

## *St. Mark's Catholic Church*

**Rev. Msgr. Sean P. Flynn, Pastor**

**Rev. José Fernandez-Bangueses, Resident Priest**

**Rev. Bernard N. Mohan (*Wednesday and Friday*)**

**Deacon Michael Keary**

AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO MOSES IN FIRE FLAMING OUT OF A BUSH

## Third Sunday of Lent

Lectionary: 29

Reading I

Ex 20:1-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments:

“I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers’ wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

“Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.”

OR:

Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

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**Responsorial Psalm**                      **19:8, 9, 10, 11**

R. (John 6:68c) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

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**Reading II**                              **1 Cor 1:22-25**

Brothers and sisters:

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

**Verse Before the Gospel**                      **Jn 3:16**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

**Gospel**                                      **Jn 2:13-25**

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.*

At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?"

But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.



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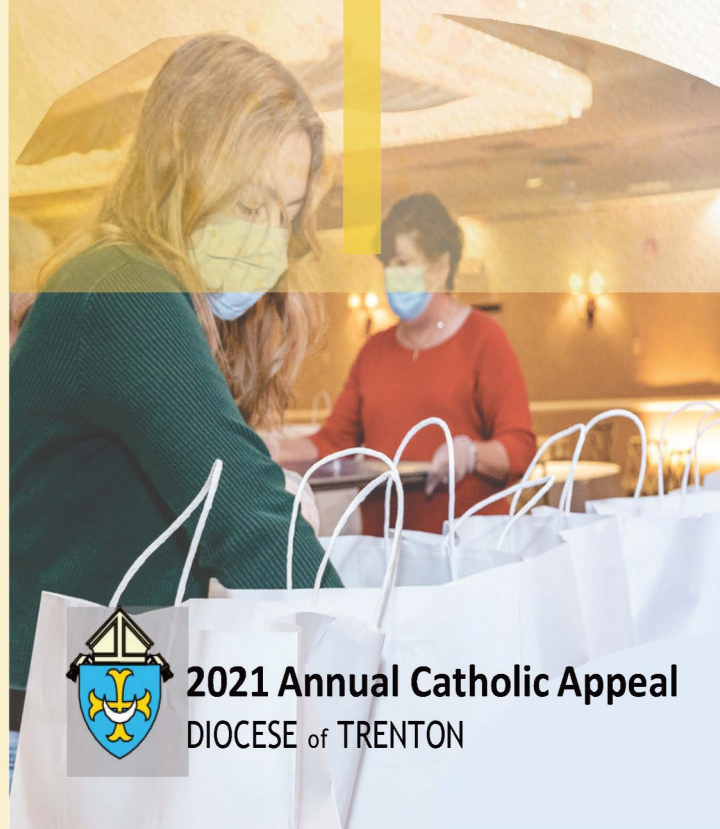


**2021 Annual Catholic Appeal**  
DIOCESE of TRENTON

**"I can do things  
you cannot;  
you can do  
things I cannot;**

**but  
TOGETHER  
we can do  
great things."**

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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# *This Week's Mass Intentions*

