

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

December 29, 2019 ~ the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph


MASS INTENTIONS
 OF THE WEEK

Saturday, December 28

5:30 pm For Roger Blanchette *by Gosselin Family*

Sunday, December 29

9:00 am For Helen P. Kralik *by Schwint Family*

11:00 am For Dan Salerno *by Tom & Joanne Solecki*

Monday, December 30

8:45 am For deceased priests

Tuesday, December 31 New Year's Eve

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Mark's

Wednesday, January 1 New Year's Day

9:30 am For Patti McCarthy *by Fania Family*

Thursday, January 2

8:45 am For

Saturday, January 4

5:30 pm Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sunday, January 5

9:00 am For Roy Serruto *by Madaras Family*

11:00 am For Annmarie Huntz *by Schmitt Family*

For Luis Eltora *by Skoczylas Family*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 4, 5, 2019

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Lector	Euch. Ministers	Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Lector	Euch. Ministers	Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Lector	Euch. Ministers	Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed

New Schedules were not available.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, December 30

8:45 am -----Mass

Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Eve

5:00 pm -----Vigil Mass

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1

9:30 am..... Mass

5K Run

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

8:45 am ----- Mass

Friday, January 3

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 4

8:00 am -----Men's Bible Study

5:30Mass

Sunday, January 5

9:00 am-----Mass

11:00 am-----Mass

Senior Youth Ministry



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
December 22, 2019 Figures Not Available	December 22, 2018 Figures Not Available
Supermarket Gift Cards December 22, 2019 Sales:------\$3,175 Figures not available	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

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. Signing up is easy! Visit faith.direct/NJ484, All ready using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You, Fr. Marcin



For the month of December

Sanctuary Lamp: In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone and Aeneas and Genevieve Corry *by Corry/Benardone family*

Altar Breads & Wine: In loving memory of Jan and Amelia Krzywosz, and Wladyslaw and Anna Skoczylas *by Skoczylas Family*

Mass Candles:

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

On this first Sunday after Christmas every year when families are reunited again, the Church places before us for our reflection the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The family is part of God's plan for us. God wants our families to be holy. The family is the basic unit of society and the Church; we could say the family is a little church. It is in the family that we first learn to communicate. It is in the family that we learn what love is. It is in the family that we first learn to forgive and to pray. It is in the family that we first learn about God and Jesus and Our Lady. It is in the family that first we learn our values and what is good and bad. The future of humanity depends on the family because it is through families that society continues. There are many attempts to destroy the family in our times but if the family will be destroyed in western society, the western world will crumble because all humanity comes through the family. There are many attempts today to redefine the family but they do not reflect God's plan for the family.

The Letter to the Ephesians reveals much to us about God's plan for the family. Husbands are to love their wives just as Christ loves the Church; in fact their love is to be a reflection of Christ's love for the Church. Children are to be obedient to their parents. The Letter to the Colossians reminds us to put the message of Christ in the center of our homes and lives.

I believe that the greatest threat facing families now is simply that we don't spend enough time together. We are so busy working, or socializing, or watching TV that we have less and less time for each other. When we love our family we want to sacrifice ourselves by spending time with them, and all the more so when we realize that by not spending time with them we are depriving them of our love and hurting them.



To encourage families today I want to share with you words that we first heard from Pope John Paul II: **To all I say, revere and protect your family and your family life, for the family is the primary field of Christian action for the Irish laity, the place where your 'royal priesthood' is chiefly exercised. The Christian family has been in the past Ireland's greatest spiritual resource. Modern conditions and social changes have created new patterns and new difficulties for family life and for Christian marriage. I want to say to you: do not be discouraged, do not follow the trends where a close-knit family is seen as outdated; the Christian family is more important for the Church and for society today than ever before.**" (Homily of Pope John Paul II in Limerick, Monday October 1st, 1979)

Family, believe in what you are; believe in your vocation to be a luminous sign of God's love"....Family, be for the people of our time a "sanctuary of life". Christian family, be a "domestic church", faithful to your evangelical vocation.

Let us thank God for all the graces and blessings our families enjoy and let us also ask God to bless our families and help our families continue to grow to become what they are called to be.

JANUARY 1ST – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



On January 1st in the liturgy of the church we celebrate Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. What does the title Mother of God say about Jesus? It means that the humanity and divinity of Jesus are united in Jesus. There is not a separate human Jesus and a separate divine Jesus, there is one Jesus with a human nature and a divine nature, true God and true man, and because there is one Jesus we say Mary is Mother of God.

MASSSES AT ST. MARK:

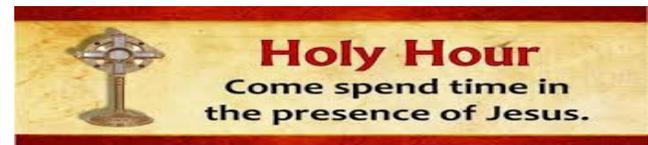
New Year's Eve: 5PM

New Year's Day: 9:30AM

MASSSES AT OLM:

New Year's Eve: 4:30PM

New Year's Day: 10AM, 12NOON



Every First Friday of the month at **OLM CHURCH** we have Holy Hour (7pm – 8pm). During Holy Hour priest is also available for Sacrament of Reconciliation.

