

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

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St. Mark's Catholic Church

Fr. Miguel Virella, SVD, Pastor

Fr. Miguel Valle, Parochial Vicar

Dr. Joseph V. Stillo, Deacon

Michael Keary, Deacon

Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 Noon
5PM in Spanish

Daily Masses

**Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
after Daily Masses**

Monday-Friday at 7:30 AM and 11 AM
Saturday 7:30 AM Only (No 11 AM Mass
on Saturdays)

Devotions and Novenas

Miraculous Medal Novena after daily
Masses on Wednesdays

Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays after
7:30 AM Mass.

Benediction at 10:45 AM

1st Fridays Spanish Adoration
beginning at 7 PM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Rectory Office 732-449-6364

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Ministries

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| Altar Rosary Society | 732-528-6948 |
| Bereavement Ministry | 718-637-1162 |
| CYO | 732-685-6011 |
| Music Ministry | 908-415-0212 |
| Rosary Makers | 732-245-8405 |

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† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 16

7:30 AM

† Joan Enright by Estate
† Ann Marie Frauenheim by Frauenheim Family

11:00 AM

† Theresa Fredricks by John & Pat Gibbs
† Fr. Daniel Gowen by Daniel & Donna Finn
Special Intention for Family by Sara Lynch

Tuesday, December 17

7:30 AM

† Jean Judge by Estate
† Robert Coogan by Margaret Azzarella

11:00 AM

† Yolanda Napolitano by Albert A. Napolitano & Linda McKeon
† Lois Danese by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Randazzo, Jr.
† Dr. John Abate by Dr. Holly Abate & Family

Wednesday, December 18

7:30 AM

† Dorothy Wright by Family
† Robert Coogan by Anthony Nardino

11:00 AM

† Robert A. Coogan by Winnie & Bill Gilroy
† John Briscoe by Dennis & Denise Tonry

Thursday, December 19

7:30 AM

† Mary McCluskey by Estate
† Agnes Morgan by Estate
Fr. Maximilian Buonocore by Margaret Azzarella

11:AM

† Lydia Kenah by Kenah Family
† Mildred Parkhill by Family

Friday, December 20

7:30 AM

† Lorette Jordan by Estate
† Helen F. Pyontek by William & Marie Pyontek
Maximilion Buonocore by Margaret Azzarella
11:00 AM
† Robert Kelleher by Bertucci Family
† Gerald Healey by Family
Pregnant women & their Babies by Norbert Walliczek

Saturday, December 21

7:30 AM

† Jack Jurczyk by Teresa Jurczyk
† Elvera Caroselli by Robert & Rose Ann Ferguson

4:30 PM

† James C. Healey by Marion Reilly
† Thomas Monte by Family
† Elaine Donnelly by Jim & Joleen Lemke & Family

Sunday, December 22

8:00 AM

† Elizabeth Cox by Julia Baum
† Mr. & Mrs. Charles Borromeo Rooney by Patricia Healey
† Michael & Marianne Barton by Barton Family

10:00 AM

People of the Parish

12 Noon

† Maureen Butler by Family
† Flynn Family by Jerry Flynn
† Robert Cavanaugh by Kathy Halloran

