

LET YOUR 'YES' MEAN 'YES,'
AND YOUR 'NO' MEAN 'NO.'

MATTHEW 5:37

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St. Mark's Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Lectionary: 76

Reading 1

Sir 15:15-20

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you;
if you trust in God, you too shall live;
he has set before you fire and water
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.
Before man are life and death, good and evil,
whichever he chooses shall be given him.
Immense is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is mighty in power, and all-seeing.
The eyes of God are on those who fear him;
he understands man's every deed.
No one does he command to act unjustly,
to none does he give license to sin.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34**

R. (1b) **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
Blessed are they who observe his decrees,
who seek him with all their heart.

R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

You have commanded that your precepts
be diligently kept.

Oh, that I might be firm in the ways
of keeping your statutes!

R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

Be good to your servant, that I may live
and keep your words.

Open my eyes, that I may consider
the wonders of your law.

R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes,
that I may exactly observe them.

Give me discernment, that I may observe your law
and keep it with all my heart.

R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

Reading 2

1 Cor 2:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if

they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written:

*What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love him,*
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.
For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

Alleluia

cF. mt 11:25

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Mt 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall not commit adultery.* But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

"It was also said, *Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce.* But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful—causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.* But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."



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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM and

Thursdays after the 7:30 AM and 11 AM Masses

Devotions and Novenas

Miraculous Medal Novena after daily Masses on Wednesdays

Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays after 7:30 AM Mass.

Benediction at 10:45 PM

1st Fridays Spanish Adoration beginning at 7 PM.

Rectory Office 732-449-6364

Bulletin	Ext. 114
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Altar Rosary Society	732-282-1244
Bereavement Ministry	718-637-1162
CYO	732-685-6011
Music Ministry	908-415-0212
Rosary Makers	732-245-8405

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.

February 5, 2023 Sunday Collection Total \$10,246.



Pray FOR THE SICK

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.

Steven VanWickle, Regina Shine, Nancy O'Neill, Cathy Shalloo, Winifred Reilly, Danny Suskenich, Brian Nall, Marilyn Woerner, Bob Patrignelli, Nick Costantini, Caroline Viggiano, Teresa Corcoran, Kaitlin Wason, John Cinciarelli, Michael Sheridan, Erik Rofi, Jim & Andrea Trischitta, Erin Rubas, 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.

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.

† Eileen Bopf
† Richard Russo

May the angels lead you into paradise.



February 12, 2023

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48.

† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, February 13

7:30 AM

† Dorothy Wright by Family

11:00 AM

† Edward Prout by Saint Mark's Parish Family
Nick Costantini by The McKelvey Family

Tuesday, February 14

7:30 AM

† John & Marie Gibbs by John & Pat Gibbs

† Norma Farese by Jill Donovan

11:00 AM

Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark's Social Concerns

Wednesday, February 15

7:30 AM

† William Heindle by Estate

† Dominick DeStefano by The Family

11:00 AM

† Baby Ethan Patrick Trovato by Paulette McCormack

Thursday, February 16

7:30 AM

† Souls in Purgatory by Geri Zalom

11:00 AM

† Eileen Walsh by Marybeth and Joe Walsh

Friday, February 17

7:30 AM

† Anne Hart by Estate

† Eileen Condon by Ed & Judy Blaha

11:00 AM

† Taylor and White Babies by Family

Amy White by Family

† Dan and Jean LoPresto by Ed and Mary Doran

Saturday, February 18

7:30 AM

† Mary Conti by Bohacik Family

† Thomas Kameika by Family

4:30 PM

† Lucia M. Duddy by Tom Malloy

† Kathy Alaxander by Maureen Kelly Machirella
Aunt Pat and Uncle Moe by Mae Woolfenden

Sunday, February 19

8:00 AM

† Ken Farrell by Foerst Family

† Lorraine Beauvais by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ricciardi

