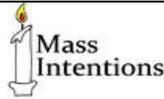


Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

June 17, 2018

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, June 16

5:30 pm For

Sunday, June 17

8:00 am For Gail Sherer by Dave Donlon

9:30 am For Stephen Nichols by Paula Field

11:00 am For John F. Zampese by Thomas Smith

Monday, June 18

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen by St. Mark's Parishioners

Tuesday, June 19

8:45 am For

Wednesday, June 20

8:45 am For

Thursday, June 21

8:45 am For

Saturday, June 23

5:30 pm For Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sunday, June 24

9:00 am For Helen Guzik by Woelfel Family

11:00 am For Gil Ferrari by Dilizia Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**

Altar Breads & Wine:

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

Mass Candles:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 23, 24, 2018

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Fred McQuaide

Eucharistic Ministers: Holly Zimmerman, Nancy Lennon

Altar Servers: Jordan Roehrig

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Sharon Donovan

Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel

Altar Servers: Libby Masterson

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Al & David Escudero

Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Mitchell

Altar Servers: Lia Nowak

NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Effective June 24, 2018 (NEXT SUNDAY)

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 am

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, June 18

8:45 am Mass

7:00 pm Fundraising Meeting

Tuesday, June 19

8:45 am Mass

7:30 pm Choir

Wednesday, June 20

8:45 am Mass

7:30 pm K of C Meeting

Thursday, June 21

8:45 am Mass

Friday, June 22

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, June 23

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, June 24

9:00, 11:00 am Masses (new mass schedule)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2017
June 10, 2018: \$2,762	June 11, 2017: \$2,544
Supermarket Gift Cards: June 10, 2018 Sales: \$2,850 Profit: \$142.50 YTD Profit: \$3,213.75 # of families: 13	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Did you know that June 21--the first day of summer--is National eGiving Day. eGiving is especially important in the summer months, when many families may be out of town.. The more families who welcome the beginning of summer by taking this National eGiving Day Challenge, the more consistent and predictable our offertory will be month after month--and this will help us do even more to spread Christ's love throughout the community. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **NJ484**.



LONG VALLEY FOOD PANTRY...

What is THE best gift for Father's Day? Power tools? Sports equipment? Nutritious food? There are fathers in our area who would consider nutritious food for their family the most precious gift possible! So this Father's Day, in addition to power tools or sports equipment for *your* father, consider donating some non-perishable food items to the Long Valley Food Pantry. Other fathers will thank you. And so will yours! Anything you can donate will be appreciated, but this month you might want to consider infant formula, baby food, diapers, cereal, and shelf-stable milk. If this sounds familiar, thank you for reading last month's article

My dear parishioners,

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Today, in our country, we are celebrating Father's Day...a day for us to thank our dads for the gift of life, for the care they have given us, and for the love they have shared with us. Today we think of the strength of a father, his guiding hand, his wisdom, his help. God the Father gave up his only Son, Jesus Christ, so that we might be saved through him. He provides an example of the very vocation of fatherhood. Fathers are to sacrifice their lives for their families.

They do this by:

- Being the spiritual leader and guardian of their families.
- Praying for and with their families.
- Being a courageous witness to the Gospel.
- Providing care and support for their families.
- Serving as an example of goodness and truth.
- Leading with courage and accountability.
- Laying down one's life for another.

Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for:

- Our fathers, by birth or adoption, who love us and support us through life.
- Our Church leaders, who take on the paternal role of guiding us through life.
- And God our Father, who will always teach justly and grant us boundless mercy.

VATICAN CITY — Every family needs a father -- a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children and offers them firm guidance and love, being a father is not easy since it takes lots of patience and grace, Pope Francis said.

The most important is being present, first by being by his wife's side "to share everything, joy and pain, hard work and hope" and by being there for his children as they grow, he said. A father is there for his kids "when they play and when they work hard, when they are playful and when they are distressed, when they are communicative and when they are taciturn, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they have strayed and when they have found their way again," he said.

However, being present "is not the same as being controlling, you know, because fathers who are too controlling suffocate their children and don't let them grow," the pope said.

A father knows how to firmly correct children's mistakes without demeaning or demoralizing them, as well as protect them at all costs, the pope said. Guidance does not come from a father who is "weak, yielding and a softie," he said.

But a good father also knows how to forgive sincerely from the heart and be patient and merciful, like the father in the Gospel account of the prodigal son, he said.

What Makes a Dad??

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in the spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

I would like to extend my best wishes to all fathers of our parish - "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works..." (Matthew 5:16).

Celebrating the Father's Day, let us consider in our personal prayer the Paternity of God the Father. Our Lord Jesus Christ revealed to us on many occasions in the Gospel that God is His Father and our Father as well. Let us thank, adore, praise and love God for being a Father to all of us. Let us call, deal and treat Him as such and live as children of God by imitating the Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.



