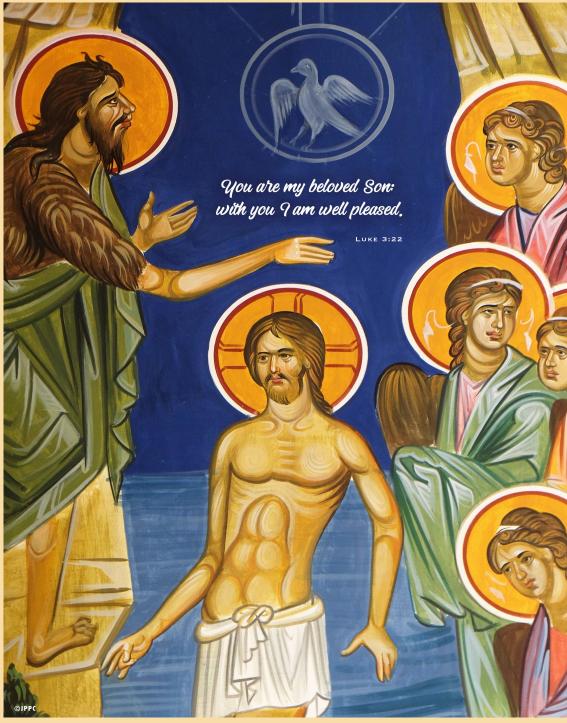
Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022



St. Mark's Catholic Church

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Lectionary: 21 Reading I <u>Is 42:1-4, 6-7</u>

Thus says the LORD:

- Here is my servant whom I uphold,
- my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit;

he shall bring forth justice to the nations,

not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street.

a bruised reed he shall not break.

and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,

I have grasped you by the hand;

I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people,

a light for the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,

to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

OR:

<u>Is 40:1-5, 9-11</u>

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in,

every mountain and hill shall be made low;

the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD. who rules by a strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. (11b) The Lord will bless his people with peace. Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire. R. The Lord will bless his people with peace. The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters. The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic. R. The Lord will bless his people with peace. The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever. R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

OR:

Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

R. (1) O bless the Lord, my soul.

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

you are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak.

You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth;

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

You have constructed your palace upon the waters. You make the clouds your chariot;

you travel on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers,

and flaming fire your ministers.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

- How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have wrought them all
- the earth is full of your creatures;
- the sea also, great and wide, in which are schools without number
- of living things both small and great.
- R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

They look to you to give them food in due time. When you give it to them, they gather it;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

Reading II Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

OR:

<u>Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7</u>

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to

cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done

but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Alleluia <u>Cf. Mk 9:7</u>

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

OR:

<u>Cf. Lk 3:16</u>

R. Alleluia, alleluia.John said: One mightier than I is coming;he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

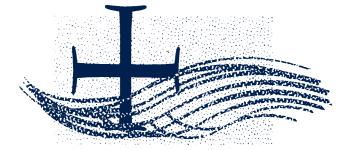
Parish Mission Statement: We, the Parish Family of St. Mark's in our quest to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ, are building a faith-based community that assists all people in life's journey to be open to God's love and to share His joy. We are further committed to address the spiritual, physical, emotional 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.

† This Week's Mass Intentions		
DATE	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Monday, January 10		
7:30 AM	⁺ Dorothy Wright	Family
11:00 AM	† Lynn Harvey	Mary McCarthy
Tuesday, January 11		
7:30 AM	† Betty Ann Parisi	Ellen Esposito and Don Sabatini
11:00 AM	+ Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark'	s Social Concerns
Wednesday, January 12		
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	† Catherine Donatelli † John Stamos † Betty Lou Stypa † Joseph Steitz	Family Fell Family Todd & Jamie Leonhardt Peggy Whelan
Thursday, January 13		
7:30 AM	† David L. Norcross	Pat & Kim Abrahamson and Gemini Restoration Family
11:00 AM	Grosso Family	Dr. and Mrs. James Cashman
Friday, January 14		
7:30 AM	† Dennis Mooney	Donna Lee Bailey
11:00 AM	† Thomas A. Miller † Beverly Brandell	Lynn Miller Roger Brandell
Saturday, January 15		
7:30 AM 4:30 PM	 Tom Hayes Special Intention Andrew Stengel Kenneth Spinosa John Santos 	Friend Family Jayne Carmona Lynn Jelliff and Family Cavanaugh/Prior Families
Sunday, January 16		
8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12 Noon 5:00 PM	People of the Parish † Mary Grant † Betty Lou Stypa	Lynn Miller Margaret and Nick Carpinelli



