

*Do whatever
he tells you.*

JOHN 2:5



The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

St. Mark's Catholic Church

Fr. Miguel Virella, SVD, Pastor

Fr. Miguel Valle, Parochial Vicar

Dr. Joseph V. Stillo, Deacon

Michael Keary, Deacon

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



Please pray for our sick: Marilyn Woerner, Barbara Peter, Ann Lehberger Joan Trutneff, Kevin Motzenbecker, Tom Ort, Kenneth Thorne, Mary Bogan, Patty Accavallo, Donna Brundage, Daniel DeSeno, Thomas Weeks, Jan Soriano, Nadine Piccolo, Patti & John Hillenbrand, Raymond Burghart, Joan Langlois, Robert Czech, Janet Thomas, Bruce Bogan, Sr.

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.

- †Andrew Voza
- †Raymond O'Meara
- †Edward Schell
- †Barbara O'Neil

May the angels lead you into paradise.



St. Marks Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the Rosary for Life on **Friday, January 24th** after the 11 AM Mass. Special meditations for life will be recited and music provided by Lisa Marie Yaverone. Please join us in petitioning our Blessed Mother for an end to abortion and other end of life causes.

Rosary Makers will meet on **Monday, January 27th** at **1pm** in Fr. Child's Hall (Saint Mark's basement). As always, we welcome anyone interested in making rosaries as well as our faithful rosary makers.

"With the Rosary, we continually raise a song of love from earth. In the excessive materialism of our life, it is a bright cloud of spirituality, rising from every home and every heart" (*Servant of God Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo*).

Questions? Contact Maria mgchecton@gmail.com or (732) 245-8405

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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 20: Rectory Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

January 24: St. Marks Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the Rosary for Life.

January 25/26: The second collection is for Latin America. Thank you for your generosity! See page 7.

January 26: Commemoration of the Word of God Sunday. See page 5.

January 27: Rosary Makers will meet at 1pm in Fr. Child's Hall.

January 29: American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mark's Church. See page 9.



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 12, 2025 is \$11,293.



St. Mark's Church is wheelchair accessible. There is a ramp on the north side, and an elevator on the south side of the church. Handicapped parking is located in the driveway, the south side of the church, and in front of the church.

