

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 14, 2024**



## *St. Mark's Catholic Church*

*Fr. Miguel Virella, SVD, Pastor*

*Fr. Carlos Castilla, Parochial Vicar*

### **Rectory Hours**

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 Noon

5PM in Spanish

### **Daily Masses**

**Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet  
after Daily Masses**

Monday-Friday at 7:30 AM and 11 AM

Saturday 7:30 AM Only (No 11 AM Mass  
on Saturdays)

### **Devotions and Novenas**

**Miraculous Medal Novena** after daily  
Masses on Wednesdays

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Fridays after  
7:30 AM Mass.

**Benediction** at 10:45 AM

**1st Fridays Spanish Adoration**  
beginning at 7 PM.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM and  
Thursdays after the 7:30 AM and  
11 AM Masses

### **Rectory Office 732-449-6364**

Bulletin	Ext. 114
Religious Education	Ext. 105
Social Concerns	Ext. 108
Spanish Ministry	Ext. 104 or Ext. 105
Weddings	Ext. 100

### **Ministries**

Altar Rosary Society	732-528-6948
Bereavement Ministry	718-637-1162
CYO	732-685-6011
Music Ministry	908-415-0212
Rosary Makers	732-245-8405

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## **† This Week's Mass Intentions**

### **Monday, January 15**

**7:30 AM**

Annette Cross by Saint Mark's Parish Family

**11:00 AM**

† Dr. James P. Cashman by Denise & Dennis Tonry

† John McCrone by Eileen & Pete McHugh

### **Tuesday, January 16**

**7:30 AM**

† Dr. James Cashman by Mary Pat Wallace

**11:00 AM**

Susan Wright by a Friend

† Gloria V. Cancellieri by Mr. & Mrs.

Anthony P. Randazzo, Jr.

† Anna Caroselli by Robert & Rose Ann Ferguson

### **Wednesday, January 17**

**7:30 AM**

† John King by Family

**11:00 AM**

† Eileen Hurley by Mary Goggins

### **Thursday, January 18**

**7:30 AM**

† Dorothy Wright by Family

**11:AM**

† Madison Marmo by Mary McCarthy

### **Friday, January 19**

**7:30 AM**

† Lorette Jordan by Estate

**11:00 AM**

† Dr. Urie Parkhill by Family

### **Saturday, January 22**

**7:30 AM**

† Ted Zeller by Estate

**4:30 PM**

† Edward F. Liston, Sr. by Gordon & Peggy Pingicer

† Eileen Davis by Walter & Ilze Henry

### **Sunday, January 23**

**8:00 AM**

† John S. Fredricks by John and Pat Gibbs

† Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Martin, Jr. by Pat Hanbury

**10:00 AM**

People of the Parish

**12 Noon**

† Michael Passafume by Maryann Keller & Family

† Arthur Martin by Carol Rizzi

**5:00 PM**

† Hortencia Bustamante by Family

† Eloisa Aparicio Gonzalez by Erika Garcia

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**St. Mark's Bereavement Ministry:** Our Bereavement Ministry helps those who are grieving the loss of a loved one during their most difficult times. They meet on Wednesdays at 11 AM at St. Mark's. **Please call Sue Nolan at 718-637-1162 for more information.** All are welcome!

**Eucharistic Adoration:** The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us on Friday's immediately after the 7:30 AM Mass for Adoration. Benediction begins at 10:45 AM. It will also be broadcast on livestream @ stmarkseagirt.com. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.



### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**





## Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

**January 20/21, 2024**

	<b>Saturday 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 12 Noon</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Fr. Carlos</b>	<b>Msgr. Flynn</b>	<b>Fr. Miguel</b>	<b>Fr. Carlos</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Connie Duffy	Peggy Hardiman	Joe Stillo	Debbie Dunn
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Connie Duffy Anthony Granato Lynn Jelliff	Robert Cavazini Anna Nuzzi Pat Scatuorchio	Richard Norris Jim Sheridan Joe Stillo	Maria Checton Debbie Dunn Helen Hopkins
<b>Ushers</b>	Anthony Granato, Walter Henry, Joe Walsh	Pat Ahern, Leo Hurley, Bob O'Neill, Glenn Skola	Rich Siderko, Jim Sheridan	Richard DeGroote, Howard Flood



