

St. Mark's Catholic Church

Fr. Miguel Virella, SVD, Pastor Fr. Miguel Valle, Parochial Vicar Dr. Joseph V. Stillo, Deacon Michael Keary, Deacon

Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 Noon 5PM in Spanish

Daily Masses Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

after Daily Masses

Monday-Friday at 7:30 AM and 11 AM Saturday 7:30 AM Only (No 11 AM Mass on Saturdays)

Devotions and Novenas

Miraculous Medal Novena after daily
Masses on Wednesdays

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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
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	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: Joseph Gallagher, 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.

†Donald Scheiderman †James J. White, Jr.

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 February 16, 2025 is \$11,810.



Rosary Makers will meet on **Monday, February 24th** 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.

"The Rosary is a priceless treasure inspired by God" (Saint Louis de Montfort).

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

St. Marks Altar Rosary Society will meet after the 11 AM Mass on Monday, March 3rd. Recitation of the Rosary after Mass followed by a luncheon. Our guest speaker, Sandy Mularky from Epiphany Church, will talk about maturing adults and gaining strength spiritually and physically.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Feb. 24: Rosary Makers will meet at 1pm in Fr. Child's Hall (Saint Mark's basement).

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

March 3: St. Marks Altar Rosary Society will meet after the 11 AM Mass. Recitation of the Rosary after Mass. See details below.

CCD live Stations of the Cross & ashes at 4 PM with meatless soup supper to follow.

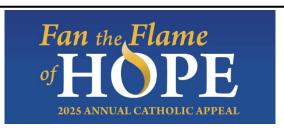
Spanish Mass & ashes at 6 PM with meatless soup supper to follow.

Lenten Retreats at St. Mark's Church

March 8-Spanish Lenten Retreat with Fr. Valle.

March 15-English Lenten Retreat with Fr. Brian Butch.

More details in next weekend's bulletin.

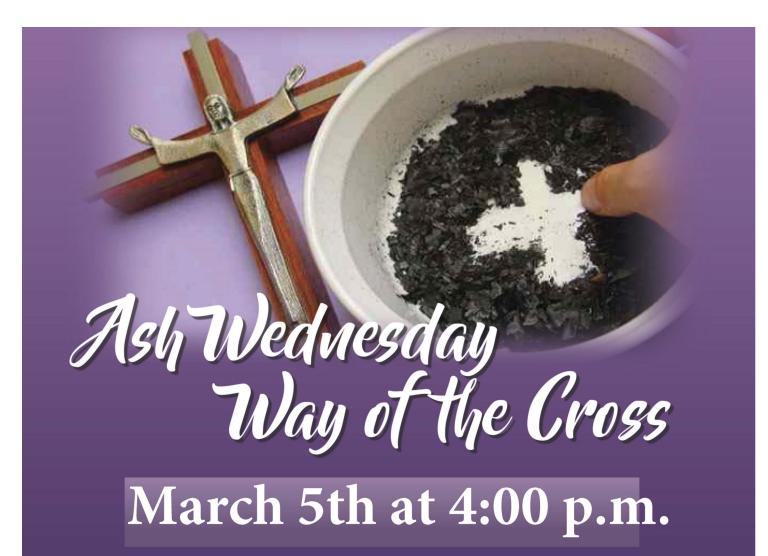


The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal asks us to make a commitment to become part of a shared mission that allows our local Church to warm the hearts of its faithful in the "flame of hope." Pope Francis has reminded us that "hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us (Romans 5:5)." Through your support of this year's Annual Catholic Appeal, become "pilgrims of hope".

Click Here for more information or to donate.



There will be no Social Concerns meeting this month (February). The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **March 11th.**



Our parish family will be hosting the Way of the Cross with distribution of ashes.

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.

Immediately following the service, join us for meatless soup and bread dinner. Also we will be serving macaroni and cheese for the children.

