

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.

February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, February 3

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village
5:30 pm For Hank Magnusen by Madaras Family

Sunday, February 4

8:00 am For Mary & Milton Celano by Clark Family
9:30 am For Anthony Vicchiariello by Nyman Family
11:00 am For Tom Mackie by St. Mark's Choir

Monday, February 5

8:45 am For

Tuesday, February 6

8:45 am For

Wednesday, February 7

8:45 am For John Grieve by Stokes Family

Thursday, February 8

8:45 am Mass at Heath Village

Saturday, February 10

5:30 pm For Michael Mullaney by Barron Family

Sunday, February 11

8:00 am For Helen Clark by Clark Family
9:30 am For Aeysha Qureshi by St. Mark's Staff
For Joan Bannon by Rich & Marianne Nyman
11:00 am For Irene Gecik by McGrath Family
For Bernard Cho by Stokes Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

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:

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
February 10, 11, 2018**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski
Lector: Tom Morley
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Burke
Altar Servers: Jeremy Timog

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski
Lector: Bill & Amy Barron
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Vetterl
Altar Servers: Help needed

9:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski
Lector: Kevin O'Shea
Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel
Altar Servers: Annalina Jonkoski

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski
Lector: Isabella Dilizia
Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Michonski
Altar Servers: Lea Nowak

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, February 5

8:45 am Mass
4:00- 7:00 Confirmation Interviews
4:30 pm CEC K-5 church tour
7:00 pm PAC Meeting

Tuesday, February 6

8:45 am Daily Mass
4:00-7:00 pm Confirmation Interviews
4:30 pm CEC church tour
7:00 pm Fundraising Meeting
7:30 pm Choir

Wednesday, February 7

8:45 am Daily Mass
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm JYM

Thursday, February 8

Parish Office Closed

Friday, February 9

No events planned

Saturday, February 10

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm Mass K-8 mass & Family Movie Night

Sunday, February 11

Masses, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am
Senior Youth Ministry

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2016
January 28, 2018: \$1,964.25 Envelopes used:44	January 29 , 2017: \$2,047 Envelopes used: 50
Supermarket Gift Cards: January 28, 2018 Sales: \$4,050 Profit: \$202.50 YTD Profit: \$720.50 # of Families: 18	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Mark the Evangelist with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **NJ484**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!
God Bless You, Fr. Marcin

FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,

Today we mark the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. When you are sick who do you visit to help you get better? You go to your doctor. How do you meet your doctor? You go to the office. When do you go to the office? The doctor has office hours and you go during these hours. There is another doctor, Jesus. He will also help you to get better. How and where do you go to meet him? You can meet him anytime you turn to him in prayer but his special office times are the sacraments, especially the Mass.

In the Gospel today we heard of Jesus curing Peter's mother-in-law in Capernaum, and curing many others who were sick. Jesus, who healed so many one evening in Capernaum, is willing to heal you too in this Mass and every Mass. The greatest moment for healing is when you receive Jesus in Holy Communion. During those precious minutes when you and Jesus are united very specially ask him in faith for the healing you need, and adore and praise him for all he has done for you. As well as going to your doctor when you get sick, go also to Jesus.

Tell Jesus about your pain and hurt. Feel the love of Jesus replacing your wounds with his love, healing you and making you whole again. Hear when Jesus says to you, "Your wound is not permanent, it is only temporary, I am healing you"

Those who meet Jesus and are changed discover something else. They are more human. Peter's mother-in-law was able to get up from bed and work. The people in the documentary had potential in their lives but did not know before they met Jesus. Once they met Jesus they knew they were greater than any condition they had been suffering and realized their value. Living with faith in Jesus, having Jesus in your life, makes your life more human, much better and happier, and you see your value. Jesus wants to do for us what he did for Peter's mother-in-law. Jesus wants to approach you, grasp your hand and help you up. Will you give him the time in your life every day to help you up, become more human, reach your potential and see the value of your life? Will you give Jesus time every day to approach you, grasp your hand and help you up?

Jesus is always with us. He is there to protect us from the doubts despair and illness. He is there to give us the courage to walk with him through the life. Jesus heals yesterday, today and forever.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Next Sunday, February 11th is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. On this day the Holy See reminds us of the care and dignity we must show those who are sick and disabled. We must sow the same compassion and care as was demonstrated by our Savior. The theme for this year's Day of the Sick is provided by the words that Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother, and to John: "Woman, behold your son ... Behold your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (*Jn 19:26-27*).

To Mary, Mother of tender love, we wish to entrust all those who are ill in body and soul, that she may sustain them in hope. We ask her also to help us to be welcoming to our sick brothers and sisters. The Church knows that she requires a special grace to live up to her evangelical task of serving the sick. May our prayers to the Mother of God see us united in an incessant plea that every member of the Church may live with love the vocation to serve life and health. May

the Virgin Mary intercede for this Twenty-sixth World Day of the Sick; may she help the sick to experience their suffering in communion with the Lord Jesus; and may she support all those who care for them. To all, the sick, to healthcare workers and to volunteers, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing. POPE FRANCIS

Should you know of someone who is in need of a pastoral visit from the clergy or lay ministers please do not hesitate to call the parish office 850-0652 or emergency number 201-841-4952. We will be happy to visit and provide the sacramental care requested.

HEALING MASS – OLM CHURCH- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – 10AM.

During this mass we will pray for our sick parishioners, and the sacrament of the sick will be administered to all those who are sick, and older. Join us for prayer for our sick brothers and sisters.

