



St. Mark's Catholic Church

Rev. Msgr. Sean P. Flynn, Pastor
Fr. Carlos Castilla, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Michael Keary



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 79

Reading 1

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

R. (8a) **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,

nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Reading 2

1 Cor 3:16-23

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Let no one deceive himself.

If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise.

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written:

*God catches the wise in their own ruses,
and again:*

*The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,
that they are vain.*

So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

Alleluia

1 Jn 2:5

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
the love of God is truly perfected in him.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Mt 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.* But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.* But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."



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

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Ministries

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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 12, 2023 Sunday Collection Total \$9,726.



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.

Linda Ryan, 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.



May the angels lead you into paradise.



February 19, 2023

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11.

† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, February 20

7:30 AM

† Phyllis Blaine by Estate
† Marion Elizabeth Brion by Judy & Ed Blaha

11:00 AM

† Ken Farrell by The Ertle & Sullivan Family
† Florence Maclearie by Pat and Jean Scatuorchio

Tuesday, February 21

7:30 AM

† Joan Enright by Estate

11:00 AM

† Andrew Burt by Janice O'Neill

Wednesday, February 22

7:30 AM

† Julia Buonocore by Family
† Laura Conlin by Margaret Azzarella

11:00 AM

† Lydia Kenah by Marybeth and Joe Walsh
† Frank J. Cronin by Maureen Cronin

Thursday, February 23

7:30 AM

† Barbara Heidle by Estate
† Ken Farrell by Tom and Mary Pat Wallace

11:00 AM

† Harry Gregg by The Parkhill Family

Friday, February 24

7:30 AM

† Carol Treger by Estate
† Rita Regenye by Jack Regenye

11:00 AM

† Robert Giunco, Sr. by Mary Giunco
† Joe Garrett by Helen Hopkins
† Baby Mac Simonson by Coogan & Feldman Families

Saturday, February 25

7:30 AM

† Jack and Ida Donnelly by Family

4:30 PM

People of the Parish

Sunday, February 26

8:00 AM

† Michael Simonson by Irene and Leo Hurley
† Donald Humphrey by The Tages Family

10:00 AM

† Mary Jane Lorenzo by Cathy and Peter Abitanto
† Vincent J Azzollini by The Kneller Family
† Carolyn Doster by Mary Gerlach

12 Noon

† Madge Humphries by Jerry Flynn
† Eileen Bopf by Dawn Rankin
† Ken Farrell by Maureen Burch

5:00 PM

† Ana Maria Lopez by Family
† Pedro Cruz Garcia by Merino Garcia Family
† John Kesler by Filemon Jose

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“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 24th-March 31st

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





This weekend, February 18/19, is the Kick Off 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

Annual Young Adult Retreat

"All young adults (18-39) of the Diocese of Trenton (and beyond) are invite to the **Annual Young Adult Retreat**, at **St. Raphael's Church in Hamilton NJ** on **March 4, 2023**. The day will include inspiring talks, fellowship, breakouts, prayer and more."

Please go to www.diocesoftrenton.org/yaretreat for more information or [CLICK HERE](#)



CHRIS STEFANICK
AUTHOR, TV HOST, EVANGELIST
Founder and president of Real Life Catholic, Chris is an internationally acclaimed author (most recently released bestseller, *Living Joy*), speaker, and television host. His live seminars, TV, radio, and video ministry have reached millions. Chris is a recipient of the Papal Benemerenti Medal which was previously given by the pope for military valor, but today is given for achievement in ministry.



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.

YOUNG MEN'S TRACK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CATHOLIC ATHLETES FOR CHRIST
For young men from 8th grade to college age. Hosted by Gerry Cooney!