**Please pray for our sick:** Raymond Burghart, Henry Bossett, Robert Coogan, Donovan Leso, Kirra Gibson, Paul Shea, Patrick Esposito, Mary McCarthy, Marilyn Bird, Kevin Hamilton, Lorraine Ciemniecki, Laurie Langell Syby, Vivian Wilson, Joan Cantley, Marybeth Richards, Millie Abraham, Caitlin Wason, Brian Nall, Marilyn Woerner, Nancy O'Neill, Steven VanWickle, Clement Bramley, Steve Adcox, Lester Wolf, Jeremy Pavlich, Joan Langlois, Linda Ryan, Danny Suskenich, Bob Patrignelli, Teresa Corcoran, John Cinciarelli, Michael Sheridan, Erik Rofi, Dr. William Burns, Robert Czech, Janet Thomas, Edward Morea, Rosalie Renda, Alice Healy, Benjamin Ohlweiler, Robert MacPherson, Jake Gilbert, Bill Lesniak, Bruce Bogan, Sr., Ken Hauck.

**Please Note:** Names will remain on the sick list read at mass for 4 weeks and then removed unless the requester calls to remain on the list for another 4 weeks. To ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Names will remain in the bulletin until the person or family request it be removed.

*Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died.

† Gloria Cancellieri

† John Petillo

† Thomas G. Kane, Jr.

† James Bogan

*May the angels lead you into paradise.*

If you recently changed your address, email address or phone number, please let us know so we can update our records. Thank you!



### ROSARY FOR LIFE

On **Friday, January 19, 2024**, St. Mark's Church will present a ROSARY FOR LIFE, sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society following the 11 AM Mass. Inspirational meditations of the joyful mysteries will be recited. We are doing this in conjunction with the National Right to Life March in Washington D.C.

### *Readings for the Week January 14, 2024*

**Monday, January 15, 2024** 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024** 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday, January 18, 2024** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mk 3:7-12

**Friday, January 19, 2024** 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday, January 20, 2024** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday, January 21, 2024** Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20.



**Thank You!** We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and it's ministries!

We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.

**The collection total for January 6/7, 2024, \$12,712.**



2023

## Christmas Flower Donations

### Flower Offering:

Dr. & Mrs. Robert J. Kane  
Mr. & Mrs. John T. Haran  
Mr. & Mrs. John Dough  
Mrs. Adele Byrne  
Mrs. Virginia Ayers  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Walsh  
Dr. & Mrs. Henry King  
Mr. & Mrs. John Wright  
Mr. & Mrs. Sean Carrigan  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary M. Cademartori  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Rosar  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert O'Neill  
Mr. & Mrs. Todd C. Leonhardt  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Campbell  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Caputo  
Mr. & Mrs. Joachim Kane  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard DeGroote  
Mr. Joseph McNamara  
Mr. & Mrs. James Bogan  
Ms. Karen Rauli  
Mr. & Mrs. John Checton  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Crimmins  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Duffy  
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Johnson  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Monte  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Norris  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Phillips  
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Pingicer

### In Memory/Honor of:

Mary & Arthur Guterl, Mary & Norris Eldridge requested by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Eldridge  
Joseph Sr. & Catherine Gallagher, James & Ellen Cullinan, Rev. Jeff Carlsen requested by  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gallagher

Patricia & John Henry requested by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Henry

Walter E. Leonard requested by Mrs. Jacqueline Leonard

Franconeri & Guarino Families requested by Tina Guarino

Cunningham Family requested by Margaret Cunningham

Eugene J. Duffy requested by Jane Duffy & Family

Reynolds & Dunphy Family & Friends requested by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dunphy

Scerbo & King Families requested by Mrs. Alfred Scerbo

Murphy & Pramuk Families requested by Mrs. Joan Murphy

Paul Tortorella, Gene & Sarah Shannon, Pat & Elise Tortorella, Susan Mahon, Catherine Drury requested by  
Mrs. Paul Tortorella

