

A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.

Luke 6:43

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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

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
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Weddings	Ext. 100

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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



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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

March 5: Ash Wednesday: ☿ Masses are at 7:30 AM & 11 AM with distribution of ashes.

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.

March 9: 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 9: Daylight Saving Time Begins! Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead!

The second collection is for the Black & Indian Missions. Thank you.

March 11: Social Concerns Ministry will meet at 12 noon in Fr. Child's Hall. Snacks will be served. New members are welcome!

Lenten Retreats at St. Mark's Church

March 8-Spanish Lenten Retreat with Fr. Valle.

March 15-English Lenten Retreat with Fr. Brian Butch. See page 7.

DIocese of Trenton

Celebrating
THE HOLY YEAR



For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all. "Our hope"
- Pope Francis, *Speo non Confundit*

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*—
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth,
to you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.



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 23, 2025 is \$9,544.

Come and experience the journey to Emmaus as together we recognize Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread. (Lk 24:13-35)

CENTRAL JERSEY WOMEN'S
Emmaus Retreat
MARCH 28-30, 2025

What is an Emmaus Retreat?
Emmaus retreats assist women in their faith journey. It is a time of reflection to deepen their relationship with Jesus and to learn about growing their faith through scripture and the personal experiences of other women. It is a time to relax and build new friendships. It is a time to treat yourself for an amazing weekend—you deserve it. The retreat will be held at the beautiful Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat house in Stone Harbor, NJ.



Download the registration form at cjeremmaus.org or by scanning the QR Code. If you have any questions, call Trish at 732-300-6171. Please note, space is limited. Get your registration form in as soon as possible.

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.



Blessing for Pregnant Women & Couples Hoping to Conceive, Adopt or Foster a Child

Are you currently pregnant, or are you & your spouse hoping to conceive, adopt or foster a child? If so, please attend the **St. Denis 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 30, 2025**. A special blessing will be offered to you by Fr. Bill Lago along with a blessed St. Gerard medal and prayer card. Our Catholic family wishes to support and encourage you as you live out God's plan for your family. No need to RSVP... just come to this Mass! Family and friends are welcome...spread the word! Additional blessed St. Gerard medals and prayer cards will be available for anyone to take home to friends and family after the Mass. If you have any questions, contact Rachel Hendricks thehendricks7@gmail.com.



Social Concerns Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, March 11th at 12 noon** in Fr. Child's Hall. Snacks will be served. New members are welcome!



Ash Wednesday Way of the Cross

March 5th at 4:00 p.m.

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, March 3

7:30 AM

Private Intention

- † Howard E. Flood by Flood Family
- † Raymond O'Meara by Fred Buonocore

11:00 AM

- † Living and Deceased Members of St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society

Tuesday, March 4

7:30 AM

- † Carol Treger by Estate
- † Anne Macenczak by Estate

11:00 AM

- † Bell & O'Brien Families by Peggie & Jim O'Brien
- † Brian Rubino by Bob & Rose Ann Ferguson

Wednesday, March 5

7:30 AM

- † Griffith Clarke by Clarke Family

11:00 AM

- † Mary McCluskey by Estate

Thursday, March 6

7:30 AM

- † Julie Buonocore by Fred Buonocore
- † Helen Albin by Kathleen & Tom Albin

11:00 AM

- † Jeanne Lambkin by JoAnn McGuirk
- † Edward Schell by Mary Dougherty
- † James White Jr. by St. Mark's Parish Family

Friday, March 7

7:30 AM

- † Dorothy Wright by Family

11:00 AM

- † Georgette Gabriel by Pat Langell
- † Jack Duffy by Mark & Connie Duffy
- † Domenica Bertucci by Bertucci Family

Saturday, March 8

7:30 AM

- † Patti Kuehne by Pat & Jean Scatuorchio

4:30 PM

- † Anne E. Williams by Tom Malloy
- † Louise Longo by Amy Longo
- † Dolores Rosa by Marianne Critchley