\$45 PRE-REGISTRATION \$50 AT THE DOOR | \$25 FOR STUDENTS
Order tickets at:
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CATHOLICMENFORJESUSCHRIST.ORG
(609) 587-4877
info@catholicmenforjesuschrist.org

Order tickets at CatholicMenForJesusChrist.org or send your check with a self-addressed envelope to: *Catholic Men For Jesus Christ*, P.O. Box 816, Morrisville, PA 19067

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 25/26, 2023 | | | | |
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| | Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:00 AM | Sunday 10:00 AM | Sunday 12 Noon |
| Celebrant | Msgr. Flynn | Fr. Carlos | Msgr. Flynn | Fr. Carlos |
| Readers | Colleen Rivera | Robert Cavazini | Todd Leonhardt | Barbara DeGroote |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Pat Holt Anthony Granato | Anna Nuzzi Pat Scatuorchio | Jim Sheridan Anna Nuzzi | Marge Loenser 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!



On Fridays during Lent, the Rosary will be recited before Benediction . We will begin the Rosary at 10:10 AM.

St Marks Altar Rosary Society will be meeting Monday, March 6th at the 11 AM Mass. Recitation of the Rosary afterwards. Luncheon to follow.

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 mgchecton@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.

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.**



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. 18/19: This weekend's 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 with distribution of ashes. .
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.

On Fridays during Lent, the Rosary will be recited before Benediction. We will begin the Rosary at 10:10 AM. Stations of the Cross will take place after the 11 AM Mass on Fridays during Lent.



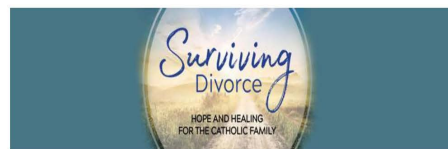
"Are you in a rut?? Do something different this Lent!! Join a group of men working together to become better husbands and fathers!! More than ever men need other men on this journey!! Come join us at St Mark's Saturday mornings at 6am for some coffee, friendship and spirituality !! It's free!! We meet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

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.



CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST 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



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

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.

St. Mary's Chapel
26 Leonardville Rd.
Middletown

All are Welcome!

REGISTRATION
REQUIRED!
SEATING IS LIMITED!

To Register/Email:

[Healingheartsfromdivorce@
gmail.com](mailto:Healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com)
One of our facilitators will
get back to you!



Guidelines for making the most of Lenten season 2023



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023 until Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023**--- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

1. The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. The pastor of a parish has the authority to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish. The Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of ABSTINENCE (no meat).

Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023 to Trinity Sunday, June 4, 2023**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those conscious of serious sin, to go to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter

David M. O'Connell, C.M.

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



STATIONS of the CROSS

**Stations of the Cross will take place after the
11 AM Mass on Fridays during Lent.
The Rosary will be recited before the Mass.**



CYO News by Mary Reilly



What an awesome way to “kick off” Super Bowl Sunday!!! Seventeen of our CYO angels (plus some CYO Moms) participated in our third annual Valentine’s Day Walk for Hunger!!! Our CYO has chosen the Manasquan Food Pantry, Fulfill, Jersey Shore Rescue Mission and the Missionaries of Charity Meals for the homeless to receive the generous donations. Great job, CYO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Lent begins this week, so we will have many Lenten themes at our meetings and also begin preparing to present the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. We already have our readers and technical director. Actors are still needed for the cast.

Don’t forget: the door is always open to any high school student to join our CYO. What excitement we feel when we get a new member or when someone we haven’t seen in while comes back to CYO! Count it all joy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

“What drew me to the walk was the impact that it makes for everyone. Knowing that I am doing the right thing by participating in it shows that I’m doing the right thing. My favorite part of the walk was just talking to my friends about what their futures are and how they are doing in general. Doing the right thing while with my friends is the best feeling anyone can have.” - Senior Jake Heilos



A Plenary Indulgence Granted by Papal Decree



Lourdes

Virtual Pilgrimage Experience

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church Hall 103 Washington Ave Lavallette, NJ 08735 Saturday, March 11th 8:30 AM Mass followed by light breakfast 9:30 AM Pilgrimage.

