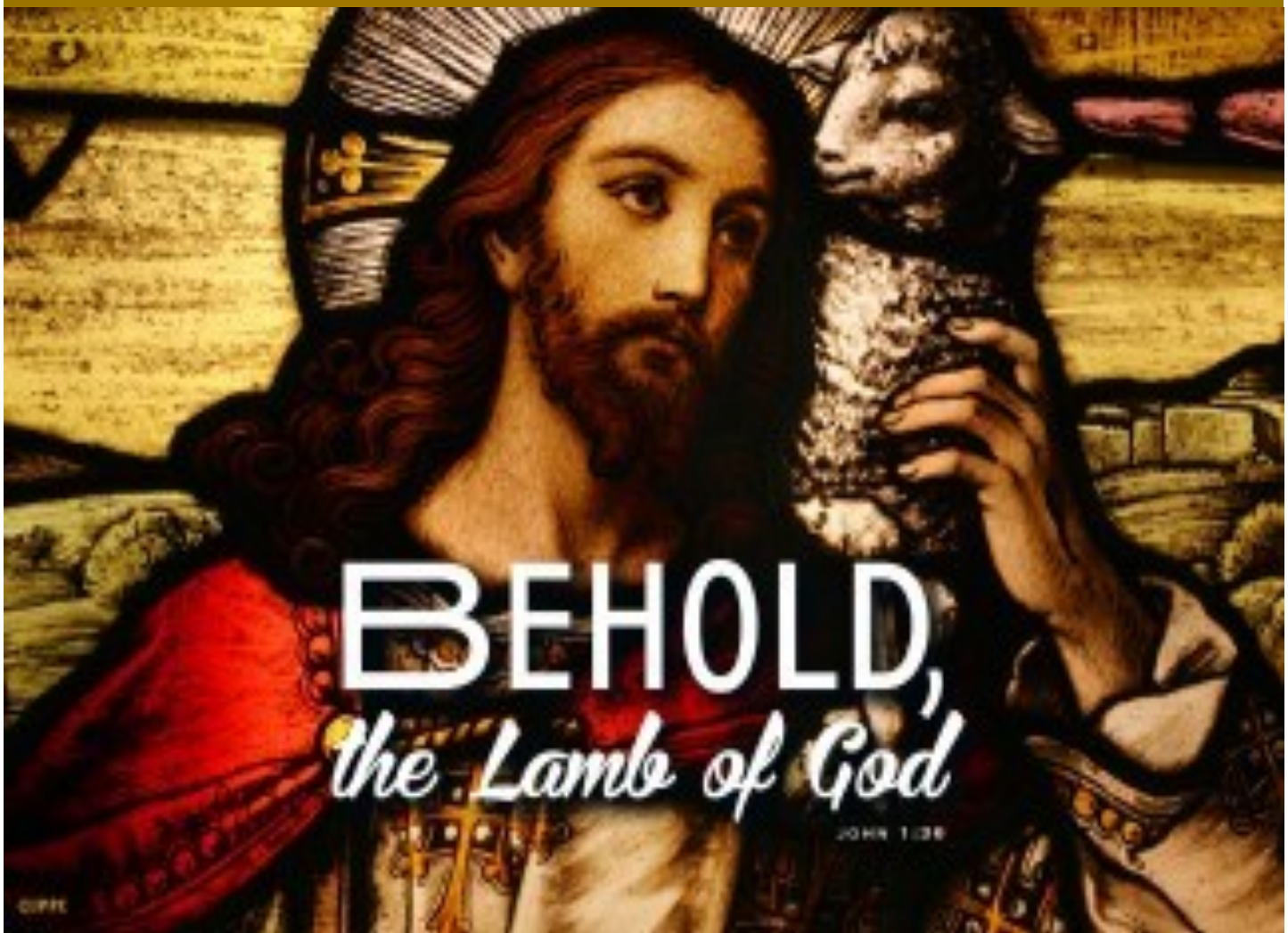


Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 17, 2021



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## Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Lectionary: 65**