10:00 AM

† Rosemary T. Mylod by Tom and Kathie Albin

† Christine Frauenheim by Steve & Tracy "Finnan" Banes

† Mary Jane Lorenzo by Stan & Lorraine Ciemniecki

12 Noon

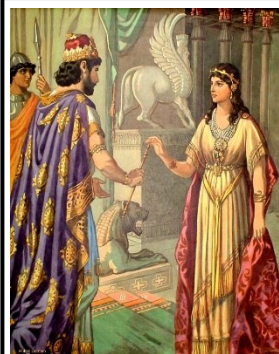
People of the Parish

5:00 PM

† Ana Maria Lopez by Family

† Pedro Cruz Garcia by Merino Garcia Family

† Merced Velasco Nuñez by Filemon Jose



"When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, he had this reply brought to her: 'Do not imagine that because you are in the King's palace, you alone of all the Jews will escape. Even if you now remain silent, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another source; but you and your Father's house will perish. Who knows but that it was for a time like this that you obtained the royal dignity?'" Esther 4:12-14
Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry invites everyone to join us in ...

40 days for Life

Place: Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury

Dates: February 24-March 31


Times: Monday-Friday: 8 AM-6 PM (NB: MCPLM members attend the Friday vigils)

22,829 babies have been saved so far during this peaceful, prayerful witness!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

To sign up for the Friday campaign contact Jim at meyerjim1953@gmail.com

Other weekdays contact Monmouth4life@hotmail.com





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of **CHRIST**

2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Annual Catholic Appeal

Next weekend, February 18/19 will be Collection Weekend for the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal.


Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Diocese of Trenton?

This year our goal is \$6.5 million dollars and can only be achieved through **YOUR** generosity!

There are pledge forms available in the back of the church or visit www.diocesoftrenton.org/catholicappeal.

Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information or donate.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

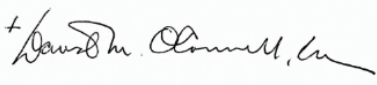
As Bishop, each year I look forward to inviting you to witness the good works that our ministries are doing every day in the Diocese of Trenton and our parishes. Possibly you, a loved one or a friend have experienced or seen the "gift" of one or more of these ministries in action.

In St. Matthew's Gospel, the Lord Jesus commissioned his disciples, "What you have received as a gift, give as a gift!" (Matthew 10:8) These words are a reminder that we should be grateful for the many blessings we have received from God in our lives and that we, in turn, should give of ourselves through our time, talent and treasure. The Lord's words are addressed to us!

I am humbled and thankful for your many years of continued support and ask you to prayerfully consider your gift to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal so that the Church within our Diocese may continue to be a beacon of love and faith for all God's people. Together we can do great things!


I will continue to keep you and your loved ones in my prayers.

Gratefully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

World Marriage Day
February 12, 2023



"It is the presence of the Lord, who reveals Himself and the gift of His grace, that will render your marriage profoundly true."
--Pope Francis

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on World Marriage Day



26th Annual CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST CONFERENCE

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DOORS OPEN AT 8 AM FOR BAGELS AND COFFEE; LUNCH ALSO INCLUDED

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Check out this great line-up of speakers!



BISHOP DAVID M. O'CONNELL, CM
We are pleased to have our Bishop, the Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, return as the president and homilist for celebration of the Holy Mass.



GERRY COONEY
RETIRED BOXER, BUSINESSMAN, RADIO ANNOUNCER, AUTHOR
In the wild and wicked world of boxing, Gerry Cooney is a rarity: a fighter who has enjoyed success in and out of the ring. As a world-class heavyweight, Cooney advanced to #1 contender. In 1982 Cooney faced the unbeaten WBC World Heavyweight Champion Larry Holmes in a title fight of such magnitude that it was hyped on the cover of "Time" magazine.
Cooney went on to engage in high-profile bouts vs. Michael Spinks and George Foreman. He retired in 1990, having compiled a pro mark of 28-3 with 24 knockouts and was ranked 53rd on Ring Magazine's list of 100 greatest punchers of all time.



MARK HOUCK
SPEAKER, AUTHOR, EVANGELIST
Mark Houck is the Founder and President of The King's Men, Inc. He is an author and internationally known motivational speaker who developed in 2004 a highly successful ministry to help others become better leaders, protectors and providers. As a former All-American collegiate athlete and high school coach, Mark has drawn on his personal pursuit of excellence in sports to encourage and mentor thousands across North America and Europe.

