

May God bless us in his mercy.

January 1, 2023 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



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 Claire Grieve by Stokes Family

Pascal Candle: In loving memory of Ed & Helen Guzik by Woelfel Family

SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS

Supermarket Gift Cards
December 18, 2022
Sales:..... \$2,400
Profit:..... \$1,200
of Families: 9

Shoprite and Weis gift cards are sold after all masses and in the parish office during the week.

2022 YTD Profit \$4,722

St. Mark's Faith Direct
Church Code is NJ484

Saturday, December 31 New Years Eve

5:30 pm For Parishioners of St. Marks and their families

Sunday, January 1

9:00 am For Parishioners of St. Marks and their families
10:30 am For Thomas & Julia Dugan by their family

Saturday, January 7

5:30 pm For Parishioners of St. Marks and their families

Sunday, January 8

9:00 am For Eleanor Lamont & Florence Acker by their family
10:30 am For Rosemary McDermott by McGrath family



MASS CARDS...
Our 2023 Mass Book is now open.

Mass cards are available in the parish office, you can either call or stop by with your mass request. Remember that giving a mass intention is for both the living and the deceased.

A mass intention can be for a special occasion such as an anniversary or birthday. Donation is \$15

LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

January Schedule not available



Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, James Barone, Chrissy Carty, Bob & Jeff Cheripka, Louise Chiusano, Brittany Cicchino,, Hugh Divine, Trisha Drechsel, , Grace Engel, Sue Geary, Heidi L., Daniel Huntz, Sarah Jones, Vincent Lai, John Lee, Mary McArdle, Denise Niessing, Bob & Nancy Noll, Christina Nyman, Girard Nolte, Jr., Joyce Schmitt, Ann Senftinger, Georgette Petromelis, Rosemarie Picarelli, Jeff Pogorzelski, Christopher Popp, Tim Popp, John, Harry Smith, Special Intention, Kyle Stewart, Katrina Baum Wade, Ervin Winters, Christopher Zeliff



Please remember that you can drop off your donation as you enter or leave mass each weekend. On the 1st and 3rd weekend of the month we have a second collection. A separate basket will be available for these appeals. Thank you for support

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"

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.

FAITH DIRECT...Thank you for being a part of our St. Mark the Evangelist family. I appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Sign up today for on-line giving by visiting faith.direct/NJ484



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Today many people celebrate New Year's Eve or New Year's Day the end, the beginning of a New Year, but the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Mother of God. As we continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we turn our attention today to his mother Mary.

We are very happy today to celebrate the Mother of God. The title "Mother of God" is one of the first titles given to Our Lady. We call her Mother of God, obviously not because God came from her, but because she gave birth to Jesus who is both God and man. The title Mother of God reminds us that Jesus is both divine and human. This is the perfect time to celebrate Mary as Mother of God, reminding us just after we celebrate the human birth of Jesus that Jesus is also divine.

As we reflect on Mary as the Mother of God, we remember that she is not just the mother of God but she became the spiritual mother of each of us as Jesus was dying on the cross and said, "Behold, your mother." Just as all mothers are present in a special way with their children when they suffer, our heavenly mother is also present with us always, and especially when we need her.

Today's solemnity tells us that if we want to go forward, we need to turn back: to begin anew from the manger, from the Mother who holds God in her arms. The gift of the Mother, the gift of every mother and every woman, is most precious for the Church, for she too is mother and woman.

Jesus Christ is the blessing for every man and woman, and for all of humanity. The Church, in giving us Jesus, offers us the fullness of the Lord's blessing. This is the mission of the people of God: to spread to all people God's blessing made flesh in Jesus Christ. And Mary, the first and most perfect disciple of Jesus, the first and most perfect believer, the model of the pilgrim Church, is the one who opens the way to the Church's motherhood and constantly sustains her maternal mission to all mankind. Mary's maternal witness has accompanied the Church from the beginning. She, the Mother of God, is also the Mother of the Church, and through the Church, the mother of all men and women.

May the Mother, God's finest human creation, guard and keep this year, and bring the peace of her Son to our hearts and to our world.

In honoring Mary as the Mother of God, we give glory to God who humbled himself to share our humanity, becoming incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR FOR ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES



THANK YOU – Father Michal, joins with me in expressing sincere gratitude to all those who remembered us at Christmas. We assure you that we will remember you in our prayers, especially at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! We Love You!



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!

-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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament AT OLM CHURCH

--Every First Sunday of the month Exposition of the --Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at the end of each Holy Mass.

--Every Monday Night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Holy Hour and Confession) 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

--Every First Saturday of the Month (Holy Hour and Confession) 9:00am – 10:00am.--Every Friday after morning mass.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION - NATIVITY



COLUMBIETTES ANNUAL HOME MADE CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE..

Thank you to all who participated in the cookie sale and to the Columbiettes who made all the delicious cookies and treats .Your efforts are truly appreciated. Pictured are Linda Skoczylas, Amy Bandel, Nancy Lennon, Marianne Kopelman, Liz Donald, Phyllis Fania and Joanne Lee



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Best wishes for a very Happy New Year to all from the members of Long Valley Knights of Columbus Council #104

COAT DRIVE – For anyone unable to donate coats to the Coat Drive held in Nov., St Luke’s is holding their coat drive next weekend through the weekend of Jan 15. They will be accepting adult men’s and women’s coats as well as children’s coats. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Paterson are in need of clean used coats in good condition for the very needy. There are so many in need. The coat you donate will serve to keep someone warm this winter. Thank you and God Bless.

Reflections for the Week:

The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home.

Confucius

Looking for a New Year’s resolution? The Knights of Columbus is an international order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy and changing world. Our mission of service is directed towards the youth, our veterans, the community and the needy. Although considered the right arm of the Catholic Church, we could never have too many hands! Join the largest, Catholic, fraternal, family service organization in the world! Help those in need and grow in your faith. Begin your new year right.

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