**Reading I**      **1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19**

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

**Responsorial Psalm**      **Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10**

R. (8a and 9a) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. "In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

**Reading II**      **1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

**Alleluia**      **Jn 1:41, 17b**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel**      **Jn 1:35-42**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

Open  
your  
hearts  
to the  
Word  
of the  
LORD







## March for Life

Since COVID precautions will restrict our usual participation in the annual March for Life in Washington, Bishop

O'Connell will celebrate Mass online on Friday, January 29th

*As the new year begins, there are many issues in society that challenge our Catholic moral and social teachings. Opposition to abortion remains our "pre-eminent priority." During the month of January when we acknowledge the 48th anniversary of the fateful Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision, I invite the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Trenton to join one another in a common prayerful response: (1) pray the rosary daily for the rest of the month for an end to abortion in our country; (2) pray the newly created "Novena to St. Joseph" to end abortion that will be published on our parish and diocesan websites each day, January 14 through 22; (3) pray and fast to end abortion on the actual anniversary date, January 22, as parishes celebrate Masses for the legal protection of the unborn. Since COVID precautions will restrict our usual participation in the annual March for Life in Washington on January 29, I will celebrate Mass online that day and many parishes will celebrate Masses in churches for all these intentions. As a Diocese, as parishes, let us pray for an end to abortion, for the legal protection of the unborn and in thanksgiving to God for the gift of human life. Thank you.*

**Bishop O'Connell**

### NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH TO END ABORTION

*St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and Guardian of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus, the Son of God whom she carried in her Immaculate womb: intercede for us, we pray, that all recourse to abortion might cease in our nation and our world. As your cared for Mother and Child, care for all women who bear the gift of life in their womb. May no harm ever endanger them, and may no choice ever threaten the blessing of human life that God has created within. Guard them with your loving protection, at every moment, until His will has been fulfilled. St. Joseph, spouse of Mary and foster father of the Lord, help us build a culture of life that yields a civilization of love among us.*

**Say the "Our Father," the "Hail Mary" and the "Glory be" after the novena prayer.**

## Pray FOR THE SICK

The list of parishioners, relatives, and friends are in need of your prayers for healing. Note 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. Also if you or a loved one are unable to attend mass and would like to receive Holy Communion in a home or assisted living, please notify Donna at 732-449-6364 ext. 100.

**Benjamin Ohlweiler**

**Jeremy Pavlick**

**Lucy Gargano**

**Julia Buonocore**

**Fred Buonocore**

**Christine Frauenheim**

**Alexandra Gavilanes**

**Sarah Gallagher**

**Jimmy Azzollini**

**Vivian Wilson**

**Ken Hauck**

**Dorothy Waugh**

**Patricia Cavanaugh**

**Rose Courtney**

**Grace Philhower**

**Jim Bogan**

**Maria Valdez**

**Ani Slevin**

**Cathy Shalloo**

*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.***

† Eugenia Cymbala

† Catherine Donatelli

† Sheila Ann Miller

† Edward A. Palmer, III

*May the angels lead you into paradise..."*



### Readings for the Week January 17, 2021

**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;

k 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:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31;