Sunday, March 9

8:00 AM

- † Linda Meade by Mark & Liz Meade
- † Paul Schaefer by Gerogeann & Joseph Donatelli

10:00 AM

People of the Parish

12 Noon

- † John Davey by Margo Rover
- † Andre Lambert by John Clasek
- † Edward Langan by Cathy & Peter Clarke

5:00 PM

- † Elsy Aletvia Lopez Aparicio by Family
- † Rufino Carrada by Children
- † Luis Hernandez Hernandez by Friends

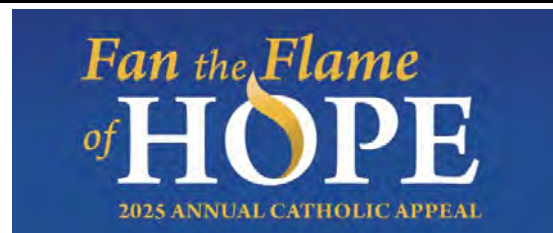


March 2, 2025

Monday Sir 17:20-24 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23 Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 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 Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13.



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.



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.

CYO NEWS by Mary Reilly



Dear St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry,

"Thank you so much for your help with our Walk for Hunger. It means a lot for us to be able to do this to help our local food banks and child victims of human trafficking. We wouldn't be able to do this without your help. Thank you."

Shane Ludwig, Trevor Ludwig, and Paul Fury on behalf of St. Mark's CYO

"I thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Walk for Hunger in honor of Jillian last Sunday. It was so great to see so many CYO members come out and support a great cause and honor Jillian's legacy. Many people stopped to ask us what we were walking for, and multiple people commented on how they loved our shirts! Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig both had great speeches about Jillian and were truly inspirational. The Walk was a great experience for all involved including myself."
Erynn--CYO senior (Wall HS)

"Today at the CYO Walk I learned a lot about a young girl named Jillian. She had an undying love for music and dedicated her whole life to the art. For me, it was very meaningful to see the whole CYO community come together in remembrance of her. Jillian loved CYO wholeheartedly and dedicated a lot of her time to the Church. Hearing about her fun experiences at the Stone Pony with her friends was so cool, and it highlighted how her light will continue to shine."
Hailey---CYO Junior(Ranney)

"On February 23, St. Mark's CYO gathered at Divine Park for a Walk around the lake in memory of Jillian Ludwig. Each of us wore t-shirts with seashell designs featuring words that Jillian had written. In her honor, we also collected donations to support local charities. It was a meaningful time for everyone to come together, reflect, and honor her memory."
Lily---CYO Sophomore (Trinity Hall)

"I participated last Sunday in the Walk for Hunger in memory of Jillian Ludwig. I enjoyed listening to the speeches given by Jillian's parents. They spoke of their daughter and told us that she set out seashells with good messages written on them in their front yard(during covid) and how she made music with her acoustic guitar. After the Walk, I looked on Spotify and listened to her music. My brother makes music as well and he almost went to Belmont College. I was happy it was a beautiful day for us to walk in her memory." Christopher Reed---CYO freshman (CBA)

"It was a beautiful day for an even more beautiful/special event." Beth O'Reilly (CYO and Manasquan HS Mom)

Dear CYO Parents: Your angels ARE angels!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Loving you forever, Jillian! Mary Reilly



**Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule
March 8/9, 2025**

	Celebrant	Deacon	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Usher
Saturday 4:30 PM	Fr. Miguel		Judy Blaha	Anthony Granato Jack Wright Pat Wright	Anthony Granato Walter Henry Joe Walsh
Sunday 8:00 AM	Fr. Miguel		Rose Crimmins	Dan Crimmins Patrick Scatuorchio Glenn Skola	Pat Ahern Leo Hurley Bob O'Neill Glenn Skola
Sunday 10:00 AM	Fr. Valle	Deacon Joe, Preaching	Robert Cavazini	Jay Lorenzo Richard Norris Kelly Uliano	Jim Sheridan Rich Siderko
Sunday 12:00 PM	Fr. Miguel		Molly McCauley	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**

A Feast for Your Ears Caritas Chamber Chorale, a group of 20+ well tuned voices singing *a cappella*, will be at St. Mark's Church **Saturday evening, April 5th** to perform an impressive Lenten concert titled: ***Grace for the Wayfarer***.