| Date  | Intention   | Requested by                          |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday, March 8</b>  |   |                                       |
| 7:30 AM   | † Dorothy Wright  | Family                                |
| 11:00 AM  | G. Marilyn Falvey, (Special Intention)                  | Mr. and Mrs. Anthony P. Randazzo, Jr. |
| <b>Tuesday, March 9</b>   |   |                                       |
| 7:30 AM   | † Colette Casey   | Estate                                |
| 11:00 AM  | Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark's Social Concerns |                                       |
| <b>Wednesday, March 10</b>  |   |                                       |
| 7:30 AM   | † Anthony Donatelli                                     | Family                                |
|   | † Freddie Metzger                                       | Don Sabatini                          |
| 11:00 AM  | † Nancy Junjulas  | Marilyn and Bob Healey                |
|   | † Patricia Buckley                                      | Nancy Introcaso                       |
| <b>Thursday, March 11</b>   |   |                                       |
| 7:30 AM   | † Patricia Horan  | Ed and Judy Blaha                     |
|   | † Dr. Joseph Kane                                       | Family                                |
| 11:00 AM  | † John J. Byrne, 13th Anniversary                       | Adele Byrne                           |
| <b>Friday, March 12</b>  |   |                                       |
| 7:30 AM   | † Frances Follmer                                       | Ed and Judy Blaha                     |
|   | † Loretta Bliesmann                                     | Marianne and Jim Sheridan             |
| 11:00 AM  | † Mary J. Flynn   | Jerry Flynn                           |
| <b>Saturday, March 13</b>   |   |                                       |
| 7:30 AM   | † Loretta Jordan  | Estate                                |
| 4:30 PM   | † Flarity & Lynch Families                              | Sara Lynch                            |
|   | † Christopher Schneider                                 | Jane and Ed Donovan                   |
|   | † Harry McEnroe   | Cathy Shalloo                         |
| <b>Sunday, March 14</b>   |   |                                       |
| 8:00 AM   | † James Long  | Ed and Judy Blaha                     |
|   | † Catherine Donatelli                                   | Donatelli Family                      |
|   | † Nancy Soloway   | Ed and Judy Blaha                     |
| 10:00 AM  | People of the Parish                                    |                                       |
| 5:00 PM   | † Jesus Mendoza   | Julia Alvarado                        |
|   | † Pedro Jose Velazco                                    | Alexis Jose Cordero                   |
|   | † Divina Mendoza  | Family                                |

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 7, 2021**

**MY EYES ARE ALWAYS ON THE LORD!**



# REPENT

## Readings for the Week March 7, 2021

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
 Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23  
**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17;  
 Mk 12:28-34  
**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Please join us on Friday's for Adoration immediately after 11:00 AM Mass with Benediction at 1:45 PM. It will also be broadcast on livestream @ [stmarkseagirt.com](http://stmarkseagirt.com).



**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.

**2.28.2021 Collection**  
\$9,739.

**3.1.2020 Collection**  
\$9,780 .

**NEXT WEEKEND**  
**SPRING FORWARD!**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

## Pray FOR THE SICK

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**Please Note:** New Policy for the Pray for our Sick. 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.

*Alice Healy, Benjamin Ohlweiler, Jeremy Pavlick, Lucy Gargano, Christine Frauenheim, Robert MacPherson, Jake Gilbert, Bill Lesniak, Jim Bogan, Bruce Bogan, Sr., Cathy Shalloo, Sharon Cox, Lee Cox, Bobbie Woods, Julia Buonocore, Alexandra Gavilanes, Sarah Gallagher, Jimmy Azzollini, Vivian Wilson, Ken Hauck, Dorothy Waugh, Patricia Cavanaugh, Rose Courtney, Grace Philhower, Maria Valdez.*

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 Donna at the rectory, 732-449-6364 x100 or email [donna@stmarkseagirt.com](mailto:donna@stmarkseagirt.com).

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:*

† Ruth Doran  
 † Rosemarie Heck  
 † Estelle Spillane  
 † Loretta Bliesmann  
 † Maryellen McCormick  
 † Margaret Krauss

*May the angels lead you into paradise..."*



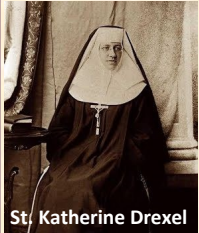
## STATIONS of the CROSS

On Fridays during Lent, the Rosary will be recited before the 11:00 AM Mass. Stations of the Cross will follow Mass. Adoration begins after Stations of the Cross.

## Thoughts for March, Marge Loenser

Praise the Lord for March, described as “coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb.” I can remember when it did the opposite: came in like a lamb and went out like a lion! Time will tell. Thank you Jesus I see the sprouting daffodil and crocus; thank You for the many signs of spring --You know Lord how we need these signs after the past winter of isolation.

I'd like to focus on four saints that we celebrate this month: St. Katherine Drexel on March 3, St. Frances of Rome on March 9, St. Patrick March 17, and St. Joseph March 19.



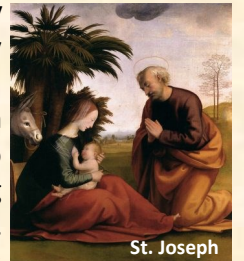
**St. Katherine** was born in 1858. She was an American heiress from Philadelphia who became a nun. She was very concerned with the injustices done to Black American and Native American people. She founded the Blessed Sacrament Sisters to serve them and set up 30 missions in 17 states. She is the patron saint of racial justice and philanthropists. She was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. St. Katherine Drexel is the second American saint, and the first to be born here. St. Katherine, please pray for our country.