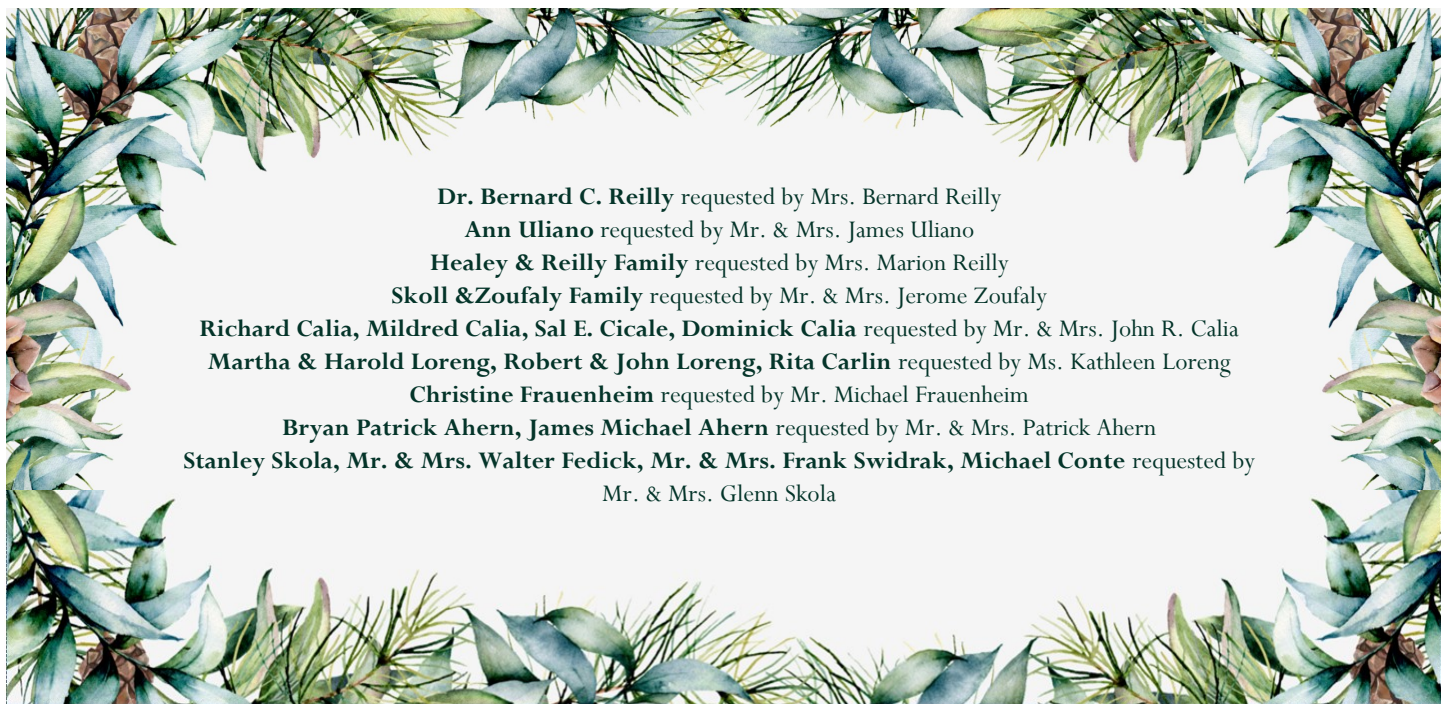
Watters, Whelan & Reidy Families requested by Mrs. Bernadette Reidy