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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.**

Ministry Schedule February 18/19, 2023				
	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM	Sunday 12 Noon
Celebrant	Fr. Carlos	Msgr. Flynn	Fr. Carlos	Msgr. Flynn
Readers	Connie Duffy	Peggy Hardiman	Joe Stillo	Bob Cicenja
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Holt Anthony Granato	Anna Nuzzi Pat Scatuorchio	Marianne Sheridan Anna Nuzzi	Minister Needed Helen Hopkins
Ushers	Joe Walsh Walter Henry Anthony Granato	Bob O'Neill, Leo Hurley, Pat Ahern, Glenn Skola	Rich Siderko Jim Sheridan	Howard Flood Richard DeGroote

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!



While everyone is not yet able to participate in person at Masses, you can watch them online by visiting our parish website: **Saint Mark's Catholic Church – 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, New Jersey 08750 (stmarkseagirt.com)** and click on the Livestream logo or highlight the link below then right click and click open Hyperlink **St. Mark Church Streaming Player | Powered by StreamSpot.**



The Social Concerns Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, February 14th** at 1 p.m. in Father Child's Hall. Join us for some Valentine's Day treats while finding out how you can help those in need.

Rosary Makers will meet on **Monday, February 27th** at 1pm in Fr. Child's Hall (Saint Mark's basement). As always, we welcome anyone interested in making rosaries, as well as our faithful rosary makers.

"If families give Our Lady fifteen minutes a day by reciting the Rosary, I assure them that their homes will become, by God's grace, peaceful places." *Father Patrick Peyton.*

Questions? Contact Maria Checton at mgchection@gmail.com or (732) 245-8405.



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.

PASTORAL TALKS 2023

~A Five Part Lecture Series~

AT ST. MARGARET'S, 300 LUDLOW AVE, 6PM

Q&A and Light Refreshment to follow at Duffy Hall

March 1, 2023

Sr. Carole MacKenthun R.S.M.
"Journey to Our Heart Room, in meditation"

March 8, 2023

Deacon Paul Vitale:
"The Three Glances of Christ"

March 15, 2023

Msgr. Richard Liddy, Ph.D:
"Our Young People and the Existence of God"

March 22, 2023

Fr. Martin Padovani SVD, MS:
"Living and the Modern Church"

March 29, 2023

Very Rev. Damian McElroy
"Prodigal Sons and Daughters"

Please join us for fellowship and conversation. These events are free and welcome to all. We hope to see you there.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 11/12: Second collection is for the Black and Indian Missions. Thank you!

Feb. 12: CYO Valentine's Day Walk for Hunger 1PM.

Feb. 12, 13, 14: No CCD classes-Winter break.

Feb. 14: Social Concerns meeting & luncheon follows 11 AM Mass.

Feb. 15: Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mark's 2-6PM. See page 8.

Feb. 18/19: Second collection is for Central & Eastern Europe. Thank you!

Feb. 20: Presidents' Day. Rectory Office Closed.

Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday

Masses are at 7:30 AM & 11 AM.

CCD Stations of the Cross at 4 PM and distribution of ashes. Meatless soup supper to follow.

Spanish Mass & ashes at 6 PM with meatless soup supper to follow. See page 11.

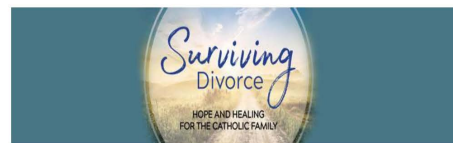
Feb. 26: 1st Sunday of Lent.

Stations of the Cross will take place after the 11 AM Mass on Fridays during Lent.

The Rosary will be recited before the Mass.



"Are you in a rut?? Do something different this Lent!! Join a group of men working together to become better husbands and fathers!! More than ever men need other men on this journey!! Come join us at St Mark's Saturday mornings at 6am for some coffee, friendship and spirituality !! It's free!! We meet downstairs!!"



ST. MARY'S DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

What is an Information Night?

This Information Night will provide you with all the information you need to help you decide if you would like to attend our 12-week program that will begin March 13th, 2023 on Monday nights from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Mary's Chapel in Middletown.

What can I expect from the 12-week Program?

