

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
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: 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 2, 2025 is \$10,728.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

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!

March 15-Lenten Retreat with Fr. Brian Butch. See page 4.

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

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally prolife" (*The Gospel of Life* 28).

ACTION CENTER

SUPPORT LOCAL PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATION -

Madonna House, located in Neptune, is dedicated to serving women, children and infants by providing clothing, diapers, formula and small household items. They gladly accept donations as well as welcome new volunteers. Call Rebecca @ 732-775-1140.

PRAY THE ROSARY TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA Please join us in prayer at St. Catharine's in Spring Lake at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13^a of every month at 8:30am. Come rain or shine. Our Lady of Fatima told us to repent and say the rosary to bring peace to our country and the world. Over 100 years later we again need her intercession to her Son to help us. Please join us. Prayers are our most powerful weapon against the chaos of evil!

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

enter into _____
the holy season
of lent

† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, March 10

7:30 AM

† Anthony Donatelli by Family

11:00 AM

† Anne Hart by Estate

Tuesday, March 11 7:30 AM

† Dorothy Wright by Family

† Dr. Joseph Kane by Kane Family

11:00 AM

† Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry

Wednesday, March 12

7:30 AM

Private Intention

11:00 AM

† Lorette Jordan by Estate † Raymond O'Meara, Sr. by Richard DeGroote † Tip Baldino by Vickie & Mark Brown

Thursday, March 13 7:30 AM

+ Helen Albin by Todd & Jamie Leonhardt+ William Heindle by Estate+ Raymond O'Meara by Fred Buonocore

11:00 AM

† Agnes Morgan by Estate † Joseph Charles Tirrell by St. Mark's Parish Family † Patricia Baldes by Rose & Dan Crimmins

Friday, March 14 7:30 AM

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† Phyllis Blaine by Estate

† Donald Scheiderman by Fred Buonocore

11:00 AM

G. Marilyn Falvey by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony P. Randazzo, Jr.
† Patricia Baldes by Dawn Crimmins

Saturday, March 15

7:30 AM

† Mercedes Lacu by Family Private Intention

4:30 PM

† Barbara Peter by Marion Reilly † Raymond O'Meara by Marion Reilly † Joseph Accurso, Jr. by John & Pat Gibbs

Sunday, March 16

8:00 AM

People of the Parish

10:00 AM

- † Barbara O'Neil by Michael Hudy
- † Peter de Castro by Mary Dougherty
- † Warren G. Beyer by Schobel Family

12 Noon

† Andre Lambert by Virginia Murphy † Alfred J. Scerbo by Family

5:00 PM

† Miguelina Gabriela Lopez Lopez by Family † Luis Hernandez Hernandez by Friends

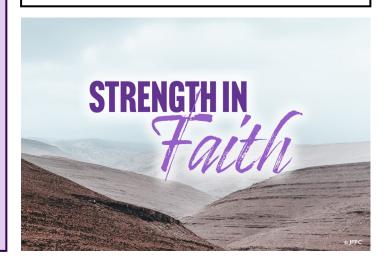


March 9, 2025

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** Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14. Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36 .

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.



LentenRetreat

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

Name:

Number attending

BIRLE

Cell #:

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule March 15/16, 2025							
	Celebrant	Deacon	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Usher		
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Fr. Valle		Sue Hannon	Lynn Jelliff Jack Wright Pat Wright	Anthony Granato Walter Henry Joe Walsh		
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Fr. Valle		Marie Behnken	Dan Crimmins Rose Crimmins Patrick Scatuorchio	Pat Ahern Leo Hurley Bob O'Neill Glenn Skola		
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Fr. Miguel	Deacon Joe	Robert Cavazini	Michael Malia Nancy Schatzman Eileen Sugrue	Jim Sheridan Rich Siderko		
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Fr. Valle		Debbie Dunn	Debbie Cusimano 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

<u>A Feast for Your Ears</u> 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.

<u>Hope Waits</u> 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".

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

<u>Of Hospitality</u> 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.

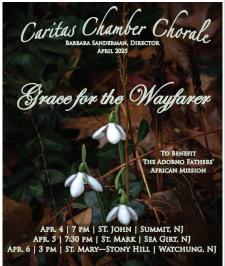
<u>As Though of God</u> Caritas Composer in Residence Wayne Dietterick creatively set to music this Sonnet, written by musician & poet Mark Boyle and presented to Caritas, based on its Mission of serving the poorest of the poor through the art of sacred music. This 2025 performance is the premiere of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





PROMISE TO PROTECT:

PLEDGE TO HEAT

PROMISE TO 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.

CYO NEWS by Mary Reilly



"Many are called but few are chosen."

Last Sunday was CYO Leadership Night. We learned about great leaders from the Bible and throughout salvation and world history. Moses, Noah, Joseph, David, Abraham, Esther, Judith—all Old Testament—and Jesus, John the Baptist and Paul (New Testament) to name just a few. We talked about Mahatma Gandhi, Rosa Parks, Abraham Lincoln, Mother Teresa, Damien of Molokai, Maximilian Kolbe, and others.

