

O God, let all the nations praise you!

August 20, 2017

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, August 19

5:30 pm For Megan McQuaide by Holly Zimmerman

Sunday, August 20

8:00 am For Madeline Rymarzow by Nugent Family
For Special Intention for Paul Zeliff by Zeliff Family

9:30 am For Tom Mackie by Holly Zimmerman
11:00 am For Kazmiera Flak by Skoczylas Family

Monday, August 21

8:45 am For Betty Meyer by Zimmerman Family

Tuesday, August 22

8:45 am For

Wednesday, August 23

8:45 am For Patricia Barone by Monteverde Family

Saturday, August 26

5:30 pm For Stephen Polc Jr. by Fania Family

Sunday, August 27

8:00 am For Dr. David Rygielski by Sue Reilly & Family

9:30 am For Megan McQuaide by Long Valley K of C

11:00 am For Betty Meyer by McGrath Family

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

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

Current Year	Last Year 2016
August 13, 2017: \$3,193.25 Envelopes used: 53	August 14, 2016: \$2,045 Envelopes used: 38
Supermarket Gift Cards: August 13, 2017 Sales: \$2,490 Profit \$124.50 YTD Profit: \$4,684.50 2016 YTD Profit: \$4,170.50 # of Families: 17	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Thank you for being a part of our St. Mark the Evangelist family. As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy fall, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

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

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,
Fr. Marcin

ENJOYING YOUR SUMMER?

Want to make it even better? You can, and it's easy. Just donate some non-perishable food items to the Long Valley Food Pantry. A few of the items they are most in need of are coffee/tea, laundry detergent, peanut butter/jelly, and plastic sandwich bags. Do this and *everyone* will have a nicer summer!

DIOCESE OF PATERSON...

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

NATIONAL SHRINE TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Seeking a spiritual awakening or journey? The Diocese of Paterson will be hosting the 2017 Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC on October 21, 2017. Join us for a truly wonderful experience. One-Day Pilgrimage includes:

- Transportation and Gratuity - \$49/person
- Prayer filled day at Shrine – Mass, confession, rosary, divine mercy and presentations
- Rest Stop - going - Meal stop - return
- depart Washington 4:15pm

For more information please call parish office or Lorraine Fleming (908) 813-0152. Signup sheet is in the Gathering Space.



FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,

Today we commemorate the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day.

I think it is only when we are in the next life that children will learn how much their parents prayed and sacrificed for them. One mother who prayed a great deal for one of her children is St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine. One example of the influence Augustine has on the Church is that in the Catechism of the Catholic Church there are more quotations from Augustine than from any other writer. And all of this due to the persistent prayer of his mother St. Monica. In the second reading (Rom 11:29-32) Paul writes about changing from disobedience to obedience and we can certainly see this in the life of St. Augustine.

The Canaanite woman in our Gospel today reminded me of St. Monica. The woman was refused three times by Jesus before he granted her request. The first time Jesus didn't answer her. The second refusal was when Jesus refused his disciples' request on her behalf. The third refusal was when Jesus said the children's food shouldn't be thrown to the dogs. By that Jesus meant it was not correct to give her, who was not a Jew, what was meant for the Jews. "Dogs" was a frequent description of Gentiles (non-Jews) at the time of Jesus. Finally, the fourth time, her plea was answered. Jesus said, "Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted." And from that moment her daughter was well again. Like Monica who had received many refusals during almost twenty years of praying for Augustine's conversion, the Canaanite woman persisted in prayer before God. And her persistent prayer was answered.

As we endure trials let us have faith like the Canaanite woman and St. Monica. Let us not lose hope or give up but let us persist in prayer so that we too may hear the same words of Jesus, "Great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

Each year the Diocese of Paterson welcomes a number of men and women missionaries who come to speak about the Gospel seeds which their communities are planting throughout the world. Next Sunday a priest from Diocese of Kitui in Kenya, will be speaking to us at all masses for the Mission Cooperative Appeal.

Please remember Father will be seeking our support. Our second collection next Sunday will be taken for Mission Cooperative Appeal.

I am so grateful to you for the offerings which are given to the Lord each week at Holy Mass. Your regular and generous offerings pay our bills and continue the services which our parish provides. Christ's Church needs your support so that the Kingdom of God may flourish and not be overtaken by the forces of evil. YOU make this a reality!

Our Lady of the Mountain pray for us...

St. Mark pray for us...

BIBLE REFLECTION 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!"

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

-The Gospel challenges us to look upon one another as God does, not as foreigners but as brothers and sisters. In a world of division Christians are called upon to be agents of welcome. When the followers of Jesus welcome and include all peoples into the community of the Church then the words of today's Responsorial Psalm ring true: O GOD, LET ALL THE NATIONS PRAISE YOU!

-The woman has exceeded the test of faith: "Woman, you have great faith"; in fact, to the humble insistence of her faith corresponds a gesture of salvation.

-This episode addresses an invitation to every reader of the Gospel to have that interior attitude of "openness" toward everyone, believers or not, that is to say, availability and acceptance without distinction toward all men.