The program is called "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family". It is a DVD series developed by Rose Sweet, a dynamic Catholic author and speaker who has developed this series to help Catholics and their families heal from divorce!

Two sessions are available yearly, Fall and Spring. The DVDs last approximately 30 minutes, and then we have open discussion on a variety of topics such as grief, anger, depression, forgiveness, dealing with your ex and your family, how to tell the children and help them cope, how to navigate the court system, your finances and more. We work with a team of professionals that often join us as guest speakers to help you through this process.

We are committed to the program and to divorced and separated Catholics throughout the Diocese and we are eager to assist you in any way we can. Our primary collective goal is to bring about your healing in your own time and support you along the way. The website to learn more about the program can be found by visiting:

www.mylifechangechangecoach.com/separated-divorce

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WE DO NOT ASK YOU IF YOU ARE CATHOLIC,
WE ONLY ASK YOU IF YOU NEED TO BE HEALED. ☺
IT IS A CATHOLIC PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HEAL
EVERYONE THAT COMES TO IT!

INFORMATION NIGHT

February 27, 2023
7:00-8:30 p.m.

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**St. Mary's Chapel
26 Leonardville Rd.
Middletown**

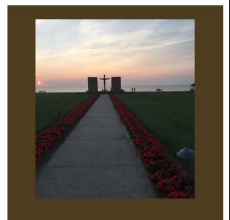
All are Welcome!

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REGISTRATION
REQUIRED!
SEATING IS LIMITED!

To Register/Email:

Healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com
One of our facilitators will
get back to you!



PREPARING FOR LENT



The Medjugorje Prayer Group invites you to a Lenten retreat **Wednesday, February 15th, 9-11 am** in the upper Kolbe Hall St. Peter's Church 406 Forman Ave Point Pleasant. There will be light refreshments, all are welcome. **For further information contact dawnrusinko@yahoo.com.**

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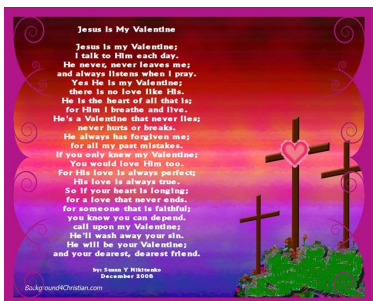
CYO News by Mary Reilly



What a great time we had with Fr. Gregg Abadilla last Sunday!! He seemed to really enjoy participating in a CYO favorite game "Fruit Salad" and then he shared his beautiful story of growing up in the Philippines and then becoming a Priest. "Love" was the constant theme in his talk. Fr. Gregg has a great admiration for servant leaders. I told him we have many in our CYO family. Servant leadership is a philosophy built on the belief that the most effective leaders strive to serve others, rather than accrue power or take control.

Fr. Gregg possesses love and joy in great measure, and just having him in the room made us all feel the love of Jesus. Thank you, Fr. Gregg! It was also fun hearing you talk about your love of camping and mountain biking !!!!!

This **Sunday, February 12th**, we meet at 1 PM across from St. Catharine's Church in Spring Lake for our annual **Valentine's Day Walk for Hunger**. Don't forget to bring a permission slip and also the \$25 "suggested" donation. Thank you and a Happy and Blessed Valentine's Day to all!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



There will be no CYO meeting on February 19th (winter break and Presidents' Day observance.)



American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, February 15th 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](tel:1-800-RED-CROSS).



Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 26th Annual Men's Conference on **Saturday, February 25th**, at Saint Gregory the Great Parish in Hamilton Square, NJ. The theme of this year's conference is "Living Joy." The day runs from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell. Gerry Cooney, the former world-class heavyweight who became the #1 contender and fought Larry Holmes for the WBC Heavyweight Championship of the world; author, TV host, and evangelist Chris Stefanick, the founder of Real Life Catholic and recipient of the Papal Benemerenti Medal; and Mark Houck, founder of The King's Men, an author and internationally known motivational speaker. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their walk with Jesus and dynamically live out their Catholic faith. Cost is \$45 per person in advance (\$50 at the door); \$25 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org. To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Catholic Men for Jesus Christ
PO Box 816
Morrisville, PA 19067

Northern New Jersey Alcoholics Anonymous provides information on AA as a resource for anyone who thinks they may have drinking problem, as well as to answer any questions that professionals or community members may have about Alcoholics Anonymous. Please visit www.nnjaa.org for more information.