5:00 PM

Fausto Zaragoza & Lorenza Rito by Juana Zaragoza

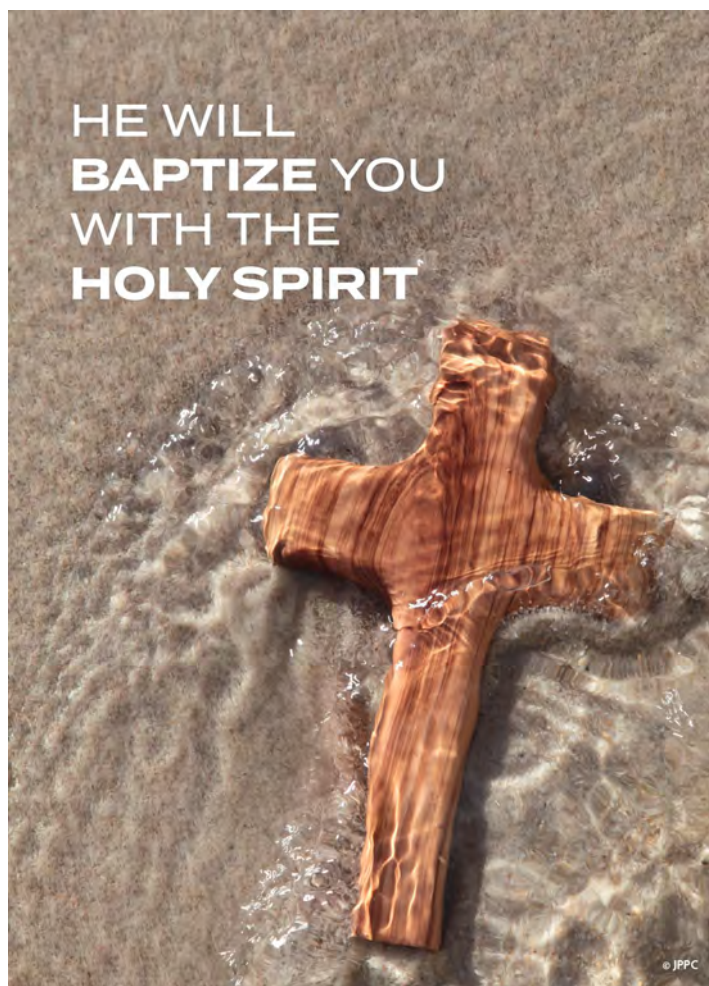
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St. Mark's Bereavement Ministry

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!



Photos from St. Mark's Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 7, 2024





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

Please Note: Names will remain on the sick list read at mass for 4 weeks and then removed unless the requester calls to remain on the list for another 4 weeks. To ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Names will remain in the bulletin until the person or family request it be removed.

Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died.



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 December 8, 2024 is \$12,378.

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.



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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMEBER

December 14/15

Our second collection is for the Religious Retirement Fund. Please give generously to those who served the church so faithfully.

December 22, 23, 24

No CCD Classes.

December 24

Christmas Nativity Play at 4pm Mass.

December 24, 25, 26

Rectory Office Closed. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 31 & January 1

Rectory Office Closed. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

January 5th Bulletin by, Tuesday, December 17th.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Volunteers
MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!
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St. Mark's is forming a hospitality team to assist with event setup, organization, and serving. If you're interested in joining, please call Linda at the Rectory at 732-449-6364.



Readings for the Week
December 15, 2024

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

Thursday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

Friday Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Saturday Sgs 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Sunday Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45.

| Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule December 21/22, 2024 | | | | | |
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| | Celebrant | Deacon | Reader | Eucharistic Minister | Usher |
| Saturday, 4:30 PM | Fr. Miguel | | Pat Wright | Anthony Granato Lynn Jelliff Jack Wright | Anthony Granato Walter Henry Joe Walsh |
| Sunday, 8:00 AM | Fr. Miguel | | Rose Crimmins | Pat Cademartori Gary Cademartori Dan Crimmins | Pat Ahern Leo Hurley Bob O'Neill Glenn Skola |
| Sunday, 10:00 AM | Fr. Valle | | Todd Leonhardt | Tara Malia Richard Norris Kelly Uliano | Jim Sheridan Rich Siderko |
| Sunday, 12:00 PM | Fr. Miguel | | Jim Welsh | Debbie Dunn Molly McCauley Minister Needed | Richard DeGroote Howard Flood |

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Parish Giving
secure flexible online giving

Prepare for this season of hope and expectation by Giving Online to St. Mark's Church.

Please visit our website www.stmarkseagirt.com to sign up today!

Great! Now Scan this QR Code with your smartphone for easy online giving. Thank you!

Parish Giving offers secure flexible Online Giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Online Giving helps the church save money and plan the budget.



Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert at St. Michael's Church on Sunday, December 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Church

For more information or concert tickets visit www.stmichaelnj.com.

Christmas Flower Memorial envelopes are available at church entrances. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket, the box on the side altar or the rectory mail slot.

