

**You are Peter, and upon this rock
I will build my Church.**

Matthew 16:18



**The Rectory Office will be closed on July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
We will reopen on Monday, July 7th. Have a safe & joyful holiday!**

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

**(There will be no confessions after the
11AM Mass on Thursday, July 3rd.)**

Rectory Office 732-449-6364

Bulletin	Ext. 114
Religious Education	Ext. 105
Social Concerns	Ext. 108
Spanish Ministry	Ext. 104 or Ext. 105
Weddings	Ext. 100

Ministries

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



Please pray for our sick: Alice Healy, Alex Oross, Marilyn Wolf, 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 on the sick list read at Mass will remain for four weeks and then be removed, unless the requester contacts us to extend it for another four weeks. To respect privacy, our pastor requires that only the individual or a family member may request that a name be added. Names will continue to appear in the bulletin until the individual or their family requests removal.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please keep in your prayers the souls of our departed loved ones—members of our parish, diocese, family, and friends who have recently passed away.

† Donald Colasurdo
† Mary Eileen McGowan
† Harold Hayek, Sr.

May the angels lead them into paradise.



St. Mark's Bereavement Ministry

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you don't have to face it alone. St. Mark's Bereavement Ministry offers support and compassion during this difficult time.

The group meets **Wednesdays at 11 AM at St. Mark's.**

For more information, please contact
Sue Nolan at 718-637-1162.

All are welcome.



St. Mark's Church is wheelchair accessible. A ramp is available on the north side, and an elevator is located on the south side of the church. Handicapped parking is provided in the driveway, along the south side, and in front of the church.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

June 29: Our second collection supports the Peter's Pence Collection, which aids the charitable works of our Holy Father, Pope Leo. Thank you for your generosity.

July 4: Happy Fourth of July! The Rectory Office will be closed on July 4th in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on Monday, July 7th. Have a safe & joyful holiday!

July 13:

- Parish Festival. See page 8.
- Our second collection supports our Annual Social Concerns Fundraiser. See page 6.

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June 29, 2025

Monday Gen 18:16-33 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday Gen 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday Gen 21:5, 8-20a Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 8:28-34
Thursday Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc-2 Jn 20:24-29
Friday Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 9:9-13
Saturday Gen 27:1-5, 15-29 Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:14-17
Sunday Is 66:10-14c Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9.

Rosary Makers Meeting: Join us on Monday, June 30th at 1pm in Fr. Child's Hall (St. Mark's basement) for our final meeting before the summer break. We'll resume in September. All are welcome—both our faithful rosary makers and anyone interested in learning!

"The Rosary is a priceless treasure inspired by God" (*Saint Louis De Montfort*).

Questions? Contact Maria at
mgchecton@gmail.com or (732) 245-8405



Thank you! We are so grateful to all those who make a financial sacrifice each week to support our parish and its ministries. We would especially like to thank all who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes, as well as those who give online through the Parish Giving program. Your continued generosity and commitment are deeply appreciated.

The collection total for June 22, 2025 was \$12,864.
Collection total for June 21, 2024 was \$12,121.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule
July 5/6, 2025

	Celebrant	Deacon	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Fr. Miguel	Deacon Mike, Preaching	Sue Hannon	Lynn Jelliff Sandra Keary	Anthony Gran- ato Walter Henry Joe Walsh
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Fr. Miguel	Deacon Joe, Preaching	Marie Behnken	Pat Cadematori Gary Cadematori	Pat Ahern Leo Hurley Bob O'Neill Glenn Skola
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Fr. Valle	Deacon Joe, Preaching	Todd Leonhardt	Darian Boyle Jay Lorenzo	Jim Sheridan Rich Siderko
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Fr. Miguel	Deacon Mike, Preaching	Janet Armelino	Maria Checton Jim Welsh	Richard DeGroote Howard Flood



A Message from Fr. Miguel

Invitation to Serve

Dear Parish Family,

Peace and blessings to all.

Recently, we have received a letter expressing concerns about certain aspects of our liturgical celebrations—particularly regarding altar servers, readers, sacristy assistance, and the general flow of our Mass. I want to take a moment to acknowledge these concerns with honesty, humility, and pastoral care.

The reality is that we are currently experiencing a shortage of volunteers in many of our key ministries. We are in need of Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Sacristans—people willing to dedicate just a small portion of their time to help ensure that our celebrations are carried out with dignity, reverence, and order.

