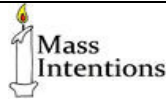


Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

August 26, 2018

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, August 25
5:30 pm For Bertha Sakeet Todd by Hernandez Family

Sunday, August 26
9:00 am For Kyla James Abbondandolo by Spangler Family
11:00 am For Kevin P. McGrath by Spangler Family

Monday, August 27
8:45 am For Mary Uhrik

Tuesday, August 28
8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen by Parishioners of St. Mark

Wednesday, August 29
8:45 am For

Thursday, August 30
8:45 am For

Saturday, September 1
5:30 pm For Thomas & Julia Dugan

Sunday, September 2
9:00 am For Jacob Anthony Macones in celebration of his Baptism
11:00 am For Colin O'Connor by Holly Zimmerman

REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Altar Breads & Wine: In loving memory of Aeneas and Genevieve Corry by Corry/Benardone family
Sanctuary Lamp: In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone by Corry/Benardone family
Mass Candles:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE September 1, 2, 2018

Saturday, 5:30 pm
Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski
Lector: Joanne Lee
Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am
Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski
Lector: Kevin O'Shea
Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed
Altar Servers: Help Needed

11:00 am
Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski
Lector: Tom Hanifin, Isabella Dilizia
Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed
Altar Server: Help Needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, August 27
8:45 am Mass

Tuesday, August 28
8:45 am Mass
8:00 pm K of C Meeting

Wednesday, August 29
8:45 am Mass

Thursday, August 30
8:45 am Mass

Friday, August 31
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 1
8:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 2
9:00, 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2017
August 19, 2018: Figures not available	August 20, 2017: \$1,850 Extended Catholic Obligations: \$557.81
Supermarket Gift Cards: August 19, 2018 Sales: \$1,000 Profit: \$50 YTD Profit: \$4,182.50 # of families: 5	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 autumn, 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, apple sauce/healthy snacks, cold cereal, and pasta sauce. Do this and **everyone** will have a nicer summer!



Starting on September 4 the parish office will be open Monday through Thursday 8:30 am- 1:30 pm. Closed on Friday.

My dear parishioners,

Today we celebrate 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, and the last weekend of September – unfortunately... Our summer time is almost over. Please enjoy this last week of summer, take a rest and relax before September starts.

Decisions, decisions, decisions. We have small decisions to make and big decisions to make. There is one decision we all have to make, that is to decide for God or not, to live with God first in our life or not. This is the big decision we see being made in the first reading today in the book of Joshua and in the Gospel. In today's Gospel we see a very interesting situation.

Many of Jesus' followers turned away from him when they heard him preaching on the Eucharist, the preaching of Jesus we have listened to during recent Sundays. Hearing Jesus speak about his body and blood as nourishment was too much for them. Jesus told them their ancestors ate bread in the desert and died but the bread Jesus would offer would allow them to live forever. When many were contemplating not following Jesus any more, he practically made an appeal to them to reconsider when he said to them that the spirit gives life while the flesh has nothing to offer. The words Jesus told them are spirit and life. In other words, if they turn from Jesus they are turning from light to darkness. If they turn from Jesus they are turning from the One who gave them the new commandment to love one another and going back again to the custom of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. If they turn from Jesus they are turning from the One who showed them the correct understanding of the Law of Moses to go back again to try but never succeed in fulfilling all the 613 laws of Moses. If they turn from Jesus they turn from freedom to slavery. But Peter understood correctly and responded to Jesus, **“Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”** Indeed, to whom else shall we go? Going to anyone or anything else would be a mistake as we would have to double back in our tracks once again. **“Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”** Only in Jesus have we the freedom we seek. Only when we live with Jesus in our life do all the parts of our life fit together. **Whenever as individuals or as a country we have decisions to make, we can say to Jesus, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”**

That freedom and a new better way of living is what we see played out in the second reading from Ephesians today, especially the consequences of belief in Christ for marriage. The reading continues by advising husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the Church. How did Christ love the Church? Christ loved the Church by dying for the Church, or as the reading says by handing himself over for her. The reading means husbands are to love their wives in a sacrificial way to the end. So when the letter says the husband is head of the wife as Christ is head of the Church, it is not talking about power. Christ was not into power or control. If the husband is the head like Christ then he is asked to love like Christ. To make sure we get the message we are told husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. Husband and wife are one body in marriage Genesis tells us (Gen 2:24), so it is natural for a spouse to love the other as their own body because they are now one body in marriage. This is a totally new way of understanding marriage in the first century. Nowhere else do we get a description of marriage like this. Those who turned away from Jesus in the Gospel today turned away from all the beautiful consequences that the new life in Christ brings.