Mk 1:14-20



## *This Week's Mass Intentions*

Date	Intention	Requested by
<b>Monday, January 18</b>		
7:30 AM	† Dorothy Wright	Family
11:00 AM	† Christopher Schneider	Saint Mark's Altar Rosary Society
	† Sue Warnick	Friends
<b>Tuesday, January 19</b>		
7:30 AM	† Anne Macenczak	Estate
11:00 AM	† Jason Keat	Bohacik Family
<b>Wednesday, January 20</b>		
7:30 AM	† Joseph Meloia	Kim and Pat Abrahamson
11:00 AM	† Jean Judge	Estate
<b>Thursday, January 21</b>		
7:30 AM	† Alexander DePalma	Dr. and Mrs. Robert Belott
11:00 AM	† Carol Alexander	John and Pat Gibbs
	† Ellen Boyle, 3rd Anniversary	Jane Boyle
<b>Friday, January 22</b>		
7:30 AM	† Frederick Henning	Dan and Rose Crimmins
11:00 AM	† Frank and Eileen Cummings	Karen and Stephan Dushnick
	† Jeanne Gildea	Family
<b>Saturday, January 23</b>		
7:30 AM	† Joseph Lane	Todd and Jamie Leonhardt
4:30 PM	† John and Mary Walters	Shirley Collis and Family
	† Edward F. Liston, Sr.	Gordon and Peggy Pingicer
	† Jean McCabe	Family
<b>Sunday, January 24</b>		
8:00 AM	People of the Parish	
10:00 AM	† Margaret Mary Checton	John and Maria Checton
	† Garret J. "Cory" DeNoble	Todd and Jamie Leonhardt
	† Isaac Richardson	Vicky Nixon
5:00 PM	Private Intention (Special Intention)	Family
	Luengas Toralba Family (Special Intention)	Family
	Ismael Alejandrez (Special Intention)	Julia Alvarado and Family



Here I am, LORD,  
I come to do your will.

**ST. MARK'S CHURCH**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FISCAL PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019**

<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020/2019</u>	
			Variance	
<u>COLLECTIONS:</u>				
Weekly Sunday Offerings	\$596,394	\$566,806		
Holy Days	12,417	1,837		
Christmas	79,716	64,456		
Easter	28,360	33,138		
Summer Appeal	6,603	8,564		
Diocesan Assessment	30,174	28,025		
Non Diocesan Appeals	<u>39,330</u>	<u>23,562</u>		
Totals	792,994	\$736,388	\$56,607	7%
<u>Auxiliary Income:</u>				
Votive Candles	9,969		5,566	
Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals	23,625	32,480		
Unrestricted Donations, Miscellaneous	<u>18,862</u>	<u>28,913</u>		
	\$52,456	\$66,959	(\$14,503)	(22%)
Religious Education	<u>\$23,505</u>	<u>\$34,466</u>	<u>(\$10,961)</u>	(32%)
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Total Operating Income	\$868,955	\$837,813	\$ 31,142	4%

**UPDATE COMMENTARY**  
**YEAR TO YEAR OPERATING RESULTS**

The trend of donations in the six months ended December 31, 2020 compared to December 31 2019 has been decidedly negative. Notwithstanding a dozen or so parishioners who contributed one-time donations of thousands of dollars each in this period, total contributions and bequests were down by \$125,000 or 25% from the 2019 period. This trend has continued downward due to the COVID-19 virus which has caused a 60%+ reduction in actual Sunday Mass attendance and a significant reduction in average weekly contributions. Operating expenses have been reduced by over 20% but the Parish faces a record deficit unless contributions are increased. Msgr. Flynn therefore asks that each parishioner strongly consider joining the 97 present parishioners giving weekly by electronic contributions. You can sign up for this on the Parish website. Please call the Rectory at 732-449-6364 if you need assistance.

<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b>2019/2018</b>	
<b>Salaries and Benefits:</b>			<b>VARIANCE</b>	
Pastor and Assistant Pastor	\$67,190	\$67,445		
Visiting Clergy	6,495	8,805		
Lay Salaries	328,722	393,143		
Health Insurance/Pension	<u>139,037</u>	<u>126,682</u>		
	<b><u>\$541,444</u></b>	<b><u>\$596,075</u></b>	<b>(\$54,631)</b>	<b>(9%)</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>				
Maintenance/Repairs	48,786	47,238		
Purchased Services/Office Expenses	37,369	37,804		
Travel/Transportation	14,343	18,181		
Liturgical	20,446	14,292		
Utilities	31,338	30,821		
Rectory Expenses	10,987	11,704		
Liability/Workers Comp Insurances	36,667	33,894		
Charitable Appeals	<u>1,050</u>	<u>750</u>		
	<b><u>\$200,986</u></b>	<b><u>\$194,684</u></b>	<b>\$ 6,302</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Parish Programs:</b>				
CCD, Adult and Youth Education	23,569	28,597		
Volunteer/Gratuities/Social Events	12,196	12,797		
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>4,666</u>	<u>647</u>		
	<b><u>\$ 40,431</u></b>	<b><u>\$42,041</u></b>	<b>(\$1,610)</b>	<b>(4%)</b>
<b>Assessments:</b>				
Diocesan Assessment	81,509	78,150		
Non Diocesan Appeals	38,117	41,276		
School Assessments	<u>42,907</u>	<u>47,975</u>		
	<b><u>\$162,533</u></b>	<b><u>\$167,401</u></b>	<b>(\$4,868)</b>	<b>(3%)</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$945,394</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,000,201</u></b>	<b><u>\$54,807</u></b>	<b><u>(5%)</u></b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 868,955</b>	<b>\$837,813</b>	<b>\$31,142</b>	
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<b>OPERATING DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>(\$76,439)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$162,388)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 85,949</u></b>	

