

# 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    |
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#### **Ministries**

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





Please pray for our sick: Regina Shine, Pat Gibbs, 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.

Easter Collection total is \$34,204.

May 4, 2025 collection total is \$10,188.

Last year's May 5, 2024 collection total was \$9,980.



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.



Social Concerns Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, May 13th** at noon in Father Child's Hall. Snacks will be served. New members are always welcome.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 11: Happy Mother's Day! Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale. See page 6.

**May 13:** Social Concerns Ministry will meet at noon in Father Child's Hall. Snacks will be served. New members are always welcome.

**May 22:** Memorial Day Goodie Bag donations for our homebound and elderly are due by 9am. See page 8.

**May 26:** Emily Walker Memorial Day Walk for Hunger. See page 11.



#### May 11, 2025

Monday Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10 Tuesday Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30 Wednesday Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Jn 15:9-17

**Thursday** Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 Jn 13:16-20

**Friday** Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6 **Saturday** Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14 **Sunday** Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35.



**PRAYER FOR THE 2025 CONCLAVE** 

O God, eternal shepherd,

who govern your flock with unfailing care, send your Holy Spirit upon the Cardinals gathered in Conclave and grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church who will please you by his holiness and show us your watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### † This Week's Mass Intentions

#### Monday, May 12 7:30 AM

† Dorothy Wright by Family † William Burgess by Ed Judy Blaha

#### 11:00 AM

† Jean Judge by Estate † Anne Hart by Estate

#### Tuesday, May 13

7:30 AM

† Carol Treger by Estate

#### 11:00 AM

† John Burt Checton by John & Maria Checton † Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry

#### Wednesday, May 14

7:30 AM

† Phyllis Blaine by Estate

#### 11:00 AM

† Agnes Morgan by Estate

† Barbara Heindle by Estate

† Joseph Norton, 10th Anniversary by Kathleen Norton

#### Thursday, May 15

7:30 AM

† Jerry Dempsey by Kathy Clarke

#### 11:AM

† Suzanne Smith by Betsy Smith

† Edward W. Donohue by Mary & Dan McGowan

† Robert Hammond by John & Maryanne Greene

#### Friday, May 16 7:30 AM

**Private Intention** 

#### 11:00 AM

† Margaret Mary Checton by John & Maria Checton
 † Bridie & Denis Madigan by Paulette McCormack
 Judy Dolin by Eileen & Pete McHugh

### Saturday, May 17

7:30 AM

† Ted Zeller by Estate † Eileen Halley by Friend

4:30 PM

† Kurt Borowsky by Marybeth & Joe Walsh † Rose Juilano by Paula Wickersty † James J White Jr. by JoAnn Bill Mihal

### Sunday, May 18

8:00 AM

People of the Parish

#### 10:00 AM

† Stephen J. Bohacik by Bohacik Family† Jerry Dempsey by Betsy Smith† Robert Coogan by Family

#### 12 Noon

† Alfred DeAntonio by DeAntonio Family

#### 5:00 PM

† Caroline Viggiano by Diana Zuna

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

"Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Radical Solidarity"

#### **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<sup>th</sup> 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 dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-lifeministry USCCB:usccb.org/prolife OR respectlife.org.



# OUR GOAL

\$59,000

Help St. Mark's Reach Our 2025 Appeal Goal

St. Mark's has been given a diocesan appeal goal of \$59,000 this year. Thanks to the generosity of 92 donors, we've already raised \$37,367—putting us more than halfway there!

\$37,367

Last year, 132 donors helped us raise \$47,347—bringing us within reach of our goal. With your continued generosity, we're confident we can meet or even exceed this year's target.

We invite you to consider making a gift of any amount. Every contribution—large or small—brings us closer to our goal and helps ensure that St. Mark's remains a thriving, faith-filled parish for the future.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mark's and the Diocese of Trenton.

With gratitude and blessings, Fr. Miguel

CLICK HERE TO DONATE

Visit https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal

### **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

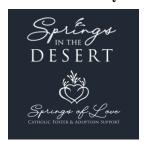
**The Madonna House** - founded in 1987 is in Neptune, New Jersey. Madonna House is dedicated to serving infants, children, and women by providing clothing, juvenile furnishings, toys, infant formula, diapers, small household items, and other life necessities to impoverished and needy families – *free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

