

# If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

July 31, 2016

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, July 30**

5:30 pm For Lillian Templeton by Anne Rosella & Family

**Sunday, July 31**

8:00 am For Richard Decker by Dawn & Danielle Pressi

9:30 am For Peace

11:00 am For Genevieve Juliano by Mary Marino

**Monday, August 1**

8:45 am For Teachers and Catechists

**Tuesday, August 2**

8:45 am For Pope Francis

**Wednesday, August 3**

8:45 am For the Poor

**Saturday, August 6**

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

5:30 pm For Catherine Schanz by Chris & Holly Zimmerman

**Sunday, August 7**

8:00 am For Peace

9:30 am For St. Mark's Parishioners

11:00 am For Donna Kovach by Catholic Deaf Society

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**August 6, 7, 2016**

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Kevin O'Shea

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joanne Lee, Barbara Burke

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday, 8:00 am**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Joseph Davis, Deacon Bob Head

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Susan Vetterl

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sue Clark, Carne Purwin

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday 9:30 am**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Joseph Davis

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Julie Dunn

**Eucharistic Minister:** Terry & Bob Baffuto, Steve Beggin

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday 11:00 am**

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Sharon Donovan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Andrew Mount, Nicole Arro, Angel Nowak

**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, August 6**

5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

7:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

**Sunday, August 7**

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

10:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Peter McHugh

12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. John Andrew Connell, Deacon Jim Jones

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

Current Year	Last Year 2015
July 24, 2016: \$2,176 Envelopes used: 45	July 26, 2015: \$2,170 Envelopes used: 51
Online for July: \$9,495	Online for July : \$8,104
<b>Supermarket Gift Cards</b> July 24, 2016 Sales: \$2,300 Profit: \$115 YTD Profit: \$3,838 # of Families: 10	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](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NJ484

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You, Fr. Joe





### TALKING TO GOD...

I was recently reading excerpts from a book entitled: Prayers for Catholic Women authored by Julie Dortch Cragon. One quote from her book - "Lord, open my mind that I may be aware of your presence in my daily life. Open my heart that I may offer you all my thoughts. Open my mouth that I may speak to you throughout my day. I am grateful that you wish to hear my voice. To you I give my all. Help me to do your will, every hour of every day." In this short prayer she prays for "Openness of mind, heart and mouth..." It is a great prayer to put a person in a prayerful mode with God. Openness to the voice of God in our daily lives is something that we all need to have more of in our lives. The more open we are to the message of God's love the more we will be persons of mercy who are open to all the possibilities that God might place before us. We are called to be disciples who are united in love. Christians are to be reconcilers. We are called to be healers in times of division. How do we do this - all things begin with prayer - listening with an open heart to the word of God that calls us to love and not to hate. Through our daily prayer we are helped by God's grace to accept the daily challenge to be a true Christian each day. May our hearts always be open to God's way...Fr. Joe

### "THANK A COP"...

This project was proposed by the mother of a police officer from OLM and it is a very concrete way to show support for our police. For the next several weeks we will be collecting "Thank You" cards and notes from the parishioners at OLM, St. Marks and St. Luke's for our State and Local Police Officers. These cards and notes will be hand delivered by the family to Police Departments in our area to express our appreciation for the sacrifices they make on our behalf. In light of the several murders of Police Officers over the past year and most recently the past two weeks, it is time for us to stand up and thank these fine men and women who are putting their lives on the line each and every day to protect us. They need to know that we are grateful for all they do. There will be a bin in the Gathering Space for you to deposit your cards. If you would like to donate, we will also be accepting \$10.00 gift cards for places such as Dunkin Donuts, MacDonald's, Burger King, etc. to be distributed to the precincts along with the cards. If you have any questions you can contact Pam Hodgskin at [908-832-2965](tel:908-832-2965) or at [<Hodgskin@yahoo.com>](mailto:Hodgskin@yahoo.com). Thank you for your kind consideration....Fr. Joe

### PARISH PICNIC... SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 12:30 - 3:30 P.M.

We had a planning meeting this week and things are coming together for the parish picnic. We ask you to please reserve the day for some family fun. There will be a registration form in the gathering space and forms in the bulletin in the coming weeks. It is a great help to our planning if you sign up early. Picnic food, games, dunk tank, rock wall among the favorites will be back again.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." — St. Augustine

### JULBILEE YEAR OF MERCY...the year of mercy will end in November but our challenge to extend mercy to everyone will never end...

"Being Christian isn't easy and we cannot become Christian with our own strength; we need the grace of God. There is a prayer which should be said every day: 'Lord, grant me the grace to become a good Christian, because I cannot do it alone.'" Pope Francis

### WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe: The unity of Christ and the Church, head and members of one Body, also implies the distinction of the two within a personal relationship. This aspect is often expressed by the image of bridegroom and bride. The theme of Christ as Bridegroom of the Church was prepared for by the prophets and announced by John the Baptist. The Lord referred to himself as the "bridegroom." The Apostle speaks of the whole Church and of each of the faithful, members of his Body, as a bride 'betrothed' to Christ the Lord so as to become but one spirit with him. The Church is the spotless bride of the spotless Lamb. Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her. He has joined her with himself in an everlasting covenant and never stops caring for her as for his own body. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 796.

**FR DAN** ... is making progress. I talked to him this week and he seemed in good spirits. If you wish to send him a card there is a basket in the lobby or drop it off at either parish office.

### "THE JOY OF LOVE"... AN EXHORTATION BY POPE

**FRANCIS ISSUED MARCH 19, 2016.** For the past several weeks I included excerpts from the fourth chapter of Pope Francis' exhortation wherein Pope Francis reflected on the words of St. Paul from the first letter to the Corinthians on Love. There are 9 chapters to the pope's exhortation. The pope's reflections are especially relevant for singles, couples and families with children. You can purchase it on Amazon. You can go to the website [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) on the very top of the page click on the word "store" and you will see the book right on top of the page and you can place your order.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) - 'THRIVE'** is helping thousands of children under 5 in Tanzania, Kenya, and Malawi receive high-quality health care and nutrition so their bodies and minds can reach their full potential. CRS partners have trained over 3,750 community-based volunteers to educate 19,000 caregivers of young children with materials and knowledge to help children in their early development stage. Learn more at: [crs.org/you-did-it-for-me](http://crs.org/you-did-it-for-me). Catholic Relief Services is the international outreach of Catholic Charities. In Some areas of the world it is called "Caritas".

### INFORMATION NIGHT...Dominican College Orangeburg, NY

Dominican College will host an information session for undergraduate and graduate degree on Wednesday, August 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Hennessy Center. 470 Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY 10962 - (845) 359-7800 <http://www.dc.edu>

### COPING WITH LOSS OF LOVED ONE...

Visiting Nurse Association - Tuesday, September 13 to November 1, 2-4 p.m. VNA Headquarters, 175 South Street, Morristown, NJ. Call Rachel (973) 451-4128 or [renderle@vnannj.org](mailto:renderle@vnannj.org) by September 6<sup>th</sup> to register.

### **MEN OF THE PARISH...Save the date...**

**Don't make excuses...men too need some time to find themselves in a quiet setting...More information will be forthcoming but save the date...**The Paterson Diocese First Men's Conference will be held Sat., Oct. 15th at Saint Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

### **FOOD PANTRY .... 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. They are most in need of baby food/formula, toothpaste/toothbrushes, hot cereals/pancake mix/syrup, and fruit juices (non-perishable). Then have a wonderful trip

### **UPDATE ON SHOES FOR GHANA...**

Several weeks ago both parishes of OLM and St. Mark's contributed shoes for the children of Ghana. Here is an update report that was sent to me. About two weeks ago the barrels and five boxes of shoes arrived in Ghana and cleared their port customs. On July 12th the school headmaster traveled by overnight bus to Accra, the capitol of Ghana to arrange to transport them back to the village 170 miles away. They arrived intact and last week the local school officials began the process of identifying the children most in need who will benefit from your donations. The shoe distribution was scheduled for July 19th...thank you for your generosity.

### **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 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.

### **CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER...**

A local pregnancy crisis center, Life Choices, is in desperate need of regular or porta-cribs, strollers, stairwell gates, toddler beds, high chairs, car seats, infant & children's clothes sizes birth to size 10. Please call Judy (908) 399-7305. God Bless you for your generosity.

### **ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS...FALL 2016 –**

August 22 – Dec. 12 Theology and Philosophy courses. Sacred Scripture I, Sacramental Theology, Spiritual Theology and Historical Intro to Philosophy. All 3 credit courses. For registration and details on times and dates call (973) 957-0188 Ext. 106 or email [academicdean@acs350.org](mailto:academicdean@acs350.org)



*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, 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, Wayne Marks, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene Madelyn S., Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathan 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, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Kurt Shubert, Rhonda Soto, Judy Stone, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **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 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. 15 free 2 hour sessions. Start Date: August 18<sup>th</sup>. Frequency: Weekly – Every Thursday from 7 pm to 9 pm. For information call Maureen Toye (908) 235-6107 [maurentoye@gmail.com](mailto:maurentoye@gmail.com) or Fanny Magdaleno (908) 852-4680 [magdalenonynj@gmail.com](mailto:magdalenonynj@gmail.com) or [www.tovpil.org](http://www.tovpil.org) to find out more.

### **ANNUAL JON SLUSHER 5K RUN/WALK...**

This year's race will take place on Sunday, Oct. 9, fees are \$25 before Oct. 1, \$30 after Oct. 1. Families of 4, \$40. Kids 8 and under \$5. Proceeds go to the Jonathan Slusher Memorial Scholarship Foundation. To register on line:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Califon/JonSlusher5K>  
For more information: Shirley Slusher (908) 832-7383

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