

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023**



St. Mark's Catholic Church

Fr. Miguel Virella, SVD, Pastor

Fr. Carlos Castilla, Parochial Vicar

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

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



† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 18

7:30 AM

- † William Heindle by Estate
- † Marianne Williams by Patricia Healey

11:00 AM

- † Robert Moffett by Maura Judge
- † Kevin McMahon by the Parkhill Family
- † Margaret Hannon by Skip and Suzanne Quigley

Tuesday, December 19

7:30 AM

- † Dorothy Wright by Family
- † James Bradley by Ginny Murphy

11:00 AM

- † Mildred Parkhill by the Parkhill Family
- † Lydia Kenah by Tom & Pam Kenah
- † Ken Farrell by George and Barbara Parnell

Wednesday, December 20

7:30 AM

- † Brian L. Rogers by Todd & Jamie Leonhardt
- † Tom Jakunas by Ginny Murphy

11:00 AM

- † Robert Kelleher by the Bertucci Family
- † Vincent Azzollini by the Savino Family
- † Ken Lombard by Pete & Eileen McHugh

Thursday, December 21

7:30 AM

- † Joan Enright by Estate
- † Jack Jurczyk 3rd Anniversary by Family

11:AM

- † Elvera Caroselli by Robert and Rose Ann Ferguson
- † Nancy Marrie by John and Maryanne Greene
- The Accurso Family by Maureen Burch

Friday, December 22

7:30 AM

- † Carol Treger by Estate
- † Nancy and Stanley Pauls by Judy and Ed Blaha

11:00 AM

- † Flynn Family by Jerry Flynn
- † Emory C. Smith by Betsy Smith
- † Maureen Butler by Family

Saturday, December 23

7:30 AM

- † Eugene Aidan Duffy by Vincent and Denise Dicks

4:30 PM

- † Marie Liston by Gordon & Peggy Pingicer
- † Ken Farrell by George and Barbara Parnell
- † Thomas Monte by Family

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM

- † Deceased Members of the Passalaqua Family by Family
- † Grace Salandra by the Clarke Family
- † Antonio Scala by Virginia Garcia

10:00 AM

- † Justin Hunter by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Stillo
- † Dr. Franklyn & Cay Gerard by Catherine Burke
- † James Allen Jordan by Wayne and Denise Dreyer

12 Noon

People of the Parish

2:00 PM (Spanish)

- † Maria del Carmen Cartagena by Family

4:00 PM

- † Stephen Joseph Bohacik by the Bohacik Family
- † Antonio Oliveira by the Longo Family
- † Thomas Critchley by the Critchley Family

6:30 PM

- † John Shine by Jean
- 8:00 PM (Spanish)**
- † Gilma Garcia by Patty D'Andrea

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

8:00 PM

- † Julia Buonocore by Family
- † Eileen Scatuorchio by the O'Meara Family
- † Clare and Albert Blaha by Ed and Judy Blaha

10:00 AM

- † Brian Kearney by Maryann Keller and Family
- † Jillian Ludwig by Saint Mark's CYO
- † Nelson Kaczmarczyk by Mary Bogan

12 Noon

- † Suzanne Smith by Carol Rizzi
- † John P Tedesco by Plante-Tedesco Family
- † Edward Shalhoub Jr. by Williesa Bonora

2:00 PM (Spanish)

Francisco Monsalve by Gisela Garcia



Christmas Flower Offering

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

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

Ministry Schedule
Saturday, December 23, 2023

	Saturday 4:30 PM
Celebrant	Fr. Miguel
Readers	Lori Savino
Eucharistic Ministers	Anthony Granato Pat Holt Lynn Jelliff
Ushers	Anthony Granato, Walter Henry, Joe Walsh

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2023

Monday, December 18, 2023 Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday, December 19, 2023 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday, December 20, 2023 Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38
Thursday, December 21, 2023 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45
Friday, December 22, 2023 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56
Saturday, December 23, 2023 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66
Sunday, December 24, 2023 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38.

