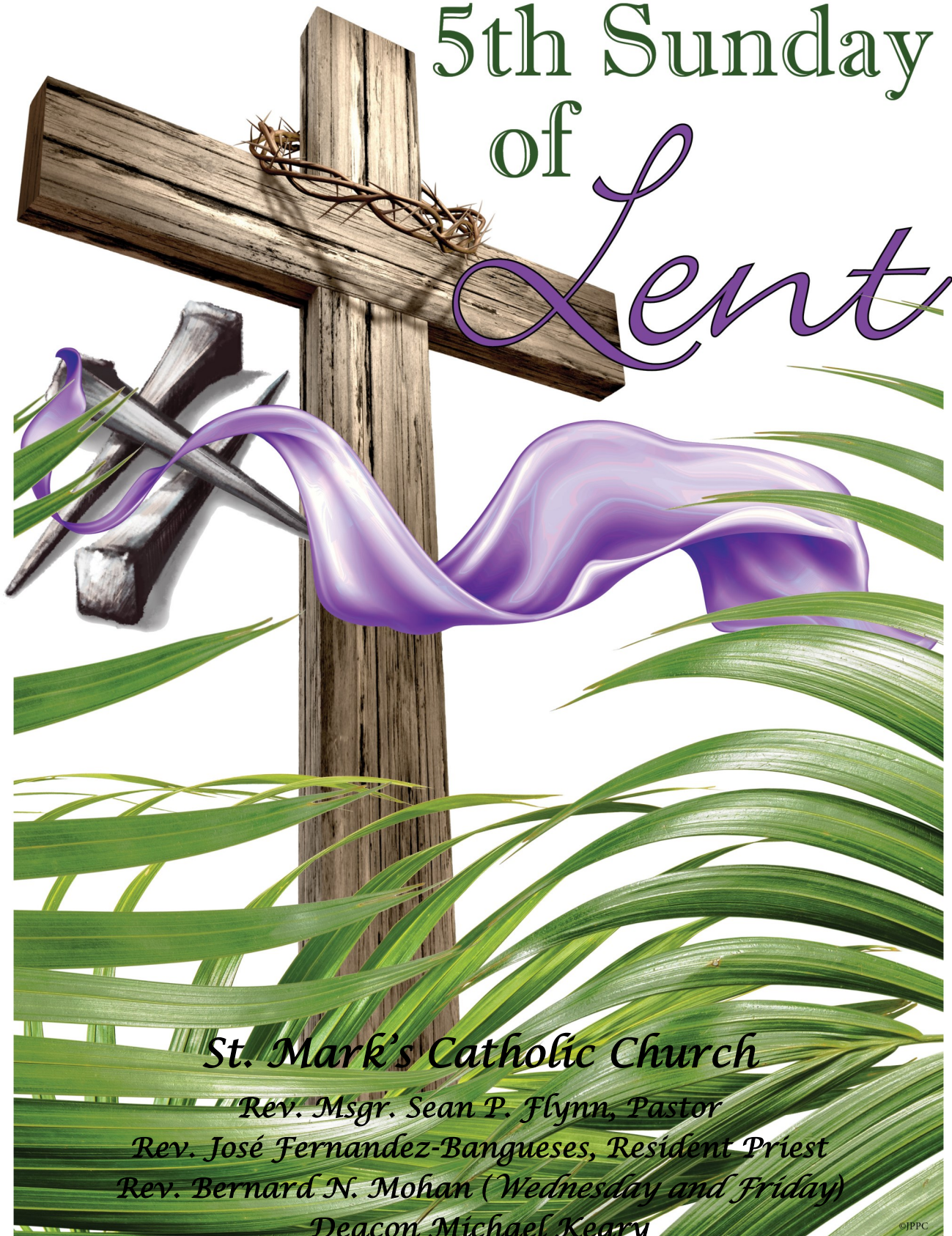


*April 3, 2022*

# 5th Sunday of *Lent*



*St. Mark's Catholic Church*

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

*Rev. José Fernández-Bangueses, Resident Priest*

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

*Deacon Michael Keary*

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### 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)  
Tuesdays 6 PM Spanish Mass

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM and  
Thursdays after the 7:30 AM and 11 AM Masses

### Devotions and Novenas

Miraculous Medal Novena after daily Masses on Wednesdays

Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays after 11 AM Mass.

Benediction at 1:45 PM

1st Fridays Spanish Adoration beginning at 7 PM.

