

*Lent*

*First Sunday of Lent*

*St. Mark's Catholic Church*

*Rev. Msgr. Sean P. Flynn, Pastor  
Fr. Carlos Castilla, Parochial Vicar  
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Lectionary: 22

Reading 1

**Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were

opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17**

R. (cf. 3a) **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

R. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight."

R. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me.

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

R. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Reading 2

**Rom 5:12-19**

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.



Verse Before the Gospel

**Mt 4:4b**

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel

**Mt 4:1-11**

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written:

*One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of God."*

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

*He will command his angels concerning you  
and with their hands they will support you,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone."*

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written,

*You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."*

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written:

*The Lord, your God, shall you worship  
and him alone shall you serve."*

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.



**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, 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.*



**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**

<b>Bulletin</b>	Ext. 114
<b>Pastoral Council</b>	Ext. 116
<b>Religious Education</b>	Ext. 105
<b>Social Concerns</b>	Ext. 108
<b>Spanish Ministry</b>	Ext. 105
<b>Weddings</b>	Ext. 100

**Ministries**

<b>Altar Rosary Society</b>	732-282-1244
<b>Bereavement Ministry</b>	718-637-1162
<b>CYO</b>	732-685-6011
<b>Music Ministry</b>	908-415-0212
<b>Rosary Makers</b>	732-245-8405

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.*

†Cathy Shalloo

May the angels lead you into paradise.

## † This Week's Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 27

**7:30 AM**

- † Lorette Jordan by Estate
- † Richard Russo by Jim & Marianne Sheridan

**11:00 AM**

- † Eileen Bopf by St. Mark's Parish Family
- † Kathie Pierce by Tim Vecchione

### Tuesday, February 28

**7:30 AM**

- † Dorothy Wright by Family
- † Helen Remiszewski by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ricciardi
- † Richard Russo by Diane & Bob Meserlin

**11:00 AM**

- † Adelina Bertucci Ligenfelter by Family
- † James Gilbert by John & Pat Gibbs

### Wednesday, March 1

**7:30 AM**

- † Sabrina Bielecki by Erin & Anthony Molinaro
- † Ken Zusi by Zusi Family
- † Richard Russo by Mary Benevenia

**11:00 AM**

- † James McManus by Paulette McCormack

### Thursday, March 2

**7:30 AM**

- † Agnes Morgan by Estate
- † Dorothy Wright by Family

**11:00 AM**

- † Joseph Ferguson by Robert and Rose Ann Ferguson
- † Richard Russo by Pat Bini

### Friday, March 3

**7:30 AM**

- † Julia Buonocore by Family
- † Colette Casey by Estate

**11:00 AM**

- † Raymond Ugolotti by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony P. Randazzo, Jr.
- † Virginia Westphal by Denis Campbell
- † 93rd Birthday Howard Flood, Sr. by Family

### Saturday, March 4

**7:30 AM**

- † Jean Judge by Estate

**4:30 PM**

- † John M. Fantell by Tom Malloy
- † James Kemper by Ilze & Walter Henry
- † Helen Wasko by Maureen Kelly Machirella

### Sunday, March 5

**8:00 AM**

People of the Parish

**10:00 AM**

- † Jimmy Azzollini by Diana Zuna
- † Ed Bogart by Campisano Family
- † Dr. John Abate by Dr Holly Abate and Family

**12 Noon**

- † Helen Wasko by Nancy Beach
- † Robert E. Driscoll by Maureen Burch

**5:00 PM**

- † Ana Maria Lopez by Family
- † Pedro Cruz Garcia by Merino Garcia Family
- † Ranulfo Jose Santiago by Filemon Jose



**February 26, 2023**

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9.