Rosa Parks, like all of God's "chosen," had to go out of her comfort zone to stand up for equal rights for people of color. What about Moses? Was leading the Jews out of Egypt against the will of the Pharaoh a comfortable thing for him to do?

Leaders—the really good ones of course—hear the "call" of God and they courageously accept it and that is how they become His "chosen" leaders. They know exactly what God is calling them to say and do and they say and do it. They speak up for those who cannot speak up for themselves (such as the poor, the outcast, the sick, the unborn). They are creative and bold and keep forging ahead when others decide to quit. They don't seek the easy way...they seek the right way which is always God's way. Can you imagine how hard it was for Fr. Damien to go to Molokai and stay there serving those afflicted with leprosy—a horrific disease he would also catch and die from? God's "chosen" leaders have selfless courage (many of them now are our Catholic saints); they get the work done and always with patience and complete trust in the one who called them forth.

The CYO spoke so well about leadership and gave us many shining examples of great leaders. Charlie even talked about what a great leader and role model his own father is!

Before Jesus became the founder and the leader of our faith, He first spent time in prayer—40 days in the desert. Great leaders always prepare in silence, with some solitude, fasting and much prayer. In the Rule of Benedict, they each establish a consistent prayer routine—maybe daily Mass and Rosary, saying the Stations of the Cross. Then they take on manual labor. For a teen maybe that would be house or yard work. They assist with children and the elderly by helping them with their needs. Also they read spiritual books like the Bible (Suggestion: read the Bible for 15 minutes before you fall asleep at night.)

These all connect us to God and all His people. We prepare each day to do His will and even to go where others will not go just to help His people in need. We spoke recently about Venerable Aloysius Schwartz a native of Washington DC who ended up in Korea helping the orphaned and the homeless after the war and then going on to The Philippines, Mexico, Tanzania, Honduras and Brazil to open World Villages for trafficked children.

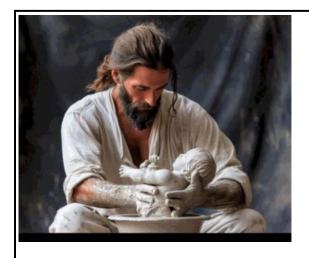
We too are "called" by God to do our very special part in salvation history, and with our own free will we can say yes and become His "chosen." The world is filled with followers drifting downstream with the lifeless fish. Christians—His Chosen-- swim against the tide of followers of the world. We can do this and do it well, and Lent

is the perfect time to prepare. Remember these words of David to Goliath: "You are coming to fight against me with a sword, a javelin and a spear. But I'm coming against you in the name of the Lord who rules over all." David was a teenager uttering those words to the Giant.

A final quote from Mordecai to Queen Esther: "Do not think because you are in the King's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance of the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows that but you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" Book of Esther 4: 12-14







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.

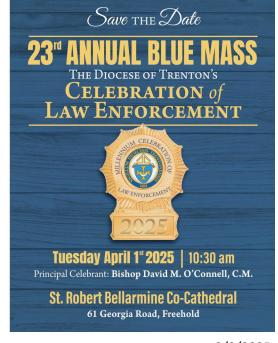


Blessing for Pregnant Women & Couples Hoping to Conceive, Adopt or Foster a Child

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 thehendricks 7@gmail.com.

Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lor



SOCIAL CONCERNS PROGRAMS

Feeding the Hungry



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

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

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

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

Please use only the trays provided.

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

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

Collecting Travel Size Toiletries



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

Mercy Center UPDATE

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> The Mercy Center is no longer accepting clothing donations; however, there is an urgent need for canned soup.

Additional items needed are:

Diapers, size 4 and larger, and baby wipes, Coffee/tea, Mayo, mustard, ketchup, salad dressing.

Thank you for your support in helping our community!

ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA—Our programs are offered to enrich, renew and deepen one's interior communication with the Lord in an atmosphere of prayer, quiet and solitude. The scenic environment of the Atlantic Ocean and Barnegat Bay provides additional contemplative opportunity. Current brochure can be found on our website at www.sjbsea.org or CLICK

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

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



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

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

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

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

Padre Miguel Valle, Vicario Parroquial

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Diana Zuna

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Calendario de Ministerios Domingo, Marzo 16, 2025 Misa 5:00 p.m.			
Celebrante	Padre Valle		
Lectores	Felipe Oseguera Edgar Garcia		
Ministros de Eucaristía	Javier Ramirez Maria Sanchez Rosari Ramirez		
Ujieres	Victoria Tenecela Bernarda Bautista Andrea Castro Florina Ramirez		
Monaguillos	Sophia Sanchez Joanna Martinez Valeria Cruz Kiara Cruz Madeline Jimenez		





Conferencia de Formación en la Fe y Ministerios Parroquiales

Presentadores Principales:

Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR



Chris Padgett



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 eclesiásticos?

¡Habrá algo para todos!

El día ofrecerá sesiones tanto en inglés como en español.



Sábado 29 de Marzo del 2025





LUGAR:

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

¿Más información? Contacta a Jossie Ramos 609-403-7174 | jramos@dioceseoffrenten oral disco-





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

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.



PARA MAS INFORMACION LLAMAR A LA OFICINA (V32) 449-5354 EXT. 105