

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2024

Feast of the



Holy Family

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St. Mark's 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

Bulletin	Ext. 114
Religious Education	Ext. 105
Social Concerns	Ext. 108
Spanish Ministry	Ext. 104 or Ext. 105
Weddings	Ext. 100

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 31 & January 1
Rectory Office Closed. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 4/5: The second collection is for our Diocesan Assessment. Thank you!

January 25/26: The second collection is for Latin America. Thank you for your generosity!

January 29: American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mark's. See page 7.



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.

†Jerry Dempsey

†William Hamel

May the angels lead you into paradise.



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.

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 15, 2024 is \$10,678.



St Marks Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the Rosary for Life on Friday, January 24th after the 11 AM Mass. Special meditations for life will be recited and music provided by Lisa Marie Yaverone. Please join us in petitioning our Blessed Mother for an end to abortion and other end of life causes.



† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 30

7:30 AM

- † Helen G. Malloy by Family
- † Phyllis Blaine by Estate

11:00 AM

- † Jillian Ludwig by Cortese Family
- † Frank Walsh by Marybeth & Joe Walsh
- † Joyce Golden by Andi & Mike Parkhill

Tuesday, December 31, New Year's Eve

7:30 AM

- † Cathryn Falcone by Falcone Family

11:00 AM

- † John Carey by Kenah Family
- Pregnant women & their babies by Norbert Walliczek

Wednesday, January 1, 2025, New Year's Day

7:30 AM

- † Elizabeth Leonhardt by Todd & Jamie Leonhardt

11:00 AM

Private Intention

Thursday, January 2

7:30 AM

- Ronald Knepper by Family

11:AM

- † John McCue by Pat Casey
- † Richard Gifol by Helena & Charles Loelius

Friday, January 3

7:30 AM

- † William Hamel by Mark & Connie Duffy

11:00 AM

- † Anna Mitchell by JoAnn McGuirk
- † John Briscoe by Pat & Joe Casey

Saturday, January 4

7:30 AM

- † Julia Buonocore by Fred Buonocore
- † Peter Hatienko by Margaret Cunningham

4:30 PM

People of the Parish

Sunday, January 5

8:00 AM

- Robert DeFalco by Friends

10:00 AM

- † Jillian Ludwig by Cortese Family
- † Robert Coogan by Barbara Ranaudo
- † Frank Schaedel by Peter & Barbara Sheridan

12 Noon

- † Denis Casey by Pat & Joe Casey
- † Christopher Wolfe by Kathleen Mathesen
- † Jerry Dempsey by John & Gail Monteleone

5:00 PM

Fausto Jose Zaragoza by Juana Zaragoza

The beauty of Christmas is not in the presents but in His Presence.
Matthew 1:23

Please consider Online Giving this holiday season.
Visit our website today at stmarkseagirt.com to sign up.

Parish Giving
simple. secure. convenient.

Download the Parish Giving app today! Visit Google Play or the App Store.

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.



CYO News by Mary Reilly

An old year fades away... a new year about to begin. In the last play we read in 2024, we saw five faithful friends join together to celebrate not only their friendship but the eternal bond they feel with all who look into the night sky, see a shining star, and follow it. They are people of faith, hope, love and joy. The miracles of Christmas are in our very souls. We know we were created by a loving God Who is gently guiding us home. He is a tough taskmaster but loves us like no other. He calls us to achieve our part in building the kingdom of God on earth in ways we cannot begin to imagine. All things for His glory and for our fellow travelers on the way to His eternal kingdom!!! Our CYO felt the best gift to give Him was to go to Him each day—in thoughts, in speaking with Him through prayer, in service to Him and His people, in reading His word in the scriptures and just being there for others who will only know Him through us.



**CYO Christmas Caroling on the Crescent
December 15, 2024**





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.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule January 4/5, 2025					
	Celebrant	Deacon	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Fr. Miguel	Deacon Mike, Preaching	Connie Duffy	Sandra Keary Marianne Schobel	Anthony Granato Walter Henry Joe Walsh
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Fr. Miguel	Deacon Joe, Preaching	Peggy Hardiman	Robert Cavazini Glenn Skola	Pat Ahern Leo Hurley Bob O'Neill Glenn Skola
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Fr. Valle	Deacon Joe, Preaching	Todd Leonhardt	Jay Lorenzo Richard Norris	Jim Sheridan Rich Siderko
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Fr. Miguel	Deacon Mike, Preaching	Debbie Dunn	Maria Checton Sandra Keary	Richard DeGroot Howard Flood

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.

The Rectory Office will be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Mass schedules are as follows:

Tuesday, December 31, 2024
New Year's Eve
7:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Wednesday, January 1, 2025
New Year's Day
7:30 AM and 11 AM



Readings for the Week
December 29, 2024

Monday 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Thursday 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 1:19-28
Friday 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34
Saturday 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35-42
Sunday Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12.