Feeding the Hungry

Frozen Meals Program Resumes!

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.



Homebound seniors can remain comfortably at home with the dignity of independence and the security of having someone visit once a day with a nutritious meal. Also, the warm smile of one of our wonderful volunteers or caring meals-on-wheels drivers is important to them and often serves as a wellness check.

If you would like more information, please call Meals on Wheels 732-502-3277 or Barbara Anderson 848-444-3123.

Mercy Center UPDATE!

Canned fruit • Cereal • Juices Diapers and Wipes • Coffee and Tea Condiments • Toilet Paper Toiletries (The Dollar Tree is a great source for these).

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!**



Join us this Lent for the CHOSEN #3

All are welcome to join us on Fridays during Lent from 9:30-11am starting February 24-

March 31. We will watch the scenes and faith share about them. Light refreshments will be served. Where: St. Pio of Pietrelcina Hall 103 Washington Ave. Lavallette To register please contact Dawn Rusinko at dawnrusinko@yahoo.com.

HELP NEEDED: Madonna House Inc., Neptune, NJ, has been helping a homeless mother for several months, who is living in a motel, along with her five children; the youngest being a newborn. This dear mother desires to work; however, she needs a safe, reliable mini-van or SUV to get to work and transport her family of six. Madonna House would be ever grateful for a donated vehicle or monetary donations toward the purchase of a vehicle to help this desperate mother get back on her feet. Please call Rebecca Blonski @ Madonna House – 732-775-1140, or Mary Lyons, 732-685-3163. God bless you for your prayers and generosity. Madonna House is a registered 501©3 charity.

Bible Study



Biblical Scholars tell us that the essence of Christianity is joy.

Have you found this to be so?

Come to our Bible Study. We shall read some of the great passages of both the Old and New Testaments. There are no tests, papers to write, no grades and no lectures. We shall all sit in a circle and share our thoughts, questions, and opinions in a relaxed informal setting.

There will be ten classes on Tuesdays, March 7th to May 9th from 9:30-10:45 AM in Fr. Child's Hall (St. Mark's basement).

Those parishioners who attend our daily 11 AM Mass on a Tuesday morning, may wish to attend our Bible Study class.

The instructor will be John Snyder, as he was for the last two sessions. **Any questions, call him at 848-241-3531.**

Diocesan Youth Conference

St. Mark's 8th graders and high school students attended the Diocesan Youth Conference at Donovan Catholic High School last weekend, joining over 700 teens, youth ministries and catechists from the Diocese of Trenton.

They participated in service projects, Adoration, and Reconciliation. They listened to powerful presentations by Steven Angrisano, the keynote speaker for this retreat, and Bishop O'Connell celebrated Mass to conclude the day! The theme for this year's retreat is "CONNECTED".





Ash Wednesday Way of the Cross

February 22nd at 4:00 PM

Our parish family will be having the Way of the Cross with distribution of ashes at 4:00 P.M. with the Music Ministry and CCD Children.

Immediately following will be a meatless soup and bread dinner. Also we will be serving macaroni and cheese for the children.

Please join us and be part of the Way of the Cross reenacted by our 7th graders along with our Music Ministry. Let's take a walking journey back to the time of Christ and listen to Bible witnesses and learn about Christ's Passion.



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12 de febrero del 2023

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Primera lectura: Sir 15, 16-21.

Si tú lo quieres, puedes guardar los mandamientos; permanecer fiel a ellos es cosa tuya. El Señor ha puesto delante de ti fuego y agua; extiende la mano a lo que quieras. Delante del hombre están la muerte y la vida; le será dado lo que él escoja. Es infinita la sabiduría del Señor; es inmenso su poder y él lo ve todo. Los ojos del Señor ven con agrado a quienes lo temen; el Señor conoce todas las obras del hombre. A nadie le ha mandado ser impío y a nadie le ha dado permiso de pecar.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 118, 1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34.

Dichoso el que cumple la voluntad del Señor.

Dichoso el hombre de conducta intachable,
que cumple la ley del Señor.
Dichoso el que es fiel sus enseñanzas
y lo busca de todo corazón.

