

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

March 13, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 12

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village
5:30 pm For Thomas John Liebman by Lennon Family

Sunday, March 13

8:00 am For Angela Bifulco by Dave Donlon
9:30 am For John Latin by Schwint Family
11:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's Parish

Monday, March 14

8:45 am For victims of abuse

Tuesday, March 15

8:45 am For forgiveness of sins

Wednesday, March 16

8:45 am For Claire Grieve & the Chambers Family by Stokes Family

Saturday, March 19

5:30 pm For Joseph Governale by Draghi Family

Sunday, March 20

8:00 am For Francis Botti by Draghi Family
9:30 am For Joseph Stypulkoski by Cucinella office Staff
11:00 am For Werna Dalrymple by Fania Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE March 19, 20, 2016

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: To be determined
Greeter: Help Needed
Lector: Kevin O'Shea
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Scarda, Barbara Burke
Altar Servers: Holly Branco

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: To be determined
Greeter: Carmen Veras
Lector: Susan Vetterl
Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras, Austin Harvey
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 9:30 am

Celebrant: To be determined
Greeter: Anne Ronceray
Lector: Kevin Mullin
Eucharistic Minister: Gina & Paul Tupaczewski
Altar Servers: Hannah Tupaczewski, Kaitlyn Buchanan

Sunday 11:00 am

Celebrant: To be determined
Greeter: Kathy Yates
Lector: Dina Carmelengo
Eucharistic Ministers: Charlotte Skoczylas, Claire Liskiewicz, Lorraine Fleming
Altar Servers: Isabella DiLizia

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Altar Breads & Wine – In loving memory of Patsy & Philip Marchese by Marchese family.

Sanctuary Lamp – In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone by Corry and Benardone families.

Mass Candles: For Harmony in the World by Skoczylas Family

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PARISH

Saturday, March 19

5:00 pm Celebrant: To be determined
7:00 pm Celebrant: To be determined

Sunday, March 20

7:45 am Celebrant: To be determined
9:15 am Celebrant: To be determined
10:45 am Celebrant: To be determined
12:15 pm Celebrant: To be determined

ST. MARK'S NEEDS \$5,280 PER WEEK TO MEET OUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

Current Year	Last Year 2014
March 6, 2016: \$2,550 Envelopes Used: 54	March 8, 2015: \$3,380 Envelopes used: 66
Parish Debt Reduction: \$739 Envelopes used: 25	Parish Debt Reduction: \$346 Envelopes used: 22
Supermarket Gift Cards March 6, 2016 Sales: \$2,970 Profit: \$148.50 YTD Profit: \$1,308 # of families: 11	St. Mark's Faith Direct church code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Mark the Evangelist with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code NJ484 or mail in an enrollment form from the parish office.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Joe





THE POWER OF JESUS TO HEAL:

One of my favorite Gospels stories of healing comes from the gospel of St. John Chapter 5: 1-18. It is the story of how one day Jesus walked by a pool in Jerusalem where many of the sick used to be laid out. They believed if the waters were stirred it was done by an angel and the first one in would be cured. Jesus saw a man on his mat and he spoke with him and discovered the man had been there for 38 years. Jesus asked him if he wanted to be healed. The man said yes! Jesus said: "Rise, take up your mat and walk!" Jesus' word brought healing to the man. Jesus told him to stay away from sin so that something worse fall you. This is a great challenge to us this Lent. We all need healing in some way be it physical, spiritual or emotional. We might need healing in our relationships. We might know others who need healing. Put yourself in the story. Image you are the man on the mat and Jesus speaks to you and heals you. Let Jesus do that in your prayer this lent. Ask Jesus-God among us- to gift you with spiritual healing and peace. He can do it. As Isaiah the prophet told us in our first reading God says, "See I am doing something new" – be a new creation in Christ Jesus Lent. Open you heart to the power of Jesus...

Fr. Joe

FATHER DAN UPDATE...

I spoke to him and he is good. He is still in the process of recovering from the back surgery. He is hopeful of returning soon but that depends upon what his doctors say. Fr. Dan would like to be here for Holy Week. Just keep him in your prayers.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY...

"In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (cf. Lk 15:1-32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon." — Pope Francis

LENTEN THOUGHT...

People were made to be loved, and things were made to be used. But often we get this confused...Matthew Kelly – best Lent Ever – Day 18

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE...

Add to your Easter morning calendar 6:40 a.m. in the daily mass chapel a Sunrise Service for Easter. Stay for some refreshments and join us for 8 a.m. mass

CATHOLIC CHARITIES...

Kathy* had everything: a job, a home for her and her son Roy*, even a dog. She also had something she didn't want: an addiction to drugs, which began as a way to cope after being abused as a child. And the drugs wanted everything. The last thing to go was the dog, and Roy was inconsolable. That's when Kathy went to Catholic Charities for help: "They pushed me to become better. I had to move forward, remain drug free, and take parenting classes. It was the structure I needed." Now she and Roy are in transitional housing, and both are in school. Things are getting better. Kathy said, "Roy and I don't have a family, but we feel like Catholic Charities is our family."