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Wednesday, January 19 – Thursday, January 27. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up

at **9daysforlife.com**!



New Office Hours

Beginning Tuesday, January 4, 2022 the Rectory will be open 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) Tuesdays 6 PM Spanish Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Devotions and Novenas

Miraculous Medal Novena after daily Masses on Wednesdays Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays after 11 AM Mass. Benediction at 1:45 PM 1st Fridays Spanish Adoration beginning at 7 PM



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Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14--20 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21--28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29--39 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17 Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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 **Donna at the** rectory, 732-449-6364 x100 or email donna@stmarkseagirt.com.



Please Note: New Policy for the Pray for our Sick. 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.

Frances Dougherty, Jim & Andrea Trischitta, Mary Jane Lorenzo, Erin Rubas, Dennis Maloney, Dr. William Burns, Robert Czech, Deacon Mike, Janet Thomas, Edward Morea, Rosalie Renda, Alice Healy, Benjamin Ohlweiler, Jeremy Pavlick, Lucy Gargano, Christine Frauenheim, Robert MacPherson, Jake Gilbert, Bill Lesniak, Jim Bogan, Bruce Bogan, Sr., Alexandra Gavilanes, Sarah Gallagher, Jimmy Azzollini, Vivian Wilson, Ken Hauck, Dorothy Waugh, Patricia Cavanaugh, Rose Courtney, Grace Philhower, Maria Valdez.

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.

+ Gerald V. Keegan

May the angels lead you into paradise...

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!

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.

Because of an early deadline for printing, we did not have the collection data for the weekend of January 2 ,2022. This data will be reflected in next weekend's bulletin.

CYO News—New Year 2022 by Mary Reilly

It's hard to believe with all these crazy viruses attacking us like some Old Testament plague that we still managed to get in Operation Christmas Child, the Christmas Wreath Sale, Caroling on the Crescent (the nicest people live there),



and Operation Clothe the Homeless!! Great job, CYO!!

A few things struck me from the December homilies:

First of all, Monsignor Sean REALLY knows the Bible. He references it a lot in his homilies, and his presentations on it at CYO Bible Nights have been outstanding! Can't wait to hear more!

CYO New Year resolution #1: More Bible Nights and memorize a Bible quote every week. By this time next year we will know 52 by heart!

Fr. Jose uses a lot of imagery in his homilies. He encourages husbands and wives to wake up every day committed to bringing happiness

and joy to their spouses. He encourages all of us to treat others the way the Holy Mother would treat them.

CYO New Year Resolution #2: Be nice to everyone in imitation of Christ and the Holy Mother!

Another image he used was of millions of Christians professing their faith; but in the "vineyard" where we put our faith into action there are very few seen there.

CYO New Year resolution #3: Show up when Christ calls you to His vineyard to work. We have plenty of time to relax in comfort once we get into heaven. So much work needs to be done! A lot of it makes you feel wonderful, and a lot of it is very painful. (Remember how hard it was for His followers to show up at Calvary?)Jesus and the Holy Mother and all the saints throughout their lives showed up!

Happy and blessed new year to our treasured CYO angels and their families, the wonderful priests and staff of St. Mark's, and all parishioners and friends! Let's give 2022 our all for the newborn KING!!