It's a beautiful way to celebrate the birth of our Savior and remember loved ones during Christmas!

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.



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4 PM Children's Mass and Nativity Play

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel

Reader: Connie Duffy

Eucharistic Ministers: Anthony Granato, Pat Holt, Lynn Jelliff

6 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Valle

Reader: Lori Savino

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Norris, Lori Savino, Jim Sheridan

8 PM Spanish

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8 AM

Celebrant: Fr. Valle

Reader: Robert Cavazini

Eucharistic Ministers: Gary & Pat Cademartori, Pat Scatuorchio

10 AM

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel

Reader: Peggy Hardiman

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Lorenzo, Richard Norris, Jim Sheridan

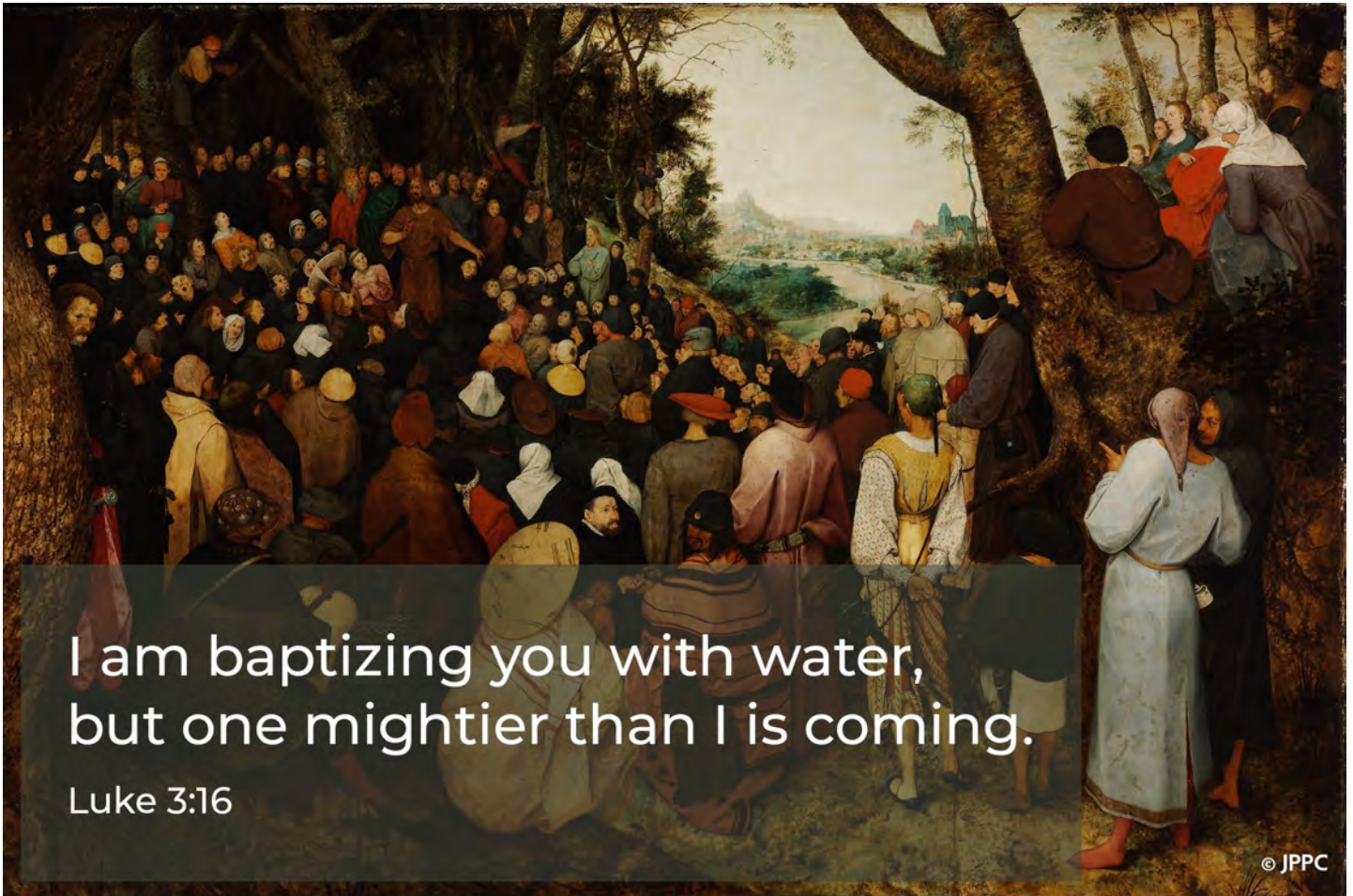
12 NOON

Celebrant: Fr. Valle

Reader: Sue Hannon

Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Dunn, Helen Hopkins, Minister Needed

2PM SPANISH



I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.

Luke 3:16

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WORD OF LIFE - offered by Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry

“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”

USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”

ACTION CENTER

Support local pro-life organizations. Madonna House, located in Neptune, is dedicated to serving women, children and infants by providing clothing, diapers, formula and small household items. They gladly accept donations as well as welcome new volunteers. Call Rebecca @ 732-775-1140.

Walking with Moms in Need. If you are a Mom in a crisis pregnancy or in need of help for you and your children, please contact the rectory or see the poster in the Gathering Space of the church for a list of resources available to you (Food, shelter, clothing, healthcare, counseling)

The Mission of Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry is to defend the truth of Jesus Christ. Each human being is a gift from God, made in His image and likeness, worthy of dignity, respect, and protection from conception until natural death. We raise our prayers, concerns, and funds in support of this Truth, and we support organizations that consistently live and value the Gospel of Life. If interested in this ministry, contact the rectory for our parish Pro-Life representative.

Visit our websites: dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry USCCB: usccb.org/prolife OR respectlife.org

Intercessions for Life

December 15th

For all victims of human trafficking:

May they find hope and healing

in the Lord who proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners,

let us pray to the Lord.

CYO News by Mary Reilly

