

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

October 21, 2018

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, October 20

5:30 pm For Jacklyn Salerno by Lennon Family

Sunday, October 21

9:00 am For Harry Acker by Monteverde Family

11:00 am For Henry Albright, Jr. by Christopher & Amelia Aulisi

Monday, October 22

8:45 am For

Tuesday, October 23

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen by Parishioners of St. Marks

Wednesday, October 24

8:45 am For

Thursday, October 25

8:45 am For

Saturday, October 27

5:30 pm For Richard Onorevole 5th Anniversary by Lennon Family

Sunday, October 28

9:00 am For Patricia Barone by Monteverde Family

11:00 am For Margaret Burke by Burke Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

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 October 27, 28, 2018**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Joanne Lee

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Burke, Mike & Nancy Lennon

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Kevin O'Shea

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia, Steve Beggin

Altar Servers: Help Needed

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Isabella DiLizia

Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Mitchell, Eric & Sharon Woelfel

Altar Server: Help Needed

FAITH DIRECT...

Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Mark the Evangelist. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. 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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, October 22

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm CEC K-5

7:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, October 23

8:45 am Mass

6:15 pm JYM Class

6:45 pm Living Rosary – All are welcome to attend

8:00 pm K of C Meeting

Wednesday, October 24

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, October 25

8:45 am Mass

Friday, October 26

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, October 27

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, October 28

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

| Current Year | Last Year 2017 |
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| October, 14 2018: \$2,005 | October 15, 2017: \$2,320 |
| Supermarket Gift Cards: October 14, 2018 Sales: \$3,500 Profit: \$175 2018 YTD Profit: \$5,121.25 2017 YTD Profit: \$6,188 # of families: 14 | St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484 |



THANKSGIVING...

Yes, it's early to be thinking about Thanksgiving!

However, if you have something to be thankful for (and don't we all?), here's a great way to show your appreciation. Go to the supermarket gift card table in the Gathering Space and donate gift cards (or cash) for the Thanksgiving Baskets to be distributed by the Long Valley Food Pantry. These donations will be collected after all weekend masses from October 13th through November 4th (or in the office any time during normal office hours). Even though it seems early, the Food Pantry volunteers need time to do the shopping and to distribute the baskets in time for holiday cooking. Non-perishable items can also be placed in the Food Pantry wagon as usual (canned yams, pie filling, flour, sugar, stuffing mix – or other traditional items). With the holidays coming up, you know you need supermarket gift cards for yourself, so as long as you're there anyway...

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today we celebrate 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time and also World Mission Sunday. In today's Gospel Jesus says: ***“Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”***

Who doesn't want to be first, and honored by others? Should we be surprised to see the disciples of Jesus thirsting for power, position, and authority? James and John, the sons of Zebedee, urged their mother to strike a deal with Jesus, their Master and Messiah. They wanted the distinction of being first and most important in position, next to Jesus.

Jesus taught contrary to the world's understanding of power, authority, and position, by reversing the order of master and servant, lord and subject, first and last! Jesus linked authority with love, position with sacrifice, and service with humility. Authority without love is over-bearing and slavish. Position without respect and concern for the subordinate is demeaning and rude. And service without generosity and sacrifice is cheap and unkind.

Those who wish to serve with the Lord Jesus and to exercise authority in God's kingdom must be prepared to sacrifice - not just some of their time, money, and resources - but their whole lives and all that they possess. A disciple of Jesus must be ready to lay down his or her life - each and every day in the little and big sacrifices required - and even to the point of shedding one's blood if necessary for the sake of Christ and his Gospel. We share in God's reign by laying down our lives in humble service and love for one another, just as Jesus did for our sake. **Am I ready to lay down my life and to serve others as Jesus has taught and modeled for me?**

Lord Jesus, make me a servant of love for your kingdom that I may seek to serve rather than be served. In flame my heart with love that I may give generously and serve joyfully for your sake.

.WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.

The theme of this year's observance is: "Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all". We are called to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need.

Pope Francis addresses his message for this year's celebration to young people, saying: *“In speaking to you, I also address all Christians who live out in the Church the adventure of their life as children of God. What leads me to speak to everyone through this conversation with you is the certainty that the Christian faith remains ever young when it is open to the mission that Christ entrusts to us.”*

As Catholics around the world — here at home and in the Missions — gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us... PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work.

.OCTOBER - RESPECT LIFE MONTH.

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **CHERISHED**. God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is **CHOSEN**. We are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is **SENT**.

In many places in the Bible we read that because life is from God, we do not have the right to decide to take another person's life. Since life comes from God, we would be playing God to take someone else's life whether fully grown or still in the womb. Human life is sacred, we do not have the authority from God to meddle with the sacredness of human life, to destroy it in any way.

Pope John Paul II in his encyclical Evangelium Vitae states:

“I declare that direct abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, always constitutes a grave moral disorder, since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being. (Evangelium Vitae §62).

“I confirm that euthanasia is a grave violation of the law of God, since it is the deliberate and morally unacceptable killing of a human person...”(Evangelium Vitae §65).

As we reflect on this sin against life, I would also like to call to mind that God is a God of mercy, willing to forgive us no matter what our past. I am sure that any priest would be compassionate and forgiving in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If any woman or man is burdened with guilt, please turn to God for forgiveness.

Thank you very much to all those who decided to participate in 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Thank you for saying YES to all those who are in need. May God bless you and give you all the best for your generosity, love and good hearts.

St. Mark – pray for us...