## 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.

*Tom Zarra, Lillian O'Toole, Baby Mac Simonson, Maria Schell, Frank Gelormini, Jr., Gerry Barron, John Cinciarelli, Michael Sheridan, Erik Rofi, Virginia Meehan, Jim & Andrea Trischitta, Mary Jane Lorenzo, Erin Rubas, Dr. William Burns, Robert Czech, Janet Thomas, Edward Morea, Rosalie Renda, Alice Healy, Benjamin Ohlweiler, Jeremy Pavlick, Christine Frauenheim, Robert MacPherson, Jake Gilbert, Bill Lesniak, Jim Bogan, Bruce Bogan, Sr., Alexandra Gavilanes, Sarah Gallagher, Jimmy Azzollini, Vivian Wilson, Ken Hauck, Dorothy Waugh, Patricia Cavanaugh, Rose Courtney, Grace Philhower, Maria Valdez.*

Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, and  
let perpetual light shine upon them.

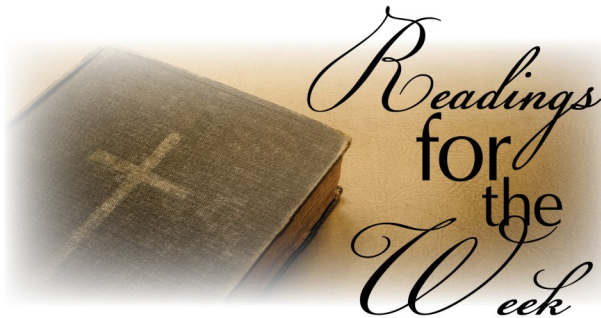
Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died.

† Dr. Ray Hanbury

† Bill Brown

† William Clemens

May the angels lead you into paradise...



April 3, 2022

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:12-20

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21;  
Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,  
56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;  
Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;  
Jn 11:45-56

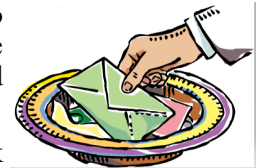
**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40 (procession);  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk  
22:14—23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

### St. Mark's Bereavement Ministry

Our Bereavement Ministry helps those who are grieving the loss of a loved one during their most difficult times. They meet on Wednesdays at 11 AM at St. Mark's.

**Please call Sue Nolan at 718-637-1162 for more information.** All are welcome!

**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.

**March 27, 2022 collection amount \$9,876.00.**

## † This Week's Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 4

**7:30 AM**

† Deceased Members St. Mark's Holy Name

**11:00 AM**

Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark's Altar Rosary

### Tuesday, April 5

**7:30 AM**

† Buonocore and Hoblitzell Families by Family

† Marietta Burke by Dave Babbitt

**11:00 AM**

Butler- O'Meara Family by Friend

† Jeanette Mills by Bohacik Family

† John E. Walters by Shirley Collis

### Wednesday, April 6

**7:30 AM**

† Anne Macenczak by Estate

**11:00 AM**

† Patricia McDermott by Peggie and Jim O'Brien

† Gerald Keegan by The Introcaso Family

† William Brown by Saint Mark's Social Concerns Ministry

### Thursday, April 7

**7:30 AM**

† Thomas Kameika by Family

† Umberto "AL" Rescinio by Todd & Jamie Leonhardt

Living Members of Foerst Family by Christina Foerst

**11:00 AM**

† Leonardo Savino by Therese Mancuso

† Pat Walsh Engle by Conrad and Harriet Yauch

### Friday, April 8

**7:30 AM**

† Todd Hoblitzell by Fred Buonocore

Raffetto Family Members Living and Deceased

**11:00 AM**

Helen Reh by Family

### Saturday, April 9

**7:30 AM**

† Julia Buonocore by Family

**4:30 PM**

† Maureen Butler by Sara Lynch

† Nadia Heard by Maureen Kelly Machirella

† Muriel Costello by Frank & Susan Sharp

### Sunday, April 10

**8:00 AM**

† Janet Ferrante by Linda and Jerry Zoufaly

**10:00 AM**

People of the Parish

**12 Noon**

† Tom Lynch by Sara Lynch

† Margaret Fedorsha by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Bellott

Special Intention for Christopher Dean

**5:00 PM**

† Pedro Ramirez Santiago by Florina Ramirez

Thanksgiving Intention for Blessing Received (Special Intention)

by Maria Tapia and Family

Paula Rojas Sanchez by Reyes Family



## Ecumenical Lenten Program

Monsignor Flynn will present a short Lenten reflection this week. Each participant from the different churches are asked to choose a Lenten hymn and to give a Lenten reflection in light of that hymn. This program replaces the annual "Soup and Scripture" Lenten program. You can view the reflection on line at [stmarkseagirt.com](http://stmarkseagirt.com) by going to previous broadcasts and scrolling back to Lenten reflection or click here [Lenten Reflection.mp4\(Shared\)- Adobe Document Cloud](#).