In the Gospel, Peter understood and responded to Jesus, **“Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”**

Indeed, to whom else shall we go? Going to anyone or anything else would be a mistake as we would have to double back in our tracks once again. **Only in Jesus have we the freedom we seek. The second reading gives us a beautiful picture of the consequences of the new life in Christ for the families. “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”**

**ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...
OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...
GOD BLESS YOU...**



**SEPTEMBER 1st – OLM CHURCH – 9:30AM
ADORATION, CONFESSION, MEDITATION, HOLY MASS**
Our Lady of Fatima Promises all the Graces Necessary for Heaven if a Catholic Finishes the Five First Saturdays Devotion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Come and see the goodness of the Lord and his Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary.

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Margaret Ward – August 30
Martyr (d. 1588)

Little is known of the life of this English martyr under Queen Elizabeth. A gentlewoman of London, she was arrested in 1588 for her part in aiding the escape of an imprisoned priest, William Watson, whom she was in the habit of visiting. Taking advantage of lax security, she managed to smuggle a rope into the prison, which Watson used to lower himself from a tower. Once outside, he escaped with the help of Ward's servant, John Roche, with whom he also exchanged clothing.

The rope was easily traced back to Ward. She and Roche were both arrested subjected to terrible tortures. They were promised their freedom if they would ask the queen's pardon and attend the established Church. When they refused this offer, they were hanged at Tyburn on August 30, 1588.

She was flogged and hung up by the wrists, the tips of her toes only touching the ground, for so long a time that she was crippled and paralyzed, but these sufferings greatly strengthened the glorious martyr for her last struggle.”

- Testimony of St. Robert Southwell, later a martyr.



FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Grace of Baptism

My dear brothers and sisters the different effects of Baptism are signified by the perceptible elements of the sacramental rite. Immersion in water symbolizes not only death and purification, but also regeneration and renewal. Thus the two principal effects are purification from sins and new birth in the Holy Spirit.

By Baptism all sins are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all punishment for sin. In those who have been reborn nothing remains that would impede their entry into the Kingdom of God, neither Adam's sin, nor personal sin, nor the consequences of sin, the gravest of which is separation from God.

Also Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ: *"Therefore . . . we are members one of another."* Baptism incorporates us into the Church. From the baptismal fonts is born the one People of God of the New Covenant, which transcends all the natural or human limits of nations, cultures, races, and sexes: *"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body."*

As well Baptism constitutes the foundation of communion among all Christians, including those who are not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church: *"For men who believe in Christ and have been properly baptized are put in some, though imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church. Justified by faith in Baptism, [they] are incorporated into Christ; they therefore have a right to be called Christians, and with good reason are accepted as brothers by the children of the Catholic Church."* *"Baptism therefore constitutes the sacramental bond of unity existing among all who through it are reborn"*. God bless you



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. Calendars have been mailed to all registered families.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING...

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join us.



Community News 

SAINT PIO COMES TO THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON...

Thursday, Sept. 20th from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm. St. Peter the Apostle Church, 179 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Come and venerate the official relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina on the occasion of the 50th commemoration anniversary of his passing. A mass in honor of St. Padre Pio will be celebrated at 7:00 pm. For information call 973-334-2090 or email stpeterpar@optonline.net.

4TH ANNUAL SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY MOTORCYCLE RUN...

Date: Saturday, Sept. 22, Rain Date Saturday, Sept. 29
Start Location: St. Luke's Church, 565 W. Mill Road (Rt. 513) LV
Time: 9:00 am, Registration. 9:00-9:45 am Bike Blessings, 10:00 am Kickstands up, 1:00 pm meet at the LV Brew Pub for the after ride lunch. Ride will be approximately 3 hours
Donation: \$15 per bike; \$10 passenger.
All proceeds benefit St. Luke Special Needs Ministry for children and adults with physical and developmental needs, regardless of religious affiliation. If you have questions call Bob (908) 413-2650.

ST. LUKE PARISH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING...

Monday, October 8 at the Black Oak Golf Club, Long Valley \$175/player. Player Registration, Business sponsorship Form and Event Details can be found on the periodical table in the gathering space or at the St. Luke Parish website www.stlukeparishlv.com



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, Neil Donohue, Elizabeth, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Jerry Green, Barbara Gotterdam, David Guemond, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Joey, Jim Karpinski, Dana Karpinski, John, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Rocky Labato, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Maryann Litori, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Madelyn Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr, Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Edward Michonski, Sr., Kathy Minichini, Faith Morelli, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Josh Olsen, Jim Owens, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Pilosi, Laurie Pitcock, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Donald Schmitt, Jeff Schpiner, Ann Senftinger, Bill Siegrist, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau,, Patricia Villano, Anne Walsh

Every now and then we try to update our prayer list of names of the sick and special intentions. Please look over the list and if you requested prayers for a person call the parish office and let us know if you wish to continue being on the list..