The performance **starts at 7:30 PM**.

The concert's theme is best described by Caritas Director Barbara Sanderman.

She says:

*Taking the theme of this Jubilee Year 2025 (Pilgrims of Hope) as its starting point, **Grace for the Wayfarer** is a musical study of the many moments and places in our lives where grace is abundantly available to us. We let our music Program's inspire us to become aware of the unmerited favor of God. May you encounter that grace.*

The program is an eclectic mix of song. Some hymns contemporary, some ancient. They range from rousing Spirituals to American folk songs, from sacred traditional to one in language of old Orthodox Liturgy (Slavonic). There's even a brief motet written for a queen's coronation. But they all convey, in one form or another, God's unceasing love and endless grace available to us simply for the asking.

Here are a few examples.

Hope Waits Written during the Covid-19 pandemic, the composer tells us, "even as we encounter sadness and pain, hope stands waiting for us to choose it".

Over My Head With this rousing Spiritual, we thank God for music, and find grace and joy in our song.

Of Hospitality The text comes from an old Gaelic rune in both text & song, the simple kindness of hospitality expands to generous blessing and a mystical encounter with love.

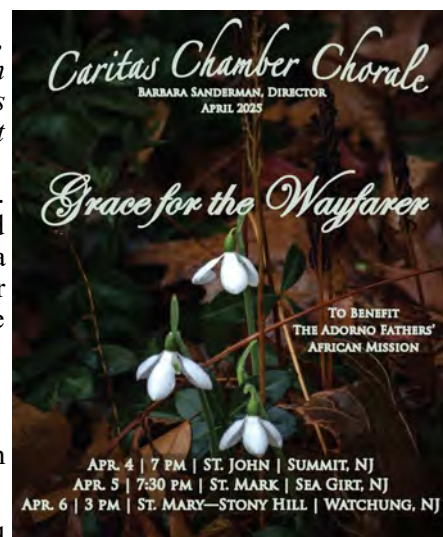
As Though of God Caritas Composer in Residence Wayne Diatterick creatively set to music this Sonnet, written by musician & poet Mark Boyle and presented to Caritas, based on its Mission of serving the poorest of the poor through the art of sacred music. This 2025 performance is the premiere of ***As Though of God***.

Yes! It will be a **Feast for Your Ears**. The concert runs about 1 hour 15 minutes.

So save the date! **Saturday, April 5th, St. Mark's Church, 7:30 PM**

And invite a friend to join you. Plus, keep the Program, it's a 12-page gem.

Lyrics of all songs, plus other neat info, are in the Program, a work of art in itself.



Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 15, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p. m.

GOD'S HEALING IN OUR LIVES

"HEAL ME, LORD, AND I WILL BE HEALED; SAVE ME AND I WILL BE SAVED, FOR YOU ARE THE ONE I PRAISE" JEREMIAH 17:14

"PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL, AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS- WHO FORGIVES ALL YOUR SINS AND HEALS ALL YOUR DISEASES" PSALM 103:2-3

PRESENTER: FR. BRIAN T. BUTCH MDIV, MSW, MA, LCSW
FR. BRIAN IS THE PASTOR OF SAINT ANSELM CHURCH IN TINTON FALLS

Lenten Retreat
Date: Saturday, March 15, 2025
Time: 10am-2pm
Place: St. Mark's Church
Fee: \$20 includes lunch

Confessions will be available at the conclusion of the retreat

Register: Please call the rectory 732-449-6364, drop off the form below in the collection basket, or put in the door slot at the rectory by Thursday, March 13, 2025

HOLY

Name: _____ Number attending _____

BIBLE

Email: _____ Cell #: _____

**IRISH SODA
BREAD**

**COOKIES AND
CANDY**



Our Social Concerns Ministry is asking for St. Patrick's Day baked goods or treats for our homebound.