**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.

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

# CHARITY



Lectionary: 34

Reading I **Ez 37:12-14**

Thus says the Lord GOD:

O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people!

I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD.

I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8.**

R (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to my voice in supplication.

R With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,

LORD, who can stand?

But with you is forgiveness,

that you may be revered.

R With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the LORD;

my soul trusts in his word.

More than sentinels wait for the dawn,

let Israel wait for the LORD.

R With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the LORD is kindness

and with him is plenteous redemption;

And he will redeem Israel

from all their iniquities.

R With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Reading II **Rom 8:8-11**

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Verse before the Gospel **Jn 11:25a, 26**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

Gospel **Jn 11:1-45**

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill.

So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill."

When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to his disciples,

"Let us go back to Judea."

The disciples said to him,

"Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?"

Jesus answered,

"Are there not twelve hours in a day?

If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

He said this, and then told them,

"Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him."

So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved."

But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep.

So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died.

And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe.

Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away.



And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise."

Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you."

As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him.

So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Sir, come and see."

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

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So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me.

I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me."

And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

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Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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**April 9, Palm Sunday Vigil Mass**

4:30 PM

**Palm Sunday, April 10,**

8 AM, 10 PM, 12 Noon, 5 PM

## *Holy Week Schedule*



**April 14, Holy Thursday**

Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual) at 7:30 PM Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration until 10 PM.

**April 15, Good Friday**

Passion of the Lord at 3 PM with Communion and Adoration of the Cross

Passion of the Lord at 5 PM (Spanish) with  
Communion and Adoration of the Cross

CYO presents Stations of the Cross live at  
7:30 PM (bilingual) Adoration of the Cross follows.

**Saturday, April 16**

Blessing of the Easter Food at 1 PM

Easter Vigil, (bilingual) at 8 PM.

**Easter Sunday, April 17**

8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon, and 2 PM (Spanish)

**Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 24**

Holy Hour with recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin at 2 PM.



# PALM SUNDAY

April 9/10, 2022

	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM	Sunday 12 Noon
<b>Readers</b>	Deacon Michael Keary Sue Hannon	Peggy Hardiman Rose Crimmins	Deacon Michael Keary Joseph Stillo	Nancy Schatzman Bob Cicenja
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Joan Wypler	Dan Crimmins <b>Minister Needed</b>	Jim Sheridan or Marianne Sheridan	Marge Loenser <b>Minister Needed</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Walsh Walter Henry Anthony Granato	Bob O'Neill, Leo Hurley Pat Ahern, Glenn Skola	Rich Siderko	Howard Flood Richard DeGroot



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

**Monday, April 4th St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society** will meet at the 11 AM Mass. Recitation of the Rosary after mass and luncheon to follow.

**Wednesday, April 6th Pastoral Talks** at St. Margaret Church. Msgr. Richard Liddy will speak about "From Lent through Easter with John Henry Newman." 6-8 PM.

**Next Weekend, Palm Sunday, April 9/10 Easter Egg Hunt** after the 10 AM Mass and 5PM Mass.  
**Second collection** is for the people of Ukraine.

**Good Friday, April 15th** CYO and Spanish Ministry will be presenting the Living Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM.



## STATIONS of the CROSS

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

**BULLETINS:** Please submit all bulletin announcements by Monday before 2 PM.

Bulletin drafts are submitted to Msgr. Flynn for review.  
Email submissions to [cindy@stmarkseagirt.com](mailto:cindy@stmarkseagirt.com).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Because of our printers early printing deadlines, Submissions for the Easter Bulletin (April 16/17) are due no later than **2 PM on April 5th.**

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.

## WORD OF LIFE

April 3, 2022

"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."

**VISIT OUR WEBSITES:** [dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry) USCCB: [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org).

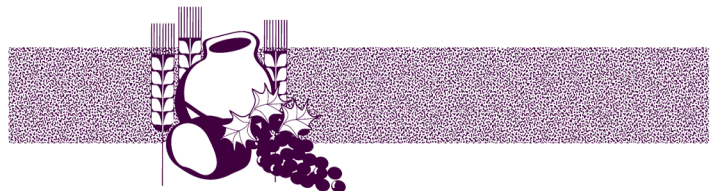


## Eucharistic Devotion

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

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

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 **the Rectory, 732-449-6364 x100.**



ST. MARK'S CHURCH

**EASTER  
EGG HUNT**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH  
AFTER THE 10 AM MASS**

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## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION.



