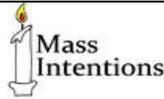


# I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.

**June 24, 2018**

**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**



**Saturday, June 23**

5:30 pm For Virginia Kadri by Nowak Family

**Sunday, June 24**

9:00 am For Helen Guzik by Woelfel Family

11:00 am For Gil Ferrari by Dilizia Family

**Monday, June 25**

8:45 am For

**Tuesday, June 26**

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

**Wednesday, June 27**

8:45 am For

**Thursday, June 28**

8:45 am For

**Saturday, June 30**

5:30 pm For Joyce Ferrante

**Sunday, July 1**

9:00 am For Nicholas & Regina Armando by Draghi Family

11:00 am For Bernie Cho by Sue Reilly

**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 30, July 1, 2018**

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Tom Morley

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Lee

Altar Servers: Help Needed

**Sunday, 9:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Katie Van Woert

Eucharistic Ministers: Terri & Bob Baffuto

Altar Servers: Help Needed

**11:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Dina Carmelengo

Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Labue, Diane Herzog

Altar Servers: Help Needed

**NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 am

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S**

**Monday, June 25**

8:45 am Mass

7:00 pm Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting

**Tuesday, June 26**

8:45 am Mass

7:30 pm Choir

7:30 pm K of C Meeting

**Wednesday, June 27**

8:45 am Mass

7:00 pm Peer Ministry Training

**Thursday, June 28**

8:45 am Mass

**Friday, June 29**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, June 30**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, July 1**

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

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2017
June 17, 2018: \$2,108 Extended Catholic Obligations: \$348	June 18, 2017: \$3,867 Extended Catholic Obligations: \$425
Supermarket Gift Cards: June 17, 2018 Sales: \$1,950 Profit: \$97.50 YTD Profit: \$3,311.25 # of families: 10	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

**FAITH DIRECT...**

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 participating in eGiving 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](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code:

**NJ484**

God Bless you, Fr. Marcin



My dear parishioners,

## WHO WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST?



Today we celebrate the birth of St. John the Baptist. He was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth. Luke tells us the angel Gabriel announced his birth to his father Zechariah and gave him the name John, which means "God is gracious." John left his parents to live the life of a prophet in the desert. He preached in the desert dressed like an Old Testament prophet, wearing a garment of camel-skin and eating locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed the kingdom of God and a coming judgment, and invited people to accept baptism as a sign of their repentance.

We see John's humility when he did not want attention on himself but directed people to Jesus. People began to wonder if John was the Messiah so he reassured them that he was not. He declared that his ministry was preparing for the coming of the Messiah, "I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." When Jesus came to John asking for baptism, John recognized Jesus at once and said, "Look, there is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

After Jesus' baptism once again we see John turning the attention to Jesus as he declared, "He must increase, I must decrease." We are reminded of this fact celebrating John's birth just days after the summer solstice since the daylight will now decrease and we will celebrate the birth of Jesus just days after the winter solstice when the daylight will increase.

We see John's great courage in condemning the marriage of Herod to Herod's brother's wife. This is a reminder to us that not everything that is allowed by law is morally right, e.g. divorce and abortion. Herod had John arrested and put in prison. John stood up for the truth and unfortunately like many who stand up for the truth today he had to pay a price. John's courage in upholding the dignity of marriage and condemning the adulterous relationship of Herod and Herodias was to result in his death by beheading in prison.

John's courage in upholding the truth about marriage, and his subsequent beheading as a result, challenges us in a time when it is not popular to speak the truth or live by the truth. **John turning attention away from himself towards Jesus reminds us to do the same also in our lives. In each of us, we ourselves are to decrease and Jesus is to increase.** St. John the Baptist, pray for us.

**John** sent  
by God

## -Catechism of the Catholic Church- The Sacrament of Matrimony.



**1659** St. Paul said: "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church. . . . This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church" (Eph 5:25, 32).

**1601** "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."

**1605** Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: "It is not good that the man should be alone." The woman, "flesh of his flesh," his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a "helpmate"; she thus represents God from whom comes our help. "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh."<sup>94</sup> The Lord himself shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been "in the beginning": "So they are no longer two, but one flesh."