- * Lourdes Water
- * The Grotto Rock
- * Eucharistic Blessing
- * Candlelight Rosary

* Additional healing prayer is available from Encounter Ministry. Please tell Dawn at registration if you want to participate.

To register contact: Dawn Rusinko at dawnrusinko@yahoo.com

Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers www.LourdesVolunteers.org



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 24th-**

March 31st. 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.

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.**

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.



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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19 de febrero del 2023

Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Primera lectura: Lv 19, 1-2. 17-18.

En aquellos días, dijo el Señor a Moisés: "Habla a la asamblea de los hijos de Israel y diles: 'Sean santos, porque yo, el Señor, soy santo. No odies a tu hermano ni en lo secreto de tu corazón. Trata de corregirlo, para que no cargues tú con su pecado. No te vengues ni guardes rencor a los hijos de tu pueblo. Ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Yo soy el Señor' ".

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10. 12-13.

El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso.

Bendice al Señor, alma mía,
que todo mi ser bendiga su santo nombre.
Bendice al Señor, alma mía,
y no te olvides de sus beneficios.

El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso.

El Señor perdona tus pecados
y cura tus enfermedades;
él rescata tu vida del sepulcro
y te colma de amor y de ternura.

El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso.

El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso,
lento para enojarse y generoso para perdonar.
No nos trata como merecen nuestras culpas,
ni nos paga según nuestros pecados.

El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso.

Como dista el oriente del ocaso, así aleja de nosotros
nuestros delitos; como un padre es compasivo con sus

hijos, así es compasivo el Señor con quien lo ama.

El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso.

Segunda lectura: 1 Co 3, 16-23.

Hermanos: ¿No saben ustedes que son el templo de Dios y que el Espíritu de Dios habita en ustedes? Quien destruye el templo de Dios, será destruido por Dios, porque el templo de Dios es santo y ustedes son ese templo. Que nadie se engañe: si alguno de ustedes se tiene a sí mismo por sabio según los criterios de este mundo, que se haga ignorante para llegar a ser verdaderamente sabio. Porque la sabiduría de este mundo es ignorancia ante Dios, como dice la Escritura: Dios hace que los sabios caigan en la trampa de su propia astucia. También dice: El Señor conoce los pensamientos de los sabios y los tiene por vanos. Así pues, que nadie se glorie de pertenecer a ningún hombre, ya que todo les pertenece a ustedes: Pablo, Apolo y Pedro, el mundo, la vida y la muerte, lo presente y lo futuro: todo es de ustedes; ustedes son de Cristo, y Cristo es de Dios.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio: 1 Jn 2, 5.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

En aquel que cumple la palabra de Cristo,
el amor de Dios ha llegado a su plenitud.

R. Aleluya.

Evangelio: Mt 5, 38-48.

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Han oído que se dijo: Ojo por ojo, diente por diente; pero yo les digo que no hagan resistencia al hombre malo. Si alguno te golpea en la mejilla derecha, preséntale también la izquierda; al que te quiera demandar en juicio para quitarte la túnica, cédele también el manto. Si alguno te obliga a caminar mil pasos en su servicio, camina con él dos mil. Al que te pide, dale; y al que quiere que le prestes, no le vuelvas la espalda. Han oído que se dijo: Ama a tu prójimo y odia a tu enemigo. Yo, en cambio, les digo: Amen a sus enemigos, hagan el bien a los que los odian y rueguen por los que los persiguen y calumnian, para que sean hijos de su Padre celestial, que hace salir su sol sobre los buenos y los malos, y manda su lluvia sobre los justos y los injustos. Porque, si ustedes aman a los que los aman, ¿qué recompensa merecen? ¿No hacen eso mismo los publicanos? Y si saludan tan sólo a sus hermanos, ¿qué hacen de extraordinario? ¿No hacen eso mismo los paganos? Ustedes, pues, sean perfectos, como su Padre celestial es perfecto".

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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.

