

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

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

after Daily 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 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

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Bulletin	Ext. 114
Religious Education	Ext. 105
Social Concerns	Ext. 108
Spanish Ministry	Ext. 104 or
	Ext. 105
Weddings	Ext. 100

Ministries

Altar Rosary Society	732-528-6948
Bereavement Ministry	718-637-1162
CYO	732-685-6011
Music Ministry	908-415-0212
Rosary Makers	732-245-8405



Please pray for our sick: Regina Shine, Pat Gibbs, Bob O'Neill, 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.



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 March 22/23, 2025 is \$11,756.

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.



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

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Due to an early printing schedule for our Easter bulletin, April 19/20, please submit announcements by Monday, April 7th before 2 PM. Bulletin drafts are submitted to Fr. Miguel for review. Email submissions to cindy@stmarkseagirt.com.



Rosary Makers will meet on Monday, March 31st 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 Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results." St. Josemaria Escriva.

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

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

"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (The Gospel of Life 86).

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EVANGELIUM VITAE - March 25th marks the anniversary of the papal encyclical Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life). Several resources are available to help you observe this anniversary in your parish, including The Gospel of Life: Compendium and Study Guide. https://www.usccb.org/resources/gospel-lifestudy-guide

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

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

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-lifeministry USCCB:usccb.org/prolife OR respectlife.org.

† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, March 31

7:30 AM

† William Heindle by St. Mark's Parish Family

11:00 AM

† Tom Kenah by Kenah Family † Barbara Peter by Joe & Marybeth Walsh † Emile A. NeJame by R. NeJame

Tuesday, April 1

7:30 AM

† Mary McCluskey by Estate

11:00 AM

† Anne Macenczak by Estate † Catherine Wickersty by Connie & Mark Duffy

Wednesday, April 2

7:30 AM

† Carol Treger by Estate

11:00 AM

† Barbara Peter by Mary Dougherty † Donald Sheiderman by St. Marks Social Concerns

Thursday, April 3

7:30 AM

† Dorothy Wright by Family

11:AM

† Jack Rosa by Linda Rosa

† Patricia Baldes by Joe & Cathy Crimmins-Lechowicz † Barbara Tinari by Dan & Rose Crimmins

Friday, April 4

7:30 AM

† Jean Judge by St. Mark's Parish Family

11:00 AM

† Fortunato Virdo by Bertucci Family † Gloria Ciasulli by Enzo & Susan Ragucci

Saturday, April 5

7:30 AM

† Ted Zeller by Estate

4:30 PM

+ Kathy Forsyth by Peggy & Gordon Pingicer
 + Janet Frank by Marianne Critchley
 + Marylou Grover by Babbitt Family

Sunday, April 6

8:00 AM

† Benjamin Scotti, Sr. by Jim & Jamie Bucknam

10:00 AM

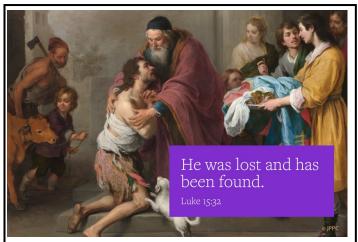
People of the Parish

12 Noon

† Hugh Jamieson by Maureen Jamieson † John Davey by Denise & Wayne Dreyer

5:00 PM

† Lucia Chavez Garcia by Family
 † Bernabe Lopez by Children
 † Leonor Santiago by Trejo Family



March 30, 2025

Monday Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16 **Wednesday** Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47 **Friday** Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6. Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11



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.



Dear Parishioners,

I take this opportunity to once again invite and encourage you to contribute to the Annual Catholic Appeal for our Diocese. Through this campaign, we help sustain and grow the many ministries that serve our parish community.

I understand that some may feel hesitant about giving. However, I invite you to see this as an opportunity—an investment in the future of our parish, ensuring that it remains strong, stable, and vibrant for generations to come. Without your

support, we risk facing financial challenges that could impact our mission.

Your contribution, no matter the amount, makes a real difference. I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help. Know that your generosity is deeply appreciated and will bear fruit in the life of our parish.