**St. Frances of Rome** is a favorite saint of mine and I pray to her each time I get behind the wheel of my car as she is the patron saint of automobile drivers and widows. Although there were no cars back in the 1400's (duh) when she lived in Italy, there is a legend that says when she traveled, an angel would light the road before her with a lantern to keep her safe from hazards. St. Frances came from a wealthy family. She was a devoted, loving wife and she and other women ministered to the poor of Rome. She later founded a ministry of women dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor. St. Frances, please protect us on the road, and pray for lonely widows.



**St. Patrick** was a Roman Citizen born in Scotland. He was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland. He later escaped and was called by God into the priesthood. He felt the need to return to Ireland and convert the pagans. This he did in a grand manor and his shrines and churches can be found all over Ireland. I love this part of his prayer: “I arise this day through the strength of heaven, light of the sun, splendor of fire, speed of lightning, swiftness of the wind, depth of the sea, stability of the earth, and firmness of the rock”. We thank Msgr. Flynn for saying the mass in Gaelic in honor of St. Patrick.

Dear **St. Joseph**, protector of our Blessed Mother and the child Jesus--often pictured as an elderly man, he must have been fairly young and strong to have done all the traveling the Holy family needed to do ( the trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem and the flight into Egypt). Although we often read that St. Joseph was a carpenter, I'm sure he also worked in stone and other materials used in construction. The late Fr. Groeshel from EWTN said he believed that St. Joseph and Jesus used to travel a few miles to the large city of Sepphoris to do construction work. Imagine how the young Jesus viewed, wide-eyed, this large multi-cultured city after leaving the small village of Nazareth. We ask St. Joseph to continue to protect our church and our families just as he protected Jesus and Mary.



**May God bless and protect us, each one, this March. Love Marge.**

## CYO News: by Mrs. Reilly

**M**any thanks to **Professor Judi Paparozzi** who gave a superb presentation on human trafficking at our VIRTUAL meeting last Sunday. Also, thank you, Kiera, for being the facilitator of this meeting, for leading us in prayer, and for giving an excellent reflection on this topic.

We will be back in church for our meetings starting this **Sunday, March 7, at 7:30 PM**. Please wear a face mask.

We have several service events coming up to finish out Lent. We are inviting our CYO families and all St. Mark's parishioners to assist us with **“Operation Swaddle the Baby”** which is being organized by CYO sophomore Caitlin. Please see details on page 9 and thank you, everyone, in advance for assisting in this very important charitable event. God bless you all!



# ~ Operation Swaddle The Baby ~

Sponsored by St. Mark's CYO

Help us make a change... A Diaper change that is!

**PLEASE** support the Diaper Bank at Child Care Resources of Monmouth County

## **WHAT IS DIAPER INSECURITY?**

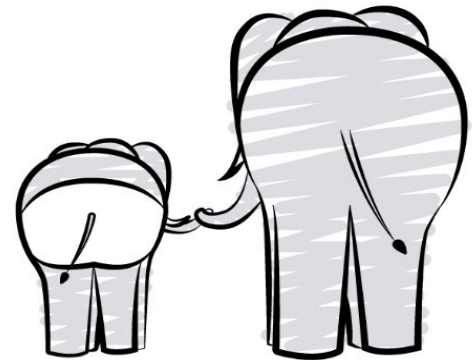
The condition where families cannot afford a sufficient supply of diapers to ensure their children are clean, dry, and healthy.

### **WHEN:**

Saturday 3/13 and Sunday 3/14

Saturday 3/20 and Sunday 3/21

The Diapers and Wipes can be left in designated bins in the church vestibules.



**Diapers @CCRMomouth**



**WHAT IS NEEDED?** While all Diaper sizes are accepted, the greatest need at this time is for size 5, size 6 Pull ups for Boys and Girls and Wipes.

