

# ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST R.C.

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**Parish Mission Statement:** We are a family-centered Catholic Christian faith community journeying together toward a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ our Savior. We do this through: worship and prayer, reflection on the work of God and Wisdom of the church, and fellowship and service towards others.

We are called to a hopeful vision of our parish community based on Evangelization, Outreach, and Youth Ministry. We welcome everyone into our family community who is moved to join us on our journey of modeling Christ's love.

## Parish Staff

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## Mass Schedule

Daily Mass  
At OLM only 9:30 am

Weekend  
Saturday: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am

Holyday  
8:45 am & 7:00 pm

Heath Village  
Temporarily Discontinued  
Second Sunday: 10:45 am,  
Health Care Center

**Registration:** Every family should be registered. Forms are available at the parish office or you can find them on the table in the Gathering Space of the Church or [www.stmarksnj.org](http://www.stmarksnj.org)

## Ministries

Altar Servers: Fr. Marcin Michalowski-----850-0652

Bible Study  
Scott Branco (Men)-----684-8282  
Lorraine Fleming (Women)-----813-0152

Columbiettes: Laura Bigos -----551-206-9874

CYO Basketball: Jessica Jackson -----850-1838

Elizabeth Ministry: Angel Nowak -----813-0663

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Lee-----908-619-3835

Food Pantry: Matthew Corry -----850-9394

Fund Raising: Kim Dunn-----908-887-3100

Heath Village: Rick Gebbia-----979-9909

Knights of Columbus: Mike Lennon-----852-9362

Lectors: Joanne Lee-----908-619-3835

Music  
Melissa Heike -----201-874-2503  
Kristen O'Shea-----850-0652

Supermarket Cert.: Mary Hanifin-----813-1434

Local Youth Protection / Safe Environment  
Coordinator: Sue Caracciolo-----850-0652

## Devotions at OLM Church

1st Saturday: 9:00 am - Confession; 9:30 am - Rosary; 10:00 am - Holy Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession: At 7:00 - 8:00 pm, first Monday of the month.

Divine Mercy Devotion: At 3:00 pm, first Friday of the month.

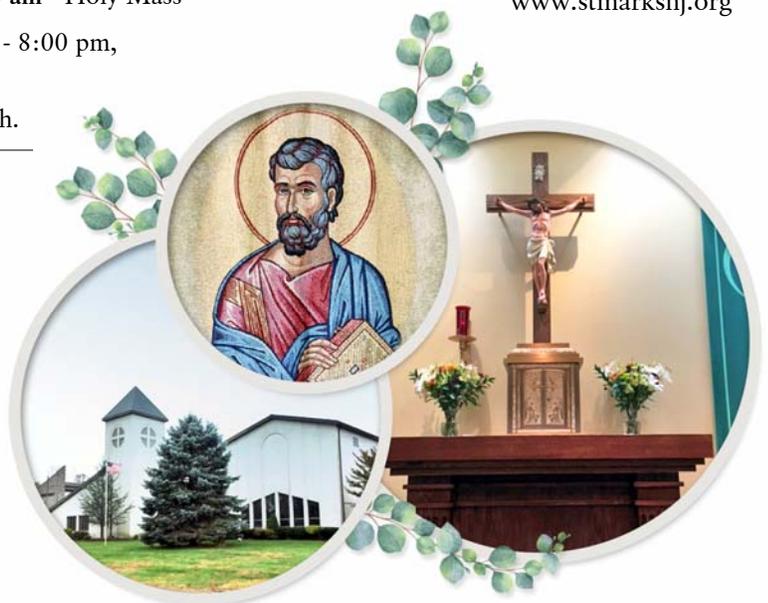
**Pastoral Care For The Sick:** Please call Parish Office when a member of the family is in the hospital needing a visit or is seriously ill and needing the Sacrament of the Sick.

