

St. Mark's Catholic Church

Fr. Míguel Vírella, SVD, Pastor Fr. Míguel Valle, Parochíal Vícar Dr. Joseph V. Stíllo, Deacon Míchael 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

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Please pray for our sick: Marilyn Woerner, Ann Lehberger Joan Trutneff, Kevin Motzenbecker, Kenneth Thorne, Mary Bogan, 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.

> [†]Kevin J. McLoughlin [†]Tom Ort †Barbara Peter

May the angels lead you into paradise.

Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and it's ministries!

We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.

The collection total for January 26, 2025 is \$9,562.

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.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 1/2: The second collection is for our Diocesan Assessment. Your donations are always appreciated.

Feb. 1, 2, 3: Blessing of the Throats after Masses.

Feb. 14: Happy Valentine's Day!

Feb. 22/23: The second collection is for Central & Eastern Europe. Thank you for your generosity.

Feb. 17: The Rectory Office will be closed in observance of President's Day.



February 2, 2025

Monday Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a 6:1-6 Mk

Thursday Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 6:7-13 Mk

Friday Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc Mk 6:14-29 Saturday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mk 6:30-34

Sunday Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11.



Faith Formation & Parish Ministry Conference



Come for a day of formation and renewal, designed to support all those who share and pass on the Catholic faith.

Are you a Catechist, Catholic School Teacher. Campus or Youth Minister? Do you serve on an RCIA, Evangelization, Adult Faith Formation, Baptism, or Marriage Ministry team? There will be something for everyone in ministry!

The day will offer breakout sessions in both English and Spanish.





LOCATION: St. John Vianney High School 540-A Line Rd Holmdel, NJ 07733

Questions? Contact Michelle Angelo Santoro ora I diaceseaftrentan ara/hone2025



+ This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, February 3

7:30 AM † Maureen Butler by Family † Philomena Tortoriello by Linda Rosa 11:00 AM † Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society

Tuesday, February 4 7:30 AM

[†] Dorothy Wright by Family
[†] Anne Macenczak by Estate
[†] Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Butler by Family
11:00 AM

+ Giuseppi Bertucci by Frank Bertucci
 + John Briscoe by Bernadette Taylor
 + Raymond O'Meara by Pat & John Gibbs

Wednesday, February 5

7:30 AM † John Cashman by Family † Raymond O'Meara by Donna Bailey

11:00 AM

+ Robert Degnan by Mary McCarthy
+ Cam Toscano by Sandra & Michael Keary
+ Adam Lasota by Sharlene & Michael Reynolds

Thursday, February 6

7:30 AM

Richard Reilly, Sr. by Todd & Jamie Leonhardt
 Raymond Solapka by Family
 Peter Copeland by Kathleen & Tom Albin

11:00 AM

Raymond O'Meara by St. Mark's Parish Family
 Barbara Peter by Social Concerns
 Gregory Judge by Forlenza Family

Friday, February 7

7:30 AM † Julie Buonocore by Fred Buonocore

11:00 AM

† Mary McCluskey by Estate
† Barbara Peter by Mark & Connie Duffy
† Phyllis Smith King by Lori & Mike Helmer & Family

Saturday, February 8 7:30 AM

St. Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of Trafficked Women
 Raymond O'Meara by Irene & Leo Hurley

4:30 PM

Mr. & Mrs. Edward F. Liston Sr. by Peggy & Gordon Pingicer
 William K. Hamel by Linda Rosa
 Jerry R. Dempsey by St. Mark's Parish Family

Sunday, February 9 8:00 AM

People of the Parish 10:00 AM

+ Michael Mitchell, Sr. by JoAnn McGuirk
 + Agatha Peter Poplaski by Paulette McCormack
 + Raymond O'Meara, Sr. by
 St. Mark's Religious Education Program

12 Noon † Robert Coogan by Joe & Patty Hughes 5:00 PM

Fausto Jose Zaragoza by Juana Zaragoza

WORD OF LIFE - provided by Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick, 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. **ACTION CENTER**

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED - If you are a Mom in a crisis pregnancy or in need of help for you and your children, please contact the rectory or see the poster in the Gathering Space of the church for a list of resources available to you in our area

ABORTION REVERSAL - After having taken the first abortion pill (of two), many women wish they had a second chance to save the life of their baby. THEY DO! (if they act immediately) To find out more, visit www.abortionpillreversal.com

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION - If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider- attending one of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

THE MISSION OF MARY'S CHILD PRO-LIFE <u>MINISTRY</u> is to defend the truth of Jesus Christ. Each human being is a gift from God, made in His image and likeness, worthy of dignity, respect, and protection from conception until natural death. We raise our prayers, concerns, and funds in support of this Truth, and we support organizations that consistently live and value the Gospel of Life. If interested in this ministry, contact the rectory for our parish Pro-Life representative

Visit our websites

dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry USCCB:usccb.org/prolife OR respectlife.org.