## **Why a Diaper Drive?**

- \*In the United States 1 in 3 families struggle to afford diapers
- \*Infants typically use up to 12 diapers a day, while a toddler uses up to 8 diapers a day
- \*Babies who remain too long in a soiled diaper are exposed to potential health risks and are more likely to experience child abuse and neglect
- \*30% of low income mothers reported they could not afford to change their child's diaper as frequently as they wished
- \*1 in 10 mothers reported stretching diapers, a practice associated with diaper dermatitis and urinary tract infections
- \*More than 30% of respondents reported increased levels of maternal stress and depression as a result of diaper need





## CCD News

Our 3rd graders along with their families celebrated a beautiful service to remember that we are all stewards of creation. Their special presentation included a creation story poster and we all got to hear and see their song presentation; Creation.

Thank you to Msgr. Flynn, families and specially our children for being part of this special day!

All posters are displayed on walls around the Church!



# PASTORAL TALKS

A VIRTUAL 5 PART LECTURE SERIES  
PRESENTED BY ST. CATHARINE SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE  
"Fire of Faith"

*Series dedicated to the loving memory of Robert Dougherty  
and his faithful service to Christ and His church*

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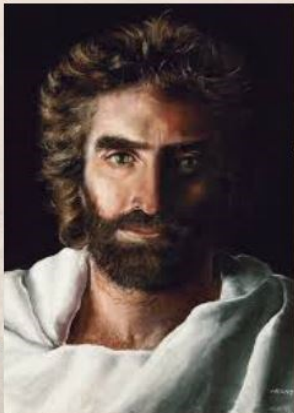
Fr. Damian McElroy  
"The Beauty of the  
Eucharist"

MARCH 1

Fr. Richard Villanova  
"Reclaiming the Truth,  
the Sacred Liturgy"

MARCH 8

Fr. Jeffrey Kegley  
"Renewing of the mind"  
(Based on Romans 12:2)



MARCH 15

Father Gregg  
Abadilla

"My Vocation Story  
Our Call to  
Holiness"

MARCH 22

Fr. Kevin O'Neil  
"Seven Last Words  
of Christ"

VIEW THE LECTURES BY VISITING THE LINK ON ST. CATHARINES WEBSITE:  
<https://www.stcatharine-stmargaret.org/>

"HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH. HE IS THE BEGINNING, THE  
FIRST BORN FROM THE DEAD, THAT IN ALL THINGS  
HE HIMSELF MIGHT BE PREMINENT"  
COLOSSIANS 1:18



## A Prayer for Lent

O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, so that having curbed all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You. For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever.





### Lenten Soup for the Soul Series

San Alfonso Retreat House

755 Ocean Ave • Long Branch, NJ • 07740

March 10, 15, 24

6:00 – 8:30 PM

\$20 per Evening

*Looking for some spiritual nourishment this Lent?  
Come to our **Lenten Soup for the Soul Evenings** this March!  
Join us for some soup, fellowship, prayer and reflection to feed  
your body, mind, heart, and soul!*

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

***Accepting, Claiming and Sharing our Spiritual Wisdom***

Presenter: Janet Corso

**Monday, March 15, 2021**

***What Are You Thirsty For?***

Presenter: Christine Marie Eberle

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

***Broken Body of Christ/Broken Body of Earth:***

***A Call to Ecological Conversion***

Presenter: Sr. Margaret Galiardi, OP

Space is limited; registration is required

To register: e-mail [info@sanalfonsoetreats.org](mailto:info@sanalfonsoetreats.org)

Phone: 732-222-2731, X140

Full program description available at

You are invited to join in with **Holy Innocents' Rosary Group** that meets online Monday-Saturday at 10:00am to pray for an end to the coronavirus pandemic.



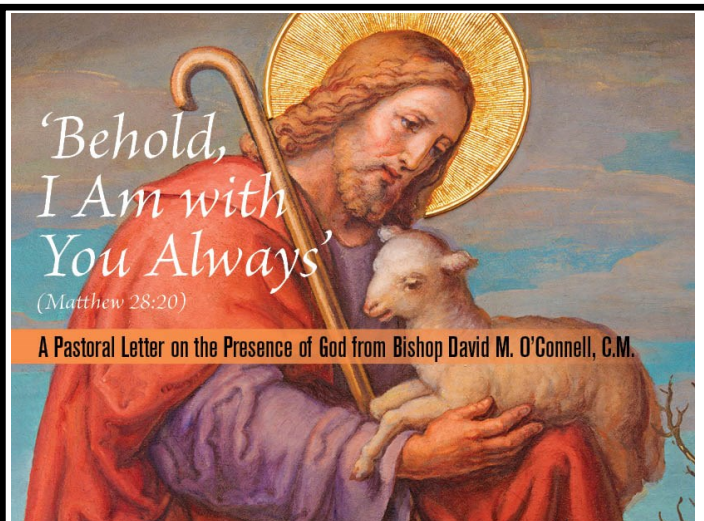
**Please contact Kathy Lynch at 732-513-2970**

or [kathy.lynch65@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.lynch65@gmail.com) for more details. It is easy to join by phone or she can assist you to access the group via teleconference. Everyone is welcome, even beginners.