The liturgical observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred from Thursday, May 26, 2022 to the following Sunday, May 29, 2022 in all the dioceses of New Jersey. This feast will now be permanently celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

*Light  
the Night*

for the Shore CommUnity ✨

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022  
5:00PM – 8:00PM

at Allaire Community Farm  
1923 Bailey's Corner Road, Wall, NJ

An evening of remembrance and celebration of life for loved ones who may have passed before us,  
for local shore families and surrounding Wall Township and Manasquan Communities.

### SPONSORED BY:

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Wall Community Alliance  
Shore Community Alliance for the Prevention of Drug & Alcohol Abuse  
*Along with many other substance abuse and mental health community partners.*

## Easter Flower Memorials

**Your donation beautifies the Church to Proclaim the Risen Lord!**

Please use this form to drop off at the Rectory or pick up an Easter Flower Memorial Envelope and drop it in the basket on the side altar. Easter Flower Memorial Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. Memorials will be published in the bulletin after Easter. Flowers are refreshed throughout the Easter season!

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_


**Requested by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Flower Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Important:** Please be sure to print your loved ones' names clearly.





*“My son,*  
**YOU ARE  
HERE WITH  
ME ALWAYS;  
EVERYTHING  
I HAVE  
IS YOURS.”**

LUKE 15:31

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## St. Mark's Sacrament of Confirmation 2022





**St. Mark's CYO and Spanish Ministry Present ....**

## **THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Good Friday, April 15th at 7:30 PM**



**“But He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins. Upon Him was the chastisement that make us whole. By His stripes we were healed.” Isaiah 53: 5**

### **CYO News by Mary Reilly**

Pictured are our CYO angels assisting the Easter Bunny last year in prepping the eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunts! Word has it that the CYO will be back to work helping him again this Sunday, April 3, at 7:30 PM. We will also have CYO confessions and at 8 PM the actors, readers and crew for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross will rehearse in upstairs' church. Hope to see everyone there!!!!!!

A very special welcome to our new member Noelle !!!!!!!!!!! Noelle will be one of the faithful Women of Jerusalem in the Stations!

**MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED DIAPERS TO OUR ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE! YOUR GENEROSITY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!!!!!!**

**Save the Date:** Good Friday at 7:30 PM, the CYO and Spanish Ministry will be presenting the Living Stations of the Cross.





*St. Catharine's Classics  
Eleventh Annual Retreat*

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022**

**San Alfonso Retreat House, Ocean Ave. Long Branch**

**Presented by Fr. Kevin O'Neil, Csr.**

**THE EUCHARIST  
(THE REAL PRESENCE)**

Let us take a one day break in the quiet of San Alfonso Retreat House and learn how to deepen our understanding of the wonderful gift that God has given to us in the EUCHARIST.

The program starts at 9am and concludes at approximately 3pm. Cost \$60 per person (includes breakfast and full lunch.)

Make checks payable to **St. Catharine-St. Margaret Parish** and mail to:

**Tom and Isabella Maguire,  
1913 Kwansan Court  
Toms River, NJ 08755**



**Mercy Center**  
Empower • Enrich • Educate

**Donations needed for the Mercy Center**

**Bins for Mercy Center donations have once again been placed at both entrances to the church.**

**Items most urgently needed at this time are the following:**

Diapers (sizes 1 and 4) • Soap • Toilet paper  
Chicken in a can • Cookies/crackers • Instant Coffee  
Hot Chocolate packets • Boxes of sugar packets  
Canned fruit • Ketchup/mayo/mustard  
Dried beans • Powdered or shelf stable milk  
Rice • Small/medium boxes complete pancake mix/  
syrup • Granola/fruit bars • Pasta/Spaghetti sauce  
Ramen noodles • Laundry detergent • Razors

**Thank you for your generosity.**



You and your daughter are cordially invited to the

**Mother - Daughter  
Tea**

**Wonderfully Made**

Empowering moms and daughters to embrace God's beautiful plan for becoming a woman  
(Daughters age 10 and up); Grandmothers and Aunts are welcome

**Sunday, May 15, 2022;**

**12:30 pm - 3 pm; \$20 per family**

**St. Denis Parish, 90 Union Avenue, Manasquan, NJ 08736**

For more information and to register visit:

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/mother-daughter-tea>  
or call Betsy Rice (732)223-0287

**Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE)**

St Catharine Church, Holmdel NJ, is currently seeking applicants for a full-time Coordinator of Religious Education. The qualified candidate has experience in parish ministry and will work closely with the Pastor in advancing the mission in the parish. The Coordinator of Religious Education is responsible for the Religious Education Program for grades 1-8, family catechesis, as well as Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation preparation.