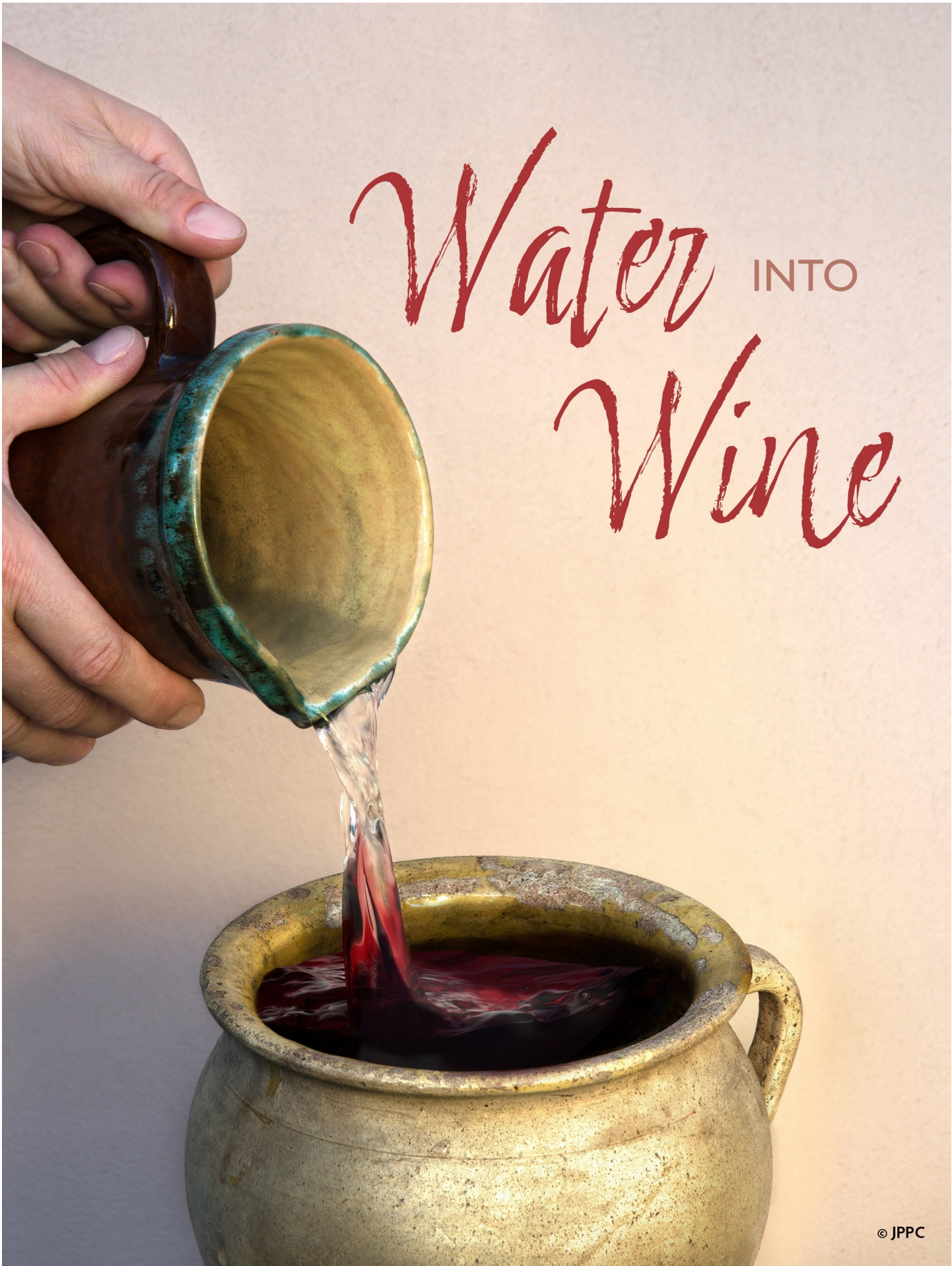
Word of Life

Intercessions for Life

January 19, 2025

For public servants and elected officials, may God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life,

let us pray to the Lord:



Water INTO Wine

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† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, January 20

7:30 AM

† Private Intention
† Jean Judge by Estate
Dr. Edward Brennan by Brennan Family

11:00 AM

† Lorette Jordan by Estate
† Anne Hart by Estate
† Robert Maloney by Pat & John Gibbs

Tuesday, January 21

7:30 AM

† Phyllis Blaine by Estate
† Anne Macenczak by Estate
† Raymond O'Meara by Marie Black Behnken

11:00 AM

† Loretta Critchley by Delores Critchley
† Edward Schell by Mary McCarthy
Private Intention

Wednesday, January 22

7:30 AM

† Ted Zeller by Estate
† Barbara Heindle by Estate

11:00 AM

† Barbara O'Neil by St. Marks Parish Family
† Timothy Lake by Mary McCarthy

Thursday, January 23

7:30 AM

† Dorothy Wright by Family
† Raymond O'Meara, Sr. by Margaret Azzarella

11:AM

† Sally Rineer by John and Pat Gibbs
† Helen McGrath by St. Marks Parish Family
† Lawrence Keary by Sandra & Michael Keary

Friday, January 24

7:30 AM

† Raymond O'Meara Sr. by Bill & Mary Reilly Family
† William Hamel by Marybeth & Joe Walsh

11:00 AM

† Margaret Mary Checton by John & Maria Checton
† Edward Schell by St. Marks Parish Family

Saturday, January 25

7:30 AM

Marie & Maurice Ryan by Pete & Barbara Sheridan
† Jeremiah (Jerry) Dempsey by Anne Butler

4:30 PM

† Joseph Marmora by The Kittrick Family
† Thomas McKelvey by Patrick & Kristen McHugh
† William K. Hamel by St. Mark's Parish Family

Sunday, January 26

8:00 AM

† Rita Regenye by Jack Regenye
† Billy DiMaio by Joe Tages & Family
† Elizabeth Ann Richter by Madlinger Family