## NON-OPERATING INCOME JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020

### Extraordinary Income:

Restricted/Unrestricted Gifts	\$49,895
Bequests	56,667
Bishop's Appeal Rebate	10,462 (Faith to Move Mountains Rebates)
Interest on Loans	15,100
PPP Loan	133,350
Investment Interest	<u>77,764</u>
	<b>\$343,238</b>

Construction loan to St. Isaac Jogues Church, Marlton \$250,000. Construction loan to Church of the Assumption, New Egypt \$180,000.

>Funds not included in this Report are Mass Account, Lorette Jordan Scholarship Fund, Social Concerns, Altar Rosary, Holy Name Society and Spanish Fund.

### St. Mark's Renovation Projects

Beginning Balance Renovation Fund July 1, 2019:	<b>\$321,522.64</b>
Additions:	<b>141,579.24</b>
Interest earned:	<b>5,990.55</b>
Disbursements (expenses):	<b>(28,327.75)</b>
Gains/Losses Unrealized	<b>8,324.01</b>
Ending Balance June 30, 2019:	<b>\$449,088.69</b>

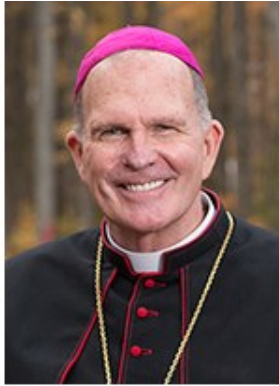
### **Renovation Projects 2019-2020**

Painting of all Railings at Church and Rectory  
Church Gutter Repairs  
Computer System Upgrade  
Sound System Repair and Upgrade  
Repair of Broken Pipes  
Repair Lighting in Church

### Members St. Mark's Financial Board

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## **"Ordinary Time" is anything but ordinary**

**"Catholics should use 'Ordinary Time' to deepen their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and his Gospel." ~ Bishop O'Connell**

With the Christmas Season behind us, Catholics enter into a period referred to as "Ordinary Time" in the Church's liturgy. In our vernacular usage, the word "ordinary" describes what is

commonplace, "everyday" or without uniqueness or special distinction.

The fact is that "Ordinary Time" makes up most of the Church's calendar year, roughly 34 weeks between the first and final Sundays of the liturgical calendar. The Lenten and Easter Seasons constitute, for lack of a better term, an "interruption" of "Ordinary Time" before Advent and Christmas come again. There are also individual feast days and solemnities that appear in the liturgical calendar "interrupting Ordinary Time" here and there.

The expression itself comes from two Latin root words referring to the "order" of numbering the weeks of the year in the "ordered life" of the Church, beginning after the solemn feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which takes the place of a "First Sunday in Ordinary Time," and ending with the solemn feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the "Final Sunday in Ordinary Time."

What takes place in the Church's official prayer during "Ordinary Time" is anything but ordinary. It is the unfolding in Masses, Scripture readings and prayers of the whole life of the Lord Jesus Christ between the "seasonal celebrations" of his Incarnation and Birth and his Passion, Death and Resurrection.

