

Lectionary: 21 Reading I

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand;

I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness. OR:

Is 55:1-11

Thus says the LORD:

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!

Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy?

Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich

Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not,

and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while

Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts;

let him turn to the LORD for mercy;

to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. (11b) The Lord will bless his people with peace. Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name:

adore the LORD in holy attire.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters,

the LORD, over vast waters.

The voice of the LORD is mighty;

the voice of the LORD is majestic.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD is enthroned above the flood;

the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

OR:

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

R. (3) You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

God indeed is my savior;

I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Reading II Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts

uprightly is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

OR:

1 Jn 5:1-9

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him.

In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.

And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord.

If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater.

Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Alleluia Cf. Jn 1:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mk 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water;

he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

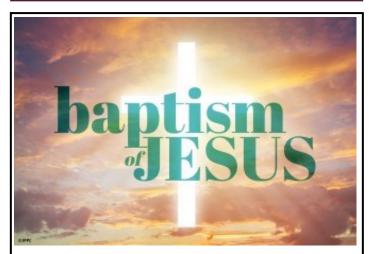
And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



The list of parishioners, relatives, and friends are in need of your prayers for healing. Note 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. Also if you or a loved one are unable to attend mass and would like to receive Holy Communion in a home or assisted living, please notify **Donna at 732-449-6364 ext. 100.**

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Grace Philhower
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Ani Slevin
Cathy Shalloo



Readings for the Week January 10, 2021

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9;

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11;

Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-7, 8;

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15;

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10;

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



CYO News

A Happy and Blessed new year to all!

Fr. Jose spoke on the Feast of the Holy Family about the importance of family and how it is the domestic

church. He emphasized that Jesus Himself spent 30 of His 33 years on earth fully dedicated to being a faithful member of His family—not yet engaging in His public life. Perhaps that is one good thing that resulted from the pandemic. We are at home more—with our families—and this is where we have grown in love and faith. As I have often told you, when I come to a CYO meeting I try to leave Mary Reilly at the front door and just represent Jesus at our meetings. This would be an awesome thing for all of us to do in our homes: leave ourselves at the door and instead bring Jesus into our homes each day.

The CYO will continue to have meetings and do works of charity even as we are strictly limited regarding our inperson meetings. Many of our meetings will be ZOOM so you will be home. Others (in-person in church) will be strictly limited to no more than ten people until further notice. Some of our meetings will be outdoors. I am researching outdoor fire pits, so that may be the way to go. As I promised, I will also be scheduling at least one bowling night too.

I would also like to bring back Stars and Planets' Night and have it right in front of church. Since we will be outside, we are not limited in how many can attend. If any parishioner would be kind enough to lend us a telescope, that would be greatly appreciated.

Because of the need to be flexible due to weather and health concerns, I have to keep our schedule flexible. For weekly updates please check your emails (CYO parents) and cell phones (CYO members). You can always contact me at Mary33angels@aol.com or 732-685-6011.

God love and bless you all!!!!!!

Mrs. Mary Reilly

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

Prayer to Jesus for Coronavirus Healing

Jesus Christ You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At Your command the sick were made well. Come to our aid now in the midst of the global spread of the corona virus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus, may they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Carry in Your arms those who have died from the virus and bring them home. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. May they know Your Peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who put themselves at risk in serving the sick. May they know your protection. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they were meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long term solutions to help prevent future outbreaks. Our Lord Jesus stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us Your Peace. Jesus Christ heal us. Amen.

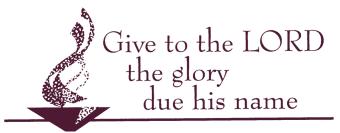
Any parishioner who has not been able to attend Mass and would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to them, please contact Donna at the rectory, 732-449-6364 x100 or email donna@stmarkseagirt.com.



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

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.