Ministry Schedule
Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24, 2023

	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM	Sunday 12 NOON
Celebrant	Fr. Carlos	Fr. Miguel	Msgr. Flynn
Readers	Robert Cavazini	Joe Stillo	Dan Finn
Eucharistic Ministers	Gary Cademartori Pat Cademartori Anna Nuzzi	Jim Sheridan Joe Stillo Kelly Uliano	Dan Crimmins Rose Crimmins Helen Hopkins
Ushers	Pat Ahern, Leo Hurley, Bob O'Neill, Glenn Skola	Rich Siderko, Jim Sheridan	Richard DeGroote, Howard Flood



Please pray for our sick: Robert Coogan, Donovan Leso, Kirra Gibson, Paul Shea, Patrick Esposito, Mary McCarthy, Marilyn Bird, Kevin Hamilton, Lorraine Ciemniecki, 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.

If you recently changed your address, email address or phone number, please let us know so we can update our records. Thank you!

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.

† Barbara Notte
† Mary Ann Wahlers

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 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. **The collection total for December 9/10, 2023, \$13,593.**

ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023

4:00 PM (Children's Christmas Pageant)

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel

Reader: Connie Duffy

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Duffy, Pat Holt, Anna Nuzzi

6:30 PM

Celebrant: Msgr. Flynn

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Sheridan

8:00 PM Spanish

Christmas Day, December 25, 2023

8:00 AM

Celebrant: Fr. Carlos

Reader: Robert Cavazini

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Scatuorchio,
Gary and Pat Cademartori

10:00 AM

Celebrant: Fr. Miguel

Reader: Joe Stillo (and Eucharistic Minister)