*(not real names). To learn more, visit

www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org

THE CHAIRS...

I hope you noticed the new chairs along the side walls of the side transepts in the church. These 60 chairs were purchased with gifts that we received from the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes of Long Valley Council. The Parish Advisory Board (PAC) was planning to get new chairs to eventually replace the 30 year old green chairs that were in use from the early days of St. Mark's when was mass celebrated in the hall for many years. The chairs most recently have been used by our CEC students as well as groups in our hall. We have a number of the green chairs left but each week one or two manage to get thrown out due to breakage. They certainly lasted a long time. We actually would like to add 60 more chairs and we are hoping that you will want to donate to a chair. The cost is \$30 a chair if we order another 60 chairs. The color green was no longer available as a standard color so we went with the burgundy. After 30 years I guess it was time for a change even among the chair makers. We hope to be able to raise enough money for the 60 chairs by the summer.

JOIN THE CLUB...

Recently I finished reading what turned out to be a fascinating book: Pope Francis Untying the Knots by Paul Valley. It is a biography of the Pope that carries him from his early days as a Jesuit, through Argentina's Dirty War, and into his early days as our new Pope. The book sheds light on the evolution of Pope Francis' economic and social philosophy. I would like to set up a 'book club' (only a few weeks) to read and discuss the book. At the end, we (anyone interested) can attend a follow up talk, Pope Francis and Capitalism: the Enemy or the Answer, on May 3rd at St. Paul Inside the Wall. If you are interested in the book club and/or the talk, please contact me Janet Corry at (908) 850-9394 or janetcorry@comcast.net. We can pick a day and time for the book club when we know who is interested.

Thank you.

THE CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF SUSSEX COUNTY... is

pleased to announce the autumn 2016 opening of the Pope John XXIII Middle School for grades 5, 6, & 7. Open House & Registration for Grades Pre K-7

Tuesday evening, March 15, 2016, 7:30 p.m. Come see the exciting plans for our Pre K-12th grade campus. Hosted by Rev. George A. Brown School 294 Sparta Ave, Sparta, NJ Questions? Please contact Mrs. Linda Artigliere at 973-729-9174 Option 3

HOPE: THE SPIRIT VENTURES FORTH...

This is the theme of a Spirituality Convocation to be held at the College of St. Elizabeth Convent Station, NJ on Saturday April 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a great day. Registration is required fee is \$35 before April 1. After that date \$40 and at the door. For information 973-290-4334 or csespirituality16@gmail.com

LENT AT ST MARK THIS WEEK...

Daily Mass M -T-W @ 8:45 a.m. --- Monday. --- Reconciliation 7-8:30 p.m. ---

St. Mark's Parish Penance Service Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 pm

St. Luke Parish Penance Service Tuesday, March 15, 8:00 pm

LENT4.2 – Are you reading the insert each week in the bulletin? Last week's issue was on 'Energy'. Extra copies for each previous week's topic are on the table in the gathering space...take and share with others.

LENT AT OLM THIS WEEK...

Daily Mass M-F 9:30 a.m. --- Monday prayer in church 4-7 ... silent prayer time...and communal prayer seeking mercy of God ---

OLM Parish Penance Service Monday, March 14 at 7:30.

Part One of two part series with Deacon Jim and Cindy Jones --- 7:30 p.m. "Catholicism" Bishop Barron's program begins - Thursdays 7:30 p.m. bible study --- Fridays 7:30 p.m. - The Stations of the Cross.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC...

Matthew Kelly offers a brief reflection each day of lent that you receive by e mail... Sign up don't miss out go to www.DynamicCatholic.com/Lent



EASTER BASKETS...

This year the Long Valley Food Pantry will be supplementing the Easter Baskets with grocery gift cards. Please consider stopping by the table in the Gathering Space to purchase a gift card from ShopRite or Wise to donate to the Food Pantry. We will also accept monetary donations for purchase of food pantry items. Donations will be collected this weekend! Every Easter the LVCAP Organization helps to deliver food and Easter treats to over 60 families in our community. Please remember our less fortunate members of the community during this Lenten season.

WINE TASTING / DINNER AT ST. MARK'S...

Friday, April 22, 2016, 7:00 to 10:00 pm

Join us to taste a variety of wines from around the globe. These wines of exceptional value will be paired with a hot and cold buffet worthy of the finest Kings and Queens of Europe! It has been 4 or 5 years since our last tasting! So many wines, so little time... St. Marks Catholic Church, 59 Spring Lane, Long Valley, NJ 07853 908-850-0652 WINE!!! -- Hot & Cold Buffet!!! Sign up in the gathering space. Cost \$30/person (Must be 21 & over) Place checks payable to St. Marks in the box in the gathering space. Pay by April 17 to receive a \$5 discount/person! Seating is Limited – Register NOW!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED AT ST. MARK'S...