### A Lenten Suggestion:

Please join some of our parishioners in saying the Rosary after the 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM masses and on Fridays before the 11:00 AM mass.

**Lost wedding band.** If found, please call the Rectory 732-449-6364. Thank you.



### Bishop issues pastoral letter on the presence of God

As the pandemic passes the one-year mark and continues to stretch into 2021, a profound side-effect has emerged: isolation.

The experience not only leaves people separated from each other through illness, social distancing and quarantining, but often leaves them, “wondering where God is,” writes Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M., in his new release: “‘Behold, I Am with You Always,’ A Pastoral Letter on the Presence of God.”

The title of the letter is taken from the Gospel of Matthew 28:20, which reads, “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of time.” Formally issued Feb. 22, 2021 on the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, the pastoral letter was published March 1 across diocesan media as a written text and podcast in both English and Spanish. It was also sent to all parishes and schools for distribution in their local communities.

In this, his third pastoral letter as 10th Bishop of Trenton, Bishop O’Connell addresses the painful reality of separation and loneliness, offering guidance to the faithful for developing the assurance of faith and recovering a sense of the presence of God.

The Bishop also remembers those for whom “social distancing has been their way of life for a long time and not by choice: “... The poor, the outcast, the bullied, the marginalized, those living alone, ‘quarantined’ for whatever the reason. Social distance and isolation are sentences imposed by society upon them, without parole. ... We must not forget them.” To read the Bishop’s letter on the presence of God, please visit:

[Bishop’s pastoral letter offers hope in the presence of God - Diocese of Trenton - Lawrenceville, NJ](#)



## COVID-19 Vaccine Registration

COVID-19 vaccines are on the way to hospitals and clinics across New Jersey. The State recommends that you pre-register now. Filling out the form should take about 15 minutes, and the information you enter will be kept private with the State of New Jersey.

If you are already eligible, the website will also list the state sites where you can make your appointment to receive the vaccine.

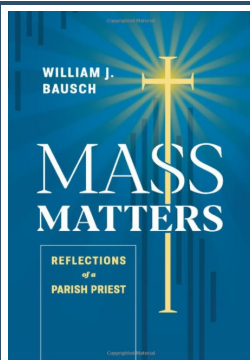
To register for your vaccine visit:

<https://covidvaccine.nj.gov>

### Catholic Charities News

Community Services is Catholic Charities' link to parishes in the Trenton diocese. Serving families in crises, we provide food, mortgage, rent and utilities assistance, temporary housing, counseling, and immigration services. To learn more about Catholic Charities Community Services visit our You Tube presentation. Click on: <https://youtu.be/-r8YRyPCIY4> If you know of anyone needing assistance, please contact Catholic Charities at 800-360-7711.

**Please Note:** At this time, because of Covid 19, we are not accepting clothing, or any personal books, devotionals, religious articles or Rosary beads. In the future we will gladly accept your donations, but at the present time and for the safety of all those concerned, we are asking that these items not be left at the church. Thank you.



### MASS MATTERS

Fr. Bausch's book "Mass Matters" is on sale in the rectory for \$15.

Please call ahead and we will have it ready for you to pick it up!

If you know someone who doesn't have access to the internet and would like a copy of the bulletin, please call the Rectory at 732-449-6364.

### St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society

St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the rosary after the 11am mass on the first Monday of each month.

We invite those that cannot make it to church, to join us from home in the recitation of the rosary. In this way we continue to honor our Blessed Mother and follow her directions to continue praying for an end to abortion and all the intentions of her Immaculate Heart.