Our Lady of the Mountain – pray for us...

Fr. Marcin

2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Here I am, Lord!

Our Diocese is blessed that there has been an increase in the number of seminarians over the years. Let's continue to pray for these men as they concentrate on their studies and reflect on how they will one day serve our parishes. They deserve all our support, and one way to show this is by giving to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Appeal helps fund the significant financial costs associated with years of room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your gift today helps prepare our seminarians for the future. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org. May God bless you for your support!

THE ANNULMENT PROCESS...

If you or someone you know is seeking an Annulment you are not alone on this journey. The Church seeks to help, guide and support you. Come to have your questions about the Annulment Process answered and receive step-by-step support. "...In the world you will have trouble, but take courage I have conquered the world." John 16:33

NOVEMBER 7, 2018 - 7:30-9:00PM (Mass at 7pm) Saint Paul Inside The Wall (205 Madison Ave. Madison, NJ 07940) Facilitated by: Msgr. Kurtyka - Judicial Vicar

**FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...
St. John Paul II – October 22
Pope (1920 – 2005)**

Karol Wojtyla, archbishop of Krakow, was elected pope in 1978, taking the name John Paul II. Growing up in Poland he had experienced firsthand the realities of war, genocide, and totalitarian ideology. All this deeply marked his faith and his vision of the Church's role in defending human dignity and the life of the spirit. During his twenty-six-year reign, he in turn left a profound mark on the Church and the world.

His appearances in his homeland soon after his election set in motion a moral-political resurgence that fostered the dissident Solidarity labor movement. A first crack in the edifice of communism, this ultimately spelled the demise of the communist regime in Poland, setting in motion a chain reaction that presaged the collapse of the communist bloc in Eastern Europe and the end of the Cold War.

In 1981 he was nearly killed by a Turkish assassin in St. Peter's Square. He survived to visit his assailant in prison and offer his forgiveness. In his final years, overtaken by the effects of Parkinson's disease, he humbly offered a different kind of witness to the power of the spirit.

Upon his death on April 2, 2005, a cry of Santo Subito! ("Sainthood immediately") arose among mourners in St. Peter's Square. He was beatified six years later and canonized in April 2014.

"Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

St. John Paul II

**FROM FR. JAVIER...
TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH - THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH
The Sacrament of the Eucharist
The signs of bread and wine**

My brothers and sisters the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. Faithful to the Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory and until his glorious return, what he did on the eve of his Passion: *"He took bread. . . ." "He took the cup filled with wine. . . ."* The signs of bread and wine become, in a way surpassing understanding, the Body and Blood of Christ; they continue also to signify the goodness of creation. Thus in the Offertory we give thanks to the Creator for bread and wine, fruit of the *"work of human hands,"* but above all as *"fruit of the earth"* and *"of the vine"* - gifts of the Creator. The Church sees in the gesture of the king-priest Melchizedek, who "brought out bread and wine," a prefiguring of her own offering.

Also in the Old Covenant bread and wine were offered in sacrifice among the first fruits of the earth as a sign of grateful acknowledgment to the Creator. But they also received a new significance in the context of the Exodus: the unleavened bread that Israel eats every year at Passover commemorates the haste of the departure that liberated them from Egypt; the remembrance of the manna in the desert will always recall to Israel that it lives by the bread of the Word of God; their daily bread is the fruit of the promised land, the pledge of God's faithfulness to his promises. The *"cup of blessing"* at the end of the Jewish Passover meal adds to the festive joy of wine an eschatological dimension: the messianic expectation of the rebuilding of Jerusalem. When Jesus instituted the Eucharist, he gave a new and definitive meaning to the blessing of the bread and the cup.

The miracles of the multiplication of the loaves, when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigure the superabundance of this unique bread of his Eucharist. The sign of water turned into wine at Cana already announces the Hour of Jesus' glorification. God bless you.

FUNDRAISING INFORMATION...

Next fundraising meeting will be tomorrow, Monday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 pm. Topics will be the 5K as well as the February Dance. All are welcome to attend. Remember you can purchase Supermarket Gift Cards and Car Magnets after all weekend masses and also at CEC on Mondays. Car magnets are \$5.

NEW YEARS DAY 5K RUN...As much as January 1 seems to be a long way off, it will soon be 2019. As a great way to welcome in the New Year, St. Mark's Church is once again hosting our New Year's Day 5K. Last year this event raised over \$4,000 for St. Marks. This year we hope to double that amount and have made some upgrades to this wonderful 5K on January 1 – USATF certification and a professional timing system. So as you begin to make your holiday plans, please consider participating in St. Mark's New Year's Day 5K. Thank you

PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP...

For young men in high school or college, or even older., Tuesday, October 23 DePaul High school in Wayne 7-9 pm. Come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship and of course pizza. For information call Vocation Office 973-777-8818, ext 711

Community News

OPEN HOUSE POPE JOHN XXIII...

Students & families are invited to join the Pope John XXIII Regional High School administration, faculty, and staff at our Open House on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 pm. Enjoy academic department presentations by our faculty, visit with coaches and club moderators, tour our facilities, and see why Pope John XXIII is a perfect school community for your student. There is something for everyone! Questions? Contact Mrs. Anne Kaiser, Admissions, at 973-729-6126 or annekaiser@popejohn.org.



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 Heimslly, 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 Piloni, Laurie Pitcock, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Donald Schmitt, Jeff Schpiner, Ann Sentfinger, Bill Siegrist, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Patricia Villano, Anne Walsh