Many thanks to all parishioners and friends who purchased Christmas wreaths last weekend to benefit our CYO charities!!!!!!!!!! You are all simply the best!!!!!!!!



This Sunday evening we will be having our CYO Christmas party beginning with Christmas caroling on the Crescent. Please bring a \$5-7 wrapped gift to share with a fellow CYO member!!!! Christmas desserts are most welcomed!!!!

Social Concerns Programs

Feeding the Hungry



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

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

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

Please use only the trays provided.

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

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

Collecting Travel Size Toiletries



St. Mark's Social Concerns Committee is collecting travel size toiletry items (soap, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs etc.) for delivery by volunteers to those in need in the Asbury Park area. Containers are located at Church entrances. **Thank you!**

Mercy Center UPDATE!

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

Additional items needed are:
Diapers, size 4 and larger, and baby wipes, Coffee/tea, Mayo, mustard, ketchup, salad dressing.

Thank you for your support in helping our community!

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

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

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

Volunteers Needed: Downey Side Adoption is a non-profit organization dedicated to placing children in the foster care system with forever families through adoption. Nearly 500,000 children across the United States are in need of a family. We rely on donations and fundraising efforts to keep adoption fees as low as possible.

We need your help! If you have time and a passion for helping children, please consider volunteering to help on one of our committees.

To get involved, please email our Director at DRusinko@downeyside.org or call 732-359-8434. Your support can make a difference!



JOIN US ON JANUARY 3rd
for a trip to see the
Christmas Spectacular at
Radio City Music Hall

\$145 includes
Orchestra seating
& transportation
(departs at 3:00pm).

For reservations, call Donna at
St. Joseph Parish 732-598-0751.



ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024
4:00 P.M. MASS

Practices will be held on:

Monday, December 9 from 5:30-6:30 P.M. (Church' basement)

At this practice, we will assign roles, practice the play, and discuss costumes.

Tuesday, December 17 from 5:30 – 7:00 P.M. (Church)

This will be the final dress rehearsal, we will be practicing with the Readers, Little Angels, Little Shepherds and Choir.

Any questions, call Diana Zuna (732)-449-6364, ext. 105

Please return this bottom section to your Catechist.
I would like to be in the Christmas Pageant!