St. Mark's would like to let our Parishioners know what practices we have in place to protect them during the pandemic so that they can make informed decisions on whether they feel they would like to attend in person Masses. Social distancing with roped off pews which allows those present to sit at least 6 feet apart, all pews, door handles and railings are sanitized after every Mass daily and during the weekend Masses and Sacraments, sanitizer is at the front and side entrances, bathrooms are cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis, masks must be worn by everyone in the church, the priests and Extraordinary Ministers use hand sanitizer before distributing Communion, Communion is distributed one side at a time to allow for social distance, the windows are open during Mass to help circulate air, collection baskets are placed on the Altar rail rather than the Ushers handling the collection, weekend requirement is entrance thru the front doors for Parishioner count but you may exit thru all doors.

If you have any questions please call the Rectory Office at 732-449-6364.

## PLEASE HELP Food Donations Needed



Because of the economic hardships many families have been experiencing and the continued need to rely on outside sources, food pantries in our area have been extremely busy and are in need of help. Please consider donating nonperishable foods and fresh produce to help support the food pantry at St. James Episcopal Church in Bradley Beach. Items could be dropped off at 2060 Benjamin Circle, Wall. Food will be delivered every Thursday and Friday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ring at 732-449-8759.

## Iglesia de "San Marcos" Apostolado Hispano

Misa Dominical: Domingo 5:00 p.m.

Misa de Semana: Martes 6:00 p.m.

Msgr. Sean P. Flynn, Pastor  
Rev. José Fernández-Banguess, Sacerdote Residente

[josefernandez@stmarkscagirt.com](mailto:josefernandez@stmarkscagirt.com)

Teléfono: (732) 449-6364 ext. 122.

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*'Y les aseguro  
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ustedes siempre'*

(Mateo 28:20)

Una Carta Pastoral sobre la Presencia de Dios  
por el obispo David M. O'Connell, C.M.

### Obispo publica carta pastoral sobre la presencia de Dios

Ahora que la pandemia pasa la marca de un año entero y sigue presente en el 2021, un efecto secundario profundo ha surgido: el aislamiento.

La experiencia no solo deja a personas separadas de los demás por la enfermedad, distanciamiento social y hacer cuarentena, sino que a menudo las deja "cuestionando dónde está Dios", escribe el obispo David M. O'Connell, C.M., en su nuevo escrito: "Y yo les aseguro que estaré con

ustedes siempre', una carta pastoral sobre la presencia de Dios".

El título de la carta viene del Evangelio de Mateo 28:20, que dice, "Y yo les aseguro que estaré con ustedes siempre, hasta el fin del mundo". Publicada escrita el 22 de febrero, 2021, en la Fiesta de la Silla de San Pedro, la carta pastoral fue publicada el 1 de marzo a través de los medios diocesanos como texto escrito y podcast en inglés y español. También fue enviada a todas las parroquias y escuelas para distribución en sus comunidades locales.

En esta, su tercera carta pastoral como el décimo Obispo de Trenton, el obispo O'Connell se enfoca en la realidad dolorosa de la separación y soledad, ofreciendo dirección a los fieles para profundizar la seguridad de la fe y recobrar un sentido de la presencia de Dios.

El obispo también recuerda a quienes "el distanciamiento social ha sido su realidad durante mucho tiempo y no por ninguna opción propia:" ... los pobres, marginados, maltratados, quienes viven solos, 'en cuarentena' por cualquier razón. El distanciamiento social y aislamiento son sentencias impuestas por la sociedad sin ninguna posibilidad de la libertad.

"... No podemos olvidarnos de ellos".

La carta pastoral está disponible en inglés y español, por escrito y por audio en podcast. Para aprender más, visite al: [www.PecesdeTrenton.org](http://www.PecesdeTrenton.org)

## Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

Marzo 7, 2021

### Primera Lectura: Éxodo 20, 1-17.

En aquellos días, el Señor promulgó estos preceptos para su pueblo en el monte Sinaí, diciendo: "Yo soy el Señor, tu Dios, que te sacó de la tierra de Egipto y de la esclavitud. No tendrás otros dioses fuera de mí; no te fabricarás ídolos ni imagen alguna de lo que hay arriba, en el cielo, o abajo, en la tierra, o en el agua, y debajo de la tierra. No adorarás nada de eso ni le rendirás culto, porque yo, el Señor, tu Dios, soy un Dios celoso, que castiga la maldad de los padres en los hijos hasta la tercera y cuarta generación de aquellos que me odian; pero soy misericordioso hasta la milésima generación de aquellos que me aman y cumplen mis mandamientos. No harás mal uso del nombre del Señor, tu Dios, porque no dejará el Señor sin castigo a quien haga mal uso de su nombre. Acuérdate de santificar el sábado. Seis días trabajarás y en ellos harás todos tus quehaceres; pero el día séptimo es día de