**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 <a href="Domestic Church Media">Domestic Church Media</a>.

# Buy A Rose! Help a Mom! Support Life!

| Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule<br>May 17/18, 2025 |            |            |                 |   |   |  |
|---|------------|------------|-----------------|---|---|--|
|   | Celebrant  | Deacon     | Reader          | Eucharistic Minister                            | Usher   |  |
| Saturday, 4:30 PM                                   | Fr. Valle  |            | Connie Duffy    | Connie Duffy<br>Anthony Granato<br>Lynn Jelliff | Anthony Granato<br>Walter Henry<br>Joe Walsh          |  |
| Sunday, 8:00 AM                                     | Fr. Valle  |            | Robert Cavazini | Dan Crimmins<br>Rose Crimmins                   | Pat Ahern<br>Leo Hurley<br>Bob O'Neill<br>Glenn Skola |  |
| Sunday, 10:00 AM                                    | Fr. Valle  | Deacon Joe | Todd Leonhardt  | Jay Lorenzo<br>Tara Malia<br>Jim Sheridan       | Jim Sheridan<br>Rich Siderko                          |  |
| Sunday, 12:00 PM                                    | Fr. Miguel |            | Debbie Dunn     | Molly McCauley<br>Jim Welsh                     | Richard DeGroote<br>Howard Flood                      |  |

#### Mother's Day



For Catholics struggling with infertility and pregnancy loss, Mother's Day can be hard – but there is hope and healing in community! Springs in the Desert is a Catholic ministry that accompanies these women and couples by offering them a place of respite and solidarity where they can know God's love for them and discover His unique call to fruitfulness.

For virtual and in-person events, encouraging blog posts, podcast episodes, and more, visit <a href="https://www.springsinthedesert.org">www.springsinthedesert.org</a>. It is our honor to walk with you!

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #3231 INVITATION: ALL CATHOLIC MEN 18 OR OVER, PLEASE JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!



## We are having our Membership Drive at all Masses, on May 17 & 18, 2025!



Please Scan QR Code and put "Council 3231" as the Council you wish to join.

Contact either Scotty Abercrombie: (732) 245-3332; scottyabercrombie@gmail.com, or Kevin T. Fay: kevintfay@verizon.net; (732)

681-4128.

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, 7PM, at St. Denis School, Manasquan, NJ.

All Parishioners are invited to St. Mark's Parish Breakfast, Sunday, May 18, 2025, immediately after the 10AM Mass, in Fr. Child's Hall, (Church Basement!) Good Food and Fellowship, provided by Knights of Columbus Council #3231! . We will also show our Membership Video to all who wish to see it!

After the 5PM Mass, we will once again show our 26 minute Membership Video, in Spanish, and have FREE PIZZA, for all men who wish to see the video.

We support many charities, including The Madonna House, Holy Innocents Society, Catholic Relief Services, etc. Some of our Charitable Programs are FREE "Coats for Kids", A summer golf tournament, Intellectual Disabilities Charity Drive, and Parishioner Breakfasts at St. Marks and St. Denis Parishes. We invite you to Grow your Catholic Faith, by participating in our religious Programs!

# Donations Needed for Memorial Day Goodie Bags!

Please consider donating packaged cookies or candy for our "Memorial Day Goodie Bags" distribution to our homebound and elderly parishioners.

Donations may be placed in the bin located in the church basement by 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 22nd.

Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated by our Social Concerns Ministry.

### **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 TOILTRIES

**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!** 

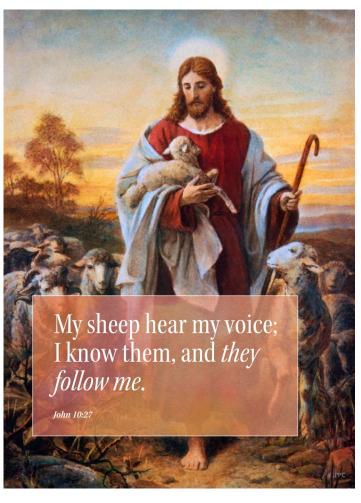
#### MERCY CENTER

<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!







The Woman's Club of Spring Lake invites you to an Evening of Céilí on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at St. Denis Church, Manaquan.

- •Dance Lessons: 4:00–5:00 PM
- •Céilí Dancing: 5:00–8:00 PM
- •Light refreshments provided | BYO beverage
- •\$20 per person

For reservations call Mary Skola 201-401-4562. Proceeds benefit local charities.

"The Passing of Pope Francis" Dear Grandmothers and Grandfathers: The Guild is grateful for the legacy Pope Francis left us with his establishment of the celebration of World Day for Grandparents. Let's continue our commitment to pass on the Catholic faith to our grandchildren with renewed hope. What better way than to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, May 20th, at 11 a.m. in the St. Denis Parish Center. We look forward to meeting you.

### Young Adult Pro-life Cocktail Party Fundraiser on Friday, May 16th in Red Bank:

Calling all pro-life young adults... Join us for "Life, Liberty & Libations" ~ a cocktail party fundraiser for young adults (ages 21-39) to benefit LIFENET, a pro-life educational organization. Event will be held on Friday, May 16th from 6:30-8:30 PM at Buona Sera Restaurant in Red Bank, NJ. Registration includes open bar, hors d'oeuvres, brief presentation, coffee & dessert. Tickets are \$75 per person. Visit lifeneteducation.org/cocktailparty to register. For more info, email info@lifeneteducation.org or call 973-497-4520.



