

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 31, 2023

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

LUKE 2:22-40



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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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, January 1

7:30 AM

† Julia Buonocore by Family
† Elizabeth A. Leonhardt by Todd & Jamie Leonhardt

11:00 AM

† John Carey by the Kenah Family
Cecilia Royce by Jeanne Vecchione

Tuesday, January 2

7:30 AM

† Dorothy Wright by Family
† Jack Rosa by the Rosa Family

11:00 AM

† Allen Jordan by Kathy & Bob Flammer
Mary Gerlach by Jeanne Vecchione

Wednesday, January 3

7:30 AM

† Myron Zalom by Geri Zalom
† Robert M. O'Brien by Todd & Jamie Leonhardt
† Jillian Ludwig by Ed & Judy Blaha

11:00 AM

† Philomena Tortoriello by the Rosa Family

Thursday, January 4

7:30 AM

† James P. Cashman, MD by Dianne & Bob Meserlin

11:AM

† Ann Mitchell by JoAnn McGuirk

Friday, January 5

7:30 AM

† Arthur D. Martin, Jr., by St. Mark's Parish Family

11:00 AM

† Jack and Ida Donnelly by Family

Saturday, January 6

7:30 AM

† Most. Rev. Thomas J. Drury by Family

4:30 PM

People of the Parish

Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM

† Catherine Donatelli by Family
† Charlie Dullea by Irene & Leo Hurley

10:00 AM

† Jillian Ludwig by Kathleen & Tom Albin
† James & Mary Mitchell by JoAnn McGuirk
† Paul Pellicci by Pat & Joe Casey

12 Noon

† Don Loughran, Jr. by Christ the King Parish,
St. Vincent de Paul Friends
† Thomas Whelan by Peggy Whelan
† James A. Jordan by St. Mark's Parish Family

5:00 PM

† Dagoberto Perez by Family
† Merced Velasco Nuñez by Filemon Jose
† Cayetano Roman Lopez by the Lopez 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 Rectory Office will be closed on
Monday, January 1st..**



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.

faithful



Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule January 6/7, 2024

	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM	Sunday 12 Noon
Celebrant	Fr. Carlos	Msgr. Flynn	Fr. Miguel	Fr. Carlos
Readers	Connie Duffy	Robert Cavazini	Todd Leonhardt	Debbie Dunn
Eucharistic Ministers	Connie Duffy Anthony Granato Lynn Jelliff	Robert Cavazini Anna Nuzzi Pat Scatuorchio	Dolores Linquito Jay Lorenzo Jim Sheridan	Maria Checton 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: Raymond Burghart, Henry Bossett, 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.

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.

† Dr. James P. Cashman
† Arthur D. Martin, Jr.

May the angels lead you into paradise.

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

Readings for the Week December 31, 2023



Monday, January 1, 2024 Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4, 2024 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35-42

Friday, January 5, 2024 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6, 2024 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Sunday, January 7, 2024 Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12.

Because of an early deadline for printing, we did not have the collection data for the weekend of December 23/24, 2023. This data will be reflected in next weekend's bulletin.



CYO News by Mary Reilly



The CYO finished off 2023 with Christmas caroling on the Crescent. Many thanks to the Murphy, Lyons and Schatzman families for welcoming us to their beautiful homes. A special thanks to Fr. Miguel and Fr. Carlos for joining us for the caroling. What magnificent singers they are!!! One of the things we added to our Christmas party was asking everyone to secretly write down the gift he or she chose to give Jesus for Christmas this year. Their gifts were amazing...spreading love and kindness, having greater faith, being a better son or daughter, and learning more about our faith. My favorite one was from a CYO member who wrote that he (or she) would spend more time talking to Jesus throughout each day. How awe-inspiring is that!!!! I think these gifts given to the Christ Child are even greater gifts that we can give ourselves!

A happy and blessed new year to everyone from St. Mark's CYO!!!!

STANDING TOGETHER FOR Life

Friday, January 19, 2024

Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold

Dear Respect Life Friends,

A diverse community of the faithful of our diocese will come together once again on January 19 in prayer and solidarity to proclaim the sanctity of all human life at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold. We sincerely hope you will consider joining us!

This 2nd annual *Standing Together for Life* day of events will consist of:

- **Mass for Life with Bishop O'Connell to begin at 11 a.m.** All are welcome, first-come first-serve seating – Let's pack the Co-Cathedral!
- **Lunch & Seminar from 12:30 – 3:30 pm**, pre-registration is required and seating is limited. Registrations are coming in fast now, so **act quickly** if you wish to attend!

This year, you will hear from an interdisciplinary panel of local experts offering valuable insights to help increase your ability to support pregnant moms and babies in your neighborhoods and to fight the deep seeded abortion culture in New Jersey. Our panelist will cover *pro-life advocacy* in NJ, *effective outreach* for challenging situations, proven *parish based collaborative approaches* and teaching the basics of *human dignity and God's plan for sexuality*.

If you're already registered, consider inviting some others from your parish who are involved in social concerns, St. Vincent de Paul, Food pantry, K of C, Altar Rosary, etc – collaboration between ministries has proven to be very effective in improving outreach to local vulnerable pregnant moms in our local NJ communities.

Full details for *Standing Together for Life* events, including the registration link for the Lunch Seminar may be found by visiting dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life, which can also be found using the QR code below.

For questions, kindly contact our administrative assistant, Belem Perez 609-403-7133 bperez@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Building a culture of life is the work of the whole church and each of us play a unique role. Thank you for your efforts and for standing together with us for life.

We hope to see you on January 19!



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.



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



Christmas Flower Offering

Christmas Flower Memorial envelopes are 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!

*The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
and Christmas comes once more.*



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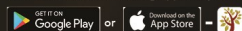
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1: Happy New Year! Rectory Office Closed.

January 6/7: Diocesan Collection. Thank you!

January 17: Blood Drive. See page 8.

January 19: Rosary for Life, sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society following the 11 AM Mass.



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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.



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>.

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!**



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](#).

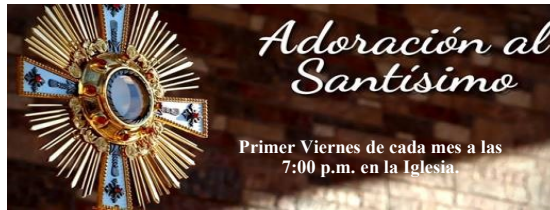
St. Joseph By the Sea—Our programs are offered to enrich, renew and deepen one's interior communication with the Lord in an atmosphere of prayer, quiet and solitude. The scenic environment of the Atlantic Ocean and Barnegat Bay provides additional contemplative opportunity. **Current brochure can be 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.

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.**

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



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