PRAYER

Lord, do not thrust me away from your presence,
do not take away from me your spirit of holiness.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
sustain in me a generous spirit. (Ps 51,11-12)

May we ask our Lord to heal us of any trace of a selfish mind or a cold heart, and rejoice in the company of the Lord together with all his faithful ones—friend and foreigner alike.

QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



August 22 is the Feast of The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Traditional Calendar and the Queenship of Mary

On the 11th of October 1954, Pope Pius XII established the Feast of the Queenship of Mary to be celebrated throughout the world, and commanded that on that day each year, the world should renew its consecration to her.

The purpose of the Feast is that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and motherly sovereignty of her who bore God in her womb. On the day of her Assumption, Mary our Mother was solemnly crowned by Christ and received by the whole court of Heaven as Queen.

What Christ has done in Heaven and the Church has done on our behalf we should now do individually, that is, we should recognize Mary's Queenship, enthrone her in our homes, consecrate ourselves to her and, by this means, establish in our lives the reign of Mary Immaculate Queen of the Universe.

Join us for daily mass on this day (Tuesday) and celebrate with us the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)...

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults better known as the RCIA Program is the process for those who want to become Catholic.

This process is for:

- Adults who have never been baptized.
- Adults baptized in a non-Catholic church and now have a desire to become a Catholic.
- Adults who were baptized Catholic but who have not received the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation.
- Or Catholics who want to know more about a specific topic discussed in an RCIA program.

The Our Lady of the Mountain/Saint Mark's RCIA program will start Wednesday evening September 20, 2017 from 7 to 9 PM and is conducted in the Basement Classroom of the OLM Parish Center.

Participants who complete the program will come into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil celebrated Holy Saturday March 31, 2018.

RCIA candidates will have a sponsor who will support them through this journey. Sponsors are welcomed and encouraged to attend all classes.

This program is a commitment on the part of the candidate but our RCIA Instructors (TEAM) are here to assist you at any time.

For additional information, please contact the OLM Parish Office, the St. Marks Parish Office or Deacon Nicholas Ardito at 908-343-8094



It is almost time for us to begin our Christian Education Classes. As you will notice, the board in the Gathering Space shows where Catechists are still needed for our program. Catechist training is provided, as well as support throughout the year. Please pray on this decision to help us...you will find this a truly rewarding experience! Thank you, Sue Reilly

GET MASS INTENTION (MASS CARD) FOR LIVING AND DECEASED

I pray that more of our parishioners will make offers so that Holy Mass will be offered on Sunday and during the week for living and deceased. MASS CARDS MIGHT BE THE BEST GIFT FOR A BIRTHDAY, WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, AND GRADUATION OR PRAY FOR YOUR BELOVED DECEASED AND HELP THEM GET TO HEAVEN!!!

VANDALISM AT ST. MARK'S...

The St. Francis statue and pergola in the front of the church were knocked down and damaged. We will attempt to have the statue repaired but we may have to replace it. If you would like to contribute toward the cost of repairing or replacing the shrine please contact the parish office.

Thank you to the Petersen family for their generous donation.



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, Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Bernie Cho, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Jerry Green, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, Claudia Harrington, William Heimsly, Heather Henry, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Claudia Kallmeyer, Jim Karpinski, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris,, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Wayne Marks, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene, Madelyn S. Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Edward Michonski, Sr., Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Jim Owens, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Plosi, Mary Rathburn, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner, Rev. Frank Rodimer, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Rev. Zbigniew Tyburski, Linda Van Hoorebeke, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

COMMUNITY NEWS

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR FAITH, HOPE, & LIFE...

The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention's Faith Communities Task Force is promoting a National Day of Prayer for Faith, Hope, & Life the weekend of September 8 to 10. In honor of World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10, the task force is leading a national movement among faith communities to offer prayers and focus on ways to be there for those in distress.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION...

Saturday Fall Tennis Clinic will run for seven weeks on Saturdays September 16 – October 28, 2017.: Adults: 9am-10am, Ages: 5-9 10:15am-11:15am, and Ages: 10-14 11:30am-12:30pm. A nonrefundable fee of \$145 is due before September 8, 2017. For more information contact the office at (908) 876-5941 or email us at recreation@wtmorris.net.

Girl Scout Silver Award candidates; Megan Rainforth and Nikki Harrington-Troop 405, would like to introduce a FREE **"Fitness, Nutrition, and Self Confidence Workshop"** for girls ages 9-12...This FREE workshop is scheduled for Wednesday August 23, 2017 from 10am-12noon. It will take place at the Senior Center, (RSP) 35 East Springtown Road. We only have limited space available so register before August 21, 2017For more information and to obtain a registration form & Hold Harmless Agreement please contact the recreation office at (908) 876-5941. Forms & Hold Harmless Agreement can be returned via email to recreation@wtmorris.net, rainforth5@comcast.net, or fax to (908) 876-0029.