With gratitude and blessings,

Fr. Miguel



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 April 5/6, 2025					
	Celebrant	Deacon	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Fr. Miguel		Connie Duffy	Anthony Granato Lynn Jelliff Marianne Schobel	Anthony Granato Walter Henry Joe Walsh
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Fr. Miguel		Marie Behnken	Linda Parisi Patrick Scatuorchio Glenn Skola	Pat Ahern Leo Hurley Bob O'Neill Glenn Skola
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Fr. Valle		Todd Leonhardt	Robert Cavazini Richard Norris Nancy Schatzman	Jim Sheridan Rich Siderko
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Fr. Miguel		Marge Loenser	Debbie Cusimano Debbie Dunn Molly McCauley	Richard DeGroote Howard Flood

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 29/30: This weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Relief Services. Thank you.

March 31: Rosary Makers will meet a 1pm in Fr. Child's Hall (Saint Mark's basement).

April 5: Caritas Chamber Chorale Concert. See page 5.

April 5/6: Next weekend's second collection is for our Diocesan Assessment. Thank you for your support!

April 7: St Marks Altar Rosary Society will meet at the 11am Mass. Rosary recited after Mass. Luncheon to follow with guest speaker, Helen Bailey, from Epiphany Church, Bricktown. See this page.

April 13 Palm Sunday: Easter Egg Hunt after the 10am Mass & 5pm Mass Spanish. See page 6.

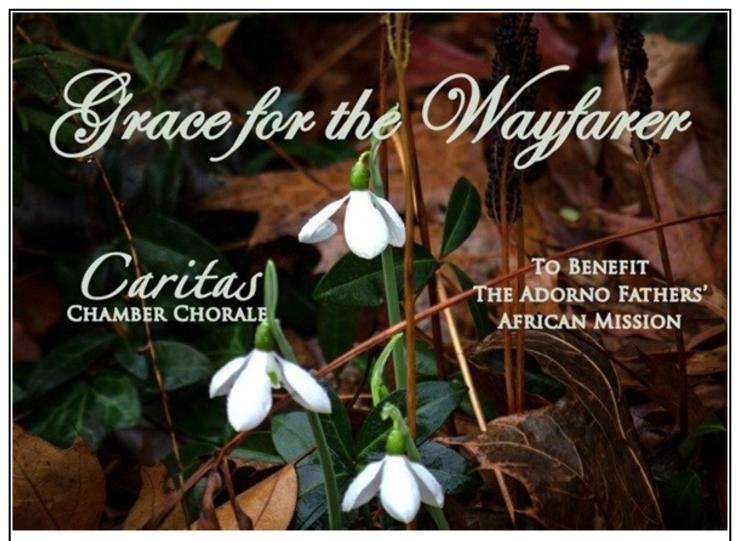


St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will meet on Monday, April 7th at the 11 AM Mass. The Rosary will be recited after Mass followed by a luncheon. Our guest speaker, Helen Bailey from Epiphany Church in Bricktown, will share information about Jordan's Roses, an organization that helps women spiritually, intellectually and socially.

Easter Flower Memorials: Your donation beautifies the Church to proclaim the risen Lord!

Please use this form to drop off in the Rectory or pick up an Easter flower memorial envelope at the entrances of the Church and drop it in the basket on the side altar. The flowers that you donate will adorn the sanctuary beginning at the Easter Vigil. Memorials will be published in the bulletin after Easter.

In Memory Of:
Requested By:
Flower Donation Amount:
Important: Please be sure to print your loved ones' name(s) clearly. Thank you.



<u>A REMINDER</u> - that twenty (20) beautifully-tuned voices, <u>the Caritas Chamber Chorale</u>, <u>will be here at St. Mark's Church on Saturday</u>, <u>April 5th</u>, <u>2025 at 7:30pm to perform for our parish the concert "Grace for the Wayfarer."</u> So, mark your calendars and iPhones. If you've never had the pleasure of hearing them perform before, you are in for a genuine treat! They are the "real deal," The way they walk up the aisle to the altar, sing an eclectic mix of sacred choral songs in *a cappella* harmony, in one hour and fifteen or twenty minutes, and then quietly exit the same way they came in.

There's an elegance to it. It can be mesmerizing.

Plus, light refreshments will be served following the performance.

So we hope to see you there. Please invite a friend to join you. Enjoy an evening out during this Lenten season.



CYO NEWS by Mary Reilly



Many thx to Luke as well for his beautiful witness on the sanctity of marriage. The truly compelling message we received was that the most important loyalty in life is that which we give to give to Jesus. Then to our families. Being loyal to your spouse before you even meet him or her is the greatest gift you can give to this person.