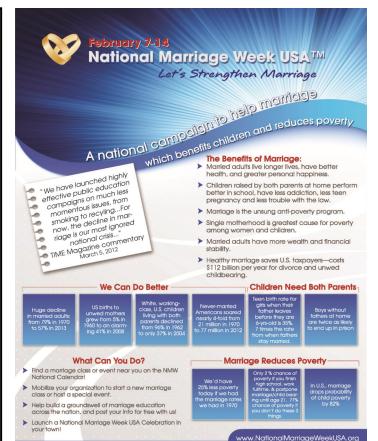
Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule February 8/9, 2025						
	Celebrant	Deacon	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Usher	
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Fr. Miguel		Connie Duffy	Lynn Jelliff Jack Wright Pat Wright	Anthony Granato Walter Henry Joe Walsh	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Fr. Miguel		Robert Cavazini	Robert Cavazini Dan Crimmins Rose Crimmins	Pat Ahern Leo Hurley Bob O'Neill Glenn Skola	
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Fr. Valle	Deacon Joe	Todd Leonhardt	Deacon Joe Jim Sheridan	Jim Sheridan Rich Siderko	
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Fr. Miguel		Molly McCauley	Maria Checton Debbie Dunn	Richard DeGroote Howard Flood	

The Annual Blessing of Throats in Honor of the Feast of St. Blaise will take place on Monday, February 3rd at the 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Blessing of the Throats will also be offered at all Masses this weekend, February 1/2.



On the Feast of St. Blaise, Priests will hold two unlit tapered candles around the throats of the faithful to invoke the intercession of the saint who was known for healing ailments of the throat and body. It's an ancient custom of the Church to bless the sick, rooted in the ministry of Christ and his Apostles. According to the Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum, the

annual blessing of the throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. The blessing is ordinarily given during Mass, the day following Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when the candles are blessed.





Some Thoughts for February, by Marge Loenser

February is a special month for many reasons. It takes it name from the Roman Feast of Februa, which was a feast of spiritual purification or cleansing. It's special because it is the shortest month of the year having only 28 days, and



every 4th year, (which we call a "leap year") it has 29. Because of the many milestones it holds for my family, it is especially dear to us being all sweetness and bitterness. On February 2nd, which is he Feast of the Presentation, Baby Jesus was presented to the Father in the temple. On February 2, 1965, Baby Celeste was presented to me as my third little girl. On February 7, 1988, Celeste was presented with her second little girl, Katie. Katie was shy and precocious and grew up to be a caring and a wonderful Nanny. She loved children and dogs. She was quite a loveable character. She chose to be a vegan, refused to wear regular shoes and would wear "flip flops" even in the winter. She would watch your kids, walk your dog, and help you clean your house

and actually enjoyed every second. Katie married Jessie, in 2019 who was an equally sweet and gentle soul; and a very talented musician and believe it or not was curator of the Bug Museum in Toms River (he has been seen on the NJ TV channel). In July, 2021 Katie and Jessie were presented with Riley, their first little girl. While pregnant Katie developed brain cancer. This was of course devastating to the little family and all of us and we prayed so hard and stormed heaven for her recovery and a healthy birth. There was a remission of sorts after the birth and Katie became pregnant again. Sadly, the cancer came back and Katie once again fought for her life and the life of the baby. Shae was born in October, 2022, beautiful and healthy. Thank God. Katie endured months and months of rehab and continued with cancer treatments. Sadly, the cancer came back and God called our sweet Katie home on February 12, 2024, just 5 days after her 36th birthday. I think of my Katie every day and know she is busy in heaven directing the angels as they care for the little ones and even the dogs. The late Fr. Groeshel of EWTN felt very strongly that God allowed animals to enjoy paradise. This is not dogma, but a sweet idea, nice to think about. We love you Katie, we miss you, please look over us and keep us in prayer. Your babies are well taken care of and surrounded constantly with love.