**Harold Auch, Jr.** requested by Mrs. Gloria Auch  
**Austin Behnken** requested by Family  
**Dugan & Murray Family** requested by Murray Family  
**Zusi Family** requested by Mrs. Pamela Zusi  
**James W. Welsh** requested by Mr. & Mrs. James Welsh  
**Eileen Scatuorchio** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Scatuorchio  
**Dougherty & Debbs Family** requested by Mrs. Mary Dougherty  
**Emory C. & Elizabeth A. Smith, Suzanne Smith, George Meehan, Jr.** requested by Ms. Betsy Smith  
**Hutnik Family, Cromie Family, Cuthbert Family, Monnard Family** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Allan Cuthbert  
**Helen G. Malloy, Anne E. Williams** requested by Mr. Thomas F. Malloy  
**Albin & Copeland Families** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Albin  
**Jean & Daniel LoPresto, Helen & Ed Doran** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Doran  
**Flynn & Siconolfi Family** requested by requested by the Flynn Family  
**Julia Buonocore**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Manning, Guy C. Lueddeke, Raymond Vreeland** requested by Mrs. Judith M. Gibson  
**Martin Cleary** requested by Mrs. Peggy Cleary  
**Mary Swierad** requested by Michael & Carol McConnell  
**Leo & Marie McConnell** requested by Michael & Carol McConnell  
**Deborah McConnell** requested by Michael & Carol McConnell  
**Francis W. Baclawski** requested by Michael & Carol McConnell  
**Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., Rev. John S. Peterson, O.P.,** requested by Deidre Ertle  
**Heilmann & Harris Families** requested by the Heilmann Family  
**Cusimano & Somma Families** requested by Tom Cusimano  
**Virginia Crandall, James Heine, Anthony Caracappa, Terrence Bolan** requested by  
 Mr. & Mrs. John Marmora  
**Mr. & Mrs. Donald Towle, Mr. Gordon Swetland** requested by Ann & Richard Caputo & Family  
**Marion & Bradbury Families** requested by Elizabeth & Michael Bradbury  
**Joe Maltese** requested by Mrs. Dolly Maltese  
**Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Higgins, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Coiro** requested by Robert & Linda Higgins  
**Thomas & Florence Loughran, Robert & Edna Burke, Charles & Betty VanWickle** requested by  
 Sara VanWickle & Family  
**Donoghue & Langan Families** requested by Mrs. Mary Lou Donoghue  
**Yolanda Napolitano, Albert S. Napolitano** requested by Mr. Albert Napolitano  
**Tim & Helen Hopkins** requested by Ms. Helen Hopkins  
**Kelly & Machirella Family** requested by Maureen Machirella  
**Mrs. Kay Farrell** requested by Mr. & Mrs. John Burke  
**Victor Bini** requested by Mrs. Patricia Bini  
**D. Critchley**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Frank Heine, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Breslin** requested by Mary Grace & Bob Heine  
**Virginia & J. Harry Ertle, Florence Colford, Rev. Thomas J. Ertle, O.P., Margaret Mary McDermott** requested  
 by Ms. Nadine Sullivan  
**Hurley & Donnelly Family, Quigley & Hepburn Family, Tom Walsh, , Bob Weinell, John Hurley** requested by  
 Mr. & Mrs. Leo Hurley  
**Virginia Crandall, James Heine, Anthony Caracappa, Terrence Bolan** requested by  
 Mr. & Mrs. John Marmora  
**Delia Hoyo, John B. Fresco** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Sean Fresco  
**Kenneth Jelliff, Frieda Nutt, Eliza Nutt, Bessie Nutt, Christine Rhodes** requested by Mrs. Evelyn Jelliff  
**Giacomo & Columbia Ricciardi, Anthony & Helen Remiszewski, Lorraine Beauvais** requested by  
 Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Ricciardi





**A NIGHT OF WORSHIP**

PRAISE & WORSHIP  
 ADORATION  
 FOLLOWED BY  
 A CONCERT

WITH  
 DANA CATHERINE  
 SINGER-SONGWRITER  
 & SPEAKER

**FEBRUARY 9, 2024**  
**THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST ROBERT BELLARMIN**  
**61 GEORGIA RD. FREEHOLD, NJ**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR GUEST:  
[WWW.DANACATHERINEMUSIC.COM](http://WWW.DANACATHERINEMUSIC.COM)  
 @DANACATHERINEMUSIC

*Do you have a desire to grow and share the faith?*

Becoming a 'Catechist' will make all the difference here at the parish. As disciples we are called to share the Good News and create new disciples. **Training and Support is Provided!** God doesn't always call the qualified. He qualifies the called! Are you being called?

You are invited to "The Art of Catechesis." This 6-hour course provides the support and encouragement, as well as the skills and tools a Catechist needs to pass on the faith.

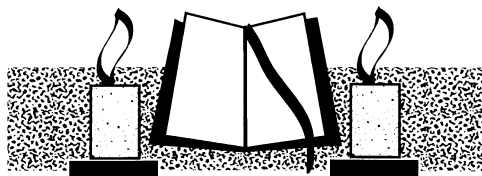
Join us to learn about this ministry!