The Church's liturgical calendar is "ordered" in three cycles of Scripture readings on Sundays – Years A, B and C (we are currently in the year B cycle of Sundays of 2021) – and two cycles of Scripture readings on weekdays – Years I and II (we are currently in the year I cycle of weekdays of 2021). This arrangement was established in the revisions of the Church's liturgical calendar after the Second Vatican Council. Catholic Churches and communities that celebrate the "Extraordinary Form" of the Mass – sometimes called the "Traditional Latin Mass" – maintain the liturgical calendar that was in use prior to 1970.

The vestments used by the priest and deacon at Mass during "Ordinary Time" are green in color. Green is used to represent hope in Christ's Resurrection that characterizes each day in "Ordinary Time." Different colors are used to correspond to other seasons and times and on other days and occasions celebrated during the liturgical year – white (sometimes gold) for Christmas and Easter seasons and on special feasts of the Lord, the Blessed Mother or saints who were not martyred; violet for Advent and Lent (rose may be worn on the 3rd Sundays of these seasons) and Masses for the Dead; red for Masses of Palm Sunday, the Lord's Passion, Pentecost, the Apostles, Evangelists or other saints who were martyred. Black is sometimes worn in Masses for the Dead.

With all that in mind, Catholics should use "Ordinary Time" to deepen their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and his Gospel, to nourish their reading and understanding of the Word of God, to enhance and grow in their spiritual lives and prayer and to strive for personal conversion. "Ordinary Time" should be the opportunity to make progress in putting the Catholic faith into action with ongoing works of charity toward others, respect for and protection of human life in all its stages, support for marriage and family life, respect for the environment as our "common home," and personal witness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

*"Be who God intended you to be, and you will set the world on fire (St Catherine of Siena)."*



***"God gives where he finds empty hands."*** - St. Augustine

***...So should we***

***2020 Annual Catholic Appeal***



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***Visit: [Annual Catholic Appeal - Diocese of Trenton - Lawrenceville, NJ](#)***





The Rectory Office will be closed on  
**Monday, January 18th**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

### Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Events

To ensure that all 2020 anniversary couples are able to receive our bishop's personal blessing for the milestone anniversaries of 1 year, 25 years and 50 or more years, Bishop O'Connell extends his invitation to all couples celebrating their 1st or 2nd, 25th or 26th, or 50th or more anniversary in 2021 to the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing events to be held on **Sunday, October 10** for Monmouth County Parishes. *Registration will be available in July 2021.* Visit <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/building-strong-marriages>.

### Catholic Charities News

**Community Services is Catholic Charities' link to parishes in the Trenton diocese. Serving families in crises, we provide food, mortgage, rent and utilities assistance, temporary housing, counseling, and immigration services. To learn more about Catholic Charities Community Services visit our You Tube presentation. Click on: <https://youtu.be/-r8YRyPCIY4> If you know of anyone needing assistance, please contact Catholic Charities at 800-360-7711.**



**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.

**Any parishioner who has not been able to attend Mass and would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to them, please contact Donna at the rectory, 732-449-6364 x100 or email [donna@stmarkseagirt.com](mailto:donna@stmarkseagirt.com).**

**Please Note:** At this time, because of Covid 19, we are not accepting clothing, or any personal books, devotionals, religious articles or Rosary beads. In the future we will gladly accept your donations, but at the present time and for the safety of all those concerned, we are asking that these items not be left at the church. Thank you.

**If you know someone who doesn't have access to the internet and would like a copy of the bulletin, please reach out to the Rectory at 732-449-6364.**

### Rosary Makers of St. Mark's Guild

On **Monday, January 25th**, the Rosary Makers of St. Mark's Guild will meet in the church auditorium at 1 PM. As always, we welcome those who would be interested in making rosaries in addition to our faithful rosary makers.

*"Know that our guardian angels are near when the perils of life collide. God sends them to guard and protect us and over our lives they provide."*

Good health and Peace to all in the New Year. Amen.



### St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society

St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the rosary after the 11am mass on the first Monday of each month.

We invite those that cannot make it to church, to join us from home in the recitation of the rosary. In this way we continue to honor our Blessed Mother and follow her directions to continue praying for an end to abortion and all the intentions of her Immaculate Heart.