This Week's Mass Intentions		
Date	Intention	Requested by
Monday, Janua	ry 11	
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	† Phyllis Blaine † Charles Williams	Estate Paulette McCormack
Tuesday, Janu	ary 12	
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	† John Fitzgerald Susan Wright (Special Intention) Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark's	Judy and Gene Mulvaney Mr. and Mrs. Anthony P. Randazzo, Jr. Social Concerns
Wednesday, Ja	nuary 13	
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	Special Intention Bernie Ricciardi, 85th Birthday † Michael Long	Family Family Dr. Belott and Staff
Thursday, Jan	<u> </u>	Di. Belott and stari
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	† Agnes Morgan † John Fitzgerald	Estate Coogan Family
Friday, Januar	y 15	
7:30 AM 11:00 AM	† James Ronga † Thomas Jappe	Reynolds Family Ginny Murphy
Saturday, Janu	ary 16	
7:30 AM 4:30 PM	† Carol Treger † Dolores Randazzo † Nancy Junjulas	Estate Marion Reilly Kathy and Bob Flammer
Sunday, Janua	ry 17	
8:00 AM 10:00 AM	† John King, 3rd Anniversary † Robert F. Reddington, Sr. † Jenny Carfagno People of the Parish	Barbara King Tages Family Marc, Missy and Nicole
5:00 PM	Private Intention (Special Intention) Luengas Lopez Family (Special Intention) † Rufina Sanchez Sandoval	Family Family Julia Alvarado



Thoughts for January 2021 ~ Marge Loenser

January gets its name from the Roman god Janus, who was the god of beginnings and endings. Interesting! As we end 2020, (thank you God) we begin 2021, and after slogging our way thru this past year, we look back to see that we have experienced challenges that we have never had before: in the practice of our faith, and in political, medical and social situations. We see our country left divided and we see that this pandemic has left us with much loss and sadness; it has curtailed our getting together to celebrate and our getting together to grieve; it literally has changed our societal habits completely! On the positive side we have learned to use technology to bridge the gap, for example we have Zoom and Face time. Who would have thought we would be celebrating mass from St. Mark's on line? (and grateful that we could). God does provide for us!

We ask our Heavenly Father to bless this new year with hope and gratitude. We pray that the vaccine arrives and changes things so we can arrive at "normalcy" again!

This month starts out celebrating our Holy Mother Mary as the Mother of God. On the 3rd we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord --the visit of the three wise men. Among other saints this month we celebrate Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton. In 1774 she was born into a wealthy Episcopalian family; she married well and had five children, but she was left a widow at an early age. While visiting Italy she converted to Catholicism. She was the founder of Catholic schools in the United States. She is the patron saint for Catholic schools and loss of parents.

On the 21st we celebrate St. Agnes, virgin and martyr. At the age of thirteen, in the year 304 she was turned over to Roman authorities by suitors that she refused to marry and was murdered for her faith.

One of my favorite saints that we celebrate this month is St. Thomas Aquinas, a doctor of the church. As a Catholic school student how can I ever forget learning his "Tantum Ergo" and his "O Salutaris Hostia". At 11 years of age, I could sing in Latin!!

Our day of prayer for the unborn falls on January 22nd. This will be a very special day for me as I recall that my brother Mickey and I attended the March for Life in D.C. together, many years ago. He recently passed away, but his goodness and love for family and church continues to inspire me and my family. Thank You Jesus for giving us Mickey, I know he is with You.

May God bless our new year. May we learn to turn to Him more and more. May we learn to be accepting and grateful. May God continue to bless St. Mark's church. God bless Msgr. Flynn, Fr. Jose, Deacon Mike and the wonderful staff that works to keep our parish running so smoothly. God bless each of us. Love Marge







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Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Many a joke has been told about the trial and tribulation that is part of most people's dealings with their state's DMV. I refer to the much maligned Department of Motor Vehicles. Its various ways and means conjure up images of purgatory, especially with the demands it makes on our patience. This last is exacerbated with the

restrictions brought on by the current pandemic. Already being bureaucracy at its worst, when one adds those in, I think then the experiences it creates for its users could be recorded as "Intimations of Purgatory."