At times, due to this lack of help, we may fall short—whether it's a delay in turning on the microphones, adjusting lights in the sacristy, or organizing the liturgical procession. Please know that none of this is due to carelessness or disregard, but rather to the simple fact that we are doing our best with limited resources.

This is also an opportunity. With all respect and kindness, I warmly invite anyone who feels called to step forward and participate more actively in the life of our parish. Your time and talents are deeply needed and greatly appreciated.

Let us continue to support one another in faith, charity, and mutual understanding. Together, we can continue building a vibrant, welcoming, and prayerful community.

With gratitude and blessings,
Fr. Miguel

Help Us Stay in Touch!

Have you recently moved or changed your phone number or email address? We'd love to keep our records up to date so we can stay connected with you!

Please take a moment to fill out the form below. You can drop it in the collection basket at the church entrance or slip it into the mail slot at the rectory.

Thanks so much for helping us keep in touch!

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

First Name (s): _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, June 30

7:30 AM

† Griffith Clarke by Clarke Family

11:00 AM

† Cam Toscano by Sandra & Michael Keary

† Ruth Joseph by Patricia Healey

Tuesday, July 1

7:30 AM

† Dorothy Wright by Family

11:00 AM

† Mary McCluskey by Estate

† Arthur G. Warden, Jr. by Linda & Pat Cavanaugh

† E. Thomas Brennan, III by St. Marks Parish

Wednesday, July 2

7:30 AM

† Colette Casey by Estate

† Francis X. Keegan by William Travers

11:00 AM

† Jean Judge by Estate

† E. Thomas Brennan, III by Pat & Joe Casey

† Tia Loffredo by Annette Sudowsky

Thursday, July 3

7:30 AM

† Carol Treger by Estate

11:00 AM

† Anne Macenczak by Estate

† Nancy Shalhoub by St. Marks Parish Family

† Donald Mottola by Eileen & Pete McHugh

Friday, July 4

7:30 AM

† Ted Zeller by Estate

† Megan O'Day Hesketh by Patrice O'Day

11:00 AM

† Paul Fredricks by John & Patt Gibbs

† Domenica Castagna Virdo by Bertucci Family

† Jerry Dempsey by Don & Mary McLaughlin

Saturday, July 5

7:30 AM

† Patrick Scatuorchio by Scatuorchio Family

4:30 PM

† Edward H. Ahern by Michael & Ellen Meixsell

† John Coleman by Maureen Machirella

† Joseph Doyle by Schobel Family

Sunday, July 6

8:00 AM

† Nancy Shalhoub by Peggy Matthews & Family

10:00 AM

People of the Parish

12:00 Noon

† Joan Marie McDonough Benjamin by Carol & Tom White

† George Schneider by Schneider Family

† Maria Francesca Ippolito by Longo family

5:00 PM

† Lucia Chavez Garcia by Family

† Isidro Alvarado by Alvarado Family

† Rutilio Guzman Sanchez by Alvarado Espinoza Family



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

"O God our Creator...we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith." USCCB, "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty."

ACTION CENTER

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.

SUPPORT LOCAL PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATION - LIFENET is a non-profit educational organization reaching New Jersey communities with the facts about the humanity of the unborn child, abortion and other bio-ethical issues. They empower young people with critical information on human sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases, and encourage them to set the highest personal standards. LIFENET makes age-appropriate presentations to schools, youth groups, churches, civic organizations, etc., on the topics of chastity, abortion, and stem cell research. For more information on LIFENET visit their website www.lifeneteducation.org.

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/rolife OR respectlife.org.

Fan the Flame of **HOPE**

2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We're Almost There!
We've reached 78% of
our goal—let's finish
strong for His mission!

\$59,000

\$46,345

Help Us Reach Our 2025 Appeal Goal!

St. Mark's goal for the 2025 Diocesan Appeal is \$59,000. Thanks to 118 generous donors, we've already raised \$46,345—just \$12,655 to go!