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Norris, Jim Sheridan

12:00 NOON

Celebrant: Fr. Carlos

Reader: Sue Hannon

Eucharistic Ministers: Helen Hopkins

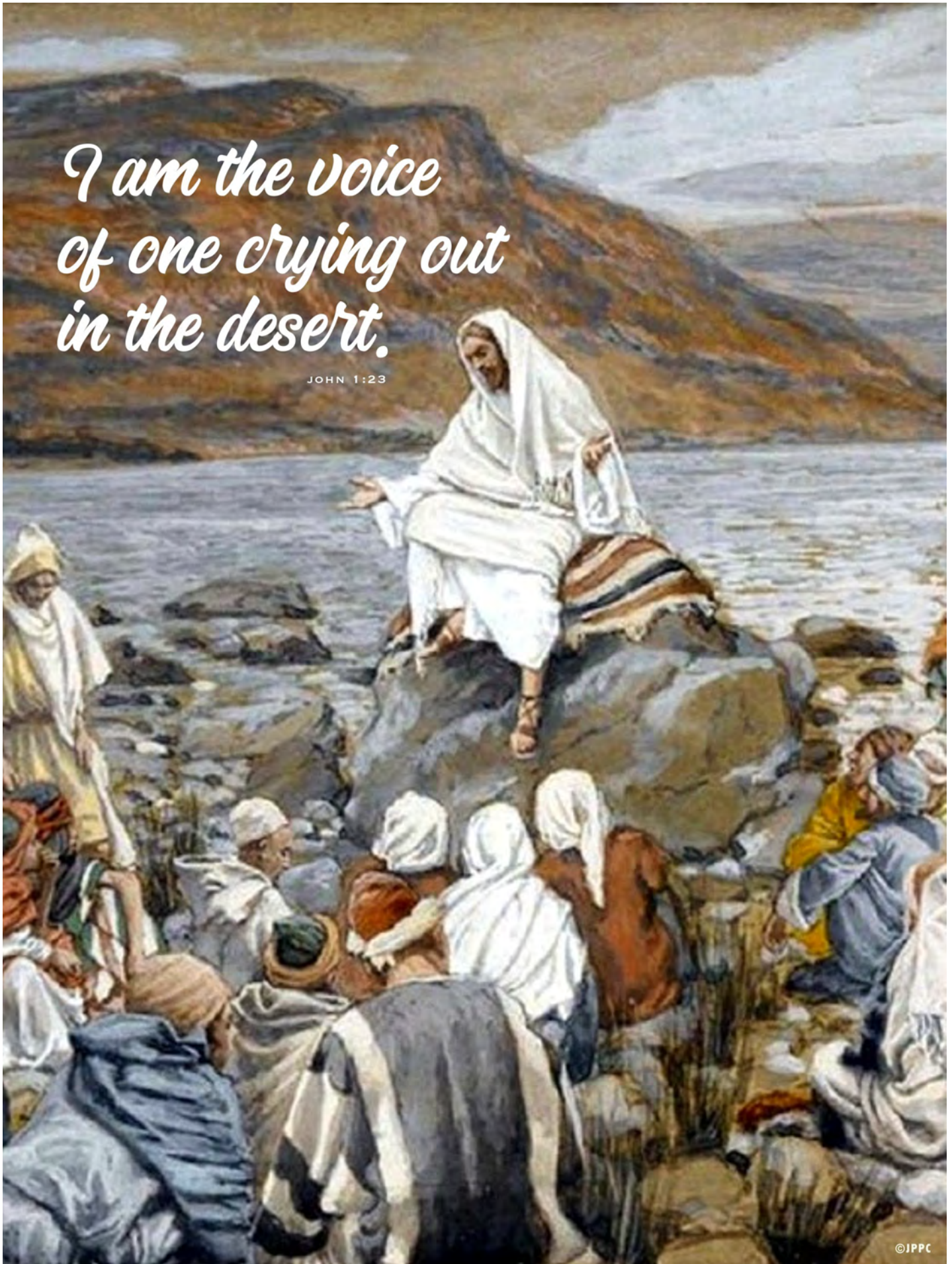
2:00 PM Spanish

St. Mark's Advent/Christmas Concert on December 6th



*I am the voice
of one crying out
in the desert.*

JOHN 1:23



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CYO News by Mary Reilly



Many thanks to all of our parishioners and friends for supporting “Operation Christmas for the Homeless” and the CYO Christmas Wreath Sale for our charities. Last year one of our CYO members asked us to add Jersey Shore Rescue Mission to our charity list. He and our entire CYO are very concerned about the enormous homeless population in our area. Over the years, at our CYO service events at the Asbury Park Soup Kitchen and The Center in Asbury Park, our CYO have met many of these people living homeless. It is so sad to see these precious men and women, after a nice hot meal, go out once again to seek shelter wherever they can find it—maybe under the boardwalk, or in the train station or even in an abandoned home. The Missionaries of Charity sisters, because of the thermals and candy you donated, are able to gift them with these at a Christmas party they give to them each year. This year we also added Metanoia Manor to our list of CYO charities. One of our CYO members, Jack, told their story at the Champion for life Dinner in October. Metanoia Manor was founded by Fr. Jeff Bayhi and is run by five amazing Catholic nuns. It is a shelter for girl victims of human trafficking. The true stories of these girls (some as young as eight) is both heartbreaking and hopeful—knowing that these loving Sisters welcome these girls into a loving home to give them Jesus’ help, hope and healing. We were also able to send donations to Good Counsel Homes, Madonna House, the Missionaries of Charity and Ugandan Missions. All of this was made possible due to the unfailing generosity of our CYO, their families and St. Mark’s amazing parishioners. May God bless all of you at Christmas and always for all of the ways you support and help those Jesus called “the least brethren” in our world.

“Whatsoever you do for these the least of My brethren, you do also for Me.” Matthew 25:40.

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style.

Parish Giving
simple. secure. convenient.

In the air, there's
a feeling of giving.

- Ray Evans, Silver Bells



‘Tis the season of giving. Please sign up for our online giving program by visiting our parish website at <https://stmarkseagirt.com>. Your gifts are received with a grateful heart - Merry Christmas!