St. Mark's would like to let our Parishioners know what practices we have in place to protect them during the pandemic so that they can make informed decisions on



whether they feel they would like to attend in person Masses. Social distancing with roped off pews which allows those present to sit at least 6 feet apart, all pews, door handles and railings are sanitized after every Mass daily and during the weekend Masses and Sacraments, sanitizer is at the front and side entrances, bathrooms are cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis, masks must be worn by everyone in the church, the priests and Extraordinary Ministers use hand sanitizer before distributing Communion, Communion is distributed one side at a time to allow for social distance, the windows are open during Mass to help circulate air, collection baskets are placed on the Altar rail rather than the Ushers handling the collection, weekend requirement is entrance thru the front doors for Parishioner count but you may exit thru all doors.

**If you have any questions please call the Rectory Office at 732-449-6364.**



**Please join us on Friday's for Adoration immediately after 11:00 AM Mass with Benediction at 1:45 PM. It will also be broadcast on livestream @ [stmarkseagirt.com](https://www.stmarkseagirt.com)**

## CYO News

Last Sunday was a first for us having a CYO meeting at a local park. We had a lot of fun playing Knock Out on the basketball court and World Cup on the soccer field. We also managed to get in a regular CYO meeting. The 43 degrees' temperature was invigorating!

Our themes that we discussed mostly through the two plays we read were friendship and forgiveness. It is so important in life to spend time with the good people you know—friends, family and those who share your values and faith. It is also important to forgive much. God demands it of us, not to appease Him but to bring peace into our lives and our souls.

CYO events will be planned week to week now—more outdoor meetings and service events, ZOOM meetings and a few in-person indoor meetings here and there. Please check your emails and text messages for updates.

I will be taking our CYO much more into the Bible this year. Our first challenge is called “Theology Professor of the Day.” This is also a service project. If you wish to participate, please email Mrs. Reilly:

[Mary33angels@aol.com](mailto:Mary33angels@aol.com) or text: 732-685-6011

Also coming soon: Walk for Hunger!!!!!!!!!!!!

God bless, Mrs. Reilly







*Health care workers in St. Francis Medical Center, Trenton, administer the COVID vaccine to Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., Jan. 11. It was the Bishop's first dose, and he used the opportunity to echo Pope Francis' encouragement to all people to take the vaccine not only for oneself, but for others.*

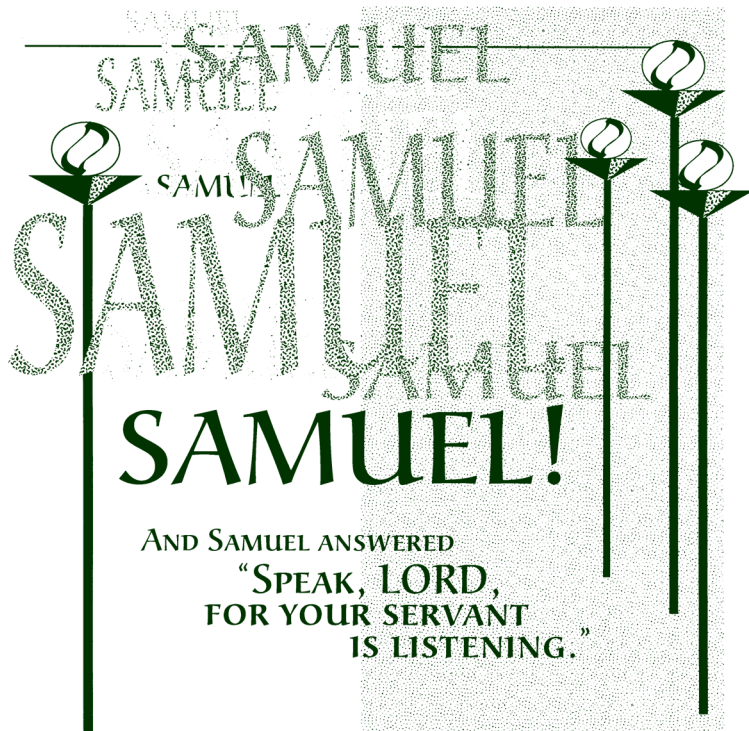
## **Pope, Bishop advocate for COVID-19 vaccine as moral choice**

Pope Francis has urged people to register and take a COVID vaccine as soon as possible, revealing in a new interview that he expects to get his own first dose this week. "I believe that, morally, everyone must take the vaccine ... because it is about your life but also the lives of others."