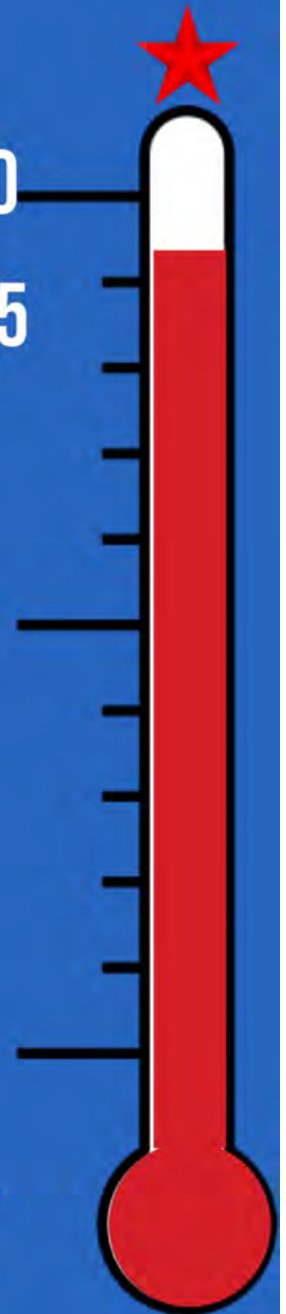
Last year, 132 parishioners helped us reach \$47,347. With your continued support, we can meet—and even exceed—this year's goal.

Every gift matters. Thank you for supporting St. Mark's and the Diocese of Trenton!

With gratitude,
Fr. Miguel

**CLICK HERE TO
DONATE**

Visit <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal>



St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Social Concerns Ministry has been an integral part of the St. Mark's parish community for many years. With over 35 members, we are an active and vibrant organization.

There will be a special collection on the weekend of **July 12th and 13th** to support our neighbors in need. Your generous donations are critical to continuing the activities of this important ministry. Please read the description below of the many support programs in which Social Concerns is involved.

Our ministries include:

Helping Hands – provides emergency financial assistance to individuals and families in lower Monmouth County who are unable to pay rent, mortgage, utilities, etc. In addition to providing direct assistance, we often partner with other local churches.

Ministry of Hope - meets with grieving families to help them plan the funeral for their loved ones.

Giving Tree – provides gifts, food and gift cards at Christmastime to needy families and local organizations. Over 600 gifts were distributed in 2024.

Mercy Center - volunteers regularly deliver donations of food and toiletries from parishioners and work in the food pantry.

Thanksgiving Food Drive – provides food for Thanksgiving dinners.

Tender Loving Care - provides bags of cookies and candy to those living alone or are ill at the holidays.

The Center - volunteers deliver frozen dinners cooked by parishioners to The Center in Asbury Park.

Knitters Group - provides prayer shawls to those who are sick, and blankets and mittens to children.

In addition, we provide support for the various needs of the children and families at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Asbury Park. We continue to provide tuition assistance for needy students. In our own parish, we provide customized T-shirts for St. Mark's CYO's charitable activities.

Thank you so much for your support this past year. Your help with this year's Social Concerns collection would be most appreciated. We can assure you that 100% of your contributions are put to good use. In addition, if you would like to participate in any of our ministries, you can contact us at extension 108 at the rectory or join us at our next meeting on September 9th at noon in Father Childs Hall.

In the words of Mother Teresa, "In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."

Connie Duffy, Pat Gibbs & Jane Duffy
Co-Chairpersons and Treasurer, St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry

Foul Shooting Contest

At St. Mark's Parish Festival Sponsored by
That Man Is You (TMIY)



PLACE
Rectory Driveway

SCHEDULE
Teen Girls (13-18) 1:30 PM
Teen Boys 13-18) 2:30 PM
All Others (9-12) upon completion

**Winners receive \$100 Gift Certificates to
stores in Sea Girt**

\$5 for 5 Shots
**Each contestant will get 5 shots with those who
make the most baskets continuing until
there is a winner**



St. Mark's Parish Festival

**FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, JULY 13th
1:00 to 7:00 p.m.**



**FOOD, BEER
& WINE FOR PURCHASE
ENTERTAINMENT
GAMES
PRIZES
DJ & LIVE MUSIC
50/50 RAFFLE
& MUCH MORE**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE
OUTREACH MINISTRIES OF ST. MARK'S!**

**50/50 STARTS NOW
GET YOUR TICKETS!**

215 Crescent Parkway, Sea Girt, NJ 08750
For more information: (732)449-6364



FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, JULY 13th
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sponsor

Would you like to help sponsor our festival? Please contact Mary Lyons:
(732) 685-3163

Volunteer

We are seeking volunteers to help with the festival, please scan the QR code to see a list of opportunities and available time slots.