**Baptism:** Celebrated on Sundays at 10:00 am, 12:00 pm or during any Mass. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

**Marriage:** The preparation process for your wedding should begin as soon as you become engaged. Preparation process should begin at least one year before the desired date of your wedding.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Private confessions are celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday before 9:00 am mass, or by appointment.

We're on the web:  
[www.stmarksnj.org](http://www.stmarksnj.org)



*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

**January 31, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
OF THE WEEK

**Saturday, January 30**

5:30 pm For Richard Nyman *by Fania Family*

**Sunday, January 31**

9:00 am For Joan Sodano *by Solecki Family*  
For Marilyn Uccardi *by Hughes Family*

**Saturday, February 6**

5:30 pm For Theresa Sullivan *by Stokes Family*  
For Frank Roehrig *by Sue & Grace Reilly*

**Sunday, February 7**

9:00 am For John F. Monaco, Jr. *by Fania Family*



**MASS CARDS...**

Mass cards are available in the parish office. Remember that giving a mass intention is not only for a deceased person. A mass intention can be for a special occasion such as an anniversary or birthday. Donation is \$15.

**For the Month of January**

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

**Mass Candles:**

**Altar Breads & Wine:**

**LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

Saturday, Jan., 30	5:30 pm	Joanne Lee
Sunday, Jan. 31	9:00 am	Tony Cretella
Saturday, Feb. 6	5:30 pm	Jordan Roehrig
Sunday, Feb. 7	9:00 am	Jeremy Timog
Saturday, Feb. 13	5:30 pm	Joanne Lee
Sunday, Feb. 14	9:00 am	Tony Cretella
Saturday, Feb. 20	5:30 pm	Gabrielle Nowak
Sunday, Feb. 21	9:00 am	Suzanne Van Hoorebeke
Saturday, Feb. 27	5:30 pm	Al Escudero
Sunday, Feb. 28	9:00 am	Tom Hanifin

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**January 24, 2021:** \$1,000  
Online for January: \$9,360

St. Mark's Faith Direct  
Church Code is **NJ484**

**Supermarket Gift Cards**  
**Sales:** \$600  
**Profit:** \$30  
**YTD Profit:** \$240  
**# families:** 3

SHOPRITE and WEIS Gift Cards are sold after all weekend masses and in the parish office during the week.

You can now text your gift to St. Mark's. We've made it easier than ever to make a gift with our new text-to-give option. To securely make a gift to St. Mark's, text a dollar amount to 908-857-4699 and click the link that pops up seconds later. Enter your credit card information, email, name and address and complete the process. St. Mark's has now been blessed with your gift.

If you attend Mass at either Our Lady of the Mountain or St. Luke's you can drop your St. Mark's envelope in the collection basket and it will be credited as your donation to St. Mark's.  
If you do not have a St. Mark's parish envelope you can put your donation in a plain envelope with your name and "For St. Mark's"

**FAITH DIRECT...**

This new year is filled with hope and promise-opportunities abound to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2021, St. Mark's is reaching out to our parishioners. Begin the new year with eGiving to help sustain and build ministries throughout 2021 that reflect the promise of God's love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts will help people all around us. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/NJ484](http://faith.direct/NJ484). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.  
God Bless You, Fr. Marcin



**All- powerful and ever-living God the la sting 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.**

Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, James Barone, Bob & Jeff Cheripka, Louise Chiusano, Daria Cremonini, Brittany Cicchino, Carol DeAlvandes, Hugh Divine, Trisha Drechsel. Ann Geary, Sue Geary, Heidi L., Daniel Huntz, Vincent Lai, Mary McArdle, Denise Niessing, Girard Nolte, Jr., Georgette Petromelis, Rosemarie Picarelli, Christopher Popp, Tim Popp, John S, Don & Joyce Schmitt, George and Ann, Senftinger, Fredrick Senftinger, James Sillman, Special Intention, Josh Winnker, Christopher Zeliff



**BLESSING OF THROATS** – The annual blessing of the throat in commemoration of the Feast of Saint Blasé, Bishop and Martyr, will take place at the Masses on February 6 and 7. Due to the pandemic the faithful will not receive an individual blessing but rather a “community blessing” this year.