The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have declared that vaccines currently in use – Pfizer and Moderna, in particular – are morally acceptable and permissible for use by all the Catholic faithful.

Bishop David O'Connell, C.M. received his vaccination at St. Francis Hospital in Trenton on Monday, January 11. "Because of all the many people in the Diocese with whom I have direct contact and given my age and diabetes, I thought it advisable and important that I take my turn and receive the vaccine once it was available to me." *Trenton MONITOR*

**To register for your vaccine visit: <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov>**



## **Reflection** by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Magnetism. On one level, it's that physical phenomenon in which a bar of iron or steel can attract other iron. It can grab on to almost any metallic object from a coin to a car and everything in between. It's the "glue" that holds the photographic memories of a family on the refrigerator door.

On another level, the word refers to those features of a person that makes him or her attractive. In the case of Our Lord Jesus, we have not only attraction but also the fact that He is both human and divine. The gospels give us glimpses of both. Jesus at one time raises a dead man to life but at another time He is caught napping in the stern of St. Peter's boat.

In the gospel passage we read today, John our author gives us all the subjects and verbs of the incident, but none of the adjectives or adverbs. We hear that two former disciples of the Baptist sent them after the Lord. They experienced in turn His

magnetism. But how did their faces look? And how did Jesus' own face look? Or with what tone of voice did Jesus have when He asked them "What are you looking for?" John doesn't say.

I surmise a smile and a welcoming arm gesture when Jesus invited them to come and see where He was staying. However John steps out of character to note the time of day when this happened. Maybe because this incident marked the hour of the first calling of people that Jesus gave.

We find out the name of one of the men was Andrew. He in turn introduces his brother Simon to the Lord. Simon gets a new name, along with a new calling. The magnetic attraction of Jesus usually involves a change in the other's life.

I believe it follows that we have an opportunity this January day to reflect on our own calling from the Lord. While each of us is unique, we also have a common call as Catholic Christians to "introduce" others, so to speak, to Jesus. A sad fact is that the largest group of people in our country in terms of religious affiliation are the "nones." People with no connection to any religion. I believe we have a call to introduce them to Jesus. And we can do that more by our actions than by words. The action of our Christian lifestyle, which has a built in magnetism of its own.

*The story is told of the captain of a Mississippi riverboat who, as his ship passed another vessel, grabbed the first passenger he saw and said, "Look, look over there on the other boat, Look at its captain." The man was somewhat bewildered and asked, "Why do you want me to look at that captain? What makes him so special?"*

*Then the captain told him the story of how he had collided one night with another boat. His own vessel was foundering and in the process he was thrown overboard. The captain of the other vessel saw his desperate plight and maneuvered close enough that he was able to dive into the water and save his life.*

*After telling the story, the once-saved captain then turned to the bystander and said, "Ever since that day, I want to point out my rescuer to others." Likewise, as a people who have been magnetically attracted by Jesus, and been saved, secured and loved by Him, we should want to point out to others the God-Man who has rescued us from the consequences of our sins.*

God love you, and give you His peace!