Here is the CYO schedule for the next few weeks: (Remember if you are participating in the Good Friday Stations of the Cross, you have to be at all of our rehearsals.)

March 30: Cast and crew only of the Stations meet in upstairs' church at 7:30 PM.

April 6: Stuff the Eggs Night! CYO confessions and rehearsal for the Stations.

April 13: 9:40 AM... Set up for the Easter Egg Hunt. After 10 AM Mass, supervise the Hunt.

April 13: 7:30-9 PM. Dress rehearsal for the Stations of the Cross in upstairs' church.

April 18: (Good Friday): 6:30 PM: Final rehearsal for the Stations. 7:30 PM: Present the Stations to the parish.

April 27: CYO Art Night----Erin, Mia, Erynn and Megan.

May 4: Ice Cream Party and Yard Games' Night!!!!!!!!!!!! Farewell to our adored seniors!

A letter form Missionaries of Charity

We have to give until it hurts. We need to give from the resources we would like to keep for ourselves. We need to give to the point of sacrificing. We must give something that we find hard to give up. *Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*.

Dear friends in Christ

Praised be Jesus, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior who suffered and died and rose again to save us from our sins!

This little note comes to say "thank you" for your generous gift to Jesus in His distressing disguise to the poorest of the poor, as a sign of your desire to give "a little something" back to Jesus for all He has given to you. When you give to the poor, you are giving to Jesus Himself and He will reward you.

During this season of Lent, let us keep close to Our Lady, and ask her to lead us to understand more deeply the true meaning of the sufferings Jesus endured for our sins, and help us prepare ourselves to live this Lent fruitful.

With love and gratitude we remember you, and all your loved ones in our prayers God bless you!

Sincerely in Jesus

The Lorraine Ciemniecki Memorial Scholarship

This is a permanent \$2,500 annual scholarship to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Grammar School in Asbury Park. Preference will be given to the neediest new student from St. Mark's with further preference to students entering kindergarten, but students for other grade levels will also be considered. This scholarship will be continued for the selected student each year until graduation after which a new scholarship recipient will be selected. Contact Fabiola Alfaro at 732-775-8989 for more information and to apply. Award selection

is expected by May 1st.



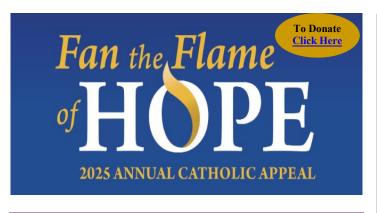
First Reconciliation:

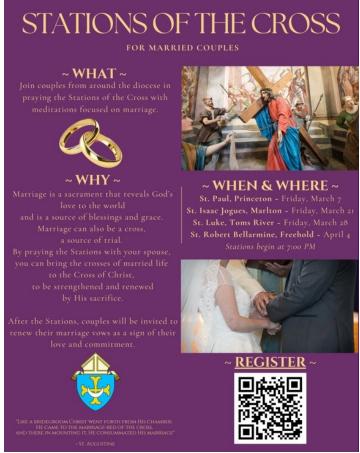
Our 2nd grade class received for the first time the sacrament of Reconciliation, along with their families and catechists, we celebrated God's forgiveness and mercy. All of our students had great confessions. Special thanks to our catechists and parents for all their help and support.

Congratulations!

Next stop: First Holy Communion!











The Catholic Relief Services Collection Strengthens Bishops' Mission to the Vulnerable at Home and Abroad

This weekend, March 29/30, 2025, the faithful in many dioceses in the United States will have the opportunity to assist people worldwide who suffer from war, natural disasters, violent persecution, and extreme poverty by contributing to The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection benefit six Catholic agencies that offer aid to vulnerable people in the United States and overseas. To learn about projects supported by funds from The Catholic Relief Services Collection in 2023, please visit: https://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Now more than ever, your participation in this collection is vital to the Catholic initiatives that reveal Christ's love to those in need.

You can give at Mass or through your parish's online/e-giving platform. <u>#iGiveCatholicTogether</u> also accepts funds for the collection.



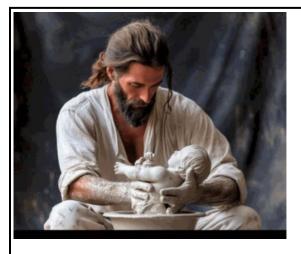
THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is

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.