The CRE is also responsible for the recruiting, training, and leading of catechists for both the Religious Education Program and RCIA. Qualified candidates will have a minimum of a BA Degree in Religious Education, Theology, or related field. Candidates with an unrelated degree will be required to complete the Diocesan Leadership Program for Parish Catechetical Leaders.

The successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. He/she must be flexible in the work schedule, willing to work some evenings and occasional weekends. Please e-mail your resume with cover letter and two professional references and one personal reference to: [saiello@stcatharine.net](mailto:saiello@stcatharine.net)





## Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry

Forty Days for Life: As of March 2, 192 babies have been confirmed saved due to the prayerful presence of 40 Days for Life prayer warriors throughout our country. We always feel that there are many more than these numbers rescued because their parents see us at the modern day Calvary, consider this a sign that they should choose life for their babies, and just go home. Another baby saved! It's amazing how blessed we all feel to be this presence. Being cursed and sometimes even threatened, it's a small price to pay if even one precious baby is saved. A dark and painful place each child brought there faces--that is less lonely and hopeless when not suffered alone. What we do for these babies we do for Jesus of Calvary! How blessed are we—and especially as we head toward Holy Week.

Our ministry is taking on yet another issue: human trafficking. Some of us recently attended a virtual conference on trafficking that effects 20 million of our brothers and sisters worldwide. In the sex trafficking industry there are many forced abortions. This is not something these mothers choose and yet they suffer the losses of their children. At our upcoming meetings we will discuss ways to be involved in ending this horrific scourge against humanity and assisting the survivors of human trafficking.

Please join us in our work. We have an upcoming Mother's Day Rose Sale in all four parishes and need sellers after every Mass. Contact your parish representative or MCPLM president Mary Reilly at [Mary33angel@aol.com](mailto:Mary33angel@aol.com). God love and bless all those who stand up for life. And God love and protect all of our babies, all those trafficked into the sex trade and servitude trafficking industries, and all of the suffering people of Ukraine!

## Some Thoughts for April by Marge Loenser

Some say April got its name from the Roman word "aprilis" which means "to open." Since such lovely blooms such as, tulips, iris, daffodils and many more, open up this month, it seems rightly named to me.

Here we are immersed in Lenten practices, preparing for Easter, which is of course, the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and per the Father's plan, Jesus was born to be the sacrificial lamb to destroy death; to suffer and die for us; to raise Himself up from the dead to open up the gates of heaven for us. As a lowly sinner I praise and thank You, Lord! How much You suffered for us is very difficult to grasp.

The earliest Easter can fall is March 22nd, and the latest it can fall on is April 25th (which BTW is the Feast of our Patron Saint, St. Mark). These dates depend on the cycles of the moon, set to coincide with the first Sunday after the pascal full moon, or the first Sunday after the vernal equinox. The church recognizes the vernal equinox to be March 21st, or the first day of Spring. Also the early church wanted Easter to coincide with Passover, which Jesus and the apostles were celebrating before His passion. This year we celebrate Easter on April 17th.

During lent I watch Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion of the Christ." One scene that I would like to share with you was the one where Jesus, on His way to Calvary, falling beneath the weight of the cross meets His Holy Mother. His face is lacerated and He is bleeding. He can barely form words and He looks at His Mother and says: "See, I make all things new."

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, let us continue to pray for peace in the world, especially for an end to the war in Ukraine. Let us not cease to lift one another up in our daily struggles, be they physical emotional or spiritual. Please don't forget to start the Novena of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy on Good Friday. May God grant us the grace and the strength we need each day to follow him no matter what happens. God grant us a blessed Easter.