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## Segundo Domingo Ordinario ~ Enero 17, 2021

### Primera Lectura: 1 Samuel 3, 3b-10. 19.

En aquellos días, el joven Samuel servía en el templo a las órdenes del sacerdote Elí. Una noche, estando Elí acostado en su habitación y Samuel en la suya, dentro del santuario donde se encontraba el arca de Dios, el Señor llamó a Samuel y éste respondió: "Aquí estoy". Fue corriendo a donde estaba Elí y le dijo: "Aquí estoy. ¿Para qué me llamaste?" Respondió Elí: "Yo no te he llamado. Vuelve a acostarte". Samuel se fue a acostar. Volvió el Señor a llamarlo y él se levantó, fue a donde estaba Elí y le dijo: "Aquí estoy. ¿Para qué me llamaste?" Respondió Elí: "No te he llamado, hijo mío. Vuelve a acostarte". Aún no conocía Samuel al Señor, pues la palabra del Señor no le había sido revelada. Por tercera vez llamó el Señor a Samuel; éste se levantó, fue a donde estaba Elí y le dijo: "Aquí estoy. ¿Para qué me llamaste?" Entonces comprendió Elí que era el Señor quien llamaba al joven y dijo a Samuel: "Ve a acostarte, y si te llama alguien, responde: 'Habla, Señor; tu siervo te escucha' ". Y Samuel se fue a acostar. De nuevo el Señor se presentó y lo llamó como antes: "Samuel, Samuel". Éste respondió: "Habla, Señor; tu siervo te escucha". Samuel creció y el Señor estaba con él. Y todo lo que el Señor le decía, se cumplía.

### Salmo Responsorial: 39, 2 y 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10

#### **Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad.**

Esperé en el Señor con gran confianza;  
él se inclinó hacia mí y escuchó mis plegarias.  
El me puso en la boca un canto nuevo, un himno a nuestro Dios. R.

#### **Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad.**

Sacrificios y ofrendas no quisiste, abriste, en cambio, mis oídos a tu voz.  
No exigiste holocaustos por la culpa, así que dije: "Aquí estoy".

#### **Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad.**

En tus libros se me ordena hacer tu voluntad;  
esto es Señor, lo que deseo tu ley en medio de mi corazón.

#### **Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad.**

He anunciado tu justicia en la gran asamblea;  
no he cerrado mis labios:  
tú lo sabes, Señor. R.

#### **Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad.**

### Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 6, 13c-15a. 17-20.

Hermanos: El cuerpo no es para fornicar, sino para servir al Señor; y el Señor, para santificar el cuerpo. Dios resucitó al Señor y nos resucitará también a nosotros con su poder. ¿No saben ustedes que sus cuerpos son miembros de Cristo? Y el que se une al Señor, se hace un solo espíritu con él. Huyan, por lo tanto, de la fornicación. Cualquier otro pecado que cometa una persona, queda fuera de su cuerpo; pero el que fornicar, peca contra su propio cuerpo. ¿O es que no saben ustedes que su cuerpo es templo del Espíritu Santo, que han recibido de Dios y habita en ustedes? No son ustedes sus propios dueños, porque Dios los ha comprado a un precio muy caro. Glorifiquen, pues, a Dios con el cuerpo.

### Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Cfr Juan 1, 41. 17.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.  
Hemos encontrado a Cristo, el Mesías.  
La gracia y la verdad nos han llegado por él.  
R. Aleluya.

### Evangelio: Juan 1, 35-42.

En aquel tiempo, estaba Juan el Bautista con dos de sus discípulos, y fijando los ojos en Jesús, que pasaba, dijo: "Éste es el Cordero de Dios". Los dos discípulos, al oír estas palabras, siguieron a Jesús. Él se volvió hacia ellos, y viendo que lo seguían, les preguntó: "¿Qué buscan?" Ellos le contestaron: "¿Dónde vives, Rabí?" (Rabí significa 'maestro'). Él les dijo: "Vengan a ver". Fueron, pues, vieron dónde vivía y se quedaron con él ese día. Eran como las cuatro de la tarde. Andrés, hermano de Simón Pedro, era uno de los dos que oyeron lo que Juan el Bautista decía y siguieron a Jesús. El primero a quien encontró Andrés, fue a su hermano Simón, y le dijo: "Hemos encontrado al Mesías" (que quiere decir 'el Ungido'). Lo llevó a donde estaba Jesús y éste, fijando en él la mirada, le dijo: "Tú eres Simón, hijo de Juan. Tú te llamarás Kefás" (que significa Pedro, es decir 'roca').