For more information, contact Diana Zuna (732) 449-6364 ext 105



SCAN ME



June 29th - July 31st

St. Mark's Confirmation class is kicking off their season of service projects by collecting donations for the Madonna House & Good Counsel Home.

Wish List:

Gifts cards: Amazon, Walmart, Burlington, & Target.

Grocery gift cards: ShopRite, Aldi, & Walmart.

Diapers: Newborn to 12 months.

Baby clothing: Newborn to 12 months.

New Toys for Christmas: Ages 0 to 12 years.

Pick up tags at our Christmas tree located at the main entrance.
Drop off all items with tags in bins located at the entrances of the Church by July 31st.

For more information, please contact Diana Zuna at: (732) 449-6364 ext. 105 or
Mary Lyons at (732) 685-3163

The CYO had a great time playing mini golf and enjoying refreshments at 9th Ave Pier last Sunday!



CCD REGISTRATION 2025-2026

WWW.STMARKSEAGIRT.COM



All families must be registered at St. Mark's in order to attend our program. We will honor requests for specific days, on a first-come basis, classes fill up quickly, so register early.

Registration Fee is \$120 per child. For students in 2nd & 8th grades please include a \$50 sacramental fee per student.

When registering online, you can sign up your children, select classes & update information. Payments are available by check or by phone. If you need assistance or have trouble registering, please call the office on Monday to Thursday from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm or email at diana@stmarkseagirt.com

(732) 449-6364 ext. 105

Grades 1-8
SPACE IS LIMITED



SCAN ME TO REGISTER!



Raffle

ST. MARK'S FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

50% OF PROCEEDS WILL BE PAID TO THREE RAFFLE WINNERS
1st prize 65% 2nd prize 25% 3rd prize 10%
 50% OF PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE OUTREACH
 MINISTRIES OF ST. MARK'S.

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**

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

Collecting Travel-Size Toiletries

St. Mark's Social Concerns Committee is gathering **travel-size toiletry items**—such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, and more—for distribution to those in need in the Asbury Park area.

Donation containers are located at all church entrances.

Thank you for your generosity and support in helping our neighbors in need!

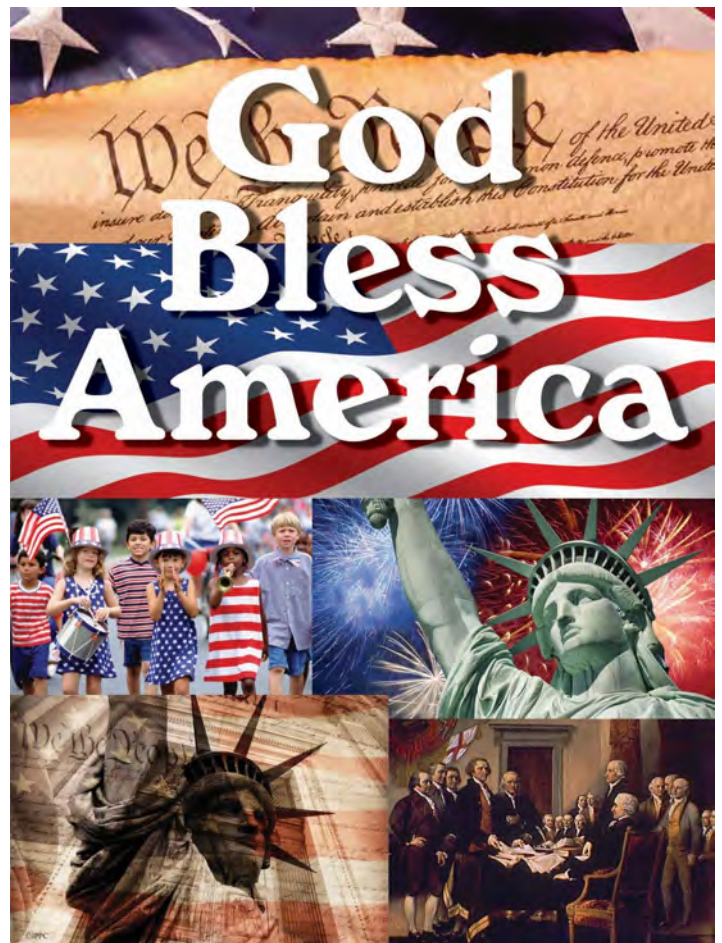
Mercy Center UPDATE!