Love,  
Marge







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**Missions of California with Sr. Margaret Tierney on October 7-15, 2022.** We will be visiting many missions, Hollywood, wineries, the redwood sequoia trees and much more. There will be an information meeting on **May 10th at 2PM** in Duffy Hall at St. Margaret's Church. For more information, please call **Sr. Margaret at 732-449-5765, x124.**

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Abril 3, 2022

### Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

**Primera Lectura: Is 43, 16-21:** Esto dice el Señor, que abrió un camino en el mar y un sendero en las aguas impetuosas, el que hizo salir a la batalla a un formidable ejército de carros y caballos, que cayeron y no se levantaron, y se apagaron como una mecha que se extingue: “No recuerden lo pasado ni piensen en lo antiguo; yo voy a realizar algo nuevo. Ya está brotando. ¿No lo notan? Voy a abrir caminos en el desierto y haré que corran los ríos en la tierra árida. Me darán gloria las bestias salvajes, los chacales y las avestruces, porque haré correr agua en el desierto, y ríos en el yermo, para apagar la sed de mi pueblo escogido. Entonces el pueblo que me he formado proclamará mis alabanzas”.

**Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6.**

#### Grandes cosas ha hecho por nosotros, Señor.

Cuando el Señor nos hizo volver cautiverio creíamos soñar: entonces no cesaba de reír nuestra boca. Ni se cansaba entonces la lengua de cantar.

#### Grandes cosas ha hecho por nosotros, Señor.

Aun los mismo paganos con asombro decían:  
“¡Grandes cosas ha hecho por ellos el Señor!”  
Y estábamos alegres, pues ha hecho grandes cosas por su pueblo el Señor.

#### Grandes cosas ha hecho por nosotros, Señor.

Como cambian los ríos la suerte del desierto, cambia también ahora nuestra suerte, Señor, y entre gritos de júbilo cosecharán aquellos que siembran con dolor.

#### Grandes cosas ha hecho por nosotros, Señor.

Al ir, iban llorando, cargando la semilla;  
al regresar, cantando vendrán con sus gavillas.

#### Grandes cosas ha hecho por nosotros, Señor.

**Segunda Lectura: Fil 3, 8-14.**

Hermanos: Todo lo que era valioso para mí, lo consideré sin valor a causa de Cristo. Más aún pienso que nada vale la pena en comparación con el bien supremo, que consiste en conocer a Cristo Jesús, mi Señor, por cuyo amor he renunciado a todo, y todo lo considero como basura, con tal de ganar a Cristo y de estar unido a él, no porque haya obtenido la justificación que proviene de la ley, sino la que procede de la fe en Cristo Jesús, con la que Dios hace justos a los que creen. Y todo esto, para conocer a Cristo, experimentar la fuerza de su resurrección, compartir sus sufrimientos y asemejarme a él en su muerte, con la esperanza de resucitar con él de entre los muertos. No quiero decir que haya logrado ya ese ideal o que sea ya perfecto, pero me esfuerzo en conquistarlo, porque Cristo Jesús me ha conquistado. No, hermanos, considero que todavía no lo he logrado. Pero eso sí, olvido lo que he dejado atrás, y me lanzo hacia adelante, en busca de la meta y del trofeo al que Dios, por medio de Cristo Jesús, nos llama desde el cielo.

#### Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Joel 2, 12-13.

R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

Todavía es tiempo, dice el Señor.

Arrepiéntanse de todo corazón y vuélvanse a mí, que soy compasivo y misericordioso.

R. Honor y gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

#### Evangelio: Jn 8, 1-11.

En aquel tiempo, Jesús se retiró al monte de los Olivos y al amanecer se presentó de nuevo en el templo, donde la multitud se le acercaba; y él, sentado entre ellos, les enseñaba. Entonces los escribas y fariseos le llevaron a una mujer sorprendida en adulterio, y poniéndola frente a él, le dijeron: “Maestro, esta mujer ha sido sorprendida en flagrante adulterio. Moisés nos manda en la ley apedrear a estas mujeres. ¿Tú que dices?” Le preguntaban esto para ponerle una trampa y poder acusarlo. Pero Jesús se agachó y se puso a escribir en el suelo con el dedo. Como insistían en su pregunta, se incorporó y les dijo: “Aquel de ustedes que no tenga pecado, que le tire la primera piedra”. Se volvió a agachar y siguió escribiendo en el suelo. Al oír aquellas palabras, los acusadores comenzaron a escabullirse uno tras otro, empezando por los más viejos, hasta que dejaron solos a Jesús y a la mujer, que estaba de pie, junto a él. Entonces Jesús se enderezó y le preguntó: “Mujer, ¿dónde están los que te acusaban? ¿Nadie te ha condenado?” Ella le contestó: “Nadie, Señor”. Y Jesús le dijo: “Tampoco yo te condeno. Vete y ya no vuelvas a pecar”.



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