

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

August 7, 2016

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Monday, August 8

8:45 am For Dominican Priests & Sisters

Tuesday, August 9

8:45 am For Victims of Religious Persecution

Wednesday, August 10

8:45 am For Bishops

Thursday, August 11

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

Saturday, August 13

5:30 pm For Evangelina Burgos by DelGuercio Family

Sunday, August 14

8:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's
9:30 am For Peace
11:00 am For Louis V. Mangiaracina

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
August 13, 14, 2016**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Peter McHugh, Deacon Tom Gibbons

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Fred McQuaide

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy & Mike Lennon

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. John Andrew Connell

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Bill & Amy Barron

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia, Mark Vetterl

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 9:30 am

Celebrant: Rev. John Andrew Connell

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Emily Wu

Eucharistic Minister: Eric Woelfel, Tony Piombino

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 11:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. John Andrew Connell, Deacon Jim Jones

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Tom Hanifin

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Michonski, Kevin Ramos, Allison Dunn

Altar Servers: Help Needed

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

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 13

5:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Joseph Davis

7:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Joseph Davis

Sunday, August 14

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky, Deacon Bob Head

9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

10:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Michael Drury

12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. Stan Barron

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

Current Year	Last Year 2015
July 31, 2016: \$3,024 Envelopes used: 54	August 2, 2015: \$2,880 Envelopes used: 45
Supermarket Gift Cards July 31, 2016 Sales: \$1,910 Profit: \$95.50 YTD Profit: \$3,933.50 # of Families: 9	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





POT LUCK... THANK YOU

The event last Sunday was really great. Over 100+ people attended. I was happy we were able to have some of the priests who have been helping at St. Mark's and OLM come too. They have been a great help to me during the time of Fr. Dan's absence. Your appreciation of the priests is very much appreciated also by me as I include myself among the group. Being pastor for me has always meant trying to encourage parishioners to see they are a part of the life of the parish. When we gather after a liturgy we really do what the early Christians did which is to carry on the spirit of our Eucharistic celebration into our parish family celebration. We need each other. We need to pray and support each other and events like this really do a lot to show us our identity as a special people of God. Thanks to the "Kitchen Angels" and all who made this possible... Fr. Joe

NOTICE...

August 15 – Feast of the Assumption of Mary is not a holy day of obligation this year because it falls on a Monday we will have one mass our regular daily mass at 8:45 a.m.

"THANK A COP" ...

This project was proposed by a mother of 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. It is time for us to stand up and thank these fine men and women who are putting their life on the line each and every day to protect us. They need to know that we are grateful for all they do.

There is a bin in the Gathering Room 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 or at <Hodgskin@yahoo.com>. Thank you for your kind consideration....Fr. Joe

PARISH PICNIC... SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

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. There is Picnic food, games, bucking bull, etc. Sign up today...

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"You don't have to change before approaching God. In fact, you can't change until you approach God." - John Wood author of: "Ordinary lives. Extraordinary Mission".

POPE FRANCIS TO THE YOUTH AT WORLD YOUTH DAY...

I was reading the remarks of Pope Francis at a prayer vigil on July 30 to the youth of the world who come to Krakow, Poland for the tri annual celebration of World Youth Day... for the several weeks I want to share with you his remarks that were made after a testimony from three youth from different parts of the world on their own struggles. The first speaker was from Syria. It might be good to share this with some young people you might encounter. Pope Francis said: "We have come here from different parts of the world, from different continents, countries, languages, cultures and peoples. Some of us are sons and daughters of nations that may be at odds and engaged in various conflicts or even open war. Others of us come from countries that may be at "peace", free of war and conflict, where most of the terrible things occurring in our world are simply a story on the evening news. But think about it. For us, here, today, coming from different parts of the world, the suffering and the wars that many young people experience are no longer anonymous, something we read about in the papers. They have a name, they have a face, they have a story - they are close at hand. Today the war in Syria has caused pain and suffering for so many people, for so many young people like our good friend Rand, who has come here and asked us to pray for his beloved country.

Some situations seem distant until in some way we touch them. We don't appreciate certain things because we only see them on the screen of a cell phone or a computer. But when we come into contact with life, with people's lives, not just images on a screen, something powerful happens. We feel the need to get involved ... To see that there are no more "forgotten cities", to use Rand's words, or brothers and sisters of ours "surrounded by death and killing", completely helpless.

Dear friends, I ask that we join in prayer for the sufferings of all the victims of war and for the many families of beloved Syria and other parts of our world. Once and for all, may we realize that nothing justifies shedding the blood of a brother or sister; that nothing is more precious than the person next to us. In asking you to pray for this, I would also like to thank Natalia and Miguel for sharing their own battles and inner conflicts. You told us about your struggles, and about how you succeeded in overcoming them. Both of you are a living sign of what God's mercy wants to accomplish in us."

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe: What the soul is to the human body, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, which is the Church. To this Spirit of Christ, as an invisible principle, is to be ascribed the fact that all the parts of the body are joined one with the other and with their exalted head; for the whole Spirit of Christ is in the head, the whole Spirit is in the body, and the whole Spirit is in each of the members. The Holy Spirit makes the Church the temple of the living God. Indeed, it is to the Church herself that the "Gift of God" has been entrusted. . . . The Catechism of the Catholic Church 797

FR DAN ... is making progress. If you wish to send him a card you can mail it to the office: 59 Spring Lane, Long Valley, NJ 07853 or drop it in the basket in the church lobby.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES...Program Helping Young Adults with Special Needs...

The Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) is proud to announce the fall opening of their Saturdays at the Center program (SATC)! DPD is a nonprofit, Catholic Charities organization in the Diocese of Paterson that provides support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. This endeavor is designed for young adults with disabilities living in the

community, who are interested in weekend socialization and recreational activities with their peers.

Education about group home and independent living is also part of the curriculum. Respite time for caregivers of the participating individuals will be provided, as the program is well supervised by experienced staff and volunteers.

SATC will meet Saturdays at Gruenert Center on Rt. 15 in Lake Hopatcong and will run for a 12 week span. Meeting times are from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. The tuition for the entire program is \$120 plus minimal additional fees for special activities such as bowling or dining out.

They are seeking interested participants and volunteers for their fall start date of September 17, 2016.

Please contact Patt Foth, SATC Coordinator, at (973)440-0983 or satc@dpd.org for any further information or to obtain applications. You can also visit www.dpd.org or www.facebook.com/dpdcc for more information about DPD.

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 1st 2-4 p.m. VNA Headquarters, 175 South Street, Morristown, NJH call Rachel 973.451.4128 or renderle@vnannj.org by September 6th to register.

METS GAME...

Our Lady Star of the Sea parish (204 Espanong Road, Lake Hopatcong) is offering tickets to: Mets vs. Twins Friday, September 16th, 7pm. (T-shirt night). \$70 per ticket Sec 134- Field level left side. Call Our Lady Star of the Sea rectory 973-663-0211 to reserve tickets. Bus leaves Our Lady Star of the Sea parking lot 4 pm (1 BUS.) Payments due by August 25th. Come join us at Citi Field for a fun family night out.

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

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



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., 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, 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

SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY – THIRD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING...

Thursday, September 29 at the beautiful Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club in Livingston, NJ. For information, contact Casey Dolan at dev_director@scecast.org or (973) 543-6528 ext. 313. You can also register online at www.scecast.org and click on the link for the Third Annual Sisters of Christian Charity Golf Outing.