All baked goods and treats must be wrapped.

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.



Some Thoughts for March 2025 by Marge Loenser

March is here! Hooray! That means longer daylight, sprouting bulbs, signs of spring...thank God! Its been a brutal winter and we are ready for a nice spring thaw. When its not blowing too hard we can even plan on going for a walk. (Lord, don't I sound like a senior)

Lent begins on March 5th, Ash Wednesday. Some ashes on the forehead remind us how temporary our life is here and that we must shake off our complacency and seek closeness with God by sacrifice and a deeper prayer life. Getting back to reading scripture each day is very rewarding in many ways.

On March 7th we celebrate Saints Felicity and Perpetua, both martyred in 203AD. St. Perpetua was a noblewoman and St. Felicity a slave. Both imprisoned together by Rome for being Christian, they become close companions. St. Augustine speaks of them by defining their names which represented their coming relationship to the Bridegroom, Jesus. The word "felicity" means intense happiness and "perpetual" meaning everlasting. So their sufferings and martyrdom led them to "perpetual felicity!" Saints Felicity and Perpetua pray for us.

Of course we cannot forget St. Patrick on the 17th. Although he was technically not an Irishman, but a Roman citizen born in Scotland. He was captured and made a slave in Ireland at a young age. He spent six years there working as a herdsman during which time he fervently turned to his faith as a Christian. He escaped to Britain and was, after another brief captivity, reunited with his parents. After a time he returned to Ireland where he journeyed far and wide converting the pagans. Thank you St. Patrick for bringing Christianity to Ireland! St. Patrick pray for us.

We celebrate dear St. Joseph on the 19th. Faithful spouse of Mary and foster father and mentor to Jesus. St. Joseph was a craftsman. We think of St. Joseph as a carpenter, but since they lived in a mountainous region, they probably not only worked in wood, but as stone masons as well. Living in Nazareth, They were only a couple of miles from Sepphoris, so its logical that St. Joseph and Jesus, as a young man and apprentice, would have traveled there to work. St. Joseph is the patron saint of fathers, families, workers, and of course he is protector of the church. St. Joseph pray for us.

So let us delve into Lent with good intensions and steadfast prayers. Remember fasting does not only apply to food, but from complacency and the three "C"s or cancers of spirituality, being complaint, control, and criticism. God bless us, each one.

Love, Marge



Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry invites everyone to join us in prayer for...

40 Days for Life

Place: Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury, 69 Newman Springs Rd.

Dates: March 5- April 13

Times: Monday-Friday: 8 AM-6 PM

Join one of the groups from our member parishes:

Mondays, 1:00pm Holy Innocents-contact: Jean Manigold: jeanmanigold@hotmail.com

Wednesdays, 11:00am Holy Innocents-contact:Kathy Lynch: Kathy.Lynch65@gmail.com

Fridays, 11:00am St. Catharine's/St. Margaret's-contact: Barbara McLoughlin: heytwinsister@gmail.com and Carolyn Perkins: cmpejoylife14@gmail.com

Fridays, 1:00pm St. Denis-contact: Ray Gabler: R.Jeremiah15@gmail.com

Fridays, 3:00pm St. Mark-contact: Maria Checton: machecton@gmail.com

You can sign up for any hour on Friday by contacting Jim Meyer: meyerjim1953@gmail.com

Saturdays (all year) 9:00am-10:00am Prayer Vigil for Life

Or sign up for day/time that is more convenient at www.40daysforlife.com

Or contact: Monmouth4life@hotmail.com for more information

If you are more comfortable praying from home we invite you to commit to doing so. Your prayers are welcome anytime and especially at the times listed above.