Dichoso el que cumple la voluntad del Señor.

Tú, Señor, has dado tus preceptos
para que se observen exactamente.
Ojalá que mis pasos se encaminen
al cumplimiento de tus mandamientos.

Dichoso el que cumple la voluntad del Señor.

Favorece a tu siervo
para que viva y observe tus palabras.
Abreme los ojos para ver
las maravillas de tu voluntad.

Dichoso el que cumple la voluntad del Señor.

Muéstrame, Señor, el camino de tus leyes
y yo lo seguiré con cuidado.
Enséñame a cumplir tu voluntad
y a guardarla de todo corazón.

Dichoso el que cumple la voluntad del Señor.

Segunda lectura: 1 Co 2, 6-10.

Hermanos: Es cierto que a los adultos en la fe les predicamos la sabiduría, pero no la sabiduría de este mundo ni la de aquellos que dominan al mundo, los cuales van a quedar aniquilados. Por el contrario, predicamos una sabiduría divina, misteriosa, que ha permanecido oculta y que fue prevista por Dios desde antes de los siglos, para conducirnos a la gloria. Ninguno de los que dominan este mundo la conoció, porque, de haberla conocido, nunca hubieran crucificado al Señor de la gloria. Pero lo que nosotros predicamos es, como dice la Escritura, que lo que Dios ha preparado para los que lo aman, ni el ojo lo ha visto, ni el oído lo ha escuchado, ni la mente del hombre pudo siquiera haberlo imaginado. A nosotros, en cambio, Dios nos lo ha revelado por el Espíritu que conoce perfectamente todo, hasta lo más profundo de Dios.

Acclamación antes del Evangelio: Cfr Mt 11, 25.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Te doy gracias, Padre, Señor del cielo y de la tierra,
porque has revelado los misterios del Reino
a la gente sencilla.

R. Aleluya.

Evangelio: Mt 5, 20-22. 27-28. 33-37

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Les aseguro que, si su justicia no es mayor que la de los escribas y fariseos, ciertamente no entrarán ustedes en el Reino de los cielos. Han oído que se dijo a los antiguos: No matarás y el que mate será llevado ante el tribunal. Pero yo les digo: Todo el que se enoje con su hermano, será llevado también ante el tribunal. También han oído que se dijo a los antiguos: No cometerás adulterio. Pero yo les digo que quien mire con malos deseos a una mujer, ya cometió adulterio con ella en su corazón. Han oído que se dijo a los antiguos: No jurarás en falso y le cumplirás al Señor lo que le hayas prometido con juramento. Pero yo les digo: No juren de ninguna manera, ni por el cielo, que es el trono de Dios; ni por la tierra, porque es donde él pone los pies; ni por Jerusalén, que es la ciudad del gran Rey. Tampoco jures por tu cabeza, porque no puedes hacer blanco o negro uno solo de tus cabellos. Digan simplemente sí, cuando es sí; y no, cuando es no. Lo que se diga de más, viene del maligno".

VENTA DE COMIDA



Tacos Dorados
Tostadas de Tinga
Tamales Verdes
Pambazos: papa & chorizo
Elotes
Champurrado
Flan
Gelatinas
Churos
Mangonadas
Chicharines
Y mucho mas!



Domingos:
Febrero 19
Marzo 5 & 19



Para mas informacion: Raul Perez (732) 292-2687



Miercoles de Ceniza

Febrero 22 a las 6:00 p.m.

Nuestra familia parroquial conmemoraremos el miercoles de ceniza con una Misa en español y distribución de cenizas a las 6:00 p.m. Seguido inmediatamente estaremos sirviendo en el sótano, sopas casera (sin carne) y macarrones con queso para los niños.

Este año, San Marcos comprará sopas de los restaurantes locales y le pedimos que confirme su asistencia con el número total de personas que asistirán, para que podamos asegurarnos de que habrá suficiente cantidad para todos.

Responder antes del 20 de febrero, puede enviarnos un correo electrónico a diana@stmarkseagirt.com o llamar al (732) 449-6364 ext 104 & 105.

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar con la limpieza.

Para más información llamara la oficina.