10:00 AM

† Heather Whelan by Peggy Whelan
† Robert Coogan by Diana Zuna & Family
† John Briscoe by Pete & Barbara Sheridan

12 Noon

People of the Parish

5:00 PM

Lorenza Rito by Juana Zaragoza



January 19, 2025

Monday Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c Mk 2:23-28

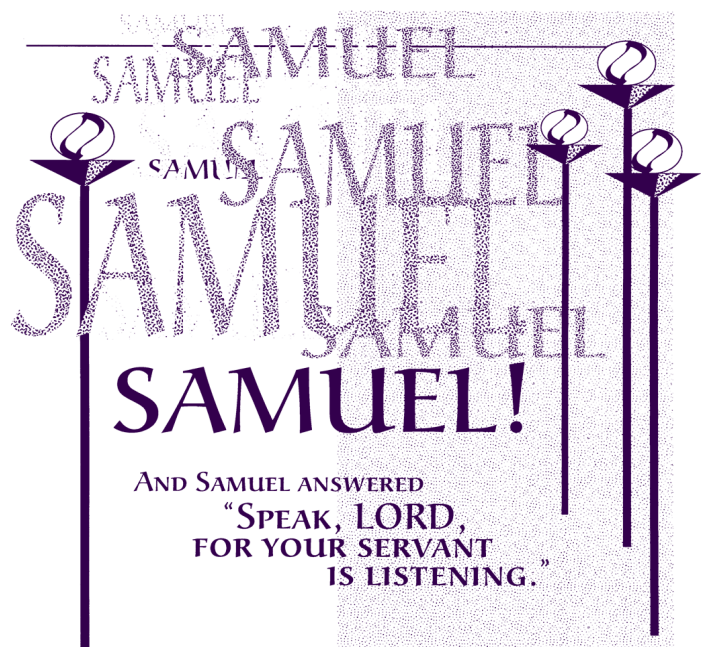
Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Mk 3:7-12

Friday Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mk 3:13-19

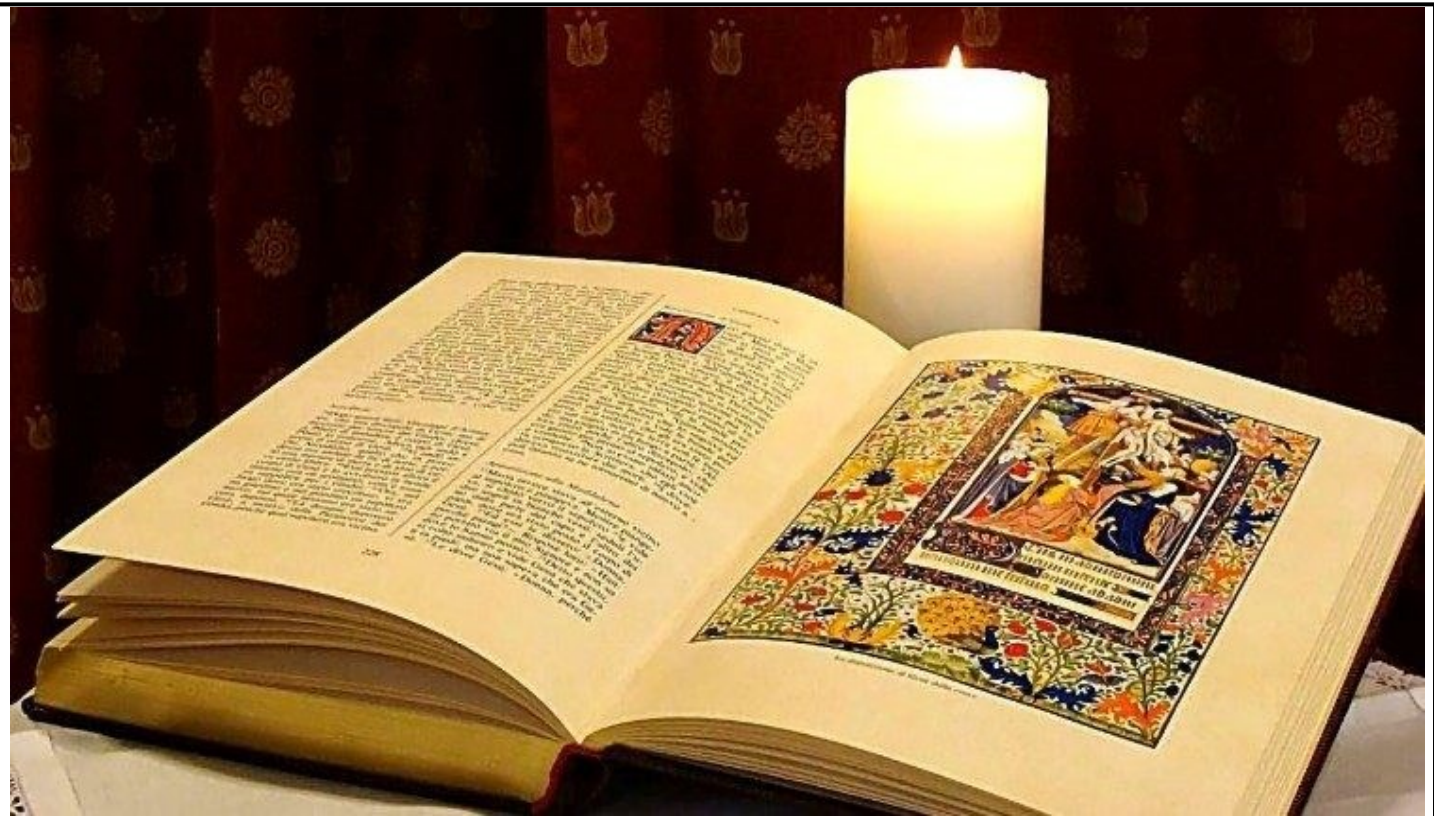
Saturday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18