Wednesdays, 10:30am (all year) at Options for Women, 102 Candlewood Commons, Howell - Holy Innocents-contact: Anthony at anthonyyh352@gmail.com

TRANSFORM



Hope in Our Hearts

2025

Faith Formation & Parish Ministry Conference

Featured Speakers:

ENGLISH KEYNOTE



Chris Padgett
Catholic speaker, musician, author, professor and comedian

SPANISH KEYNOTE



Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR
Priest with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Co-Founder of Corezón Puro

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.

DATE:
Saturday
March 29, 2025

TIME:
8 AM-3 PM

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

LEARN MORE



Questions? Contact Michelle Angelo Santoro
609-403-7174 | mangelo@dioceseoftrenton.org | dioceseoftrenton.org/hope2025

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Guidelines for making the most of Lenten season

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead — from Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, until Holy Thursday morning, April 17, 2025 — 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 40 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 40 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. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

2. 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.

3. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

4. 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.

5. 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, March 9 2025, to Trinity Sunday, June 15, 2025.

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 who are 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.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

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

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (*The Gospel of Life* 5).

ACTION CENTER

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - Please join Mary’s Child Pro-Life Ministry members as we celebrate 40 Days for Life. Each year during Lent we invite parishioners to respectfully pray the rosary in front of Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. Although parishioners may pray at any time, we especially request your support on Fridays between March 5th – April 13th. Please see the bulletin insert for further information.

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 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.

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

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!

PLEASE NOTE: 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](#)**

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](#).

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

CENTRAL JERSEY WOMEN'S EMMAUS RETREATS:

Emmaus is a relaxed, passive retreat weekend designed for those women who feel they would like to explore a deeper relationship with God. The women organizing and hosting the Emmaus retreat are regular people who will not try to convince you of their answers; instead, they will share their own experiences with you and let you draw your own conclusions. Go to the web site cjemmaus.org or contact Trish @732-300-6171 for more information.

The next retreat is March 28-30, 2025 Held at the beautiful Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat House in Stone Harbor, NJ.

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

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

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Adoración al Santísimo
 Primer Viernes de cada mes a las 7:00 p.m. en la Iglesia.

Calendario de Ministerios Domingo, Marzo 9, 2025 Misa 5:00 p.m.	
Celebrante	Padre Valle
Lectores	Julia Alvarado Griselda Lorenzo
Ministros de Eucaristía	Carlos Zuna Margarita Zuna Rosa Robalino
Ujieres	Bertin Angel Filemón Jose Roberto Luna Jose Luis Munoz
Monaguillos	Caroline Molina Aurora Garcia Robert Luna Melyssa Reyes

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Conferencia de Formación en la Fe y Ministerios Parroquiales

Presentadores Principales:



Fr. Agustin Torres, CFR
 Frailes Franciscanos de la Renovación y Cotundador de Corazon Puro



Chris Padgett
 Orador católico, músico, autor, profesor y comediante

Ven a un día de formación y renovación, diseñado para apoyar a todos aquellos que comparten y transmiten la fe católica.

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

¡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 DETALLES



¡Más información? Contacta a Jossie Ramos
 609-403-7174 | jramos@stmarkseagirt.com | dcozzese@renton.org | esperanza2025

VENTA DE COMIDA



Vengan y disfruten de una deliciosa comida. Todos los fondos recaudados de las ventas, serán en beneficio a nuestro ministerio hispano.

Domingos:
 Marzo: 2, 16, 23 & 30

Horario de venta:
 3:30-4:45 p.m.
 &
 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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

IGLESIA DE SAN MARCOS

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.


MARZO
 14: Fr. Miguel
 28: Fr. Miguel

ABRIL
 11: Fr. Valle
 25: Fr. Miguel

MAYO
 9: Fr. Valle
 23: Fr. Miguel

JUNIO
 13: Fr. Valle
 27: Fr. Miguel

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PARA MAS INFORMACION LLAMAR A LA OFICINA (732) 449-6364 EXT. 105



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!



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