The 11th, of course, is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes; Lourdes, France, being one of the most visited pilgrimage sights in the world, where many healings have taken place. It started with our Blessed Mother appearing to a young peasant girl by the name of Bernadette Soubirous. Her incorrupt body is on display in the Chapel of Saint Girard at the Sisters of Charity in Nevers, France. St. Bernadette, please pray for us.

Of course the 14th is St. Valentines Day. There were three martyred priests by that name in the third century. One of them married a young Roman Soldier to his sweetheart. Soldiers were forbidden to wed by Emperor Claudius. Valentine was imprisoned for this, and while there he healed a young blind woman and started to evangelize her pagan household. He was imprisoned again, and while in prison would exchange letters with her, whose blindness he had healed and would sign the letters, from, "Your Valentine" thus the tradition started. Well, enjoy Valentines day and may your life be filled with love, and please know that you are loved by God and that YOU are HIS valentine.

Love,

Marge

CYO News by Mary Reilly



Last Sunday, Mrs. Weckesser (CYO Mom), and I spoke about the recent March for Life in DC and the importance of being a voice for the voiceless. First our CYO read a play about how Jesus came to the rescue of a woman who was about to be stoned to death for the sin of adultery. Her accusers, not considering their own sins, were filled with hypocrisy. "He that is without sin, let him cast the first stone." Mrs. R shared the story of when her daughter defended the right to life of an unborn child in the lunch room at her high school. There was a pregnant girl there talking about how her parents insisted that she have an abortion and this girl felt that she had no "choice." All of the girls there (except one) also urged her to have the abortion. This frightened teen felt that there was only one person in the whole world who really cared about her and her child; and thankfully, because of that solitary voice, she chose life.

Just as these chose to defend someone who could not defend himself or herself because of the shouts of the angry mob and parental and peer pressure, we too can be a voice for the voiceless. Trafficked and abused and neglected children also urgently need our voices.

Save the date: Our annual Valentine's Day Walk for Hunger, honoring Jillian Ludwig, is now scheduled for Sunday, February 23rd (Rain/snow date is Feb.22nd.) More information and a flyer will be in upcoming bulletins.

Chris R will be speaking about Blessed Carlos Acutis at our next meeting and Jack O' C will be talking about St. Damien of Molokai.



Sisters of Life at this year's March for Life.



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People 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.

To report the sexual abuse of minors call our hotline 1-888-296-2965 or email us at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

Please note: The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



Join Walking with Purpose at Any Time!

At Walking with Purpose (WWP) we gather to learn how the teachings of Jesus Christ, Holy Scripture and our Catholic faith are relevant to our everyday lives. Together we create an authentic community that laughs, learns, grows, and loves one another.

WWP Gatherings are offered at the St. Denis Parish Center.

We offer two Gathering opportunities: Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9pm or Wednesday afternoons, 12:15-2pm. Choose which time works best for you and join us at the table you'll be so glad you did!

> We are so much more than a Bible study! For more info visit <u>www.wwpnjshore.com</u>



CCD NEWS

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS: 10 A.M. MASS



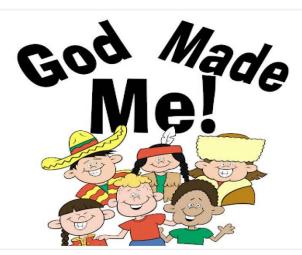
1st grade: God Made Me Sunday, February 16th

Theme: God made all of us. He loves us so much. We are all made uniquely. That means each one of us are different, but we are all loved and cared for by God.



3rd grade: God is BIG Sunday, February 2nd

Theme: God is all knowing and powerful! He is everywhere. God created our Big and beautiful world for everyone, and He wants us to work together to take care of it.



6th grade: Bible Stories Sunday, February 23th

Theme: The Bible was written by people inspired by God and the Holy Spirit. Each student will present a story from the Old & New Testament.

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 notfor-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

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: 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 <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

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 <u>FHOP@verizon.net</u> or <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 14-16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.org</u> or call 215 -766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR ANYONE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

We have many offerings for anyone experiencing the pain and hurt of losing a marriage relationship. It doesn't matter if you are contemplating divorce, newly separated,



going through the divorce process, recently divorced or divorced many years. You could have been married 4 years or 40 years, it doesn't matter, this program has help for everyone that attends!