Sunday Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21.



**Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule
January 25/26, 2025**

	Celebrant	Deacon	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Fr. Miguel		Connie Duffy	Pat Scatuorchio Jack Wright Pat Wright	Anthony Granato Walter Henry Joe Walsh
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Fr. Miguel		Marie Behnken	Linda Parisi Glenn Skola Minister Needed	Pat Ahern Leo Hurley Bob O'Neill Glenn Skola
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Fr. Valle	Deacon Joe	Robert Cavazini	Robert Cavazini Jim Sheridan	Jim Sheridan Rich Siderko
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Fr. Miguel		Molly McCauley	Maria Checton Andi Parkhill	Richard DeGroot Howard Flood



Commemoration of the Word of God Sunday

Next Sunday, January 26, 2025, our parish will joyfully celebrate Word of God Sunday, a day established by the Holy Father to deepen our appreciation, study, and dissemination of the Word of God.

Inspired by this call, we will highlight the importance of living and understanding the message of salvation. As part of our special celebration, there will be a procession of the Bible, accompanied by candles and light, symbolizing that “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14)—our Lord Jesus Christ.

We invite all parishioners to join this solemn and meaningful event as we renew our commitment to the Word of God in our lives.

CYO News by Mary Reilly



Luke (age 31) and Christina (age 27) are active members of a Catholic young adult group that meets at Ascension Church in Bradley Beach. It's wonderful to see their members there on Wednesdays for Eucharistic adoration and confessions! They are both musicians who especially love Christian music. Last Sunday they paid our CYO a visit to share their faith journeys. Luke has been a Catholic for less than a year now and had many struggles as a teenager and young adult before he had a true conversion to the Catholic faith. Listening to them each talk about their love of Jesus and their Catholic faith was very uplifting. Everyone loved the meditation that Christina did with us at the end. It brought such deep (divine) love and peace into our souls! We can't wait to invite them back again. We also got to (once again) "Protect the President" and hear the stories of four people who are in heaven but not sure why God welcomed them there. The "humble" rarely see the good they do, but God always does and loves to reward them! Grand finale: Dodgeball and awesome desserts. Thx for bringing them, CYO!



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People 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.