**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 19, 2023 Sunday Collection Total \$13,434.**

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.**





# One

**DOES NOT LIVE  
BY BREAD ALONE**

MATTHEW 4:4





**“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](mailto:meyerjim1953@gmail.com)**

**Other weekdays contact [Monmouth4life@hotmail.com](mailto:Monmouth4life@hotmail.com).**



Ministry Schedule March 4/5, 2023				
	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12 Noon
Celebrant	Fr. Carlos	Msgr. Flynn	Fr. Carlos	Msgr. Flynn
Reader	Sue Hannon	Robert Cavazini	Todd Leonhardt	Barbara DeGroote
Eucharistic Minister	Lynn Jelliff Anthony Granato	Dan Crimmins Rose Crimmins	Jay Lorenzo Richard Norris	Helen Hopkins Bob Cicenía
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 [mgchection@gmail.com](mailto:mgchection@gmail.com) or (732) 245-8405.**



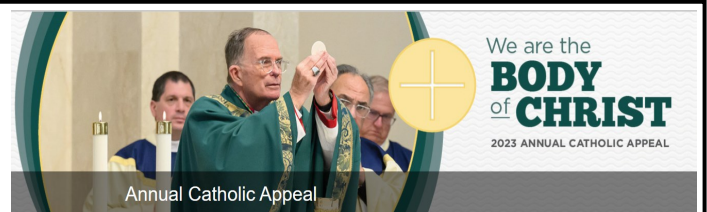
The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away 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.



## 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.**



## 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](http://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.



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](http://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.**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

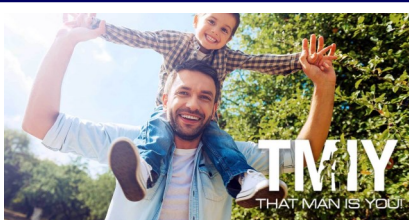
### Feb. 26: 1st Sunday of Lent.

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.

**March 4/5: Second collection** is for our Diocesan Assessment. Thank you!

**March 6: Altar Rosary Society** meeting & luncheon following the 11 AM Mass.

**March 14: Social Concerns** meeting and luncheon following the 11 AM 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!!!”



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](http://www.LourdesVolunteers.org)

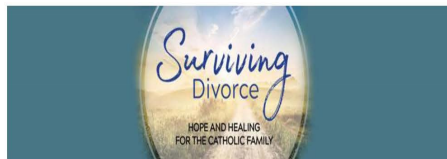


## St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 5th at 12:30 on

Main Street, Lake Como and Belmar

For details [CLICK HERE](http://www.belmarparade.com) or visit [www.belmarparade.com](http://www.belmarparade.com).



## 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.mylifechangecoach.com/separated-divorce](http://www.mylifechangecoach.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.

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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](mailto:Healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com)

One of our facilitators will  
get back to you!



## THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF MANASQUAN

## Spring CLOTHING DRIVE

to benefit women and children at 180 Turning Lives Around,  
men at Jersey Shore Rescue Mission

Thursday, March 16

9am-5pm

62 Main Street, Manasquan

Please donate SPRING  
clothing that is gently worn  
(or unworn) and clean.





# 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:**

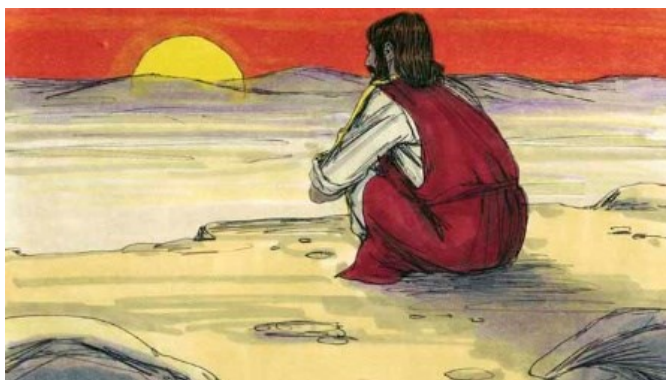
**"Living and the Modern Church"**

**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.



Lent has begun. The solitude of Jesus in the desert for 40 days where He detached Himself from everything of the world is the model for our own Lenten journey. Prayer, fasting, reconciliation, offering our lives completely to God. These are the recommended practices for those who wish to be totally united with Him in the desert. Fr. Carlos in a recent homily said that Christians spend a lot of time saying NO to what the rest of the world says Yes to. That's what makes us different.