Lenten reflection with Fr. Marcin (Every Tuesday night during lent OLM PARISH CENTER)

First session – February 13 – 7PM

Would you like to get closer to the risen Christ this Easter?

If so, please join me and your fellow parishioners as we explore on the Sunday Lenten gospel readings each Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00. We will begin our reflection on February 13, and each Tuesday evening through March 27. Additionally, we will discuss any questions you have related to our Lenten readings. So bring a friend as we prepare to celebrate the most important feast day of the year on Easter Sunday April 1

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...

ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...

FR. MARCIN

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Apollonia – February 9

Martyr (d. 249)

St. Apollonia is described variously as a deaconess or consecrated virgin in the city of Alexandria. She was among a number of Christians martyred during a frenzy of persecution. According to the account in Eusebius's history of the Church, a mob seized Apollonia, "battered her till they knocked out all her teeth, build a pyre in front of the city, and threatened to burn her alive unless she repeated after them their heathen incantations." When she was released momentarily to consider her options, Apollonia startled her assailants by jumping into the fire. St. Augustine, for one, was troubled by the thought that Apollonia's impulsive action hovered uncomfortably close to suicide. He proposed that she may have been directly inspired in her gesture by the Holy Spirit. In any case, her defiance in the face of death showed the power of her faith and the futility of her captors' threats.

"Oh, great and wondrous struggle of his virgin, who by the grace of a compassionate God, went to the fire so as not to be burned and was burned so as not to be consumed, as if neither fire nor torture could touch her! ... By her love of heaven she expelled every earthly fear and grasped the trophy of the cross of Christ."

Blessed Jacobus de Voragine (The Golden Legend) on St. Apollonia.

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery. "You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart".

My dear brothers and sisters the catechism of the Catholic Church in the numeral 2331 teaches us about this commandment: *"God is love and in himself he lives a mystery of personal loving communion. Creating the human race in his own image. God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation, and thus the capacity and responsibility, of love and communion."*

In the Holy Scriptures says *"God created man in his own image, male and female he created them"; He blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply"; "When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created"* For that reason Sexuality affects all aspects of the human person in the unity of his body and soul. It especially concerns affectivity, the capacity to love and to procreate, and in a more general way the aptitude for forming bonds of communion with others.

Also everyone, man and woman, should acknowledge and accept his sexual identity. Physical, moral, and spiritual difference and complementarity are oriented toward the goods of marriage and the flourishing of family life. The harmony of the couple and of society depends in part on the way in which the complementarity, needs, and mutual support between the sexes are lived out. God gives man and woman an equal personal dignity. Man is a person, man and woman equally so, since both were created in the image and likeness of the personal God. God bless you.

THANK YOU...

On behalf of the Dept. of Child Protection & Permanency, I would like to thank you and the wonderful families of St. Mark's from the bottom of our hearts for the incredibly generous donations you gave to our children and families this past holiday season. We are so grateful and happy to know that there are still people who are willing to help out other people in need, especially during the holidays. Please know that your donations really did make a difference to these children and their families. We hope you have a great 2018 and I look forward to hearing from you again next year! Thank you once again, we couldn't do it without you! Elena Fletcher

FUNDRAISING MEETING...

Tuesday February 6 at 7:00 pm. Please join us as we prepare for upcoming events. All are welcome.

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY...

The Knights of Columbus will be having an eyeglass recycling container in St. Mark's gathering space beginning February 1 through February 28, 2018. Please donate your used eyeglasses which will be given to the needy and be sincerely appreciated.

WONDERS OF CHOCOLATE...

The Long Valley Columbiettes will be hosting a chocolate festival on Sunday, February 25th at St. Mark's from 3-5pm. Delicious chocolate desserts, coffee & tea will be included along with cake auctions and specialty baskets for bid. Music by Robin and Peter will provide wonderful and loving entertainment. Tickets are \$12 which will be sold at the door and after all masses at OLM and St. Mark's on February 17/18. For more information, please contact 908-342-6305. Proceeds benefit charities supported by the LV Columbiettes. Thank you for your support.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS AT ST. MARK'S SAVE THE DATES...

- March 4 – Annual Pot Luck Lunch
- April 6 – Winetasting
- April 29 – St. Mark's 30th Anniversary Mass and Luncheon. Bishop Arthur Serratelli will be our celebrant at the 11:00 am mass.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY...

All ladies of OLM and St. Mark parishes are invited to join us for our Rosary Altar Society Meeting at OLM on Tues., Feb. 6 at 7:15 pm. We begin with the Rosary followed by Mass and the Novena to our Blessed Mother, and end with our meeting where you can enjoy some refreshments. There are many ways you may want to participate in the various activities our organization is involved with to help our church and some other worthwhile causes. Come find out what we're all about, meet some new friends, renew your old friendships and give yourself a night out. Hope to see you there.

ST. LUKES' CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM...

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be held during the month of January and February, Tuesday through Thursday from 12-1pm at the Preschool. Forms are in the gathering space and on the St. Luke website at www.stlukeparishlv.com Questions - email preschool@stlukelv.org

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Randi Alloway, Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Kenneth Bernisky, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Emily Condit, Natalia Danilczuk, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, Elizabeth, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Jerry Green, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Joey, Claudia Kallmeyer, Jim Karpinski, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Wayne Marks, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene, Madelyn S. Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Meghan McDonough, Harold & Mary McKay, Edward Michonski, Sr., Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Josh Olsen, Jim Owens, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Pilosi, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner, Rev. Frank Rodimer, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy, Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Rev. Zbigniew Tyburski, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