To report the sexual abuse of minors call our hotline 1-888-296-2965 or email us at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

Please note: The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



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Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

In the 13th century, St. Francis and St. Clare said yes to the Lord's call to renew the Church in Assisi, Italy, through lives of prayer, peace, and love for the poor. Their example inspired the men and women of their time to embrace the Gospel and dedicate their lives to God as religious brothers and sisters.

Nearly 800 years later, women continue to answer God's call following St. Clare's example by taking up lives of prayer at the Monastery of St. Clare in the Dominican Republic. Women who enter the monastery begin a formation process that encompasses prayer, study, and adaptation to separation from the world in a cloistered community. With funding through the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the monastery has been able to cover the food, clothing, and educational expenses for 18 sisters in various stages of formation.

Vocations to religious life are fulfilled through the prayers and contributions that sustain men and women religious in their mission. Helping the sisters at the Monastery of Saint Clare say yes to God's call is just one of the many positive impacts made by your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America in strengthening the relationship between Catholics in the United States and those in Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more information about how donations help the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

2023 CLA Financials

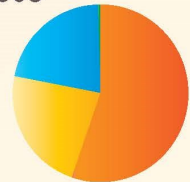
Expenses

- Grants and Donations: **77.60%**
 - Program Costs: **7.91%**
 - Allocations—Internal Grants: **8.22%**
 - Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: **4.66%**
 - Administrative Expenses: **1.61%**
- Total Expenses: \$5,725,947**



Total Number of Grants Approved: 252
Total Amount Approved: \$6,227,608

- General Pastoral*: **53.00%**
- Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: **19.44%**
- Emergency Disaster Funds: **27.56%**



*Includes evangelization, religious education, family, and other pastoral ministries



Collection for the Church in Latin America | Office of National Collections
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CCD NEWS

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS: 10 A.M. MASS



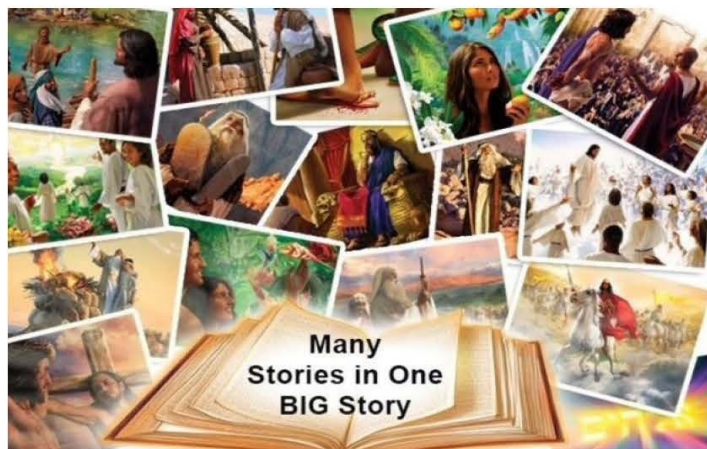
3rd grade: God is BIG
Sunday, February 2nd

Theme: God is all knowing and powerful! He is everywhere. God created our Big and beautiful world for everyone, and He wants us to work together to take care of it.

1st grade: God Made Me
Sunday, February 16th

Theme: God made all of us. He loves us so much. We are all made uniquely. That means each one of us are different, but we are all loved and cared for by God.

God Made Me!



6th grade: Bible Stories
Sunday, February 23th

Theme: The Bible was written by people inspired by God and the Holy Spirit. Each student will present a story from the Old & New Testament.



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

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.



We are excited to invite you to the Diocesan [Bilingual Faith Formation and Parish Ministry Conference](#).

Date/Time: Saturday, March 29, 2025; 9:30am - 3:00pm (For early risers, there will be an optional workshop at 8:30am.)

Registration is open! [Download the Registration booklet today.](#)

Early registration \$25 per person ends January 31, 2025.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

THE JOURNEY

FEB. 1ST 2025 10AM

8th-12th grade
 Notre Dame H.S. Lawrence, NJ
 Advance Registration \$25
 Walk-in Registration \$35
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"Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary." (Is 40:31)

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY PRESENTS



Join Us for a Night Full of Fun, Laughs and Music

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2025

6:00pm to 10:00pm

Donovan Catholic Cafeteria @ 711 Hooper Ave., Toms River

BEATS by DJ's @ WORK!

GIVEAWAYS / RAFFLES / 50 - 50

B.Y.O. food & beverages. Coffee, tea & dessert will be served.

ADULTS ONLY.

\$40.00 per person / Reserve tables of 10 for \$375.00

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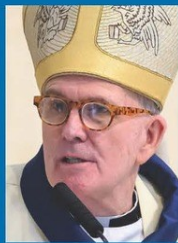
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Mass for Life & Life Expo

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PRAY, CONNECT, ENGAGE

Embrace the transformative power of the Eucharist, foster solidarity, and take decisive action to nurture a culture of life that honors every stage from womb to tomb.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Join us for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.
- Engage with local organizations dedicated to upholding and promoting human dignity throughout all stages of life.
- Enjoy delicious refreshments, fostering new friendships, and strengthening bonds within our community.

**Friday
JANUARY 24
11:00AM**

**Co-Cathedral of
St. Robert Bellarmine,
Freehold**

All are Welcome • No RSVP needed



For full information about the day's events, visit:
dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life

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.

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!**

Mercy Center **UPDATE!**

PLEASE NOTE: The Mercy Center is no longer accepting clothing donations; however, there is an urgent need for canned soup.

Additional items needed are:

Diapers, size 4 and larger, and baby wipes, Coffee/tea, Mayo, mustard, ketchup, salad dressing.

Thank you for your support in helping our community!

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 or [CLICK HERE](#).**

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 or [CLICK HERE](#).



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 14-16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

St. Catharine School Open House

JOIN US

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

OPEN HOUSE

8:30-11:00AM

PARENT INFO
SESSION

6:30PM

St. Catharine School offers a traditional Catholic education for PreK-3 through 8th grade.



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**IT'S A CCD CONTEST
PICK ONE STORY & ENTER
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!**

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.

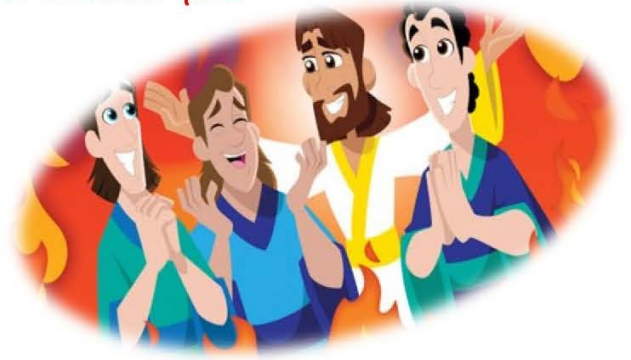


6. Young David wasn't the oldest, he wasn't the tallest and he wasn't the strongest. He was only a shepherd boy. But when God looked at David, He saw a king. Why?



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

7. 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!



Student's Name: _____

Story #: _____

Grade: _____

Only one entry per student. Give it to your CCD teacher.

Winning student & class gets to hear the story and get a special treat!

Iglesia de "San Marcos" Apostolado Hispano Misa Dominical: Domingo 5:00 p.m.

Adoración al Santísimo: Primer Viernes de cada mes a las 7:00 p.m. en la Iglesia.

Padre Miguel Valle, Vicario Parroquial

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Calendario de Ministerios
Domingo, Enero 26, 2025
Misa 5:00 p.m.

Celebrante	Padre Valle
Lectores	Griselda Lorenzo Martha Rojas
Ministros de Eucaristía	Margarita Zuna Rosa Robalino Clever Heredia
Ujieres	Victoria Tenecela Bernarda Bautista Andrea Castro Florina Ramirez
Monaguillos	Caroline Molina Aurora Garcia Robert Luna Melyssa Reyes Audrina Sanchez Kailey Garcia



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AL GRUPO DE HOMBRES ADULTOS

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DOMINGOS DE 6:00-8:00 A.M
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"pero los que confían en el Señor tendrán siempre nuevas fuerzas y podrán volar como las águilas; podrán correr sin cansarse y caminar sin fatigarse." (Is 40:31)