For more information, call the main office (732) 449-6364 ext. 100





† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, February 24

7:30 AM

Private Intention

11:00 AM

† Michael Tully by Mary Dougherty † Thomas Ebert by Tom & Pam Kenah

Tuesday, February 25

7:30 AM

† Carol Treger by Estate † Patrick Doyle by John & Mary O'Beirne & Family † Kevin J. McLoughlin by Maureen Mitchell

11:00 AM

† Robert Giunco, Sr. by Family † Priscilla S. McCarthy by Judith & Ray Nickerson

Wednesday, February 26

7:30 AM

† Colette Casey by Estate

11:00 AM

† Norman Heinle by Marybeth & Joe Walsh † John Taylor Babbitt by Babbitt Family † Robert Coogan by Family

Thursday, February 27

7:30 AM

† Dorothy Wright by Family

11:AM

† Raymond O'Meara by Pat Hanbury & Family

Friday, February 28 7:30 AM

† Helen Remiszewski by Bernard & Dorothy Ricciardi

11:00 AM

† Adelina Bertucci Ligenfelter by Bertucci Family

Saturday, March 1

7:30 AM

† Karen Lugo by Pat and Jean Scatuorchio Ford Smith by Cheryl, Tom, & Sara

4:30 PM

† Ellen & Peter O'Day by Patrice O'Day † Mary Ann & Michael Walsh by Margaret Cunningham † Loretta Critchley by Marianne Critchley

Sunday, March 2

8:00 AM

† Raymond O'Meara by Bob & Kathy O'Neill 10:00 AM

† Jillian Ludwig by Cortese Family † Mary Agnes Mooney by Patricia Weeks † Joan Benjamin by Mary Dougherty

12 Noon

People of the Parish

5:00 PM

† Lucia Chavez Garcia by Family † Raymond O'Meara by Spanish Ministry † Leoncio Donaciano Lopez Garcia by Family



February 23, 2025

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 Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 Mk 9:38-40

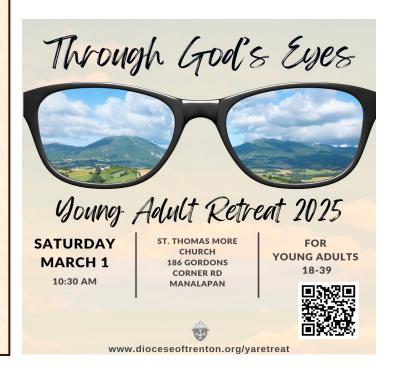
Thursday Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:41-50

Friday Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 Mk 10:1-12

Saturday Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 Mk 10:13-16

Sunday Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45.

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.



CYO NEWS, by Mary Reilly

Dear St. Mark's CYO.

On behalf of the entire Metanoia family, I would like to thank you for your generous donation to our work. The young women who are entrusted to our care in a great need of feeling safe, free from the burden of their past struggles.

The work we do of trying to heal, educate, and grow with the girls has so many facets, and we continue daily. to take whatever steps necessary to move forward. Because of your generosity we can provide the best support in their journey into a healthy adulthood. On behalf of myself, the staff, the board, and most of all the girls, we want to thank you for all you do that enables us to continue our mission.

All God's Blessings,

Fr. M. Jeffery Bayhi, Founder Metanoia Manor





To get started log on to:
www.stmarkseagirt.com
and click on the Parish Giving logo
and follow the easy registration steps.



Parish Giving offers secure flexible Online Giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Online Giving helps the church save money and plan the budget.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule March 1/2, 2025						
	Celebrant	Deacon	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Usher	
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Fr. Valle		Pat Wright	Anthony Granato Lynn Jelliff Jack Wright	Anthony Granato Walter Henry Joe Walsh	
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Fr. Valle		Robert Cavazini	Dan Crimmins Rose Crimmins Patrick Scatuorchio	Pat Ahern Leo Hurley Bob O'Neill Glenn Skola	
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Fr. Miguel		Todd Leonhardt	Jay Lorenzo Tara Malia Nancy Schatzman	Jim Sheridan Rich Siderko	
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Fr. Valle		Marge Loesner	Darian Boyle Debbie Dunn Molly McCauley	Richard DeGroote Howard Flood	

St. Mark's hosts Caritas Chamber Chorale in *Grace for the Wayfarer*For the benefit of the Adorno Fathers' African Mission



Caritas Chamber Chorale, directed by Barbara Sanderman, will present *Grace for the Wayfarer*, a Lenten concert of sacred *a cappella* choral music, on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 7:30 pm, here at St. Mark's Church, Sea Girt, NJ. All are invited.