Any boy or girl in grade 4 and higher is welcome to become an altar server. Just call the parish office at 908 850-0652 and leave your name and contact information (phone or e mail) and Father Joe will be in contact with you. There are three training sessions.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY...

Do you know a new mom or a "seasoned" mom who may need a little help with meals due to giving birth or a recent event that has put them under extra stress? Our Elizabeth ministry would like to help out. This ministry is a group of moms who have found themselves in similar situations and just want to pass on the gift that someone once gave them...a word of encouragement, a hot meal, or a helping hand of some other kind. We are always looking for new people to add to our circle of helpers as well. If interested, please contact Angel angel.stm@comcast.net or call the church office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARCH MADNESS...

The Knights of Columbus are selling tickets after mass this weekend for chances to win prizes in their March Madness Raffle.

You have a chance to win three great prizes:

1. Xbox One with Kinect Bundle (\$430 value)
2. Surface 3 - 10.8" Intel Atom Processor 64 GB and 2GB RAM includes Windows 8.1 and Office 365 (\$427 value)
3. \$100 Best Buy Gift Card

VENDORS WANTED...for Junk in the Trunk Flea Market

at St. Marks Church 59 Spring Lane, Long Valley
June 4, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; (8:00 setup). \$25.00 per 16 ft. X 17 ft. space. RSVP by April 30th. For more information call Marge at 908-852-3091 or Nancy at 973-219-5199

PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP...

The next Pizza Night with Bishop will be held on Thursday, March 17 at 7 PM at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta. All young men of high school age are invited to participate in this evening of prayer, discussion and fraternity with Bishop Serratelli and other young men as well as priests from around the diocese. If you know someone who may be interested, please ask the young man to contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, extension 711 or by email at jbrogan@patersondiocese.org

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future



All-powerful and ever-living God the lasting health of all who believe in you, hear us as we ask your loving help for the sick; restore their health that they may again offer joyful thanks in your church.

Randi Alloway, John Andaloro, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Baby Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Daniel DePaul, Krish Dharia, Charles & Ellen Eichler, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, George Foehner, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Claudia Kallmeyer, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Anne Kindt, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Lenore, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Helene Mackie, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, John Parker, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Pilosi, Martha Towne Riley, Clifford Reynolds, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Tommy Scheffler, Kurt Shubert, Rhonda Soto, Judy Stone, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Debra Vitale, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

Every now and then we try to update our prayer list of names of the sick and special intentions. We have alphabetized the names in the hopes of making them easier to read. There are some names that we in the parish office cannot associate with a person who made the request to pray for them. Please look over the list and if you requested prayers for a person please either call the office or e mail Fr. Joe to let us know if you wish to continue to be on this prayer list.

Pray for the deceased: Anna Niwinski



COMMUNITY NEWS

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP – VILLA WALSH ACADEMY...

Improve individual skills, conditioning, footwork, agility and have fun. Tournament style play every day.

Girls entering grades 9-12 (no need to attend VWA). 4:30 -7:30 pm
June 27 – June 30 Volleyball. July 5 - July 8 Basketball

Girls entering grades 4 – 9.

Week 1; June 27 – June 30

Week 2; July 5 – July 8

Morning Session 9 am – 12:00 pm choose from: Basketball, Soccer, Softball or Track/Cross Country

Afternoon Session: 1 – 4 pm. Choose from Volleyball, Tennis, Lacrosse or Spirit & Dance. Or join us for both sessions and participate in our supervised lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

To register visit our website www.vilawalsh.org under Athletics tab or call Camp Director, Jamie LoBue at (973) 538-3680 x 170. Villa Walsh Academy, 455 Western Ave., Morristown.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION PROGRAMS...

Yoga classes, Wednesdays March 23-May 25. For ages 13-99.

Beginner Mat Yoga 9-10 am, Beginner/Intermediate Yoga 10:15-11:15 am, Mat Yoga 11:30 am-12:30 pm and Chair/Mat Yoga 12:30-1:30 pm. Also on Thursdays March 24-May 26 Mat Yoga 4:15 pm-5:15 pm. Cost is a non-refundable fee of \$106. Deadline to register March 21st.

Free “**Etiquette Demonstration**” on Monday, April 11, 5:00-6:30 pm for children in grades 3 thru 7. Pre-registration required before April 1.

“**Bootcamp with Jacqui**”, designed to help each participant build, strengthen and improve their fitness level. Mondays May 2-June 13. 9:30 am-5:30 pm. Not sure if this class is for you? Come to a free intro class on April 25 9:30 am. Deadline to register is April 26. Fee is a non-refundable \$99.

All classes are held at W. T. Senior Center at Rock Spring Park. For info call (908) 876-5941 or recreation@wtmorris.net.