**Date:** Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> (6-9 PM)

**Location:** St. Mark's Parish  
 215 Crescent Parkway, Sea Girt 08750

**Instructors:** Diana Zuna-Nieves, M.A. PCL, St. Mark's, Sea Girt, Georgina Kotz, M.A. , PCL, St. Martha Church, Point Pleasant; Michelle Angelo Santoro, Associate Director of Catechesis

**Register:** Email Diana at [diana@stmarkseagirt.com](mailto:diana@stmarkseagirt.com).



If you are a parishioner who has not been able to attend Mass and would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to you, please contact **the Rectory, 732 -449-6364 x100.**



## CYO News by Mary Reilly



The CYO rang in 2024 with some fantastically fun games like Human Knot, Seven Up, and Charades. We were blessed with a new member Owen (from CBA); and as the angels were leaving at the end of the meeting, a couple of them turned to me and said—"We are going to get a lot more kids to join CYO!" Music to my ears!!!!!! Bring ALL Your friends!!!!!!!!!!!!

The theme for CYO this month is FAITH. In the play we read, our favorite fictional characters practiced faith by going to Mass, choosing life for an unborn child, and battling addiction and despair. Faith is what binds them in their friendships and traditions. You always find your true brothers and sisters in shared faith.

What is the biggest challenge to our faith? Probably bad things happening to us personally and horrible things occurring in our world. I love these reassuring words of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina:

"Don't allow the sad sight of human injustice to sadden your soul; someday you will see the unfailing justice of God triumph over evil."

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in Me." John 1: 14

"I solemnly assure you, the man who has faith in Me will do the works I do, and greater far than these. Why? Because I go to the Father, and whatever you ask for in My name, I will do, so as to glorify the Father in the Son. Anything you ask Me in My Name I will do, if you love Me and keep the commands I give you." John 14: 12-15

NB: We are still working on a date for our Valentine's Day Walk for Hunger. I will text and email our members and CYO parents with updates. For right now we are looking at February 4th so as not to conflict with February school breaks.

Last note: Our CYO painted some beautiful seashells at our meeting. Many of them were the same inspirational messages Jillian wrote on her shells. There was also a new message one of our CYO members added: JOY!!!!!!!!!! Gotta love that one too!!!!!!!!!!!!



# STANDING TOGETHER FOR *Life*

Friday, January 19, 2024

Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold

## *Mass for Life*

11:00 a.m.



CELEBRATED BY  
**Bishop David M.  
O'Connell, C.M.**

*All are Welcome*

## *Lunch & Seminar*

TOPIC: **Effective outreach strategies  
to build a culture of life in New Jersey**

12:30-3:30 p.m.

## **5 Expert Panelists**



JAMES J.  
KING



SUSAN  
LOUGHERY



DR. LINDA  
DIX



ENZA  
CERAMI



JENNIFER  
MAHER

Read full bios in link below

*Advanced Registration Required*



For full information about the day's events, visit:  
**[dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life](https://dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life)**



**Parish Mission Statement:** We, the Parish Family of St. Mark's in our quest to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ, are building a faith-based community that assists all people in life's journey to be open to God's love and to share His joy. We are further **committed to address the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of all people through service to individuals**, families, parish and the greater community. As responsible stewards using our individual gifts, we promise to celebrate, renew and strengthen our faith, and to live our lives as a reflection of Christ's love for others. St. Mark's is designated as a Center for Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese of Trenton.



**THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON** is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan **ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965** or e-mail [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org).



**SOULCORE**

#### WHAT IS SOULCORE?

SOULCORE is a movement that combines core strengthening, stretching & functional exercises with the prayers of the rosary; a sensory experience combining candlelight, music, scripture, reflections & movement to nourish body, mind & soul and encourage deeper meditation on the mysteries & virtues of the rosary.

SoulCore is a movement all its own. It is not tied to or affiliated with any other exercise disciplines. SoulCore is not yoga, nor are yoga poses or Sanskrit referenced at any time.

SoulCore is an invitation to integrate body & soul in prayer, fully orienting the heart & mind toward Christ, while discovering the beauty of the rosary: A gentle, healing path to grow in virtue, interior peace & strength.

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Visit [www.soulcore.com](http://www.soulcore.com) for more information.

Please note: We strongly recommend that you consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program. By participating in the SoulCore experience you agree to do so at your own risk and assume all risk of injury to yourself.

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To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother.

-- Saint Pope John Paul II



#### SCHEDULE

##### WHEN

Mondays, 9:00AM,  
beginning January 8, 2024

##### LOCATION / ZOOM LINK

St. Mark's Catholic Church  
(lower level)  
215 Crescent Parkway, Sea Girt

##### WHAT TO BRING

Wear comfortable clothing and  
bring an exercise mat.