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

Wednesdays, 11:00am Holy Innocents-contact: Kathy Lynch: Kathy.lynch65@gmail.com

Fridays, 11:00 am St. Catharine's-St. Margaret's-contact: Barbara McLoughlin:

heytwinsister@gmail.com and Carolyn Perkins: cmpenjoylife14@gmail.com

Fridays, 1:00pm St. Denis-contact: Ray Gabler: RJeremiah15@pm.me

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

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

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

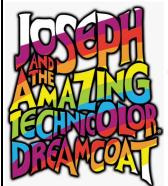
Or sign up for day/time that is more convenient at www.40daysforlife.com

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, 10:30 am (all year) at Options for Women, 102 Candlewood Commons, Howell – Holy

Innocents-contact: Anthony at anthonymh352@gmail.com.



The Woman's Club of Spring Lake in cooperation with The Spring Lake Theatre invites you to attend...

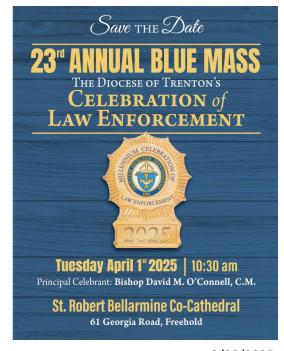
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. Show Time is 7:30 PM with refreshments at 6:30 PM. The cost: \$35 per person.

The entire proceeds of this performance will go toward The Woman's Club of Spring Lake Scholarship Fund. Please

invite your friends and family to support this fundraising event. There are a limited number of tickets available so reserve a seat today by calling

Anne Butler at 732-449-3750 or Kathleen Dittman at 732-580-3078.

We hope to see everyone at this wonderful event.



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!

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.

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.



Invitation to Grandparents

The St. Denis Grandparents Guild is excited to invite you to join our monthly meetings. We gather together to share our joy and the occasional challenges of being grandparents. We engage in meaningful discussions as we share best practices of "grand-parenting." The most important aspect of our ministry is our modeling a Christian way of life as we pass on our Catholic faith. We pray for our grandchildren and each other, striving to become the best version of ourselves as grandparents. All grandparents are invited to join the St. Denis Grandparents Guild as we journey together through this most blessed vocation. We look forward to your sharing your thoughts, experiences, and creativity. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Parish Center. For more information, contact St. Denis Rectory: 732-223-0287.

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

Padre Miguel Valle, Vicario Parroquial

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Calendario de Ministerios Domingo, Abril 6, 2025 Misa 5:00 p.m.			
Celebrante	Padre Valle		
Lectores	Edgar Garcia Juan Gonzales		
Ministros de Eucaristía	Carlos Zuna Margarita Zuna Maria Sanchez		
Ujieres	Isabel Lopez Leodegaria Lopez Brigeet Luna Florina Ramirez		
Monaguillos	Sofia Sanchez Audrina Sanchez Joanna Martinez Caroline Molina Aurora Garcia Michelle Cisneros		

BECA PARA ESCUELA ELEMENTARÍA MONTE CARMELO:

La fundación de Lorraine Ciemniecki estará ofreciendo una beca anual permanente de \$2,500 para la Escuela Primaria de Monte Carmelo en Asbury

Park. El candidato deberá pertenecer a San Marcos y tener necesidad financiera; deberá estar entrado Kinder, pero también se considerarán estudiantes de otros grados.

Esta beca se extenderá cada año para el estudiante seleccionado hasta su graduación (8th grado), después de lo cual se seleccionará un nuevo becario. La selección de los becarios se realizara antes del 1 de mayo, 2025.

Para aplicar y más información, comuníquese con Fabiola Alfaro al (732) 775-8989.



RECORDATORIO: El Coro de Cámara Carita y veinte (20) de sus voces maravillosamente, estarán aquí en la nuestra parroquia el sábado 5 de abril de 2025 a las 7:30 pm para presentar un concierto "Gracia para el Caminante".

Si nunca han tenido el placer de

escucharlos, ¡les espera una auténtica delicia! Ellos caminaran por el pasillo hacia el altar, cantando una mezcla de cantos sagrados en armonía a capela, en una hora y luego salen silenciosamente para finalizar el concierto.

Se ofrecerá refrigerios después de la presentación.

Todos están invitados! Disfrutemos de una velada durante esta Cuaresma, los esperamos!