Intercessions for Life
December 29, 2024
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

For all families:
 As the domestic Church,
 may they pursue holiness,
 pass on the faith, and persevere in love,
let us pray to the Lord.

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.

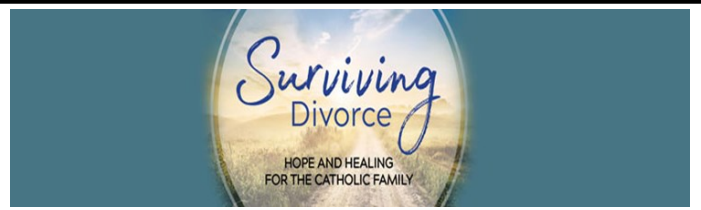


January 4th
Eleventh Day of the
Christmas Season

**Memorial of
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**
(U.S. National Catholic Calendar)

You are invited to a end a celebration on in honor of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton on her Feast Day, January 4th, 2025, at St. Margaret Church in spring Lake at 4pm Mass. Reception following Mass in Duffy Hall. We are honored to have Sr. Noreen Neary, Director of Archives, from the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth present "Lessons from Mother Seton for Today". Chef Josh from Chef Prep will be preparing a light supper. \$20 per guest. The Alumni Office at Seton Hall University will be assisting us in spreading the word, reaching out and making reservations for this happy event.

[Mother Seton Feast Day / Seton Hall University](#)



St. Leo's in Lincroft is pleased to announce its continuing ministry for Separated and Divorced Catholics. It is called "Surviving The Holidays" Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family" (www.catholicsdivorce.com). St. Leo's will be hosting an Information Night on Thursday, January 16, 2025 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall located at 50 Hurleys Lane, Lincroft, NJ.

This Information Night will help you decide if you would like to attend our upcoming 12-week program starting in March of 2025 on Thursday nights. All the details will be provided to you at the Information Night. If you would like more information about our offerings, please check out our Ministry page at: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry>.

All are welcome!
To register or if you are interested and would like more information, please email Michele Coppola Wilson at healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com. Have any questions? Feel free to call or text anytime at 201-753-8485. **We hope you can make it!**

WWP restarts on 1/7 and 1/8!

Start your New Year with Walking with Purpose

Join us for the women's Bible Study, Walking with Purpose (WWP). We gather at the St. Denis Parish Center on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm or Wednesday afternoons at 12:15pm.

Come, join other women as we gather to learn how our Catholic faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ are relevant to our everyday lives.

For more information, check out our local website: wwpnjshore.com

Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?

LUKE 2:49

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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.

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](#).

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!



Mass for Life & Life Expo

CELEBRATED BY



Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

PRAY, CONNECT, ENGAGE
Embrace the transformative power of the Eucharist, foster solidarity, and take decisive action to nurture a culture of life that honors every stage from womb to tomb.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Join us for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.
- Engage with local organizations dedicated to upholding and promoting human dignity throughout all stages of life.
- Enjoy delicious refreshments, fostering new friendships, and strengthening bonds within our community.

Friday
JANUARY 24
11:00AM
Co-Cathedral of
St. Robert Bellarmine,
Freehold

All are Welcome • No RSVP needed



For full information about the day's events, visit:
dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life

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

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Calendario de Ministerios

Miércoles, Enero 1, 2025

Misa 2:00 p.m.

Celebrante	Padre Miguel
Lectores	Juan Gonzalez Felipe Oseguera
Ministros de Eucaristía	Margarita Zuna Rosario Ramirez Rosa Robalino
Ujieres	Victoria Tenecela Bernarda Bautista Andrea Castro Florina Ramirez
Monaguillos	Caroline Molina Sophia Sanchez Robert Luna Emmanuel Angel Adriel Ramirez Audrina Sanchez

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 11 y 12 de diciembre.

Nuestra comunidad parroquial honró a María con una gran celebración que incluyó bailes, serenatas, mariachis, música, Santa Misa y mucho más.

¡Se necesita un pueblo entero para hacer posible esta celebración! Gracias a toda nuestra comunidad y los voluntarios que se unieron para este día especial.

Que Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe!



**IGLESIA SAN MARCOS LOS INVITA A INTEGRARSE
AL GRUPO DE HOMBRES ADULTOS**

**HOMBRES
DE VALOR**

**DOMINGOS DE 6:00-8:00 A.M
SOTANO DE LA IGLESIA**

Este taller de oracion se reúne los domingos para el rezo de laudes, vídeos, reflexión del evangelio y refrigerios.

PARA MAS INFORMACION LLAMAR:

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