The 3rd Annual Norah Elizabeth Bruther Memorial Walk & Luncheon/Gift Auction Honoring the Life and Legacy of Norah Elizabeth Bruther

Date: Saturday, May 31, 2025
Location: Sea Girt Boardwalk (Walk) &
Parker House (Luncheon & Auction).
For more information visit
www.norahbrutherscholarship.org or Scan

the QR code to register, donate, or learn more!



Norah Elizabeth Bruther was born and raised in Wall, NJ
— a true Jersey Shore girl who loved the beach, soccer,
friends, and family. Her life was tragically **cut short by a drunk driver** in May 2022. In her memory, her family
created the **Norah Elizabeth Bruther Memorial Scholarship Fund** to carry on her legacy of kindness,
connection, and community.

Scholarships are awarded annually to:
-A student from Red Bank Catholic High School (NJ)
-A student from Moravian University (PA)
Each scholarship follows the recipient for all four years of their education.

To date, **four scholarships** have been awarded.
Join us in honoring Norah's light and spirit.
All proceeds go to support the Memorial Scholarship
Fund 501c(3) non-profit.

#### **CYO End of School Year Party**

The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace..."

Cardinal Mindszenty

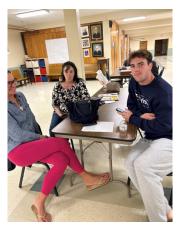




Our last Sunday night CYO meeting each year is always a very difficult time for me. For four years we have had wonderful teenagers (aka CYO angels) as part of our CYO family. They are loving, loyal and true—young, vibrant disciples of our precious Lord. I never stop missing them and it hits me especially hard at our first September meeting when they are not there. But then I see the sweet faces of those who are still in high school(and CYO) and new faces, and my joy returns. Seniors, stay loyal and true...you are His "chosen." God gave the call, you said yes and now your lives are forever "grafted onto Christ's life."















CYO—please sign up ASAP for our Emily Walker Memorial Day Walk for Hunger!!!!!!

# Saint Mark's CYO Presents: Fourth Annual Emily Walker Memorial Day Walk for Hunger Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM



### Meet at the North End Pavilion in Spring Lake

Collect \$5 from 5 people (\$25 total)

To benefit Manasquan Food Pantry, Fulfill, Missionaries of Charity Meals for the Homeless,

### **Metanoia Manor and World Villages for Children**

( Permission slips are required for CYO members.)

Contact Mary Reilly at mary33angels@aol.com to sign up.

#### We hope to see you there!

If inclement weather is expected, the event will be moved to May 25th.

Parishioners may donate by mailing a check made out to St. Mark's to the rectory. Thx!





50% OF PROCEEDS WILL BE PAID TO THREE RAFFLE WINNERS

1st prize 65% 2nd prize 25% 3rd prize 10%

50% OF PROCEEDS TO HELP DEFER CHURCH EXPENSES

TICKETS: \$25 EACH

DRAWING WILL BE HELD: SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

Winner need not be present to win.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ORDER TICKETS CALL: (732) 449-6364

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

#### Padre Miguel Valle, Vicario Parroquial

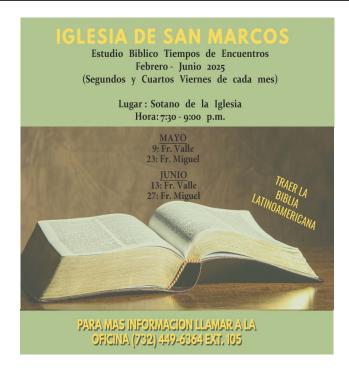
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#### Diana Zuna

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| Calendario de Ministerios<br>Domingo, Mayo 18, 2025<br>Misa 5:00 p.m. |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Celebrante  | Padre Miguel  |  |  |  |  |
| Lectores  | Jonathan Garcia<br>Adeline Cruz   |  |  |  |  |
| Ministros de Eucaristía   | Rosa Robalino<br>Clever Cartagena<br>Lidet Cartagena  |  |  |  |  |
| Ujieres   | Florina Sanchez<br>Isabel Lopez<br>Brigeet Luna<br>Leodegaria Lopez   |  |  |  |  |
| Monaguillos   | Carolina Garcia<br>Aurora Garcia<br>Kailey Garcia<br>Natalie Oseguera<br>Jessica Hernandez<br>Michelle Cisneros |  |  |  |  |









# RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS PARA EL FESTIVAL DE SAN MARCOS

50% DE GANANCIAS SE PAGARÁ ENTRE 3 GANADORES

1er premio 65% 2do premio 25% 3er premio 10%

50% DE GANANCIAS SE DESTINARÁ A AYUDAR PARA GASTOS DE LA IGLESIA

\$25 POR CADA BOLETO

**EL SORTEO SE REALIZARÁ:** 

**DOMINGO: JULIO 13, 2025** 

\*Ganadores no necesitan estar presentes\*

PARA MAS INFORMACION O COMPAR BOLETOS LLAMAR AL: (732) 449-6364 ext. 104.