My needs were twofold: buying a car from a private seller, and renewing my driver's license. Were I to tell you my whole story, including a suggestion from an official to "go have breakfast and we'll text you when it's near time for your spot in line to get serviced", I believe you might giggle a little and think how it resembled an episode of "Seinfeld".

My point in all this recall is to highlight the importance these days of carrying some proof on your person that you are who you claim to be. Today's feast celebrates the fact that at His baptism, Our Lord had no such need, for He received in spectacular fashion His authentication. God the Father said it in five words: "You are my beloved Son."

However, you and I cannot remain simple observers of a passing scene in this case. The fact that Jesus was baptized, and declared God's Son then and there brings to the fore a pair of religious obligations we all have inherited as a result of our own baptism.

First is that we take our baptism very seriously, far from being just a happy memory caught by a collection of posed pictures of us as infants at the font. Second, we must take seriously every facet of Christ's teaching in making decisions for action practically every day.

Most Catholic adults only confront the importance of their baptism when they visit the parish office seeking permission to be a godparent; or arranging a wedding; or setting up the baptism of their own new child.

The significance of this sacrament is the fact that it is the "gatekeeper" for the other six. It begins our full commitment to Christ, albeit made through our godparents, waiting for us to make it on our own. This automatically means that we are called to full participation in the life of the Church He founded, and identified Himself with as its Head.

What are some aspects of our commitment? For one, we may have to decide on any given Sunday, do I go to Mass, or junior's soccer game? Do I opt for more sleep because I've had a hard week at work? Do I attend my daughter's Confirmation class on Saturday or go instead to a ballet performance? Basic items but real cases. And those are only the beginning.

Our baptism gave us our permanent identity and it involves far more than a cleansing from original sin. I leave it up to you to research the whole beautiful treatment of the sacrament given by the Church from her earliest days. Refresh your earlier learning by finding online the beautiful truths presented by the official Church catechism.

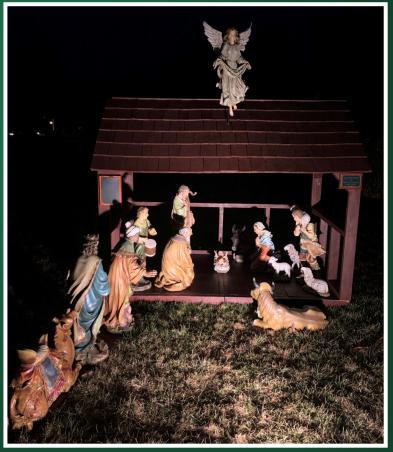
Meanwhile, here is rich food for thought from C.S. Lewis, one of the best exponents of the Christian faith: "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

God love you and give you His peace.









St. Mark's Church beautifully decorated for Christmas.



Respect Life

As the new year begins, there are many issues in society that challenge our Catholic moral and social teachings. Opposition to

abortion remains our "pre-eminent priority." During the month of January when we acknowledge the 48th anniversary of the fateful Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision, I invite the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Trenton to join one another in a common prayerful response: (1) pray the rosary daily for the rest of the month for an end to abortion in our country; (2) pray the newly created "Novena to St. Joseph" to end abortion that will be published on our parish and diocesan websites each day, January 14 through 22; (3) pray and fast to end abortion on the actual anniversary date, January 22, as parishes celebrate Masses for the legal protection of the unborn. Since COVID precautions will restrict our usual participation in the annual March for Life in Washington on January 29, I will celebrate Mass online that day and many parishes will celebrate Masses in churches for all these intentions. As a Diocese, as parishes, let us pray for an end to abortion, for the legal protection of the unborn and in thanksgiving to God for the gift of human life. Thank

Bishop O'Connell



St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society

On Friday, January 22, The altar rosary society will pray the rosary for the unborn after the 11am mass, during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Monsignor Flynn will bless us with the meditations. All are welcome to join us, and note that this Rosary will be live

streamed for those who cannot attend.