We will see everyone on **Sunday, February 26, at 7:30 PM** to begin our CYO Lenten journey. At the end of Lent (on Good Friday), we will present the Living Stations of the Cross. We still need actors. Rehearsals will begin on March 19th. Every CYO member is welcome to join the cast! It will be the highlight of your Holy Week!



### MONMOUTH COUNTY PROGRAMS

Catholic Charities offers a variety of comprehensive programs throughout Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties.

For information about services outside of Monmouth County, visit [CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org](http://CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org) or call 1-800-360-7711.

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### Family Growth Program

Offers specialized treatment services for family violence, child abuse and neglect and for children and families under child protection supervision due to abuse or neglect.

145 Maple Avenue, Red Bank, NJ 07701  
800-360-7711

### HOUSING & FOOD

#### Transitional Housing

Linkages is our transitional housing program located in Tinton Falls that provides residential services for homeless families. Through intensive case management, the program promotes their self-sufficiency and entry into stable, independent living situations and ensures that vocational, medical and essential needs of parents and children are secured.

4261 Route 33, Tinton Falls, NJ 07753  
732-922-0400

### PARISH SERVICES

Provides support for individuals and families referred by parishes in Monmouth County.

Services include:

- Case management

- Financial assistance
- Referral to other community resources
- Counseling

*Access to Parish Services is only through a referral for assistance from a parish.*

### MENTAL HEALTH

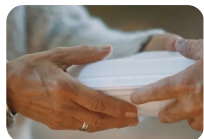
#### Monmouth Counseling Program

Mental health counseling for children and adolescents with emotional or behavioral challenges. Psychiatric evaluation and medication monitoring available as an adjunct to counseling services. Medicaid and sliding scale accepted.

145 Maple Avenue, Red Bank NJ 07701  
500 Kozloski Road, Freehold NJ 07728  
1312 Allenhurst Ave., Ocean Twp. NJ 07712  
800-360-7711

**CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org**  
**1-800-360-7711**





## 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.**

## 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.dioceseoftrenton.org/yaretreat](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/yaretreat) for more information or [.CLICK HERE](#)

Dear Parishioners:

Thank you for your outstanding charity toward Madonna House Inc. for our "special" homeless mother with five children living in a motel, who desperately needed a car. A vehicle has been given to her, for which she is extremely grateful. Money that was raised from your parish for her behalf toward a vehicle will be used for its repair. Thank you again for your great kindness. May God bless all of you for your generosity and compassion.

Sincerely,  
Madonna House Inc.



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).**

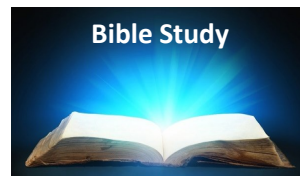
**Thank you for your continued generosity.**



## 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!**

## 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.**



## Stewards of Creation 3rd Grade Family Gathering

Our 3rd grade class gathered together for a special presentation of their Creation Story Project.

Along with their families, friends, catechists, and Msgr. Flynn, we celebrated God's wonderful gifts of creation. By caring for the wonderful gifts God has given us, we can live in a better and wonderful place!

Special thanks to everyone who joined us.





Iglesia de "San Marcos" Apostolado Hispano

Misa Dominical: Domingo 5:00 p.m.

Fr. Carlos Castilla, Vicario Parroquial

frcarlos@stmarkseagirt.com

Teléfono: (732) 449-6364 ext. 122.

Fax: (732) 449-1646



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Primer Domingo del Tiempo de Cuaresma



**Primera lectura: Gn 2, 7-9; 3, 1-7.**

Después de haber creado el cielo y la tierra, el Señor Dios tomó polvo del suelo y con él formó al hombre; le sopló en la nariz un aliento de vida, y el hombre comenzó a vivir. Después plantó el Señor un jardín al oriente del Edén y allí puso al hombre que había formado. El Señor Dios hizo brotar del suelo toda clase de árboles, de hermoso aspecto y sabrosos frutos, y además, en medio del jardín, el árbol de la vida y el árbol del

