

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025



The Rectory Office will be closed on Tuesday, May 6th, for a staff in-service day. We will not be available by phone or email during this time. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

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

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Ministries

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Music Ministry	908-415-0212
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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.

Please note: The Easter collection total will be included in next weekend's bulletin.



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.

St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will meet on **Monday, May 5th at the 11 AM Mass**. We will be crowning the Blessed Mother and reciting the Rosary. Father Miguel will offer meditations during the service. Please bring any petitions to Mass. A luncheon will follow.



Our guest speaker will be Sister Chris, SSJ, who will speak about the Associate Sisters of Saint Joseph from St. Peter's Church in Point Pleasant.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May 3/4: The second collection is for our Diocesan Assessment. Your donations are always appreciated!

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May 10/11: Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale. See page 11.



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Monday Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36

Friday Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14

Sunday Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14.



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.

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be with you!



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† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, April 28

7:30 AM

Pope Francis by St. Mark's Parish Family
† Dorothy Wright by Family
† Mary Flanagan by Patricia Healey

11:00 AM

† Jack Geiger by John & Maria Checton
† George Schneider by William Travers
† Helene Baeszler by John & Pat Gibbs

Tuesday, April 29

7:30 AM

† Barbara Heindle by Estate

11:00 AM

† Mary M. Wilson by Malloy Family
† Daniel Cremin by John & Maryanne Greene
† Donald Scheiderman by Patricia Healey

Wednesday, April 30

7:30 AM

† Anne Hart by Estate

11:00 AM

† Rich Sudowsky by Sudowsky Family
† Raymond Francis Vreeland by Mom

Thursday, May 1

7:30 AM

Child Victims of Human Trafficking by Bill & Mary Reilly

11:AM

† Erin & Richard O'Day by Patrice O'Day
† Thomas Conneely by Dan & Suzanne Crimmins
† Marilyn Tripani by Linda Balis

Friday, May 2

7:30 AM

† Anne Macenczak by Estate

11:00 AM

† Fortunato Virido by Bertucci Family
† Gloria Ciasulli by Michael, Rosanna & Bernadette Ayers
† John Michael Deluca by Cousin Gerry

Saturday, May 3

7:30 AM

Alexandra & Mark Downes by Family

4:30 PM

† Mary and Norris Eldridge by Elizabeth Eldridge
† Elisa Cassanelli by Bill & Christine Dunn
† Osvaldo & Tersilia Tambini by Saracco Family

Sunday, May 4

8:00 AM

Private Intention

10:00 AM

† Jillian Ludwig by Cortese Family
† Richard Klophaus by Mark & Roberta Hayek
† Maryann Ambrosio by Elise & Joe Stillo

12 Noon

People of the Parish

5:00 PM

† Lucia Chavez Garcia by Family
† Paula Rojas by Rojas Family
† David Colon by Rosa Pineda de Colon & Family



Remembering Pope Francis

With heavy hearts, we mourn the passing of Pope Francis, a humble and faithful servant of Christ. His life of compassion, wisdom, and leadership touched the world. Let us pray for his eternal rest and for peace among all who grieve.

Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.

JOHN 20:27



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of **HOPE**
2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

OUR GOAL

\$59,000

Help St. Mark's Reach Our Goal

St. Mark's has been given a goal of \$59,000 for this year's diocesan appeal. To date, we've raised \$20,133, which is approximately one-third of our total.

Last year, thanks to the generosity of 132 donors, we raised \$47,347—bringing us within reach of our goal. With your help, we can meet or exceed that success this year.

We humbly ask that you consider making a contribution of any amount. Every gift brings us closer to our goal and ensures that St. Mark's remains strong and vibrant for generations to come.

Thank you for supporting our parish and the Diocese of Trenton.

With gratitude and blessings,

Fr. Miguel

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<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal>

\$20,133



**Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule
May 3/4, 2025**

	Celebrant	Deacon	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Fr. Valle		Connie Duffy	Lynn Jelliff Jack Wright Pat Wright	Anthony Granato Walter Henry Joe Walsh
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Fr. Valle		Robert Cavazini	Robert Cavazini Glenn Skola Kelly Uliano	Pat Ahern Leo Hurley Bob O'Neill Glenn Skola
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Fr. Miguel	Deacon Joe, Preaching	Nancy Schatzman	Jay Lorenzo Tara Malia Richard Norris	Jim Sheridan Rich Siderko
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Fr. Valle		Jim Welsh	Darian Boyle Debbie Cusimano Debbie Dunn	Richard DeGroote Howard Flood

CYO Stations of the Cross



CYO News by Mary Reilly

The Easter Bunny Hopped by St. Mark's for an Egg-citing Egg Hunt and Fun for All!



Sacrament of Confirmation
March 21, 2025
Rev. Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio, VG





My LORD and
My GOD!



Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

You could say that a newly engaged couple have something in common with a newly graduated student; or someone newly promoted or praised: they all have a certain glow in their appearance. The same applies to a new Catholic at the Easter Vigil or the same of a new Christian at the time of the first Easter. St. Thomas the Apostle had it upon seeing the risen Jesus, even if his glow also bore the tinge of embarrassment as well.

As onlookers, we perceive all this easily enough in others. We might remark about it, or even ask: “How do you feel?” or “What happened to you?” Those of us who have lived awhile already know the answers, either from similar lived experience or from personally acquired book knowledge. It is the joy of being in a new but long-desired situation; a dream fulfilled; a happy ending to a long story.

Sacred Scripture sometimes gives such things a quick acknowledgment, such as the description of Moses’ face after he had dialogues with God on Mt. Sinai. But that is rare. We must imagine the looks on the faces of the people who came to believe in Jesus from the so-called “signs and wonders” worked by the Apostles in these very early days of the Church. Especially those miracles worked by St. Peter, to the point that they believed even his shadow could be a source of healing for the sick.