Please Note: The Mercy Center is **no longer accepting clothing donations**, but there is an **urgent need for canned soup**.

Additional needed items include:

- Diapers (size 4 and up)
- Baby wipes
- Coffee and tea
- Mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup
- Salad dressing

Your continued support helps make a real difference in our community. **Thank you for your generosity!**



Welcome Back!

We warmly welcome all our residents and visitors joining us this summer! Whether you're here for the season or just passing through, we're grateful to have you worship with us.

May your time in our parish be filled with God's peace and joy.



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.

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

Padre Miguel Valle, Vicario Parroquial
 frvalle@stmarkseagirt.com
 Teléfono: (732) 449-6364 ext. 116 or 122.
 Directora del Ministerio de Religión



Diana Zuna
 diana@stmarkseagirt.com
 Teléfono: (732) 449-6364 ext. 105

Calendario de Ministerios Domingo Julio 6, 2025 Misa 5:00 p.m.

Celebrante	Padre Valle
Lectores	Felipe Oseguera Modesta Garcia
Ministros de Eucaristía	Carlos Zuna Rosa Robalino Maria Sanchez
Ujieres	Julio Guinea Rey Quiroz Filemón Jose Jose Luis Muñoz
Monaguillos	Caroline Molina Aurora Garcia Robert Luna Kailey Garcia Fatima Garcia Natalie Oseguera Sophia Sanchez

Registración 2025-2026 Clases de Religión

Atención padres de familia, las registraciones para clases de Religión para niños y adultos estarán disponibles desde hoy hasta el 15 de Septiembre. Podrán venir a la oficina los días lunes a jueves de 9:30-3:00 p.m. para registración en persona.

Tendremos 2 fechas disponibles durante el verano, en donde podrá registrarse los domingos después de la Misa en el sótano de la Iglesia.

**JUNIO 29
 JULIO 20
 AGOSTO 24**

Preparación sacramental de 2 años
 1º & 2º Primera Comunión
 7º & 8º Confirmación
 RICA- jóvenes y adultos mayores de 11 años

REQUISITOS:

- Estar registrados en nuestra parroquia.
- Tener un correo electrónico activo.
- Costo de registración por cada estudiante \$50 (efectivo o cheque). Familias nuevas +\$25
- Cuota sacramental: grados 2nd, 8th & RICA: \$50
- Grados 1º: Hoja de registración de la escuela a donde el niño (a) asiste, para familias nuevas.
- Grados: 3º-8º copia del certificado de Bautismo y Primera Comunión si no recibieron estos sacramentos en nuestra parroquia.

Para más información llamar a Diana Zuna a: (732) 449-6364 ext. 105 los días lunes a jueves de 9:30- 3:00 p.m.

Días de Clases (escojer una opcion)

Clases en Español & Inglés

Domingo- Grados: 1er & 2do 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
 Domingo- Grados: 3ro - 8th 6:05 - 7:15 p.m.

Clases entre semana y en Inglés

Domingo- Grados: 1er - 8th 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.
 Lunes- Grados: 6th, 7th & 8th 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Lunes- Grados: 1er - 5th 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 Martes- Grados: 1er - 6th 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Aviva la Llama de la ESPERANZA Campaña Católica Anual 2025



Rifa 50/50 - Festival de San Marcos ¡Apoye nuestros ministerios parroquiales!

**50% DE LAS GANANCIAS SERÁN
 PARA 3 GANADORES:**

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

**50% RESTANTE BENEFICIA A LOS
 MINISTERIOS DE SAN MARCOS**

\$25 POR CADA BOLETO

Sorteo: Domingo, Julio 13, 2025
 Ganadores no necesitan estar presentes

**Para boletos o más información:
 (732) 449-6364 ext. 104**



Festival Parroquial de San Marcos

DOMINGO, JULIO 13
1:00 - 7:00 p.m.



VENTA DE COMIDA
JUEGOS
ENTRETENIMIENTO
PREMIOS
DJ & MUSICA EN VIVO
50/50
& MUCHO MAS

**¡TODAS LAS GANANCIAS SERAN EN BENEFICIO
A LOS MINISTERIOS DE SAN MARCOS!**

50/50 RIFA
COMPREN SUS BOLETOS YA!

215 Crescent Parkway, Sea Girt, NJ 08750
Para mas informacion: (732)449-6364 ext. 104