conocimiento del bien y del mal. La serpiente era el más astuto de los animales del campo que había creado el Señor Dios. Un día le dijo a la mujer: "¿Es cierto que Dios les ha prohibido comer de todos los árboles del jardín?" La mujer respondió: "Podemos comer del fruto de todos los árboles del jardín, pero del árbol que está en el centro, dijo Dios: 'No comerán de él ni lo tocarán, porque de lo contrario, habrán de morir' ". La serpiente replicó a la mujer: "De ningún modo. No morirán. Bien sabe Dios que el día que coman de los frutos de ese árbol, se les abrirán a ustedes los ojos y serán como Dios, que conoce el bien y el mal". La mujer vio que el árbol era bueno para comer, agradable a la vista y codiciable, además, para alcanzar la sabiduría. Tomó, pues, de su fruto, comió y le dio a su marido, que estaba junto a ella, el cual también comió. Entonces se les abrieron los ojos a los dos y se dieron cuenta de que estaban desnudos. Entrelazaron unas hojas de higuera y se las ciñeron para cubrirse.

**Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 50, 3-4. 5-6a. 12-13. 14 y 17**

**Misericordia, Señor, hemos pecado.**

Por tu inmensa compasión y misericordia,  
Señor, apiádate de mí y olvida mis ofensas.  
Lávame bien de todos mis delitos  
y purifícame de mis pecados

**Misericordia, Señor, hemos pecado.**

Puesto que reconozco mis culpas,  
tengo siempre presentes mis pecados.  
Contra ti sólo pequé, Señor,  
haciendo lo que a tus ojos era malo.

**Misericordia, Señor, hemos pecado.**

Crea en mí, Señor, un corazón puro,  
un espíritu nuevo para cumplir tus

mandamientos.

No me arrojes, Señor, lejos de ti,  
ni retires de mí tu santo espíritu.

**Misericordia, Señor, hemos pecado.**

Devuélveme tu salvación, que regocija, mantén en mí un alma generosa.

Señor, abre mis labios, y cantará mi boca tu alabanza.

**Misericordia, Señor, hemos pecado.**

**Segunda lectura: Rom 5, 12. 17-19.**

Hermanos: Por un solo hombre entró el pecado en el mundo y por el pecado entró la muerte, y así la muerte pasó a todos los hombres, porque todos pecaron. En efecto, si por el pecado de un solo hombre estableció la muerte su reinado, con mucho mayor razón reinarán en la vida por un solo hombre, Jesucristo, aquellos que reciben la gracia superabundante que los hace justos. En resumen, así como por el pecado de un solo hombre, Adán, vino la condenación para todos, así por la justicia de un solo hombre, Jesucristo, ha venido para toda la justificación que da la vida. Y así como por la desobediencia de uno, todos fueron hechos pecadores, así por la obediencia de uno solo, todos serán hechos justos.

**Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Mt 4, 4.**

R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

No sólo de pan vive el hombre,  
sino también de toda palabra  
que sale de la boca de Dios.

R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

**Evangelio: Mt 4, 1-11.**

En aquel tiempo, Jesús fue conducido por el Espíritu al desierto, para ser tentado por el demonio. Pasó cuarenta días y cuarenta noches sin comer y, al final, tuvo hambre. Entonces se le acercó el tentador y le dijo: "Si tú eres el Hijo de Dios, manda que estas piedras se conviertan en panes". Jesús le respondió: "Está escrito: No sólo de pan vive el hombre, sino también de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios". Entonces el diablo lo llevó a la ciudad santa, lo puso en la parte más alta del templo y le dijo: "Si eres el Hijo de Dios, échate para abajo, porque está escrito: Mandará a sus ángeles que te cuiden y ellos te tomarán en sus manos, para que no tropiece tu pie en piedra alguna". Jesús le contestó: "También está escrito: No tentarás al Señor, tu Dios". Luego lo llevó el diablo a un monte muy alto y desde ahí le hizo ver la grandeza de todos los reinos del mundo y le dijo: "Te daré todo esto, si te postras y me adoras". Pero Jesús le replicó: "Retírate, Satanás, porque está escrito: Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y a él sólo servirás". Entonces lo dejó el diablo y se acercaron los ángeles para servirle.



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