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

SESSION: _____ CATECHIST: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE AS: Circle one

Narrators (2 needed)
Mary **speaking part*
Angels (3 needed) **speaking part*
Wise Men (3 needed) **speaking part*
Joseph

Inkeeper
Baby Angel (1 needed)
Big Angels (2 needed)
Big Shepherds (2 needed)
Star Angels (2 needed)

Angel & Shepherd Alert

We're calling all "Little Angels" and "Little Shepherds" in the 1st and 2nd Grades to participate in St. Mark's Christmas Nativity Play on:



Tuesday, December 24, 2024
4:00 p.m. Mass.

- All that is needed for an angel is a white robe (which could be a sheet with a hole for their head and a tie at the waist). Halos will be provided. No wings are needed.
- For a shepherd's costume a simple shepherd's headdress is needed (which could be a small towel or piece of fabric held in place with a headband). The shepherds may wear their regular clothing.
- Each participant will also need 2 AA batteries for the candles they will carry.
For more information about the costume, please see me, I will be able to help you!

PRACTICE WILL BE HELD ON:
Tuesday, December 17
6:30-7:00 p.m.

Any questions, please call Diana Zuna (732) 449-6364 ext. 105.

Please return this portion to Diana Zuna or your child's Catechist.

I WOULD LIKE TO BE AN: (circle one)

LITTLE ANGEL

LITTLE SHEPHERD

Student's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Grade: _____

Bilingual Christmas Concert December 3, 2024



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

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

Padre Miguel Valle, Vicario Parroquial

frvalle@stmarkseagirt.com

Teléfono: (732) 449-6364 ext. 116 or 122.

Directora del Ministerio de Religión

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Ministerio Hispano

Patty D'Andrea

Spanishministry@stmarkseagirt.com

Teléfono: (732) 449-6364 ext. 104

**Calendario de Ministerios
Domingo, Diciembre 22
Misa 5:00 p.m.**

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| Celebrante | Padre Miguel |
| Lectores | Julia Alvarado Edgar García |
| Ministros de Eucaristía | Clever Heredia Rosa Robalino Javier Ramirez |
| Ujieres | Victoria Tenecela Bernarda Bautista Andrea Castro Florina Ramirez |
| Monaguillos | Emmanuel Angel Adriel Ramirez Valeria Cruz Kiara Cruz Madeline Jimenez Sophia Sanchez |

Guadalupe Torch 2024



Obra de Navidad 2024



Invitamos a todos los niños de las clases de Religión a participar en la Obra de Navidad de San Marcos el:

Martes, 24 de Diciembre

Misa en español 8:00 p.m.

**San Marcos envía a todos los disfraces para la obra.*

Ensayos en la Iglesia:

1. Martes, 10 de diciembre de 6:30-7:30 p.m.
2. Miércoles, 18 de diciembre de 5:00-6:30 p.m.

** Maria, Angeles grandes, Reyes Magos y pastor grande: deberán hablar español. Para poder participar, ellos tendrán que leer o memorizar partes.*

Cualquier pregunta, llame a Diana Zuna al (732) 449-6364 ext. 105

Devuelva esta porción a Diana Zuna o al catequista de su hijo (a).

ME GUSTARÍA SER UN: (encierra uno)


MARIA (hablar en Español) ANGELES (grandes/hablar en Español) TRES REYES MAGOS (hablar en Español)
PASTOR (hablar en Español) JOSE ESTRELLA ÁNGELITOS PASTORCITOS

Nombre del niño (a): _____

Teléfono: _____ Grado: _____

Catequista: _____





Horario de Misas para Diciembre y Enero

Martes, Diciembre 24 **8:00 PM**

▪ Misa de Noche Buena & Pastorela por los niños(as)

Miércoles, Diciembre 25 **2:00 PM**

▪ Solemnidad de la Natividad del Señor- Misa del Día.

Miércoles, Enero 1 **2:00 PM**

▪ Solemnidad de Santa María Madre de Dios y
Misa de Año Nuevo.

**Para más información llamar a la oficina
(732) 449-6364 ext. 105.**