The dark night wakes, the glory breaks, and Christmas comes once more.

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St Mark's Altar Rosary Society will recite the Rosary for Life on **Monday**, **January 24th after the 11:00 AM Mass**. Monsignor Flynn will be reading meditations. Please join us as we pray for the end of abortion.

WORD OF LIFE

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

INTERCESSION

For all Christians:

May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God's love and the dignity of every human life; *We pray to the Lord:*

Free Qigong & Tai Chi practice with Melinda Good for any level Most THURSDAYS at 9:00 AM

For more information, text or call Melinda, 707-357-4632 or email: <u>melinda_applegate@yahoo.com</u>. (if retyping, the space between melinda and applegate is an underscore).

On sunny days we will be outside at Spring Lake Park. When the weather is not so nice, we will meet downstairs at St. Mark's Church (I will be there by 8:45 AM.) If you are not sure text or call.

What is Qigong & Tai chi?

It's an ancient practice for health and well-being. Slow easy to learn movements that give the body energy, vitality and relaxes you all at the same time. Some have called it a moving meditation. Calming and restorative. Drop in or call for more info.

Northern New Jersey Alcoholics Anonymous provides information on AA as a resource for anyone who thinks they may have drinking problem, as well as to answer any questions that professionals or community members may have about Alcoholics Anonymous. Please visit www.nnjaa.org for more information.

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

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I recently enjoyed reading TV newsman Chris Wallace's book 1945, which chronicles the events marking the creation and use of the first atomic bomb. Along the way, the author gives us insights into the ways of the various characters involved. Singular attention is given to the controversial decision of President Harry S. Truman to use the awful weapon against Japan, which was at the time our sworn enemy. How different today with our roads traversed by Honda, Toyota and Nissan cars.

As we know, the president's decision changed history, and its propriety is still the subject of debate. But we learn as well of Truman's troubling internal quandary beforehand and the various positions of his trusted advisers. Yours truly was only three years of age at the time, so the book shed light on what went on then.

At this early day in a brand new year, most of us already know that we will be making all kinds of decisions in the months ahead. Some will be delightful; others daunting. May I propose what Jesus did before every major decision in His life as our model? It was prayer. Our Lord prayed at the moment of His baptism, when God the Father and the Holy Spirit manifested their approval of Him as He began His public ministry. A few short years later Jesus would pray as He begins to close His ministry in the garden of Gethsemane.

Prayer before decision-making. It makes perfect sense on one level. It demonstrates faith on another. Why then is it so often neglected even by believers? I put the blame squarely on that pragmatism embedded in our American psyche. It's the same notion that promotes rugged individualism as the ideal way to live. So, it is better to be known as an independent than a dependent. Leave religion and God out of it.

That's sad not only for relegating God to the sidelines, but also for denying the way we are "hard wired" as creatures for God. You could not ask for a more independent-minded person than Jesus. Note how little He cared for the opinions of others. But oh! Did He ever pray!

The Psalms of Scripture are unique because Jesus prayed them. You could say they were His prayer book of David's poems. Other poets over time have extolled prayer as well. I have always liked this one from George Herbert, the 17th century Anglican priest, who gives us images that make us pause:

"Prayer the church's banquet, angel's age, God's breath in man returning to his birth, The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,

The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth Engine against th' Almighty, sinner's tow'r, Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear, The six-days world transposing in an hour,

A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear;

Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss, Exalted manna, gladness of the best, Heaven in ordinary, man well drest, The milky way, the bird of Paradise,

Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood, The land of spices; something understood." God love you and give you His peace.

Wonderfully Made Mother-Daughter Tea Sunday, January 23, 2022 from 12:30-3:00 PM hosted by St. Denis Parish, Manasquan

All mothers and their daughters age 10 and up (along with Aunts and Grandmothers) are invited to a very special inaugural event. The fee for this event is \$20 per family; pre-registration is required, and seating is limited. To learn more about this event and to register, go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/nfp-info-for-motherdaughter-connection, or contact Peg Hensler, Associate Director for Marriage Ministries and NFP; 609-403-7156; phensler@dioceseoftrenton.org.



REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR RETROUVAILLE: MARRIAGE - Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retrovy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. lt provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or The next program begins the weekend of crises. February 11-13, 2022 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.

MASS MATTERS

Fr. Bausch's book "Mass Matters" is on sale in the rectory for \$15. Please call ahead and we will have it ready for you to pick it up! 732-449-6364.





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While everyone is not yet able to participate in person at Masses, you can watch them online by visiting our parish website: Saint Mark's Catholic Church - 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, New Jersey 08750 (stmarkseagirt.com) and click on the Livestream logo or highlight the link below then right click and click open Hyperlink St. Mark Church Streaming Player Powered by StreamSpot.



Eucharistic Devotion

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 11 AM Mass for Adoration. Benediction begins at 1:45PM. It broadcast on livestream will also be (a)stmarkseagirt.com. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

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Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor Enero 9, 2022

Primera Lectura: Is 42, 1-4. 6-7.

Esto dice el Señor: "Miren a mi siervo, a quien sostengo, a mi elegido, en quien tengo mis complacencias. En él he puesto mi espíritu para que haga brillar la justicia sobre las naciones. No gritará, no clamará, no hará oír su voz por las calles; no romperá la caña resquebrajada,

ni apagará la mecha que aún humea. Promoverá con firmeza la justicia, no titubeará ni se doblegará hasta haber establecido el derecho sobre la tierra y hasta que las islas escuchen su enseñanza. Yo, el Señor, fiel a mi designio de salvación, te llamé, te tomé de la mano, te he formado y te he constituido alianza de un pueblo, luz de las naciones, para que abras los ojos de los ciegos, saques a los cautivos de la prisión y de la mazmorra a los que habitan en tinieblas".

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 28, 1a y 2. 3ac-4. 3b y 9b-10.

Te alabamos, Señor.

Hijos de Dios, glorifiquen al Señor, denle la gloria que merece.

Postrados en su templo santo, alabemos al Señor.

Te alabamos, Señor.

La voz del Señor se deja oír sobre las aguas torrenciales. La voz del Señor es poderosa, la voz del Señor es imponente.

Te alabamos, Señor.

El Dios de majestad hizo sonar el trueno de su voz. El Señor se manifestó sobre las aguas desde su trono eterno.

Te alabamos, Señor.

Segunda Lectura: Hch 10, 34-38.

En aquellos días, Pedro se dirigió a Cornelio y a los que estaban en su casa, con estas palabras: "Ahora caigo en la cuenta de que Dios no hace distinción de personas, sino que acepta al que lo teme y practica la justicia, sea de la nación que fuere. Él envió su palabra a los hijos de Israel, para anunciarles la paz por medio de Jesucristo, Señor de todos. Ya saben ustedes lo sucedido en toda Judea, que tuvo principio en Galilea, después del bautismo predicado por Juan: cómo Dios ungió con el poder del Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret, y cómo éste pasó haciendo el bien, sanando a todos los oprimidos por el diablo, porque Dios estaba con él".

Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Cfr Mc 9, 7.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.Se abrió el cielo y resonó la voz del Padre, que decía:"Éste es mi Hijo amado; escúchenlo".R. Aleluya.

Evangelio: Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22.

En aquel tiempo, como el pueblo estaba en expectación y todos pensaban que quizá Juan el Bautista era el Mesías, Juan los sacó de dudas, diciéndoles: "Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. Él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego". Sucedió que entre la gente que se bautizaba, también Jesús fue bautizado. Mientras éste oraba, se abrió el cielo y el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él en forma sensible, como de una paloma, y del cielo llegó una voz que decía: "Tú eres mi Hijo, el predilecto; en ti me complazco".