

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

March 25, 2018



Saturday, March 24
5:30 pm For Margaret McQuaide by Lennon Family

Sunday, March 25(Palm Sunday)
8:00 am For Claire Grieve by Stokes Family
9:30 am For Bernie Cho by Cho Family
11:00 am For Bill Perry by Bob Uccardi

Monday, March 26
8:45 am For

Tuesday, March 27
8:45 am For

Wednesday, March 28
8:45 am For Michael Granich by David Donlon

Holy Thursday, March 29
No morning mass
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Last Supper

Good Friday, March 30
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 31
8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 1
8:00 am For Rose Maddaloni by Veras Family
9:30 am Parishioners of St. Mark's
11:00 am For Bernie Cho by Cho Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
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: In loving memory of Joseph F. Casey III by Mitchell Family

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
March 31, April 1, 2018**

Easter Vigil - Saturday, 8:00 pm
Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno, Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski
Lector: TBD
Eucharistic Ministers: TBD
Altar Servers: TBD

Easter Sunday, 8:00 am
Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
Lector: Susan Vetterl
Eucharistic Ministers: TBD
Altar Servers:

9:30 am
Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski
Lector: Katie Van Woert
Eucharistic Ministers: TBD
Altar Servers: TBD

11:00 am
Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski
Lector: Al & David Escudero
Eucharistic Ministers: TBD
Altar Servers: TBD

Palm Sunday

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, March 26
8:45 am Mass

Tuesday, March 27
8:45 am Mass
7:30 pm Choir

Wednesday, March 28
8:45 am Mass
9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Holy Thursday, March 29
8:45 am Mass
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Last Supper

Good Friday, March 30
Parish Office Closed
12:00 pm Long Valley Cross Walk
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

10:00 am Blessing of Easter Food

Saturday, March 31
8:00 am Men's Bible Study
8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 1
Masses, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2016
March 18, 2018: \$2,683 Envelopes used: 54 Extended Catholic \$385 Envelopes used: 20	March 19, 2017: \$2,460 Envelopes used: 48 Extended Catholic \$536 Envelopes used: 28
Supermarket Gift Cards: March 11, 2018 Sales: \$3,650 Profit: \$182.50 YTD Profit: \$1,753.75 # of Families: 21	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

GIFT CARD SELLERS NEEDED...

If you are looking for a way to get involved with St Marks, the Gift Card Program, our biggest fund raiser, needs sellers for the following time slots; 4th Saturday of month at 5:30pm, any week for the Sunday 8:00am Mass and the 2nd Sunday of the month at 9:30. Volunteering for this program will not interfere with work or school schedules, we simply need 15 minutes of your time once a month after Mass. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Hanifin at marykhanifin@yahoo.com

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 support of our parish family. God Bless you, Fr. Marcin

FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,



..... is the day we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, one week before His resurrection (Matthew 21:1–11). As Jesus entered the holy city, He neared the culmination of a long journey toward Golgotha. He had come to save the lost (Luke 19:10), and now was the time—this was the place—to secure that salvation. Palm Sunday marked the start of what is often called “Holy Week,” the final seven days of Jesus’ earthly ministry. Palm Sunday was the “beginning of the end” of Jesus’ work on earth.

Palm Sunday began with Jesus and His disciples traveling over the Mount of Olives. The Lord sent two disciples ahead into the village of Bethpage to find an animal to ride. They found the unbroken colt of a donkey, just as Jesus had said they would (Luke 19:29–30). When they untied the colt, the owners began to question them. The disciples responded with the answer Jesus had provided: “The Lord needs it” (Luke 19:31–34). Amazingly, the owners were satisfied with that answer and let the disciples go. “They brought the donkey to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it” (Luke 19:35).



As Jesus ascended toward Jerusalem, a large multitude gathered around Him. This crowd understood that Jesus was the Messiah; what they did not understand was that it wasn’t time to set up the kingdom yet—although Jesus had tried to tell them so (Luke 19:11–12). The crowd’s actions along the road give rise to the name “Palm Sunday”: “A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road” (Matthew 21:8). In strewing their cloaks on the road, the people were giving Jesus the royal treatment—King Jehu was given similar honor at his coronation (2 Kings 9:13). John records the detail that the branches they cut were from palm trees (John 12:13).



Even as the coatless multitudes waved the palm branches and shouted for joy, they missed the true reason for Jesus’ presence. They could neither see nor understand the cross. That’s why, “as [Jesus] approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, ‘If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies . . . will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you’” (Luke 19:41–47). It is a tragic thing to see the Savior but not recognize Him for who He is. The crowds who were crying out

“Hosanna!” on Palm Sunday were crying out “Crucify Him!” later that week (Matthew 27:22–23).

Our Lady of the Mountain pray for us...

St. Mark’s pray for us...

With prayer,

Fr. Marcin



Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of the Eucharist prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. During the Passover meal, Jesus breaks bread and gives it to his Disciples, uttering the words, “This is my body, which is given for you.” Subsequently, he passes a cup filled with wine. He then says, “this is my blood...” it is believed those who eat of Christ’s flesh and blood shall have eternal life.