FEAST OF THE  
PRESENTATION  
OF THE LORD

February 2nd

On Tuesday (February 2<sup>nd</sup>) we celebrate **The Presentation of the Lord**. At 9:30 am mass at **OLM CHURCH** we will bless candles so if you have a candle you use for

devotional purpose at home please bring it with you to church on Tuesday morning.

**(OLM CHURCH) --- Holy Hour with St. Joseph – Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. 7pm-8pm. The Holy See has proclaimed 2021 the Year of St. Joseph for the Universal Church.** Throughout the year we strive to honor St. Joseph as the guardian and protector of the Church and her faithful with heartfelt prayer and devotion, encouraging all to take his virtuous life as our model for fulfilling our personal vocation to holiness. **“Let us ask St. Joseph to intercede for us, to obtain God’s blessing on us as we make our way in life this year.”**

**From Fr. Jayke...**

My dear brothers and sisters, the Catholic Church proclaims that human labor is transformed into a very good and holy thing when it is offered to God. But if we take God’s eternal plan out of the equation, we will turn our labor into an idol. And as we all know, human labor can become an idol or a means to support idol worship. This happens when our life is centered on a false God of prosperity, prestige, or mere pursuit of the good life. Having this kind of lifestyle, we will likely reap a harvest of exhaustion and unhappiness. However, if we are a family of faith, who places Christ at the center of our lives, including our weekly schedules and activities, meals, chores, conversations, parenting, work, vacations, civic responsibilities, decisions, problems, crises, accomplishments, and losses, then our whole lives will be changed and charged with God’s presence.

That is why the Catholic Church raised up for us the wonderful example of St. Joseph, who offers himself totally to God. With St. Joseph, he reminds us and the world that human labor is not just about building a communist paradise or making a name for ourselves. For him, our labor is to respect God, reflect God, and always be at the service of God. St. Joseph offered to God with patience and joy, the daily labor of his carpenter’s shop, and provided for the necessities of his holy spouse and of the Incarnate Son of God. That is why St. Joseph is a wonderful example for each one of us my dear brothers and sisters, because he put Christ at the center of his life. Also, he served God in all his endeavors and he labored for the good of his family. Furthermore, he is a reminder for all of us laborers to keep God as part of our work so that we become cooperators with God. This means that through our human labor, we can cultivate God’s creation by cultivating fields, harvesting

fruits, making the world not only habitable, but a place where knowledge, life, beauty and right worship prosper. God brings about great goodness when we unite our labors with His.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, let us always remember that when our labors are begun with faith, and carried out with faith, as it is in the example of St. Joseph, labor can become an opportunity for an encounter with God and imitation of God, who Himself is described in Scripture as a worker, a shepherd, a tender of vineyards, a gardener, and a creator. That is why may St. Joseph whose labors continue to touch us, help all workers and all of us to keep Christ at the center of our lives.

P.S. As we continue to celebrate the year of St. Joseph, I would like to invite you and your family to join me this coming Monday, February 1, 2020, for a Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of the Mountain Church at 7 pm to 8 pm. Confessions will be available before and during the Eucharistic Adoration. Also, during the adoration, I will be giving a small talk about St. Joseph with the topic: Joseph Most Chase. So, please consider joining us and spread the word. Thank you and may you have a wonderful weekend. God bless!



Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love your neighbor as yourself”. Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

**Reflection for the Week**

*Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by those moments that take our breath away.*

*George Carlin*

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.lvkofc.org](http://www.lvkofc.org)



**THANK YOU FROM DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES...**

On behalf of the families of DCP, I would like to thank you for your most generous donations to our families this past holiday season.