WHY SPENDING A HOLY HOUR BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT?

- You are greatly needed! "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration." (Pope John Paul II).
- This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." (Pope John Paul II).
- Jesus is counting on you because the Eucharist is the center of life.
- Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth.
- Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to him!
- You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus!
- The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus, your Best Friend, in the Blessed Sacrament!
- If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome him, but he remains hidden in the Sacred Host

under the appearance of bread, because he is calling us to faith, that we many come to him in humility.

- If the Pope himself would give you a special invitation to visit him in the Vatican, this honor would be nothing in comparison to the honor and dignity that Jesus himself bestows upon you with the invitation of spending one hour with him in the Blessed Sacrament.

WILL WE VISIT JESUS THIS FRIDAY? HE IS WAITING FOR US...

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD...

We will not distribute the Precious Blood at all masses for winter season. Distribution of the Precious Blood will come back on Holy Thursday (It is a beautiful day to be able to receive Holy Communion under two forms). It is winter time and flu season, and during this time some people get sick and to protect the health of our parishioners I made this pastoral decision for the good of the parish and our good parishioners. When we receive the Bread of Life we still receive the whole Jesus his Body and Blood. **It is nothing new! The same was last year and two years ago.**

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH - The Sacrament of Holy Orders The Celebration of this Sacrament

My dear brothers and sisters, given the importance that the ordination of a bishop, a priest, or a deacon has for the life of the particular Church, its celebration calls for as many of the faithful as possible to take part. It should take place preferably on Sunday, in the cathedral, with solemnity appropriate to the occasion. All three ordinations, of the bishop, of the priest, and of the deacon, follow the same movement. Their proper place is within the Eucharistic liturgy.

The essential rite of the sacrament of Holy Orders for all three degrees consists in the bishop's imposition of hands on the head of the ordinand and in the bishop's specific consecratory prayer asking God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and his gifts proper to the ministry to which the candidate is being ordained.

According with the catechism of the Catholic Church in all the sacraments there are additional rites surround the celebration. *"Varying greatly among the different liturgical traditions, these rites have in common the expression of the multiple aspects of sacramental grace. Thus in the Latin Church, the initial rites - presentation and election of the ordinand, instruction by the bishop, examination of the candidate, litany of the saints - attest that the choice of the candidate is made in keeping with the practice of the Church and prepare for the solemn act of consecration, after which several rites symbolically express and complete the mystery accomplished: for bishop and priest, an anointing with holy chrism, a sign of the special anointing of the Holy Spirit who makes their ministry fruitful; giving the book of the Gospels, the ring, the miter, and the crosier to the bishop as the sign of his apostolic mission to proclaim the Word of God, of his fidelity to the Church, the bride of Christ, and his office as shepherd of the Lord's flock; presentation to the priest of the paten and chalice, "the offering of the holy people" which he is called to present to God; giving the book of the Gospels to the deacon who has just received the mission to proclaim the Gospel of Christ."*

God bless you



The Knights are sponsoring a bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 24, 2020. To reserve a seat or more info email mike.lennon@comcast.net

Reflection for the Week

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

MT 7:12

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 dry the mourners tear,
The tired heart we cheer,
Faith in our works appeal"

Become a Knight!

www.lvkofc.org

Religious Education News

SIGN UP SHEET FOR FOOD FOR ANTIOCH RETREAT...

There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space for food items that are needed to feed our teens and adults who will be attending the Antioch Retreat on January 24-26. Your Support is greatly appreciated.



Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, Jamie Barone, Bob & Jeff Cheripka, Daria Cremonini, Brittany Cicchino, Carol DeAlvandles, Ann Geary, Sue Geary, Heidi L., Daniel Huntz, Suzy Ladlee, Vincent Lai, Mary McArdle, Denise Niessing, Girard Nolte, Jr., Rosemarie Picarelli, Georgette Petromelis, Christopher Popp, Tim Popp, John S, Don & Joyce Schmitt, George and Ann Senftinger, Fredrick Senftinger, Special Intention, Tracy Tobin, Christopher Zeliff



In Memory/Honor of:

Stokes, Grieve, Chamber, Totin Families, Jan & Amelia Krzywosz, Wlabyslaw & Anna Skoczylas, Leo & Dorothy Vilari, Bertha Vansikle, Stoffers Family, Joseph Callaremi, Sr., Hobbie Family, Wolowicz Family, RoseMarie Linfante, Jute Family, DelGuercio Family, Jean Redmond, Ellen & Charles Eichler, Veno Family, Hannah Magistro, Bill & Mary Kuhl, Johnny & Margaret Burke, John David Burke, Stanley Guzek, Cho Family, Ann Marie Huntz, Dave Woeste, Frank & Joy Warner, Anthony & Anna Monteverde, Thomas & Julia Dugan, Patricia Barone