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

The Baptism Of the Lord

January 10, 2021

Lord, send your light upon your people!



St. Mark's would like to let our Parishioners know what practices we have in place to protect them during the pandemic so that they can

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

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

Catholic Charities News

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

Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Events

To ensure that all 2020 anniversary couples are able to receive our bishop's personal blessing for the milestone anniversaries of 1 year, 25 years and 50 or more years, Bishop O'Connell extends his invitation to all couples celebrating their 1st or 2nd, 25th or 26th, or 50th or more anniversary in 2021 to the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing events to be held on Sunday, October 10 for Monmouth County Parishes. Registration will be available in July 2021. Visit https://dioceseoftrenton.org/building-strong-marriages.

Iglesia de "San Marcos" Apostolado Hispano Misa Dominical: Domingo 5:00 p.m. Misa de Semana: Martes 6:00 p.m.

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Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor

Enero 10, 2021

Primera Lectura: Isaías 42, 1-4. 6-7.

Esto dice el Señor: "Miren a mi siervo, a quien sostengo, a mi elegido, en quien tengo mis complacencias. En él he puesto mi espíritu para que haga brillar la justicia sobre las naciones.

No gritará, no clamará, no hará oír su voz por las calles; no romperá la caña resquebrajada, ni apagará la mecha que aún humea. Promoverá con firmeza la justicia, no titubeará ni se doblegará hasta haber establecido el derecho sobre la tierra y hasta que las islas escuchen su enseñanza. Yo, el Señor, fiel a mi designio de salvación, te llamé, te tomé de la mano, te he formado y te he constituido alianza de un pueblo, luz de las naciones, para que abras los ojos de los ciegos, saques a los cautivos de la prisión y de la mazmorra a los que habitan en tinieblas".

Salmo Responsorial: 28, 1a y 2. 3ac-4. 3b y 9b-10.

Te alabamos, Señor.

Hijos de Dios, glorifiquen al Señor, denle la gloria que merece. Postrados en su templo santo, alabemos al Señor.

Te alabamos, Señor.

La voz del Señor se deja oír sobre las aguas torrenciales. La voz del Señor es poderosa, la voz del Señor es imponente.

Te alabamos, Señor.

El Dios de majestad hizo sonar el trueno de su voz.

El Señor se manifestó sobre las aguas desde su trono eterno.

Te alabamos, Señor.

Segunda Lectura: Hechos de los Apóstoles 10, 34-38.

En aquellos días, Pedro se dirigió a Cornelio y a los que estaban en su casa, con estas palabras: "Ahora caigo en la cuenta de que Dios no hace distinción de personas, sino que acepta al que lo teme y practica la justicia, sea de la nación que fuere. Él envió su palabra a los hijos de Israel, para anunciarles la paz por medio de Jesucristo, Señor de todos. Ya saben ustedes lo sucedido en toda Judea, que tuvo principio en Galilea, después del bautismo predicado por Juan: cómo Dios ungió con el poder del Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret, y cómo éste pasó haciendo el bien, sanando a todos los oprimidos por el diablo, porque Dios estaba con él".

Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Cfr Mc 9, 7.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Se abrió el cielo y resonó la voz del Padre, que decía:

"Éste es mi Hijo amado; escúchenlo".

R. Aleluya.

Evangelio: Marcos 1, 7-11.

En aquel tiempo, Juan predicaba diciendo: "Ya viene detrás de mí uno que es más poderoso que yo, uno ante quien no merezco ni siquiera inclinarme para desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Yo los he bautizado a ustedes con agua, pero él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo". Por esos días, vino Jesús desde Nazaret de Galilea y fue bautizado por Juan en el Jordán. Al salir Jesús del agua, vio que los cielos se rasgaban y que el Espíritu, en figura de paloma, descendía sobre él. Se oyó entonces una voz del cielo que decía: "Tú eres mi Hijo amado; yo tengo en ti mis complacencias".

