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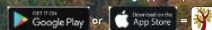
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**The Holy Innocents Society of the Diocese of Trenton, Southern Monmouth Chapter,** is beginning the 2023-24 academic year at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Sea Girt.

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](mailto: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>.



**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**

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

If you someone who might be interested in volunteering, contact Peggy Mahoney for more information at [margaretmahoney726@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmahoney726@gmail.com).

When you help someone learn to speak English, you can change a life!



**2024 Mass Book will open on  
Monday, November 13th**

Mass Intentions may be mailed to the Rectory or dropped off in the mail slot, with preferred dates and times. Please include your contact information for any questions we might have, and a \$10 stipend for each mass. Checks should be payable to St. Mark's Church. Also indicate if you desire any Mass cards. We will call you when they are ready to be picked up.

Please mail your checks to St. Mark's Church, 215 Crescent Parkway, Sea Girt, NJ 08750 or drop off in mail slot. Thank you!



Because of our printer's early deadlines for our winter bulletins, please email all bulletin articles to [cindy@stmarkseagirt.com](mailto:cindy@stmarkseagirt.com) by the following dates:

November 26th Bulletin by Wednesday, November 15th.

December 3rd Bulletin by Wednesday, November 22nd.

December 10th Bulletin by Friday, December 1st.

December 17th Bulletin by Wednesday, December 6th.

December 24th Bulletin by Wednesday, December 13th.

December 31st Bulletin by Tuesday, December 19th.

Thank you for your cooperation!





# **FAMILY ADVENT GATHERING AND BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS**

*We will hear St. Nick's  
story, an Advent Saint*



**Sunday  
DECEMBER 3RD**

**10:00 am**

Join us after Mass for a delicious buffet breakfast with St. Nicholas. We'll have activities for the children, and an opportunity to receive a gift from him.

*All families are invited to attend!*



**WE INVITE ALL THE CHILDREN  
TO LEAVE ONE OF THEIR SHOES  
DOWNSTAIRS BEFORE MASS  
FOR A SPECIAL SURPRISE  
FROM ST. NICHOLAS!**



# Thanksgiving Blessings



## THANKS FOR GIVING!

*St. Mark's Social Concerns Committee would like to thank all who contributed to the success for our food drive to provide Thanksgiving dinners to those families that the Mercy Center helps. The Mercy Center is very grateful to St. Mark's for all they do.*

*We would also like to thank our CYO and CCD children and their parents for their generosity. A special thanks to all the drivers who transported the food to the Mercy Center.*

*We wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.*

*Sincerely,  
Gary and Pat Cademartori*



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](http://stmarkseagirt.com). Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.



**American Red Cross**

**Blood Drive**

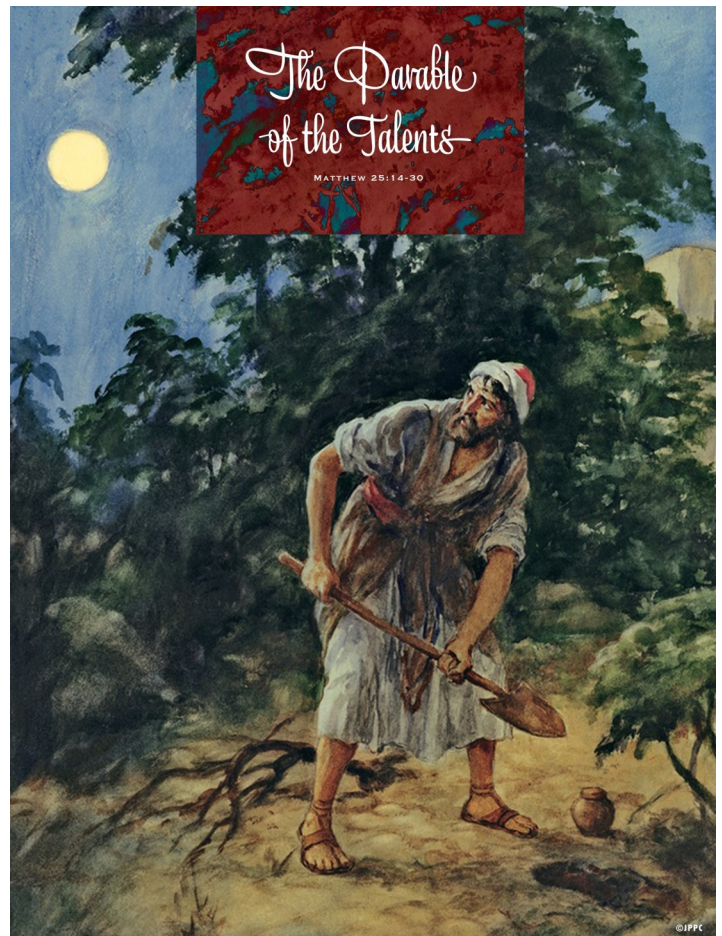
**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

**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.



## Social Concerns Programs

### Feeding the Hungry



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

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

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

**Please use only the trays provided.**

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

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

## Mercy Center UPDATE!

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

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

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

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

### Collecting Travel Size Toiletries



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

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

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 18/19** Second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Thank you.