With this unprecedented and uncertain time, I am so grateful your families chose and was able to still help out the needy families of DCP. It was no small gesture and definitely did not go unnoticed or unappreciated! Our families were grateful for everything they received for their gifts.

I truly hope you are all staying safe and healthy. Thank you once again for your amazing generosity.

Elena Fletcher, AFSW3

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses explains to the people that a prophet will come from among them, and that they should listen to this prophet's words, for God has told him of this prophet. God also tells Moses that anyone who pretends to speak in his words, or speaks in the name of other gods shall die.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul tells the Corinthians how an unmarried man or woman is able to devote themselves fully to God without concern for the needs of a spouse. Paul explains that God wants to help them promote good and devote themselves more fully to God.

### Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

As Jesus was teaching, a man with an unclean spirit came to the synagogue and asked if Jesus had come to destroy them. Jesus ordered the spirit out of the man, who shrieked violently as the spirit departed. The people were amazed at the authority he had over the spirit.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### VALENTINE'S DAY ROSE SALE...

The Long Valley First Aid Squad Auxiliary is hosting our 2nd Annual Valentine's Day Rose Sale happening on Friday February 12th from 12pm-8pm, Saturday February 13th from 9am-5pm and Sunday February 14th from 10am-2pm at the LV First Aid Squad building on East Mill Rd. We are selling 1 Dozen Red Roses for \$40, 1 Dozen Non-Red Roses for \$30, and Red singles for \$5. We are accepting pre-orders through our website [www.store.lvfas.org](http://www.store.lvfas.org) now through Feb. 11th and also accepting walk-ins on Friday February 12th from 12pm-8pm, Saturday February 13th from 9am-5pm and Sunday February 14th from 10am-2pm. All Roses will be for pick-up at the Long Valley First Aid Squad building at 70 East Mill Rd in Long Valley. Our fundraising helps us support the Long Valley First Aid Squad with new equipment. \*Please be aware, due to the global pandemic we may have to cancel or adjust the event closer to the date.

### ST. LUKE CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL...

We are currently accepting registrations for 2021-2022 school year. This is how families describe the St. Luke preschool program: "Impressive, Outstanding, Highly Recommended, Well Rounded". Call to make an appointment to visit our school 908-876-3515, Ext. 41. Come see for yourself how we can give your child an excellent start on a successful school career! Forms can be accessed on the St. Luke Website at [www.stlukeparishlv.com](http://www.stlukeparishlv.com). Upon Registration, a \$50 non-refundable check is required to reserve your child's enrollment. If you have questions, email us at [preschool@stlukelv.org](mailto:preschool@stlukelv.org)

**SUMMER CAMP...VILLA Walsh Academy** will be holding their Summer Camp with two sessions offered: Session 1: June 28-July 2, Session 2: July 12-July 16. Full & half day sessions available. Sports, Art & Drama Grades 3-12. New this year: Co-ed Volleyball for high school students and Evening Girls Basketball for High School students. For more information go to [www.summertimecamp@villawalsh.org](http://www.summertimecamp@villawalsh.org)

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION** is celebrating the luck of the Irish with their Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on **Wednesday, March 17, 2021**. Unfortunately because of COVID-19, our luncheon will be **to-go**. The delicious American-Irish Traditional Luncheon will be catered by The Valley Restaurant and can be picked up at Washington Township Senior Center, 35 East Springtown Road, Long Valley between the hours of 11:30am-12:45pm. You must be pre-registered for this luncheon, as we are unable to take walk-ins. So please promptly send your nonrefundable resident fee of \$10.50 and/or \$11.50 for non-residents before the deadline of **March 8, 2021**. All checks must be made out to "W.T. Recreation" and dropped off or mailed to "Washington Township Recreation," 50 Rock Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853. For inquiries you are invited to call, 908.876.5941 or email [recreation@wtmorris.net](mailto:recreation@wtmorris.net).



