Grades 9 to 12

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for an exciting opportunity to share your faith with our young parishioners and neighbors? VBS will be held July 27th - 31st.

If you could not attend the planning meeting and would like to be involved in our VBS, please contact Dolores Reagle, youth group coordinator, at ministrytoyouth@comcast.net or 908-876-5024.

BACKPACK PROGRAM

As part of our Lenten journey, we seek to feed the hungry. OLM is once again preparing meal packages for the preschool children in the Paterson Diocese preschool El Mundo del Nino. A weekend's worth of meals is put into a gallon size zip lock bag and placed in the child's backpack on Friday afternoon, ensuring the child will have food for the weekend. We also include what we call a 'family meal'. A container will be in the gathering space for your donations. The following is a list of needed items: 1 pound bag rice or beans, microwavable meals ("Chef Boyardee", "Easy Mac"), canned chicken and tuna, juice boxes, snack items (cheese & crackers, raisins, granola/cereal bars). **If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place your donation in an envelope and mark it "Backpack Program" and put it in the collection. We will use the donation to purchase items in need.** For any questions, please contact Dolores Reagle at 908-876-5024 or ministrytoyouth@comcast.net.



EGG HUNT

For ages through grade 3. Visit with the Easter Bunny and enjoy many activities ending in the egg hunt. Saturday, April 4, 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM, in the Parish Center. Cost is \$3 per child. Please RVSP so we have enough goodies! Contact Dolores Reagle at 908-876-5024 or ministrytoyouth@comcast.net



STATONS OF THE CROSS

Children in grades 7 through 12 are invited to be part of the living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Practice attendance is required. Confirmation candidates will receive service hours for practices and the performance. To sign up, please contact Dolores Reagle at 908-876-5024 or ministrytoyouth@comcast.net

THE PONTIFICAL SWISS GUARD



On the weekend of March 14 and 15, Msgr. Ray will speak at all Masses about the Pontifical Swiss Guard, the smallest but oldest army in the world. He will talk about the history, qualifications, training and life of these brave soldiers who have protected Popes, the Church and the Vatican for over 500 years. There will be a free-will second collection to assist the Guard in their recruiting and support so that their devoted service may continue for years to come. Donations may be made to "Pontifical Swiss Guard Fund".

THANK YOU FROM ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Dear Father Marcin,
Thank you and your parishioners for supporting Assumption College for Sisters this weekend by participating in our 50/50 raffle. Each contribution helps us to provide full scholarships for our 20 Sisters from developing countries. Most of us cannot travel to these distant lands, but our Sisters take our thoughts and prayers with them when they return. So we say "Teach a Sister...Touch the World."
May God bless you and the people of Our Lady of the Mountain Parish.
Gratefully,
Sister Joseph Spring, SCC
President, Assumption College for Sisters

Liturgical Guidelines in Dealing with the Coronavirus

Due to the worsening situation with the coronavirus, prudence dictates that, until further notice, these precautions be taken in our parishes:

-The option of drinking the Precious Blood from the chalice is discontinued for the present time.

-During the Exchange of peace, worshipers should simply bow with respect to each other and not shake hands.

-Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist should have available bottles of Purell or an equivalent hand sanitizer to use before and after the distribution of Communion. These bottles should be available in the sanctuary and/or sacristy for those who will distribute the Eucharist. This also applies to all liturgical ministers before and after Mass.

-Parishioners should be encouraged not to attend Mass if they have the flu or similar symptoms.

As more information becomes available, we will inform you immediately.

Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Ph.D.



GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Your support of this program helps our young people as all the proceeds go into our OLM Scholarship Fund. Gift cards are always available at the OLM office during regular office hours. If you have not tried this way to shop for your family's food give it a try. It can also help with budgeting. **Thank you!** Next Sale dates for Gift cards will be March 14th & 15th.

YOURS GRANDMOTHERS CUPBOARD

Your Grandmother's Cupboard is providing for those individuals and families living in poverty the "other necessities". They have a box in the gathering room and are in need of individually packaged toothbrushes (we cannot separate them), **disposable razors**, deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

USED BOOK SALE



St. Mark's is hosting a Used Book Sale. We will be selling gently used books, DVDs, CDs-adult and children's. We have over 1000 books - fiction, non-fiction, biographies, how-to books, cookbooks - children's first readers and chapter books - lots of popular titles. Something for everyone! Come on over and check it out. Invite your family, friends and fellow readers.

Special Parishioner Hours: Friday, March 6 from 5pm-7pm

Open to the Public:

Saturday, March 7 from 9am-3 pm and 5-7pm

Sunday, March 8 from 10am

Sunday is Bag Day - fill a bag for \$10

WINE TASTING/DINNER

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) as well as coffee and dessert!

Friday, May 1, 2020

7:00 to 10:00pm

St. Marks Catholic Church

59 Spring Lane, Long Valley, NJ 07853

Seating is limited to 100 - Sign up now!

Cost: \$40 per person at the door.

HURRY!

Sign up and pay by April 19 (2nd Sunday of Easter) and treat yourself to a \$10 advance discount so that you pay only \$30 per person!

Place checks payable to St Marks in the box in the gathering space.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Please remember to pray for the sick of our parish community who have requested our prayers: *Baby Aiden, Baby Avery, Anthony Arbolino, Arianna Anello, Vic Berzanski, Addison Bigos, Christine Bird, Alex Birdsall, Julien Bonifacio, Noah Bonita, Patrick & Sharon*

Bower, Karen Boyd, Christine Branch, Toni Brenner, Christina Brithtly, Kim Brown, Nancy Buchman, 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, Gary Davila, Phyllis DeFranco, Christopher Delplato, 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, Pam Longo, Raymond Lurker, Jillian Martin, Nancy Martin, Judy Martino, Aiden Mason, Darlene McHugh, Ed Michonski, Jennifer Mollitor, Faith Morelli, Nora Ochwat, Johnnie O'Conney, Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, Arlene & Chandra Parikh, Anita Paterson, Jim &Carolynn Pauze, Stelios & Mary Pispitos, Rita Powell, Deanna Procuito, Clifford Pultz, Art Quails, Joanne Reilly, Dan Salerno, Kathleen Sanders, Marge Sanders, Jillian Sayre, Pauline Scala, Connor Scott, Colinda Shernce, Paula Smith, Brian Steli, Bob Taylor, Thomas Tell, Jr., April Turkmen, Paula Vacca, Lil Varga, Fred Walliser, Jean Ward, 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**



The Hackettstown Columbus Club Presents:

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Rye Bread, Irish Soda Bread, Dessert, Drink Specials, Coffee & Tea

Tuesday, March 17th - 2 seatings 4 PM & 6:30PM

(First Seating Concludes @ 5:45)

Advanced Tickets Required

\$15 for Adults - \$6 for 12 & Under

\$13 Take-Outs

For Tickets call - (908) 852-9758