**1661** The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved his Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life.

**1665** The remarriage of persons divorced from a living, lawful spouse contravenes the plan and law of God as taught by Christ. They are not separated from the Church, but they cannot receive Eucharistic communion. They will lead Christian lives especially by educating their children in the faith.

**1666** The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called "the domestic church," a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity.

### Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25.

"Quo Vadis – Where are you going?"

Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go?



Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food, and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held June 27- 29, 2018 at the Saint Mary's Abbey Retreat Center in Morristown, New Jersey. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera and David Monteleone in the Vocations Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711, by email: revedgar@patersondiocese.org. or ask one of our priests.

## FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

### St. Boniface – June 23

Missionary and martyr (ca. 675 – 754)

St. Boniface, one of the great figures in the annals of Christian mission, spent the first half of his life as a monk in England. At about forty, he was seized by missionary fervor. An Anglo-Saxon by birth, he desired to convey the Gospel to the Saxon people, who were still outside the Church. From the pope he received a commission to go forth to Germany, "to those people who are still in the bond of infidelity ... to teach them the service of the kingdom of God by persuasion of the truth in the name of Christ, the Lord, our God."

Boniface traveled widely in Hesse and Thuringia and soon achieved extraordinary results. Before long he was writing back to the English people, asking for their prayers in the conversion of those who "are of one blood and bone with you."

Boniface was eventually named the archbishop of Mainz. Though a skilled administrator, his heart remained set on spreading the Gospel. Nearing eighty, he received permission to leave his cathedral in the hands of an assistant and to return to Frisia, his original mission field. There, with a group of followers, he was attacked and brutally killed.

## FROM FR. JAVIER...

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

#### The Tenth Commandment

**You shall not covet ... anything that is your neighbor's.... You shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, 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 tenth commandment unfolds and completes the ninth, which is concerned with concupiscence of the flesh. It forbids coveting the goods of another, as the root of theft, robbery, and fraud, which the seventh commandment forbids. "Lust of the eyes" leads to the violence and injustice forbidden by the fifth commandment. Avarice, like fornication, originates in the idolatry prohibited by the first three prescriptions of the Law. The tenth commandment concerns the intentions of the heart; with the ninth, it summarizes all the precepts of the Law.

The sensitive appetite leads us to desire pleasant things we do not have; the desire to eat when we are hungry or to warm ourselves when we are cold. These desires are good in themselves; but often they exceed the limits of reason and drive us to covet unjustly what is not ours and belongs to another or is owed to him.

Also the tenth commandment forbids greed and the desire to amass earthly goods without limit. It forbids avarice arising from a passion for riches and their attendant power. It also forbids the desire to commit injustice by harming our neighbor in his temporal goods: *When the Law says, "You shall not covet," these words mean that we should banish our desires for whatever does not belong to us. Our thirst for another's goods is immense, infinite, never quenched. Thus it is written: "He who loves money never has money enough.*

God bless you.

## THANK YOU...

Thank you to everyone who helped and donated food for the reception for our Music Director Joe Tamburro. It was an opportunity for our parish family to say goodbye to Joe and to wish him good luck and blessings as he embarks on the next phase of his life.

## WELCOME KRISTEN O'SHEA...

We would like to welcome Kristen O'Shea as our new Music Director. She has been playing the piano at churches for over 20 years, most recently at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Flanders. She is a music teacher in the Hopatcong School District and lives in Randolph with her husband and (almost) five year old son. Kristen is very excited to meet all of the parishioners here at St. Mark's and be a spiritual leader through music!

## FUNDRAISING...

### ST. MARK'S CAR MAGNET SALE...

Members of the fundraising committee will be selling St. Mark's car magnets after masses in the gathering space. Cost is \$5.00 each. You may also purchase them in the Parish Office during regular business hours. Thank you for your support

## CYO BASKETBALL SIGN UPS...

Registrations will be accepted through Monday, July 9. The program is available to St. Mark's Parishioners (boys & girls) 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jacksonj041@gmail.com). Forms are located on St. Mark's website [www.stmarksnj.org](http://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 Senftinger, 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