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. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan the budget. Check out the website listed for benefits and details.
Sea Girt NJ 08750, 613 St. Mark



ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 3RD TO 8TH!!!!!!
YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023
4:00 P.M. MASS

Practices will be held on:

Monday, December 18 from 5:30-6:30 P.M. (Church' basement)

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

Wednesday, December 20 from 5:00 – 6:30 P.M. (Church)

This will be the final dress rehearsal, we will be practicing with the Readers,
Little Angels, 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

Innkeeper
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" & "Little Shepherds"
in the 1st and 2nd Grades to participate in St. Mark's

Christmas Eve Pageant on:



Sunday, December 24, 2023
4:00p.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 costumes, please see me.

PRACTICE WILL BE HELD ON:
Wednesday, December 20
6:00-6:30 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: _____



ROSARY FOR LIFE

On Friday, January 19, 2024, St. Mark's Church will present a ROSARY FOR LIFE, sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society following the 11 AM Mass. Inspirational meditations of the joyful mysteries will be recited. We are doing this in conjunction with the National Right to Life March in Washington D.C.



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.

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

December 24th Bulletin by Wednesday, December 13th.

December 31st Bulletin by, Tuesday, December 19th.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Photos from the Altar Rosary Society of St. Mark's Church at their Christmas luncheon on December 4th in Fr. Child's Hall. Christmas songs and renditions were provided by John Heiserman and Frank Banafato



Thank you for supporting our Confirmation Bake and Raffle Sale!

All proceeds will help many charitable causes!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 24 Christmas Eve Pageant at 4PM Mass. See page 4 for Christmas Mass Schedule.

December 25 & 26: Rectory Closed.

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!**



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!



walking with purpose

Ladies, join us in the new year!

Walking with Purpose (WWP) is more than a women's Bible study. WWP is a faith community that laughs, learns, grows, and loves one another as we walk on our faith journeys together. WWP is a safe place where you will discover authentic friendships and meaningful discussions, as your heart is transformed by the Word of God.

We gather on Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm or Wednesday afternoons, 12:30pm at the St. Denis Parish Center. Our next sessions start January 9th and 10th.

For more information and to register, go to www.wwpnjshore.com.

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](#).**

Study Theology at Georgian Court University!


All programs can be completed remotely. Master of Arts or a Graduate Certificate in Theology, with concentrations in Pastoral Ministry or Mercy Spirituality. Not sure? Take one or two classes on a non-matriculating basis to see if our programs are right for you. Generous financial aid available. New semester begins January 16, 2024. There is still time to apply. Contact department chair Johann M. Vento for more information: jvento@georgian.edu. We look forward to getting to know you and talking about your interest in studying theology.

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

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Adoración al Santísimo

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



POSADAS



Iglesia de San Marcos Sea Girt

Comenzando La Novena el día 16 de Diciembre a las 8pm

Los esperamos

Diciembre 16	Yeveline Rojas	1109 Front St Apt D Point Pleasant Boro	732 925 9179
Diciembre 17	Fabiola Diego	300 Windward Beachwood	732 912 5235
Diciembre 18	Manuel Romero	160 Debbie Ln Lakewood	732 664 2628
Diciembre 19	Bernabe Hernandez	106 Harding Drive Brick	732 872 8069
Diciembre 20	Carmen Medina	1 Margeret Ave Neptune	732 797 8225
Diciembre 21	Erika Carrada	708 River Ave Point Pleasant Boro	609 874 2351
Diciembre 22	Marcos Flores	73 Ronald Road Lakewood	848 525 0734
Diciembre 23	Bernardo Bautista	140 Main St Apt 2 Manasquan	732 948 0874
Diciembre 24	St Mark's Church	215 Crescent Pkwy Sea Girt	732 449 6364

TRADICIONES NAVIDENAS




Horario de Misas para Diciembre y Enero

Domingo, Diciembre 24 2:00 PM

- Misa Dominical (no habrá Misa de 5:00 p.m.)

Domingo, Diciembre 24 8:00 PM

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

Lunes, Diciembre 25 2:00 PM

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

Domingo, Diciembre 31 2:00 PM

- Misa Dominical (no habrá Misa de 5:00 p.m.)

Lunes, 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. 104.