**November 19:** Last day of Coat Drive.

**Thursday, November 23: Happy Thanksgiving!** Mass is at 9AM only. Spanish Mass at 10:30AM. Rectory Office is closed and will reopen on Monday, November 27.

**November 26-28:** No CCD.

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

**November 29:** Blood Drive. See page 11.

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

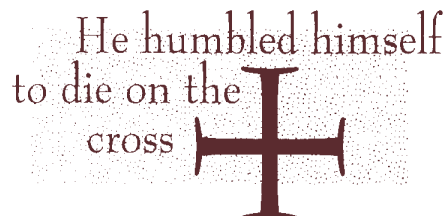
**For programs or to register call Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House 609-877-0509 or [FHOP@verizon.net](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net) or [CLICK HERE](#).**

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



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

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





Iglesia de "San Marcos" Apostolado Hispano

Misa Dominical: Domingo 5:00 p.m.

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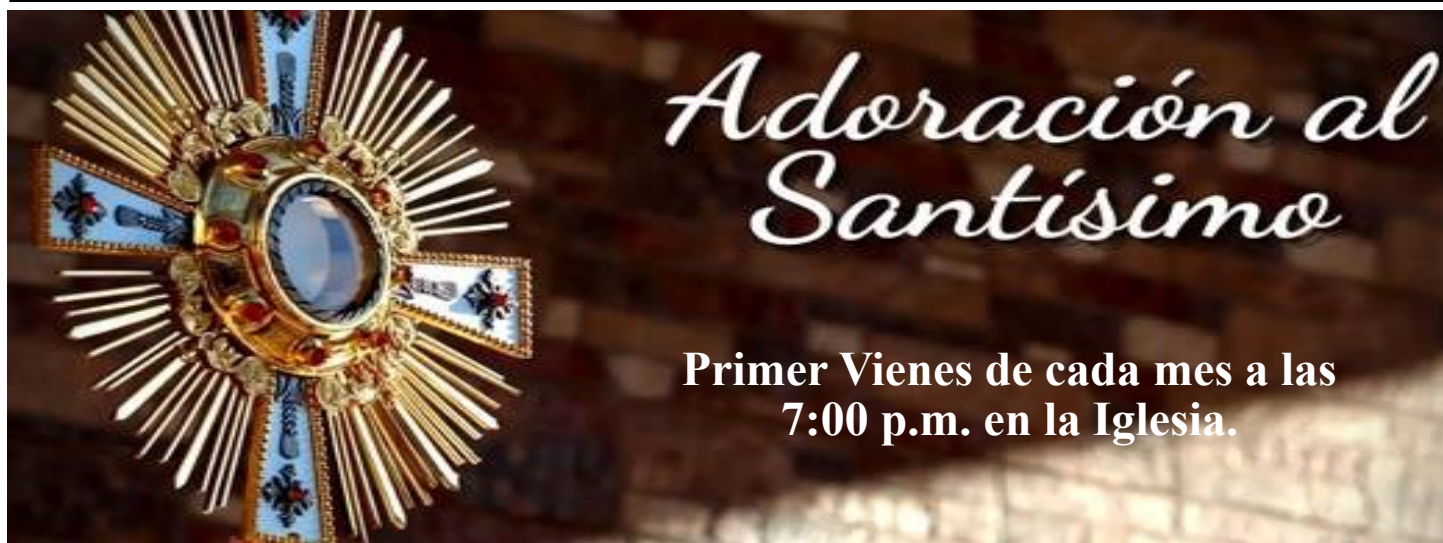
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The poster features a central white rectangular area with a thin black border. This area is surrounded by a dark brown background decorated with various autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow, as well as acorns and a small red branch. The text is centered within the white area.

# Misa de Acción de Gracias en Español

Jueves, 23 de Noviembre  
10:30 a.m.

A decorative flourish consisting of a single, elegant, curved line.