We are currently offering a 12-Week Program Beginning Thursday, March 6th, 2025 From 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

St. Leo The Great, Parish Center Meeting Room Located at 50 Hurleys Lane, Lincroft, NJ

To register or to have one of the Facilitators give you a call to find out more information, please email: <u>healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com</u>. For more information to help you decide if this program is right for you, please visit: <u>https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/</u><u>divorceministry</u>.

IT'S A CCD CONTEST PICK ONE STORY & ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

 Find out why baby Moses was put in a floating basket by his mommy and who discovered him in the reeds.



A young man named
 Daniel gets thrown
 into a den of very
 hungry lions and lives!





2. A man named Noah built an ark and brought all the animals onboard two by two.



5. Find out what happens when people in the city of Babel decide to do what they want to do (built a sky-high tower) and reject what God asked them to do. 4. What happens when two stepbrothers, Jacob and Esau compete to be first? Hint: it gets very hairy!



6. Young David wasn't the oldest, he wasn't the tallest and he wasn't the strongest. He was only a shepherd boy. But when God looked at David, He saw a king. Why?





8. How did wise King Solomon figure out which woman was the real mother to the baby both said was hers?

7. Three friends who love God with all their hearts are thrown into a fiery furnace by the Pharoah and what happens next will amaze you!



Student's Name: ____

Story #: _____

Grade: _____

Only one entry per student. Give it to your CCD teacher. Winning student & class gets to hear the story and get a special treat!

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

Padre Miguel Valle, Vicario Parroquial frvalle@stmarkseagirt.com Teléfono: (732) 449-6364 ext. 116 or 122.

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Wiisa 5:00 p.m.		
Celebrante	Padre Valle	
Lectores	Adeline Cruz Julia Alvarado	
Ministros de Eucaristía	Margarita Zuna Carlos Zuna Maria Sánchez	
Ujieres	Isabel Lopez Leodegaria Lopez Brigeet Luna Florina Ramirez	
Monaguillos	Caroline Molina Aurora Garcia Robert Luna Melyssa Reyes Kailey Garcia	





¿Eres catequista, ministro de jóvenes? ¿Sirves en un equipo de OCIA, Evangelización, Formación en la Fe para Adultos, Bautismo, Ministerio Matrimonial y movimientos eclesiásticos?

¡Habrá algo para todos! El día ofrecerá sesiones tanto en inglés como en español.

> AS DETALLE Sábado 29 de . Marzo del 2025

LUGAR: St. John Vianney High School 540-A Line Rd Holmdel, NJ 07733

FECHA:

HORA: 8 AM-3 PM

¿Más información? Contacta a Jossie Ramos 609-403-7174 | jramos@dioceseoftrenton.org | dioceseoftrenton.org/esperanza2025



Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR

Chris Padgett

IGLESIA DE SAN MARCOS

Estudio Biblico Tiempos de Encuentros Febrero 2024- Junio 2025 (Segundos y Cuartos Viernes de cada mes)

> Lugar: Sotano de la Iglesia Hora: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

> > FEBRERO 14: Fr. Valle 28: Fr. Miguel

MARZO 14* Fr. Valle: Receso 28: Fr. Miguel

> ABRIL 11: Fr. Valle 25: Fr. Miguel

MAYO 9: Fr. Valle 23: Fr. Miguel

JUNIO 13: Fr. Valle 27: Fr. Miguel

Marzo 14* del 2025, los sacerdotes tomaran un breve receso. En esas fechas no tendremos el Estudio Biblico. Por favor, sigan las fechas indicadas para venir a los encuentros bíblicos.

PARA MAS INFORMACIONI LLAMAR A LA OFICINIA (732) 449-5354 EXT. 105

TRAER LA BIBLIA LATINOAMERICANA

Iglesia San Marcos Retiro de Cuaresma Caminando hacia la Pascua

"Limpiemos el corazón, no los vestidos" Joel 2:13

Presentador: Padre Miguel Valle Sabado, Marzo 8, 2025 Hora: 7:30 am- 3:00 pm Lugar: 215 Crescent Parkway Sea Girt NJ Donacion: \$20

Para mas informacion: (732) 449-6364 ext 105 Llenar este formulario, para registrarse: Nombre:

Telefono: _

Adultos

Niños: