

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023



St. Mark's Catholic Church

Fr. Miguel Virella, SVD, Pastor

Fr. Carlos Castilla, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Michael Keary

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

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Altar Rosary Society	732-528-6948
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CYO	732-685-6011
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† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, October 2

7:30 AM

- † Deceased Members of St. Mark's Holy Name
- † Julia Buonocore by Family
- † Dorothy Wright by Family

11:00 AM

Living & Deceased Members St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society

Tuesday, October 3

7:30 AM

- † Agnes Morgan by Estate

11:00 AM

- † Thomas J. and Katherine Lavin by Betsy Smith
- † Mary C. Flynn by Jerry Flynn
- † Ellen Boyle by Jane Boyle

Wednesday, October 4

7:30 AM

- † Richard Russo by the Hetzel & Benevenia Families

11:00 AM

- † Ellen Boyle by the Chamberlin Family
- † Sr. Mary Gildea by John and Maryanne Greene

Thursday, October 5

7:30 AM

- † Colette Casey by Estate
- † Harold J. Neilan by the Clarke Family
- † Bryan Ahern by Peggy Hardiman

11:AM

- † Gretchen Geiger Kelly by Maria & John Checton
- † Barbara J. Toscano by Deacon Mike & Sandra Keary
- † John M. Malloy by Family

Friday, October 6

7:30 AM

- † Mary McCluskey by Estate

11:00 AM

- † Damiano Rabbeni by the Bertucci Family

Saturday, October 7

7:30 AM

- † Ken Farrell by Matthew O'Brien
- † Bobby Brown by Deb Mercora

4:30 PM

- † Jimmy Azzollini by St. Mark's Religious Program
- † Iva Jean Wilmore by Dolly Maltese
- † Sean Meehan by the Elliott Family

Sunday, October 8

8:00 AM

- † Jay Green by the Donatelli Family
- † Deceased Members of the Abraham Family by
Millie Abraham
- † John Hurley by Irene and Leo Hurley

10:00 AM

† James (Jim) Muller by Maureen Burch

† Carmen Frio by Eileen and Pete McHugh

† John Shibles by Maureen & Rick Heilmann

12 Noon

People of the Parish

5:00 PM

Carlos Benitez from Zuna Family

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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!



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.

Readings for the Week



October 1, 2023

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

October 7/8, 2023

	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM	Sunday 12 Noon
Celebrant	Fr. Miguel	Fr. Miguel	Fr. Carlos	Fr. Miguel
Readers	Connie Duffy	Rose Crimmins	Joe Stillo	Nancy Schatzman
Eucharistic Ministers	Maria Checton Anthony Granato Lynn Jelliff	Dan Crimmins Barbara King Pam Zusi	Don McLaughlin Mary McLaughlin Joe Stillo	Bob Cicensia Debbie Dunn Helen Hopkins
Ushers	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: Laurie Langell Syby, Vivian Wilson, Gloria Cancellieri, 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, Jim Bogan, 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 unto 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.

† Margaret Dougherty

May the angels lead you into paradise.



Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and its 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 September 23/24, 2023, \$10,451.



***“You shall obtain
all you ask of me
by the recitation
of the Rosary.”
The Mother of God***

Rosary Rally

**October 14, 2023 at 12 Noon at
St. Mark's Church, side lawn.**

Please bring a beach chair!

Please join the Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our Nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion.

We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Sponsored by St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE: Some couples feel lonely, frustrated, or angry in their marriage, often feeling shut off from one another. Other couples experience severe conflict and never-ending arguments. Retrouvaille offers hope for all these marriages by teaching couples to communicate in a deeper, more meaningful way, healing hurts and rebuilding trust and intimacy. No relationship is beyond help.

The next program will be held October 6-8, 2023 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.

Crowning our Blessed Mother, as Queen of the Most Holy Rosary



On **Monday, October 2nd** after the 11:00 AM Mass, the Altar Rosary Society will be crowning our Blessed Mother, as Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. A Healing Rosary will follow with meditations presented by Father Miguel. Please bring your written prayer requests. Father Miguel will be the speaker at our luncheon.



Some Thoughts for October, *by Marge Loenser*

October, October! How did you get here so quickly? I can tell you're here, all right, by all the leaves the wind has blown down. You're shouting autumn at us, and summer is barely over! Oh well, welcome anyway! (Especially since October is the month of the Holy Rosary)

On October 2nd we celebrate The Holy Guardian Angels. Jesus, Himself, speaks of them in Luke's gospel, chapter 18. He tells us that unless we become like little children we shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. He says "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the Face of My Heavenly Father." Dear Guardian Angels, thank you for always being there for us. We hope to meet you one day in heaven.

One of our favorite Saints is St. Francis of Assisi. We celebrate him on the 4th. As a young man, Francis turned away from earthly things; he became poor and went out to preach Jesus on the streets of Assisi. He is well remembered for his miracles involving birds and animals, and his compassion for critically ill and injured people. He attracted a good following of young men and founded the Franciscan Friars. St. Francis, please pray for us. On the 18th we celebrate St. Luke. He was a doctor and disciple of St. Paul. He wrote the

third gospel and The Book of Acts. St. Luke, thank you for the beautiful Infancy Narrative and the lovely "Magnificat" of Mary. Please pray for us.

On the 19th we celebrate St. John de BreBeuf, Isaac Jogues and companions. They were Jesuit missionaries to native Americans in North America in the 1600's. I was blessed to be on retreat to upstate New York and Canada where they ministered to the Indians. We visited the place where they were martyred. I picked up a stone from a brook near where they were killed and I have it to this day. I'm thinking I'd better give it to someone with a garden, as when God calls me home and my kids have to go through my things, they might not understand why I kept a fist-size stone in my dresser drawer. Dear St. John and St. Isaac please pray for America.

On the 28th we celebrate St. Simon and St. Jude, apostles. Tradition tells us that after Pentecost, Simon preached the gospel in Edessa and Jude in Egypt. They met in Persia where they suffered martyrdom. St. Jude, of course is the Patron Saint of Impossible Cases. St. Jude and St. Simon, please pray for us.

I would like to leave you with some empowering words. These were favorites of my Aunt Rose:

When you come to the edge of all the light you have known, and are about to step into the darkness, Faith is knowing that one of two things will happen: There will be something to stand on, or you will be taught how to fly!

God bless you, each one.

Love,
Marge

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi



The Catholic Church will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th, commemorating the life of St. Francis, the Patron Saint of Animals. Coinciding with this day, Mrs. Luisi's and Mrs. Langeveld's 8th grade Confirmation Class will be completing a community service project to collect items for the Monmouth County SPCA. **Bins for donations will be available for the entire month of October.** Items can include toys, food, gently used towels and blankets and cleaning supplies. A bin will be placed in the foyer of the church for collection of the items.



Father Miguel will be blessing the animals in front of the Church, Sunday, October 1st at 2 PM. Students will be collecting items at that time as well. Please bless a homeless animal with your donation while bringing your pet to be blessed. Thank you for supporting our Confirmation Candidates in this project.

CYO News by Mary Reilly



CYO is getting more and more new members each week. Keep bringing your friends, CYO! The more the merrier!!!!!!

This past Sunday we learned about St. Peter Claver and the Book of Psalms. We also read a play "Why I Am God's Greatest Miracle." The girls then talked up the upcoming Champion for Life Dinner while the boys played dodgeball.

Please sign up with Mrs. Reilly as soon as possible to attend the Champion for Life Dinner on October 29th at The Spring Lake Manor! It is a service night, a delicious dinner and a great time had by all!

See everyone this Sunday at 7:30 PM!!!!!!!!!!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2: St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will be crowning our Blessed Mother, as Queen of the Most Holy Rosary after the 11 am Mass. See page 4.

October 9: Rectory Closed in observation of Columbus Day.

October 14: Rosary Rally at 12 Noon at St. Mark's side lawn. See page 4.

October 14/15: New Jersey Right to Life will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses.

October 21/22: The second collection is for World Mission Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

October 29: Champion for Life Dinner. See page 10.

Please Note:

The October 15-24, 2023 Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes Discovery with Barcelona with Father Miguel is filled. If you would like to be put on a waiting list, please call Gina Doran 1-800-852-5655 X12816 or visit gdoran@collette.com.



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 Holy Innocents Society of the Diocese of Trenton, Southern Monmouth Chapter, is beginning the 2023-24 academic year at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Sea Girt.

The goal of the Holy Innocents Society is to bring all parishioners with developmental, cognitive and/or physical challenges into full participation in parish life. The Southern Monmouth Chapter meets weekly Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at St. Mark's Parish. The meetings include the celebration of six special seasonal masses throughout the academic year. Adults and young people with special needs who live in Southern Monmouth County and their family members are encouraged to join us as we pray, sing and celebrate our faith together. For details, contact Gina Lesniewski at 732-280-2451 or Joeandgina@optonline.net.

For more information on the Holy Innocents Society of the Diocese of Trenton, you may click on this link: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/holy-innocents-society>.

Walkathon Fundraiser: The Henry B King Medical Brigade, is sponsoring a Walkathon Fundraiser on **Saturday, October 7th between 9-11am**. The starting place is the South Pavilion in Spring Lake. We are raising funds for our 31st annual Medical Mission to Honduras. Last year, we provided free medical, dental and humanitarian services to approximately 1900 people. We are asking for a good will donation of \$20 for a t-shirt, water and snack. We are a 501c(3) charity and NJ Not for Profit. Come and enjoy a shore walk and thank you in advance for helping the sick and poor of Honduras. Inquiries can be sent to scottyabercrombie@gmail.com.



"Are you interested in becoming a Lancer?"

We gladly invite you to check us out at one of our upcoming **Open Houses on October 21st at 9 a.m. or October 26th at 7 p.m.** Visit www.sjvhs.org/openhouse to register and for more information. We look forward to speaking with you about all Saint John Vianney High School has to offer!"

St. Joseph's Parish Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 7th after the 8am Mass. Participants are asked to bring a lawn chair to Mary's Garden outside the church. If it rains, we will remain in the church.



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.

Life

starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.

- F. Scott Fitzgerald

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YOU ARE INVITED TO CWOZ CHAPTER 1:

The day consists of Mass, Adoration, Music by: *Joyful Praise*, speaker, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. This month's speaker is: **Eileen Lombardo**, is president of Catholic Women of Zion Chapter II, since February 22, 1997. She has spoken at Retreats throughout New Jersey. Eileen has been married for 54 years and has three married children and five wonderful grandchildren, and they have a little "saint" in heaven. **Eileen invites us to join her, as she shares: "Reflection of Mary's Mind and Heart"**

Saturday, October 14, 2023 9AM-2PM

9AM Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Thomas Maher at St. William the Abbot Church in Howell
\$20. includes Box lunch. Pay at the door
Come and bring a friend!

Reservations: are necessary and must select a Box Lunch from selections listed on CWOZ Website www.cwoz.org. You can also register by phone please leave your phone number, spell your last name and selection of Box Lunch at **732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, October, 10th.**

If you have any questions contact: Mary Ann Collett, MSW, MA, CLEM Co-founder/Director of Catholic Women of Zion cwoz@cwoz.org.

Monmouth County Regional
Health Commission Facilitates:

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

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ABOUT

Circle of Friends is a group created for seniors (age 60+) in need of more social support and connection in their community.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- Activities within the themes of...
 - Exercise and Wellness
 - Creative Arts and Culture
 - Writing and Reflection
- Group meets 1x per week for 12 weeks
- Group consists of 8-12 members
- Facilitated by MCRHC, driven by group interests.

New York Times best-selling author of "Left to Tell"

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Please join us and experience Immaculee's powerful journey through her remarkable personal testimony.

She will share her witness to the life-saving power of faith and the Rosary, as she huddled with seven other women in a cramped bathroom for 91 days while killers lurked outside the door.



Two Day Retreat
Friday & Saturday
October 20-21, 2023

Fri: Retreat 5:00pm-9:00pm
 Please join us for 9:00am Mass on Sat.
Sat: Retreat 10:00am-1:30pm

Tickets:
Individual: \$57
For one plus guest: \$76

Register directly at:
www.immaculee.com
 Sadha Barnes Immaculee's
 Coordinator of Retreats & Pilgrimages
SBHolySpirit5@gmail.com

Holy Innocents Church
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Dates, Times, Location

ALL WEDNESDAYS!!
 OCTOBER 11, 18, 25, NOV 1, 8
 St Margaret Church Basement
 300 Ludlow Ave, Spring Lake
 DUFFY HALL, 10 AM or ZOOM (10 AM or 7PM)

Cost/Registration

No Cost to 2022 participants
 \$40 to new participants
 Our first session is a review of last year
 \$40 includes book and video access
 Mail checks to: Kathy Ramus
 1317 Curtis Ave
 Point Pleasant NJ 08742

For More Information

Call Pat Giles 908-309-2150
www.scsmsl.org
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Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry
invites you to join us for the
34th Annual Champion for Life Award Dinner
Sunday, October 29, 2023 at Spring Lake Manor
415 Hwy 71, Spring Lake Heights, NJ 07762

Our 2023 Award Honorees are:



Champion for Life

Deacon Rich Weber
St. Rose, Belmar



Lifetime Achievement

Rev. Jim Whelan
St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish

Reception 5:00- 6:00 PM (cash bar) Buffet Dinner 6:00 PM

Adult Dinner - \$70 Children's Dinner - \$35

Checks payable to "Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry" and mail to: Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry, POB 169, Spring Lake, NJ 07762. Kindly make reservations asap but no later than October 15th. For further information please contact Cynthia Wagner at (732) 718-0876 or Catherine Minall at (732) 749-3090.