##### LEADER(S)

Cathy Kruse

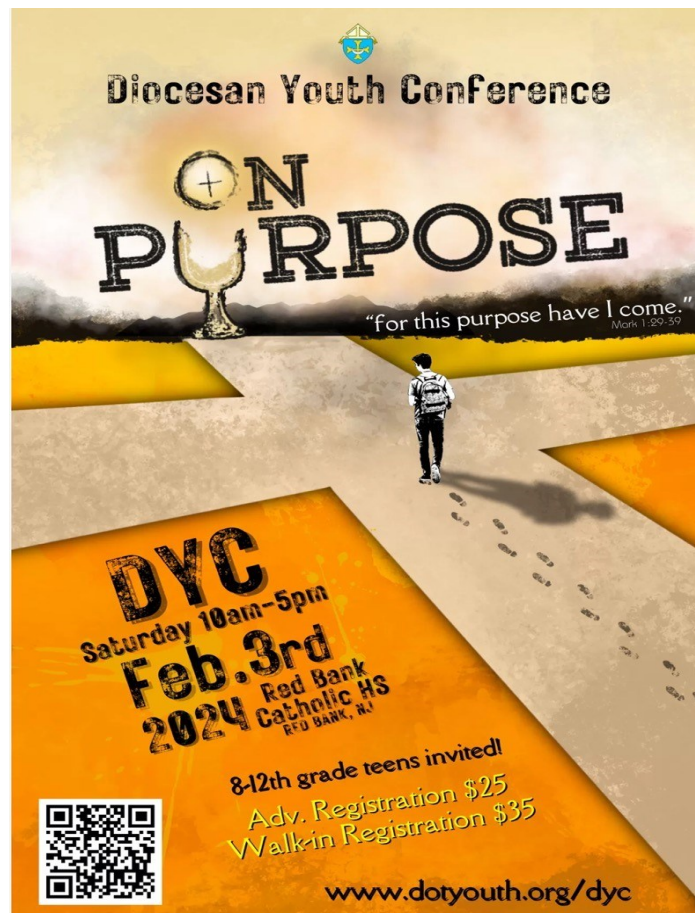
##### CONTACT INFORMATION

email: [catsoulcore@gmail.com](mailto:catsoulcore@gmail.com)  
Instagram: @shore\_soulcore



The Eucharistic Miracle Display will be in  
St. Denis Church in Manasquan, NJ on  
January 15-30, 2024.

For more information, click or visit  
[Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit \(dioceseoftrenton.org\)](http://EucharisticMiraclesExhibit(dioceseoftrenton.org))



Central Jersey Choral Society Presents

# Lauda Sion

by Felix Mendelssohn

## Requiem

by Gabriel Fauré

Friday, January 19, 2024, 7:30 pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Roman Catholic Church

137 West Upper Ferry Rd.

Ewing, NJ

Tickets: [cjchoralsociety.org](http://cjchoralsociety.org)

\$20 adv. \$25 at door

Christopher Loeffler,

Artistic Director

CJCS

central jersey choral society



This program is made possible in part by the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission through funding from the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, A Partner Agency of the National Endowment of the Arts.







**\*Free as a Bee Project\***



**Presented  
by our 1<sup>st</sup>  
graders**

**“Jesus  
I am  
Free”**

**Sunday,  
January 21  
10:00 a.m. Mass**

**Join us for  
refreshment after  
Mass**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day.** Rectory Office Closed.

**January 17: Blood Drive.** See page 12.

**January 19: Rosary for Life**, sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society following the 11 AM Mass. See page 3.

**January 27/28:** Second collection is for the Church in Latin America. Thank you.

**January 29: Rosary Makers** will meet on at **1 PM** in Fr. Child's Hall (Saint Mark's basement).



**American Red Cross**

**Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

**2:00 PM-6:00 PM**

**St. Mark's Church**

**215 Crescent Parkway, Sea Girt, NJ 08750**

Appointments are needed. [CLICK HERE](#) to schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

## Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.

If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

2024 Weekend Retreats  
February 16-18, 2024  
November 15-17, 2024

**Join us on October 29 to Nov. 13, 2024** as we travel to London, Salisbury, Oxford and take the Queen Mary Ocean liner Cruise to Norway and the Northern Lights. For more information, Call Sr. Margaret Tierney at 732-449-5765, x124 or email to Srbeachcomb@yahoo.com.