Through sacred song, *Grace for the Wayfarer* reveals the compassion, mercy, and astonishing hope free to all in Christ's message and sacrifice. The program features a wide variety of sacred *a cappella* choral music from Renaissance motets to folk tune arrangements and contemporary choral works. A special feature will be the premiere of Caritas Composer in Residence Wayne Dietterick's *As though of God*.

The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering, in its entirety, benefits the **Adorno Fathers' African Mission** in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo. Recent violence has compounded the needs of the people in this extremely poor area of the world.

The concert will also be presented on Friday, April 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm, at St. John's Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Summit, NJ and on Sunday, April 6, 2025, at 3 pm at St. Mary's Church – Stony Hill, 225 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ.

Caritas Chamber Chorale is a choir of approximately 20 voices *dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor through the art of sacred music*. Visit us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Spotify. For more information, please see www.caritaschamberchorale.org or contact director@caritaschamberchorale.org.





Please drop off your baked goods, cookies and candy in the church basement by Thursday, March 13th by 9:30 AM.



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.

n 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe.

She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.

By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death.

Today, we again see the dignity of human life disregarded. Unborn children are destroyed through abortion, and ill people are encouraged and assisted to take their own lives. How do we respond?

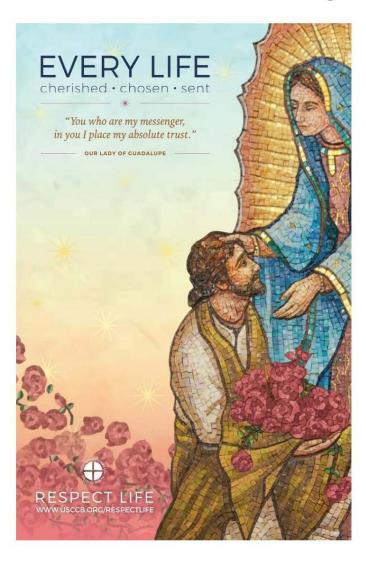
The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by

Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is *cherished*.

God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is *chosen*.

We are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is **sent**.

Like St. Juan
Diego, let us embrace
our daily mission to
help others
encounter God's
transforming, lifegiving love.

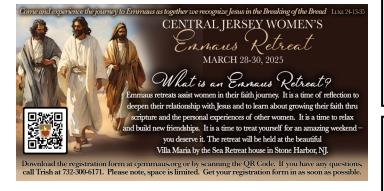






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Questions? Contact Michelle Angelo Santoro

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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.

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

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection.

ACTION CENTER

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND ADORATION - It was the special desire of our Lord Jesus Christ, revealed to Blessed Margaret Mary, that the first Friday of each month be consecrated to the devotion and adoration of His most Sacred Heart. Join us before the 11am Mass to pray the rosary for the unborn, the protection of our country, peace throughout the world, and the special intentions of our parishioners. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 7:30am mass at Saint Mark's.

CONFUSED ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES? The Catholic Church maintains that LIFE is the pre-eminent social justice issue while the media instead tells a story of much needed healthcare and women's reproductive rights. What is the truth? Take a copy of the pamphlet in the back of the church titled "Why We're Pro-life by Trent Horn" for a concise summary from a Catholic viewpoint on many questions surrounding abortion.

SIGNUP FOR ACTION ALERTS -at www.humanlifeaction.org, https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home, and https://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action Our legislators have begun to bring abortion legislation to a vote without customary comment periods and discussion before voting. We need to mobilize quickly and respond immediately to their actions. Please sign up directly for action alerts so you can update legislators immediately about proposed legislation

THE MISSION OF MARY'S CHILD PRO-LIFE MINISTRY 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.