Name(s): _____ Tel# _____

Email: _____ Parish _____

Number of Adult Dinners _____ Children's Dinners _____ If you wish to be seated with others, please list their names on the back or attach sheet.

We expect a large turnout of our high School CYO and youth ministries. Whether you attend the dinner or not, please consider sponsoring participation of our youth.

- I would like to sponsor a dinner for _____ youth group member(s) @ \$35 each
- Platinum Level Sponsor of 10 Youth Group Members @ \$300 _____
- Silver Level Sponsor of 5 Youth Group Members @ \$150 _____

Advertisements for Awards Booklet are due by October 6, 2023. Ads can be mailed to Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry, POB 169, Spring Lake, NJ 07762 or emailed to Barbara McLoughlin at Heytwinsister@gmail.com. Contact Barbara with any questions at (973) 543-4596.

- Full Page Ad – (6" X 7.5") -- \$500
- Half Page Ad – (6" X 3.75") -- \$250
- Quarter Page Ad -- \$125

Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry



"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I sanctified you..." Jeremiah 1:5

Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry invites you to participate in our work in defense of, and protection of, the unborn and also the victims of child trafficking. Please consider attending our Champion for Life dinner on October 29 and/or joining us in prayer during 40 Days for Life. Here are our upcoming events:

Friday, September 29 - November 3: Members of our Ministry and others participate in the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil outside of Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Jim Meyer - the Friday vigil organizer at meyerjim1953@gmail.com. He will send you the Friday schedule by email so you can select an hour of prayer that works for you. If Friday doesn't work for you, you can email monmouth4life@hotmail.com to get information on all of the days/hours when prayer partners will be meeting at the vigil to pray the Rosary. Feel free to contact parish representatives for questions (Maria at mgchecton@gmail.com and Jim at sheridan62j@gmail.com).

Weekend of October 14-15: NJRTL raffle tickets. Your parish reps will be selling these tickets after Masses. All proceeds benefit the work of New Jersey Right to life. Tickets are \$10 and first prize is a 2024 Volvo XC40!!!

Sunday, October 29: Champion for Life Dinner at Spring Lake Manor in Spring Lake Heights. Our dinner flyer has been running in our bulletins and is also in our churches. Please consider attending, submitting an ad, or sponsoring members of our youth ministries. All proceeds benefit our pro-life charities. Thank you and God bless.

Finally, we meet on the third Monday of the month in St. Margaret's church basement in Spring Lake at 7 PM. New members are always welcome and greatly appreciated!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

"Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society; a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity. It is time to join forces and work together to free its victims and to eradicate this crime that affects all of us, from individual families to the worldwide community." Pope Francis

***The Franciscan Friars and Secular Franciscans
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The Transitus of St. Francis

Join us for a Candlelight Service
as we remember St. Francis' passage
from Death to New Life!

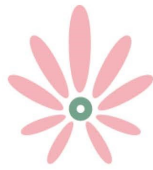
Tuesday, October 3rd at 6 p.m.

St. Peter's Church
406 Forman Ave. - Pt. Pleasant Beach
Reception to follow

RSVP: Dorothy O'Reilly, OFS 732-575-7913 (call or text).



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.**

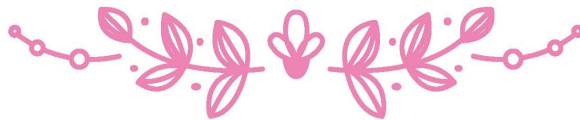


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Opening Your Heart (OYH)

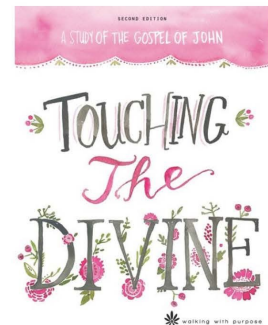
This 22-week foundational course is designed for women who are new to WWP as well as those with more Bible study experience. Join us as we examine the core questions that we wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.