Today's Gospel reflection...

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

God bless you!!! Thank you for all your prayers and offerings. Thank you for all you do for our parish community.
Fr. Marcin



Today we say THANK YOU AND GOODBYE to our organist JOE TAMBURRO. Joe is a part of our parish family. He has spent a number of years at St. Mark's Parish performing beautiful music and helping us worship our God. I would like to say thank you very much for everything that he has done for our parish. JOE, THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU. YOU ARE LEAVING US BUT YOU WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY.

Next Sunday our Bishop asked us to take a special collection to support our seminarians. Please be generous and help our diocese pay for the education of our future priests.

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Melangell of Wales – June 19
Abbess (Seventh Century)

According to legend, Melangell was daughter of an Irish king who wished her to marry. As Melangell had already bound herself by a vow to God, she chose instead to flee to Powys, a remote part of Wales, where she remained in seclusion for fifteen years. There one day in a forest clearing she was discovered in prayer by the local prince. His hunting hounds had pursued a hare, which deftly took shelter in Melangell's robes. When the prince asked Melangell to explain herself, she related her story. So moved was the prince that he offered her the land on which they stood as a "perpetual asylum and refuge" – not just for hares but for all who might flee harm.

There Melangell lived out the rest of her life, eventually attracting a community, for whom she served as abbess. The legend relates that this site did indeed become a haven for hares, who gathered without fear, along with many pilgrims drawn to the shrine of St. Melangell.

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

My dear brothers and sisters according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church the ninth commandment talks about Purity too. *Christian purity requires a purification of the social climate. It requires of the communications media that their presentations show concern for respect and restraint. Purity of heart brings freedom from widespread eroticism and avoids entertainment inclined to voyeurism and illusion.*

So called moral permissiveness rests on an erroneous conception of human freedom; the necessary precondition for the development of true freedom is to let oneself be educated in the moral law. Those in charge of education can reasonably be expected to give young people instruction respectful of the truth, the qualities of the heart, and the moral and spiritual dignity of man.

"The Good News of Christ continually renews the life and culture of fallen man; it combats and removes the error and evil which flow from the ever-present attraction of sin. It never ceases to purify and elevate the morality of peoples. It takes the spiritual qualities and endowments of every age and nation, and with supernatural riches it causes them to blossom, as it were, from within; it fortifies, completes, and restores them in Christ." God bless you,

THANK YOU....

To John and Joanne Lee for cleaning up one of our islands in the parking lot. It was hard work and we appreciate your efforts to beautify St. Mark's Church.

To the Skoczylas Family for their donation toward the new altar linens that we recently obtained. Your generosity is appreciated.

To my fellow brothers and sisters,

As I reach the end of this chapter in my life, I cannot be anything but thankful. God has "supplied all my needs according to His riches in the glory of Christ" (Phil. 4:19). When I think about what kind of "riches" God has, are they not infinite? He is the God of the universe! He OWNS EVERYTHING (Ps. 89:11)! Thus, He has the ability, the resources, and the willingness to supply my needs infinitely! All I have to do is trust Him. He's promised to never leave or forsake me (Deut. 31:6, 8 and Matt. 28:20), and there are more proofs of Him keeping that promise in my life than I can count. Outside of my biological family, I had never felt as loved as I have at St. Mark's. So God supplied my need for love! I was given the opportunity to develop (or invest) my talent (Matt. 25:16), so through you, God provided for me a way to serve Him better!

My heart will be with all of you, and once again, I thank you for the chance to serve you.

Your servant always,
Joseph A. Tamburro

"Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen" (Heb. 13:20).

FUNDRAISING...

Thank you to all who went to Rita's this week – it was a very successful fundraiser and well attended.

Moe's fundraiser – June 20th between 4 and 9 pm; **Eat at Moe's in Hackettstown** and the church gets 50% of the sales (over & above their average for that time...).

CYO BASKETBALL SIGN UPS...

Registrations will be accepted through Monday, July 9. The program is available to St. Mark's Parishioners (boys & girls) 4th Grade and 8th Grade. The cost is \$200/player (\$180 for additional players in the same family-sibling discount). Uniforms \$35. If you have any questions, contact Jessica Jackson, Athletic Director at jacksonj041@gmail.com. Forms are located on St. Mark's website www.stmarksnj.org under CYO Basketball.

PRAY FOR THE SICK...*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, Kenneth Bernisky, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Emily Condit, Naalia Danilczuk, Jerry Devine, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, Elizabeth, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Jerry Green, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Joey, Claudia Kallmeyer, Jim Karpinski, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris,, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Madelyn Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr.,Jonathon McClelland, Meghan McDonough, Harold & Mary McKay, Edward Michonski, Sr., Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Josh Olsen, Jim Owens, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Pilosi, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner, Ann Sempfing, Bill Siegrist, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau., Patricia Villano, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