When we come to the second Sunday of those first Easter days, and the powerful meeting of the risen Jesus with a doubting Thomas, I think we can “see” a kind of glow on the Apostle’s face. At first, there was some embarrassment. Jesus uses Thomas’ own words when he commands Thomas to touch the divine wounds in hands and feet and side. Then comes St. Thomas’ great profession of faith, as he kneels humbly and tearfully proclaims “My Lord and my God!”

There it is! This personal proof for one former doubter; the climactic moment of John’s whole gospel; the call of faith for each one of us as we leave the pew and walk up the aisle to receive Holy Communion.

Do we have an observable glow on our faces? Maybe. Maybe not. After all, we have done this many times in our lives. But there should be a certain inner peace from knowing that the living God dwells within us for some special moments.

A certain Polish nun named Sister Faustina felt this glow after a appearance to her of Our Lord, shown with His heart projecting rays of red and blue light, at the same

time asking for our trust in Him. That’s why this second Sunday of Easter is also named “Divine Mercy Sunday.”

The Easter message is a test of our trust and our faith. And of our faith it was the great St. Augustine who said, “If you believe what you like in the gospel and reject what you don’t like; it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself. Best to believe it all.

God love you and give you His Easter peace.

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

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select “Find Help” from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion”

ACTION CENTER

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.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND ADORATION - It was the special desire of our Lord Jesus Christ, revealed to Blessed Margaret Mary, that the first Friday of each month be consecrated to the devotion and adoration of His most Sacred Heart. Join us before the 11am Mass to pray the rosary for the unborn, the protection of our country, peace throughout the world, and the special intentions of our parishioners. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 7:30am mass at Saint Mark’s.

MOTHER’S DAY ROSE SALE on May 10-11 - Mary’s Child Pro-Life Ministry will be selling roses after all the Masses on Mother’s Day weekend. The proceeds will support several important pro-life organizations. Please buy our beautiful flowers to express your love for Mom and support a great cause too!

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.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE



Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry is holding its annual Rose Sale on Mother's Day Weekend May 10-11. Roses are \$3 each. All proceeds will be donated to pro-life charities that we regularly support. Below are three of the local organizations that will benefit from the sale and your donation:

Good Counsel Homes - founded in 1985 is a nationally recognized nonprofit leader and innovator in creating supportive residential care and community-based services for homeless, expectant, and new mothers and their children in the context of the Catholic social tradition. Pregnant and expectant mothers, with or without other born children, including mothers with mental health or addiction challenges, from any location, can receive help in a Good Counsel home. Since its beginning it has assisted 8,000 homeless women in building brighter futures for themselves and their children. For more

information go to [Good Counsel Homes](#)

The Madonna House - founded in 1987 is in Neptune, New Jersey. Madonna House is dedicated to serving infants, children, and women by providing clothing, juvenile furnishings, toys, infant formula, diapers, small household items, and other life necessities to impoverished and needy families - *free of charge*. For more information go to [The Madonna House](#)

Domestic Church Media (DCM) - was founded in 2003 with the intent of using the various means of communications to promote the cause of marriage and family life, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. DCM radio stations include WFJS 1260 AM in Trenton, WFJS 89.3FM in Freehold ([our local station](#)), WGYM 1580 AM in Hammonton, and WSMJ 91.9 FM in Cape May. DCM an important pro- life voice in Central and South Jersey, dedicated to proclaiming Jesus Christ in the New Springtime of the Church. For more information go to [Domestic Church Media](#).

Buy A Rose!

Help a Mom! Support Life!



walking with purpose
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

The current Walking with Purpose (WWP) has come to an end. So many hearts have been transformed by a deeper understanding of our faith and a stronger relationship with Jesus. Friendships have blossomed and our community is vibrant!

Here is one participant's response to WWP:

"I cannot say enough good things about my experience with Walking with Purpose. It is a welcoming community of wonderful women interested in growing in faith. Most importantly it nurtures my relationship with Jesus Christ and encourages me to step out and be a true disciple. By "opening my heart and letting God in," I have been able to seek and receive mercy and healing, mend relationships and become a more loving daughter, wife, mother, sister, friend, follower of Christ."

Stay tuned for more information about the WWP Summer Sample in July and the next WWP season starting October 2025! Or check out our local website: [wwpnjshore.com](#)

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.**

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.

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To get started, log on to: www.stmarkseagirt.com
and click on the Parish Giving Logo,
then follow the easy registration steps.

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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.

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](#).

St. Catharines Classics Spring Lake, NJ

Jubilee Year 2025

"Pilgrims of Hope"

The 14th Annual Retreat of St. Catharines Classics

Presented by Fr. Jim Dowds, CSSR

Date: Tuesday, May 6th 2025

SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE

755 OCEAN AVE. LONG BRANCH, NJ 07740

Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

breakfast and lunch will be served

Cost: \$65.00 per person

Checks payable to St. Catharine Parish and mailed to

Tom & Isabella Maguire

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Calendario de Ministerios Domingo, Mayo 4, 2025 Misa 5:00 p.m.	
Celebrante	Padre Miguel
Lectores	Felipe Oseguera Modesta Garcia
Ministros de Eucaristía	Lidet Cartagena Rosario Ramirez Javier Ramirez
Ujieres	Victoria Tenecela Andrea Castro Leodegaria Lopez Bernarda Bautista
Monaguillos	Caroline Molina Aurora Garcia Jessica Hernandez Natalie Oseguera Sophia Sanchez Valeria Cruz Kiara Cruz

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.

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

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.