## IT'S A CCD CONTEST

1. Find out why baby Moses was put in a floating basket by his mommy and who discovered him in the reeds.



2. A man named Noah built an ark and brought all the animals onboard two by two.



3. A young man named Daniel gets thrown into a den of very hungry lions and lives!



4. What happens when two stepbrothers, Jacob and Esau compete to be first? Hint: it gets very hairy!



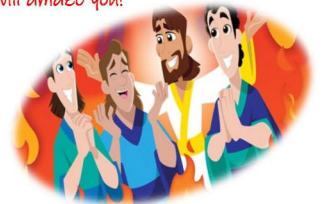
5. Find out what happens when people in the city of Babel decide to do what they want to do (built a sky-high tower) and reject what God asked them to do.



6. Young David wasn't the oldest, he wasn't the tallest and he wasn't the strongest. He was only a shepherd boy. But when God looked at David, He saw a king. Why?



8. Three friends who love God with all their hearts are thrown into a fiery furnace by the Pharaoh and what happens next will amaze you!



7. How did wise King Solomon figure out which woman was the real mother to the baby both said was hers?

I would like to hear this story and have my CCD class win special treats!

Story #: \_\_\_\_\_

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Give it to your CCD teacher. Only one entry per student. Winning student's class gets to hear the story read!



## Social Concerns Programs

### Feeding the Hungry



Are you looking for an easy way to help those in need? Here's one way you can make a difference. St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry is resuming the Frozen Meals Program for the Center in Asbury Park which was discontinued due to the Covid pandemic. The Center in Asbury Park, Inc., is a volunteer-based New Jersey not-for-profit service organization, providing support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers since 1992.

The process is simple! Here's what to do:

- Pick up food trays and lids next to the kitchen refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall (St. Mark's Church basement)
- Fill the trays with generous portions of food
- Label the tray lids with the contents and date of preparation
- Return the meals to the freezer compartment of the refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall.

**Please use only the trays provided.**

St Mark's volunteers will deliver the meals to The Center for distribution to their clients.

Please contact Marybeth or Joe Walsh at 732 449-5656 with any questions. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

## Mercy Center UPDATE!

### THE MERCY CENTER IS NO LONGER ACCEPTING CLOTHING DONATIONS

**Mercy Center has an URGENT need for diapers, sizes 3 and up, and baby wipes.**

**Also needed are: Coffee/Tea • Mayo  
Mustard • Ketchup • Deodorant • Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes•Soap.**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

### Collecting Travel Size Toiletries



St. Mark's Social Concerns Committee is collecting travel size toiletry items (soap, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs etc.) for delivery by volunteers to those in need in the Asbury Park area.

Containers are located at Church entrances. **Thank you!**

**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE** Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**Offerings at Francis House of Prayer:** Spiritual direction, a one-on-one conversation with a spiritual director about God in your life, is always available. We offer the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius on a monthly and weekly basis, many opportunities to learn and practice contemplative prayer, reading programs on St. John of the Cross and other Carmelite Saints, and contemporary writers.

**For programs or to register call Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House 609-877-0509 or [FHOP@verizon.net](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net) or [CLICK HERE](#).**

**St. Joseph By the Sea**—Our programs are offered to enrich, renew and deepen one's interior communication with the Lord in an atmosphere of prayer, quiet and solitude. The scenic environment of the Atlantic Ocean and Barnegat Bay provides additional contemplative opportunity. **Current brochure can be found on our website at [www.sjbsea.org](http://www.sjbsea.org) or [CLICK HERE](#).**

### **Study Theology at Georgian Court University!**

All programs can be completed remotely. Master of Arts or a Graduate Certificate in Theology, with concentrations in Pastoral Ministry or Mercy Spirituality. Not sure? Take one or two classes on a non-matriculating basis to see if our programs are right for you. Generous financial aid available. New semester begins January 16, 2024. There is still time to apply. Contact department chair Johann M. Vento for more information: [jvento@georgian.edu](mailto:jvento@georgian.edu). We look forward to getting to know you and talking about your interest in studying theology.



St. Mark's is looking for ESL volunteers who can donate time to teach English as a second language to members of our hispanic community. Classes will take place on Sundays before the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

If you someone who might be interested in volunteering, contact Peggy Mahoney for more information at [margaretmahoney726@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmahoney726@gmail.com). When you help someone learn to speak English, you can change a life!

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