Touching the Divine (TTD)

(Suggested after OYH completion.)

Touching the Divine, a 22-lesson Bible study, focuses on the many qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and His teachings about the Eucharist.

Great study for the Eucharistic Revival!



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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

NEEDED ITEMS: Coffee/Tea • Soup • Mayo
Mustard • Ketchup • Deodorant • Toothpaste
Toothbrushes • Soap • Canned fruit • Dish and
Laundry detergent
Diapers (Size 3 and up are most needed) and Wipes

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!**

Meals on Wheels Driver Needed!



Volunteer Opportunity

Meals on Wheels driver needed in the Belmar/West Belmar area to deliver meals to seniors at their respective homes. Meals are picked up in Bradley Beach. Volunteer once a month or once a week, whatever suits your schedule. Duration is usually 1-2 hours. **If interested or have questions, please contact Margaret Saracco at 732-272-7982.**

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](#).



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](#).**

Support Life-Play Bocce!



Support the Madonna House while playing bocce! Come on out on **October 21, 2023** for a bocce tournament to raise funds for the Madonna House as they minister to poor, destitute and underprivileged children and women who live in our local communities. Join us at Memorial Park in Neptune City and take part in a single elimination tournament (two players per team) in support of life. \$25 per player (\$50 per team) - includes a shirt for each player. All profits from the day will be donated to the Madonna House. **Contact David (dfurb@aol.com) for more details and to reserve a spot. Registration ends October 7, 2023.**

Iglesia de "San Marcos" Apostolado Hispano
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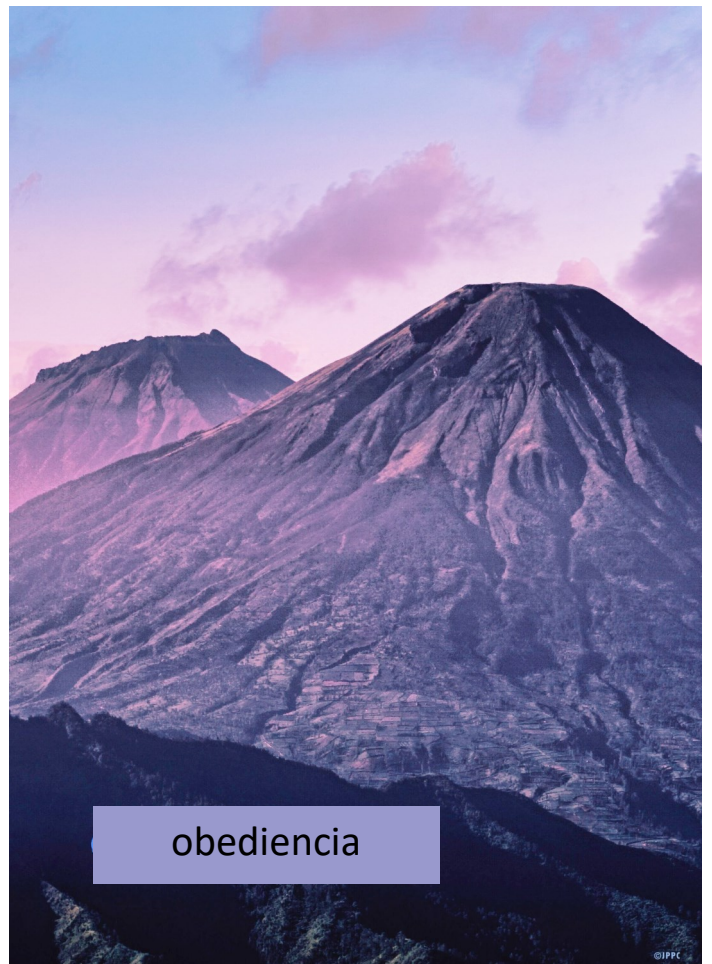
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TODOS LOS ANIMALES



DOMINGO, OCTUBRE 1 @ 2:00 P.M.
AL FRENTE DE LA IGLESIA

LOS ESPERAMOS!



VENTA DE COMIDA



**Vengan y disfruten
de una deliciosa
comida.**

**Todos los fondos
recaudados de las
ventas, seran en
beneficio a nuestro
ministerio hispano.**



Domingos:
Octubre 1, 15 & 29

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

6:00- 7:00 p.m.



Para mas informacion: Raul Perez (732) 292-2687