descanso, dedicado al Señor, tu Dios. No harás en él trabajo alguno, ni tú, ni tu hijo, ni tu hija, ni tu esclavo, ni tu esclava, ni tus animales, ni el forastero que viva contigo. Porque en seis días hizo el Señor el cielo, la tierra, el mar y cuanto hay en ellos, pero el séptimo, descansó. Por eso bendijo el Señor el sábado y lo santificó. Honra a tu padre y a tu madre para que vivas largos años en la tierra que el Señor, tu Dios, te va a dar. No matarás. No cometerás adulterio. No robarás. No darás falso testimonio contra tu prójimo. No codiciarás la casa de tu prójimo, ni a su mujer, ni a su esclavo, ni a su esclava, ni su buey, ni su burro, ni cosa alguna que le pertenezca”.

### **Salmo Responsorial” Salmo 18, 8. 9. 10. 11**

#### **Tú tienes, Señor, palabras de vida eterna.**

La ley del Señor es perfecta del todo y reconforta el alma;  
inmutables son las palabras del Señor y hacen sabio al sencillo. R.

#### **Tú tienes, Señor, palabras de vida eterna.**

En los mandamientos del Señor hay rectitud y alegría para el corazón;  
son luz los receptos del Señor para alumbrar el camino. R.

#### **Tú tienes, Señor, palabras de vida eterna.**

La voluntad del Señor es santa y para siempre estable;  
los mandamientos del Señor son verdaderos y enteramente justos.

#### **Tú tienes, Señor, palabras de vida eterna.**

Que te sean gratas las palabras de mi boca y los anhelos de mi corazón.  
Haz, Señor, que siempre te busque, pues eres mi refugio y salvación. R.

#### **Tú tienes, Señor, palabras de vida eterna.**

### **Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 1, 22-25.**

Hermanos: Los judíos exigen señales milagrosas y los paganos piden sabiduría. Pero nosotros predicamos a Cristo crucificado, que es escándalo para los judíos y locura para los paganos; en cambio, para los llamados, sean judíos o paganos, Cristo es la fuerza y la sabiduría de Dios. Porque la locura de Dios es más sabia que la sabiduría de los hombres, y la debilidad de Dios es más fuerte que la fuerza de los hombres.

### **Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Juan 3, 16.**

#### **R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.**

Tanto amó Dios al mundo, que le entregó a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna.

#### **R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.**

### **Evangelio: Juan 2, 13-25.**

Cuando se acercaba la Pascua de los judíos, Jesús llegó a Jerusalén y encontró en el templo a los vendedores de bueyes, ovejas y palomas, y a los cambistas con sus mesas. Entonces hizo un látigo de cordeles y los echó del templo, con todo y sus ovejas y bueyes; a los cambistas les volcó las mesas y les tiró al suelo las monedas; y a los que vendían palomas les dijo: “Quiten todo de aquí y no conviertan en un mercado la casa de mi Padre”. En ese momento, sus discípulos se acordaron de lo que estaba escrito: El celo de tu casa me devora. Después intervinieron los judíos para preguntarle: “¿Qué señal nos das de que tienes autoridad para actuar así?” Jesús les respondió: “Destruyan este templo y en tres días lo reconstruiré”. Replicaron los judíos: “Cuarenta y seis años se ha llevado la construcción del templo, ¿y tú lo vas a levantar en tres días?” Pero él hablaba del templo de su cuerpo. Por eso, cuando resucitó Jesús de entre los muertos, se acordaron sus discípulos de que había dicho aquello y creyeron en la Escritura y en las palabras que Jesús había dicho. Mientras estuvo en Jerusalén para las fiestas de Pascua, muchos creyeron en él, al ver los prodigios que hacía. Pero Jesús no se fiaba de ellos, porque los conocía a todos y no necesitaba que nadie le descubriera lo que es el hombre, porque él sabía lo que hay en el hombre.

