

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

July 3, 2016

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, July 2

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village
5:30 pm For Peace

Sunday, July 3

8:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's
9:30 am For the Hungry of the World
11:00 am For the Poor

Monday, July 4

8:45 am For Religious Freedom

Tuesday, July 5

8:45 am For Families

Wednesday, July 6

8:45 am For all who have suffered loss

Saturday, July 9

5:30 am For Kimberly Lewis by Daniel & Launy Huntz Family

Sunday, July 10

8:00 am For Peace
9:30 am For St. Mark's Parishioners
11:00 am For Frank Stetz by Schmitt Family

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
July 9, 10, 2016**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Bob Diacheck, Deacon Tom Gibbon
Greeter: Help Needed
Lector: Kevin O'Shea
Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy & Mike Lennon
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. John Andrew Connell, Deacon Jim Jones
Greeter: Help Needed
Lector: Susan Vetterl
Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia, Mark Vetterl
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 9:30 am

Celebrant: Rev. John Andrew Connell, Deacon Bob Head
Greeter: Help Needed
Lector: Emily Wu
Eucharistic Minister: Eric Woelfel, Tony Piombino
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 11:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Ken Lasch, Deacon Nick Ardito
Greeter: Help Needed
Lector: Tori & Darcy Caracciolo
Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Michonski, Allison Dunn, Kevin Ramos
Altar Servers: Help Needed

FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Altar Breads & Wine – In loving memory of Patsy & Philip Marchese by Marchese family.

Sanctuary Lamp – In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone by Corry and Benardone families.

Mass Candles: For Harmony in the World by Skoczylas Family

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PARISH

Saturday, July 9

5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode
7:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Sunday, July 10

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky
9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky
10:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode
12:15 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Peter McHugh

**ST. MARK'S NEEDS \$5,280 PER WEEK TO MEET
OUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION**

Current Year	Last Year 2015
June 26, 2016: \$1,804 Envelopes used: 32	June 28, 2015: \$2,879 Envelopes used: 55
On-line for June \$8,324	On-line for June: \$8,269
Supermarket Gift Cards June 26, 2016 Sales: \$2,050 Profit: \$102.50 YTD Profit: \$3,272.50 # of Families: 8	St. Mark's Faith Direct church code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Thank you for being a part of our St. Mark the Evangelist family. I appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. Your active participation in the life of our parish helps us to fulfill our vision and mission.

This summer, I pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy and peace of being with family and friends. Please consider that St. Mark the Evangelist continues to be open for Mass, numerous activities and the Sacraments. During these summer months your generosity through *Faith Direct* can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ484

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,
Fr. Joe



NOTE FROM FATHER JOE - TWO UPDATES:

Father Dan... Fr. Dan was scheduled for surgery on July 1st. We will give you up dates at masses this weekend.

Father Slawek ... we were informed by Msgr. Hart, our Priest personnel director on June 28th that Fr. Slawek (along with some other newly ordained priests) are still in Poland due to the fact that their new visas have yet to arrive. At this writing I have no idea what the time frame will be for Fr. Slawek's arrival at Our Lady of the Mountain and St. Mark's parish. I have been in contact with him by email and he is looking forward to his ministry in Long Valley.

Challenge: Obviously this presents challenges in getting priests to fill in both parishes. When you see "to be determined" in the bulletin under the list of celebrants and ministers it means that when the bulletin was sent to the printers on Wednesday I do not have a priest yet to cover the masses. There are several priests that I contact and who are trying to arrange their schedules to help. We have to be flexible with circumstances we cannot control... Fr. Joe

REFLECTION ...PRAYERS FOR PEACE...

Last week it was Orlando – as I prepared to write this article today it is Istanbul (again)...cities that join the ever growing list of cities in our world where bombings and violence occur and the numbers of victims continues to increase. The history of humanity has been marred by violence and hatred. In spite of this people of good will and love still follow the message of Jesus and his call to peace and love still needs to be proclaimed in the world. Violence and hatred will not unite people. Let us pray for those who have died and were injured, for their families and communities. Let us continue to daily offer our prayers for peace in the world. It is a deeply felt prayer of longing that we offer to God when we pray that peace will be accomplished. Do not stop offering this prayer to God who does hear us and knows the desires of our hearts. Pray that the hearts of all people will be united by God's love. Fr. Joe

"THE JOY OF LOVE"... AN EXHORTATION BY POPE FRANCIS ISSUED MARCH 19, 2016

In the bulletin for the past several weeks I have included excerpts for the fourth chapter of Pope Francis' exhortation wherein Pope Francis has been reflecting on the words of St. Paul from the first letter to the Corinthians (chapter 12) "Love is patient...etc". Pope Francis reflects on these various characteristics of love that Paul wrote about to the early Christians. We are nearing the end of this particular reflection as we begin the reflection on the first of the last four characteristics that Paul writes on love.

St. Paul ends his "hymn to love" with the words: "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things". Pope Francis' thoughts on "Love bears all things"...sections 112 and 113. Pope Francis writes, "Love bears all things means limiting judgment, checking the impulse to issue a firm and ruthless condemnation. We often forget that slander can be quite sinful; it is a grave offense against God when it seriously harms another person's good name and causes damage that is hard to repair. Married couples joined by love speak well of each other; they try to show their spouse's good side, not their weakness and faults. Motive springs from an interior attitude. It recognizes that these failings are a part of a bigger

picture. We have to realize that all of us are a complex mixture of light and shadows. Loves does not have to be perfect for us to value it. The other person loves me as best they can, with all their limits. It "bears all things" and can hold its peace before the limitations of the loved one."

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY...