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. Lee The Greet Parish Center Meeting Room

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: healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com. For more information to help you decide if this program is right for you, please visit: https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry.

Social Concerns Programs

Feeding the Hungry



Are you looking for an easy way to help those in need? Here's one way you can make a difference. St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry is resuming the Frozen

Meals Program for the Center in Asbury Park which was discontinued due to the Covid pandemic. The Center in Asbury Park, Inc., is a volunteer-based New Jersey not-for-profit service organization, providing support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers since 1992.

The process is simple! Here's what to do:

- Pick up food trays and lids next to the kitchen refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall (St. Mark's Church basement)
- Fill the trays with generous portions of food
- Label the tray lids with the contents and date of preparation
- Return the meals to the freezer compartment of the refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall.

Please use only the trays provided.

St Mark's volunteers will deliver the meals to The Center for distribution to their clients.

Please contact Marybeth or Joe Walsh at 732 449-5656 with any questions. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Collecting Travel Size Toiletries



St. Mark's Social Concerns Committee is collecting travel size toiletry items (soap, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs etc.) for delivery by volunteers to those in need in the Asbury Park area. Containers are located at Church entrances. **Thank you!**

Mercy Center UPDATE

<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 CLICK HERE.

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer: Spiritual direction, a one-on-one conversation with a spiritual director about God in your life, is always available. We offer the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius on a monthly and weekly basis, many opportunities to learn and practice contemplative prayer, reading programs on St. John of the Cross and other Carmelite Saints, and contemporary writers.

For programs or to register call Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net or CLICK HERE.



VISIT IRELAND WITH FR. BRIAN BUTCH October 13-22, 2025

Escorted Motor Coach Tour. Visit Dublin, Kilkenny, Killarney and Galway! Mass at Our Lady of Knock! For \$3,949 land and air based on double occupancy.

For more information contact: Sherry Callahan's Travel Associates at (732)449-9155.

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

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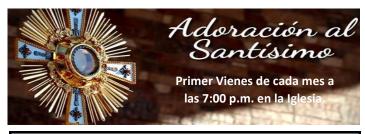
ENCENDER

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Calendario de Ministerios Domingo, Marzo 2, 2025 Misa 5:00 p.m.				
Celebrante	Padre Valle			
Lectores	Juan Gonzalez Adeline Cruz			
Ministros de Eucaristía	Rosa Robalino Clever Heredia Maria Sanchez			
Ujieres	Jose Reyes Benito Santiago Catarino Hernández Edgar Juárez			
Monaguillos	Joanna Martinez Audrina Sanchez Madeline Jimenez Sophia Sanchez			





Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR





¿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.

FECHA:

Sábado 29 de Marzo del 2025

HORA: 8 AM-3 PM

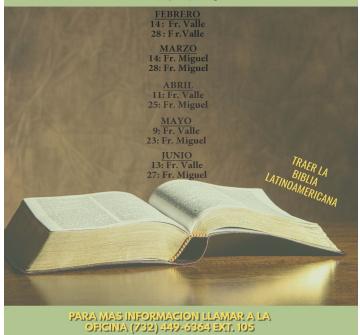
LUGAR:

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

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

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

> Lugar: Sotano de la Iglesia Hora: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.





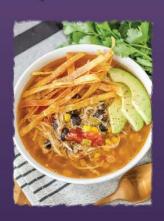
Miercoles de Ceniza Marzo 5 a las 6:00 p.m.

Nuestra familia parroquial conmemorara el comienzo del tiempo de Cuaresma, el Miercoles de Ceniza con una Misa en español y distribución de cenizas a las 6:00 p.m.

Seguido inmediatamente estaremos compartiendo en el sótano, sopas casera (sin carne) y macarrones con queso para los niños.

Nesecitamos voluntarios para la limpieza. Para más información llamara la oficina (732) 449-6364 ext 105.

Los esperamos!







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 más información: Rosa Robalino (203) 923-6272 (732) 449-6364 ext 105.