### HELP TO EARN MONEY FOR ST MARK'S WHILE YOU SHOP

*Now You Have the Option to Order Gift Cards And Have Them Delivered to Your Home When You Join St Mark's ShopWithScrip Program and Purchase Them Through The RaiseRight App!*

*St Mark's invites all families to join our new fundraising program ShopWithScrip. When you join you will be able to buy gift cards from your favorite brands to use for your daily purchases or to give to others as gifts. This program will enable families to raise money for St Mark's by earning a rebate for each gift card purchased. Scrip gift cards are the same gift cards you purchase from the retailer and with hundreds of retailers participating, the earning potential is high. Redeem them in stores, online, or through other websites such as Rakuten,*

*For example, if you purchase a Bath & Body Works gift card for \$50, 12% or \$6 goes directly to St Mark's. **SIGN UP TODAY***

Go to <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> Join A Program

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Today we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. In Today's Gospel Jesus goes to the synagogue in Capernaum with four of his disciples where people are astonished that he teaches with such authority. A man in the synagogue, possessed by an evil spirit, recognizes Jesus as the Holy One of God? Who has come to destroy the spirits of evil. After Jesus casts out the evil spirit, the people in the synagogue are amazed at the power and authority that Jesus possesses, and go out to spread his fame throughout Galilee. Jesus, the Son of God, has all the authority in the universe. God created all things through him and put all things under him.

What do we mean when we speak about the authority of the Lord? What do we mean when we talk about authority in general? What ways do we exercise authority? What ways do we exercise the authority of the Lord?

Jesus uses authority to serve, not to be served. Jesus uses his authority to help us, not to destroy us. And that is how he wants us to use whatever authority we might have. Whether our authority is at home, at work, or somewhere else, he wants us to use it to help others, not to make ourselves into big shots.

Sin itself is an enemy that does us damage and lords it over us. **What is your enemy?** What habit, what sin? What has you beaten down, enslaved? Whatever it is, it cannot withstand the authority of Jesus. When we stand close to Jesus, these enemies cannot have the last word and cannot push us around. When our attention is on Jesus, they do not seem so fearsome, so strong, because Jesus puts them down – overcomes them. In Jesus, we are bold and strong, and these fears and sinful habits are weak and insignificant. **Give our problems to him and trust him. Lord Jesus is for us, now and always.**

Christ Jesus won the victory for you, you who realize your own helplessness. It is victory over sin, over Satan, over death and the demons of hell. And he delivers this victory to us by his word, the very word we are hearing right now. **Do we believe that God's word has power to set us free and to transform our life?**

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#### **.CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK.**



Today is the start of National Catholic Schools Week, and Catholic schools have an important mission given to them by the Lord, and that mission is being communities of faith, knowledge and service.

Pope Francis when a Cardinal wrote: "The education of children and young people is such an important task in forming them as free and responsible human beings. It affirms their dignity as a gift that flows from our original creation as children made in the image and likeness of God. And because education truly forms human beings, it is especially the duty and responsibility of the Church, who is called to serve mankind from the heart of God and in such a way that no other institution.

We need to gratefully accept the gift of Catholic tradition. We must be alert to the standards governments impose but never compromise our task to educate not just for college or a career, but for caring citizenship and for the salvation of souls.

We need to proclaim and witness our Catholic identity with grateful hearts. Catholic education is on the front lines of the New Evangelization to share as Pope Francis has put it the joy of knowing Jesus Christ personally. That requires standing up for basic human rights in word and action, including the right to life from conception to natural death, the dignity of every person in the years in between, for traditional marriage, for chastity, for religious freedom even when it may seem unpopular.

**Future of our country depends of what kind of education we will offer to children and young people.**

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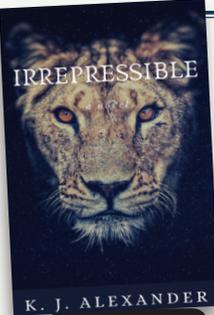
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