"Jesus gave us the law of love: to love God and to love one another. And the Lord did not fail to explain it a bit further, with the Beatitudes, which nicely summarize the Christian approach. Let us look first of all at the verbs Jesus uses: love; do good; bless; pray; offer; do not refuse; give. With these words, Jesus shows us the path that we must take, a path of generosity. He asks us first and foremost to love." — Pope Francis

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

Remember this: the Lord wants us to be at peace, and the closer we are to Him, the more peaceful we feel. Peace is a good indicator that our actions are pleasing to Him. On the other hand, a persistent lack of peace typically indicates that the Lord is trying to get your attention. Give Him that attention, and He will show you what's up! – Faith, Hope and Charity – Gary Zimak

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe: From the beginning to the end of time, whenever God sends his Son, he always sends his Spirit: their mission is conjoined and inseparable. In the fullness of time the Holy Spirit completes in Mary all the preparations for Christ's coming among the People of God. By the action of the Holy Spirit in her, the Father gives the world Emmanuel "God-with-us". The Son of God was consecrated as Christ (Messiah) by the anointing of the Holy Spirit at his Incarnation. By his Death and his Resurrection, Jesus is constituted in glory as Lord and Christ. From his fullness, he poured out the Holy Spirit on the apostles and the Church. The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church. She is the sacrament of the Holy Trinity's communion with men. The Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 743 – 747.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER...

A parishioner from OLM who lives in the Independence area is looking for someone to come in a few hours a week for help in cleaning. If you are interested or know someone who might be please call the OLM church office 908-876-4395 for more information.



SAVE THE DATE

**ST MARK'S PARISH PICNIC...SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18 -
...AN AFTERNOON OF FOOD, FUN, GAMES, 50/50 RAFFLE.**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



We are still accepting registrations for **Vacation Bible School!** The dates this year are **July 11-15 from 9:30 am-12:00 noon.** There is no charge, and children grades preschool – 5th grade are welcome to attend. Preschoolers **MUST** be three years old. This is a great week, please join us.



PLANNING YOUR VACATION?

Remember that hunger doesn't take a vacation! Before you go, please consider donating some non-perishable food items to the Long Valley Food Pantry. A few of the items they are most in need of are baby food/formula, toothpaste/toothbrushes, hot cereals/pancake mix/syrup, and fruit juices (non-perishable). Then have a wonderful trip!

MEN SAVE THE DATE...

The following is an excerpt from Bishop Serratelli's letter to his priests about a special day for the men of our diocese: **"I am pleased to announce that this fall we will have the first Paterson Diocese Men's Conference, which will be held Saturday, October 15th at Saint Paul Inside the Walls from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. The Conference is intended to enhance the spirituality of men throughout the Diocese and encourage them to become more involved in their parishes. Several well-known Catholic speakers will make presentations and the Conference will conclude with Holy Mass, at which I will be the main celebrant."**

ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you have not received Holy Communion and/or Confirmation would you like to learn more about how this can be done as an adult? Do you know any neighbors who have expressed an interest in the Catholic Church...then invite them to join our group of inquirers. The RCIA team is holding a Summer Sunday Series that will prepare inquirers to become candidates and catechumens for the start of our program in October 2016. We will be meeting the second Sunday of the month at Our Lady of the Mountain church on July 10, August 14 and September 11. As a group we will attend the 9:15 AM Mass at OLM. We want all of you to feel comfortable and meet our RCIA TEAM and fellow family members. We will sit as a group in the front pews of OLM. All of your family is invited to attend mass and our short class afterwards. Mass is 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM and then we will go to the parish office or parish center from 10:30 to 11:15 AM for a discussion on the readings that you just heard at mass. This program will gradually acclimate you to learn how our RCIA program operates, some of the topics we will discuss in classes and meet our instructors. If interested call parish office 908- 850- 0652.



All- powerful and ever-living God the lasting health of all who believe in you, hear us as we ask your loving help for the sick; restore their health, that they may again offer joyful thanks in your church.

Randi Alloway, John Andaloro, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Baby Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Daniel DePaul, Krish Dharia, Charles & Ellen Eichler, Connie Elliott, Rick & Nicholas Fania, Larry Fine, George Foehner, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Claudia Kallmeyer, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Lenore, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Helene Mackie, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene Madelyn S., Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Piloni, Clifford Reynolds, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Kurt Shubert, Rhonda Soto, Judy Stone, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

COMMUNITY NEWS

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL AND PIG ROAST...SAT. JULY 9 GAZEBO PARK MAIN STREET CHESTER 10-8

Free admission*kids activities*live bands*vendors---Join us under the tent bring your own blanket or lawn chairs. Donations accepted and all proceeds benefit BYG Work Camp: a mission group composed of 7 local churches that travel to Appalachia to rebuild homes with Appalachia Service Project. 88 volunteers will be going to work for a week this summer.

PEACH FESTIVAL ... August 6, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Community Presbyterian Church – Chester - cleaning out closets? Having a garage sale? Moving? Downsizing? Community Presbyterian Church will be happy to accept your leftover items. Donations will be accepted from June 20 through mid- July. Donation items can be dropped off beginning at 8:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church 220 Main St. Chester, NJ. Call 908 879-5091 for information and also for possible furniture pick up.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS...

St. Mary's R. C. Church (Assumption) 302 High Street, Hackettstown. Learning to live by learning to pray. Are you seeking Peace? You will find it by learning the art of praying. According to the method of Fr. Ignacio Larranaga. 15 free 2 hour sessions. Start Date: August 18th. Frequency: Weekly – Every Thursday from 7 pm to 9 pm. For information call Maureen Toye (908) 235-6107 maurentoye@gmail.com or Fanny Magdaleno (908) 852-4680 magdalenonynj@gmail.com or www.tovpil.org to find out more