HOLY MASS – 7:00PM. AFTER MASS ADORATION OF THE SACRAMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE OLD DAILY CHAPEL

Good Friday is the day on which we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. According to the gospels, Jesus was betrayed by Judas on the night of the Last Supper, commemorated on Holy Thursday.

**LITURGY OF THE GOOD FRIDAY WITH THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS – 7PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 3:00PM**

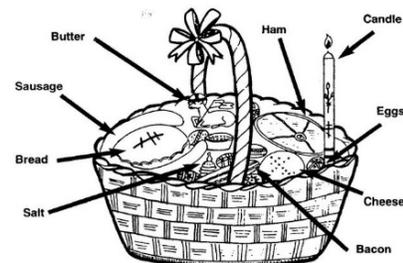
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) is the high point of the Easter triduum celebrating the passion and resurrection of Jesus. With a rich display of symbols, rites and readings, the church in worship expresses her faith in the mystery that brings her into being.

Rejoice! This night says as it brings before us the deepest symbols of our hopes and fears. The darkness, sign of evil and death, has been overcome by light. A lamp, a candle has been lit; a fire is enkindled in our hearts; a nourishing water flows through our lives; a baptism destroys what is unclean and brings to life again.

Rejoice! This night says to all creation. The Word who made all things, as a new Adam, freshly proclaims God’s promise of life. All creation celebrates God’s love.

CELEBRATION OF THE EASTER VIGIL – 8PM

**A Traditional Blessing of the Easter Food.
HOLY SATURDAY AT 10AM
Basket Contents and Symbolism**



Butter: This dairy product is often shaped into a lamb, reminding us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

Easter Bread: A round rye loaf topped with a cross, symbolic of Jesus, the Bread of Life.

Horseradish: Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds, but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection.

Eggs: Indicate new life and Christ's Resurrection from the Tomb.

Sausage: A spicy sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity.

Ham: Symbolic of great joy and abundance.

Smoked Bacon: A symbol of the over abundance of God's mercy and generosity.

Salt: So necessary an element in our physical life, that Jesus used its symbolism: "You are the salt of the earth."

Cheese: Shaped into a ball, it is the symbol of the moderation Christians should have.

A candle, often marked like the Paschal Candle lit during the Easter Vigil, is inserted into the basket to represent Christ, Light of the World.

A colorful ribbon and sometimes sprigs of greenery are attached.

The linen cover is drawn over the top and is ready for the trek to the blessing.

!!!PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY WEEK!!!

St. Dismas – March 25

The Good Thief (First Century)

St. Dismas is the name traditionally assigned to one of the two criminals – most likely insurrectionists – who were crucified on either side of Jesus on Golgotha. According to the Gospel of Luke (chapter 23), one of these criminals joined in the general mockery of the crowd: "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other criminal, however, rebuked him: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." Addressing the Lord, he said: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

These words elicited from Jesus one of the most poignant lines in Scripture: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Many apocryphal legends of St. Dismas circulated in the early Church, and his name was added to the Roman martyrology. His story is a reminder that physical proximity to Jesus was no guarantee of salvation. Those who taunted him on the cross or pounded the nails in his hands were just as close. But words of true faith – even uttered in the last moments of a wretched life – could open the doors of paradise.

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. St. Dismas (Luke 23:42)

FROM FR. JAVIER...

The Seventh Commandment - You shall not steal.

Dear's brothers and sisters let us continue our learning from the seventh commandment, in which it is promoted the respect for the integrity of creation; "*Animals, like plants and inanimate beings, are*

by nature destined for the common good of past, present, and future humanity. Use of the mineral, vegetable, and animal resources of the universe cannot be divorced from respect for moral imperatives. Man's dominion over inanimate and other living beings granted by the Creator is not absolute; it is limited by concern for the quality of life of his neighbor, including generations to come; it requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation".

Animals are God's creatures. He surrounds them with his providential care. By their mere existence they bless him and give him glory. Thus men owe them kindness. We should recall the gentleness with which saints like St. Francis of Assisi treated animals.

Also God entrusted animals to the stewardship of those whom he created in his own image. Hence it is legitimate to use animals for food and clothing. They may be domesticated to help man in his work and leisure. Medical and scientific experimentation on animals is a morally acceptable practice, if it remains within reasonable limits and contributes to caring for or saving human lives.

It is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly. It is likewise unworthy to spend money on them that should as a priority go to the relief of human misery. One can love animals; one should not direct to them the affection due only to persons. May God be with you always.

ST. MARK'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION...

We are assembling a Commemorative Program for our Anniversary Celebration on April 29 and would welcome any parishioner's supportive ad. There are flyers with details in the Gathering Space.

ST. MARK'S WINE TASTING/DINNER – FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH

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! Friday, April 6th 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Sign up in the gathering space. Cost is \$30/person (\$25/person if paid by April 1st.) Place checks payable to St. Mark's in the box in the gathering space.

LONG VALLEY COLUMBIETTES...

Collection of underwear for men, women and children and women's feminine products to be donated to Fr. English Center and Operation Chill out. A box will be in the gathering space the weekend of April 7/8. Thank you so much for your support.

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, 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 Plosi, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Soto, Cindy Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Rev. Zbigniew Tyburski, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

