

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Saturday, May 18

5:30 pm For Joseph & Anna Hayko by Daniel & Ann Marie Huntz

Sunday, May 19

9:00 am For Dr. John S. Madaras, Sr. by Stokes Family

11:00 am For Sylvia Totin by Stokes Family

Monday, May 20

8:45 am For Fr. Edward Collins

Tuesday, May 21

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

Wednesday, May 22

8:45 am For

Thursday, May 23

8:45 am For

Saturday, May 25

5:30 pm For Dr. John Stephen Madaras, Sr. by Tom Morley

Sunday, May 26

9:00 am For Bill & Joan Pirolo by Masterson Family

11:00 am For Jane Ericson by Solecki Family

REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Sanctuary Lamp: In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone and Aeneas and Genevieve Corry by Corry/Benardone family

Altar Breads & Wine: In loving memory of Jan and Amelia Krzywosz, and Wladyslaw and Anna Skoczylas by Skoczylas Family

Mass Candles:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 25, 26, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Fred McQuaide

Eucharistic Ministers: help needed

Altar Servers: help needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Kevin O'Shea

Eucharistic Ministers: help needed

Altar Servers: help needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Sharon Donovan

Eucharistic Ministers: help needed

Altar Servers: help needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, May 20

8:45 am Mass

Tuesday, May 21

8:45 am Mass

8:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

Wednesday, May 22

8:45 am Mass

Thursday, May 23

8:45 am Mass

Friday, May 24

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, May 25

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, May 26

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
May 12, 2019: \$1,832	May 13, 2018: \$2,962
Supermarket Gift Cards Sales: \$2,350 Profit: \$117.50 YTD Profit: \$2,372 # of families: 10	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters.

FAITHDIRECT...

May is the month for planning. We plan our Memorial Day cookout menus, we plan our children's activities, and we plan our summer travel. But have you planned your giving to St. Mark the Evangelist? By enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct you can plan your giving through the summer so your gifts will reach St. Mark the Evangelist even when you cannot, and our ministries can continue uninterrupted.

Signing up is easy! Visit faith.direct/NJ484 or text the word **ENROLL** to (Text-to-Give Phone Number).

Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless You,

Fr. Marcin

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today marks 5th Sunday of Easter. Jesus said to his apostles during the Last Supper **“I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another”**. When Jesus speaks about love it is always a special type of love, unselfish love, loving the other for the other’s sake without anything in it for oneself.

How can we love one another as Christ has loved us? Paul the Apostle tells us that “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us”. Jesus poured out his Holy Spirit on his disciples at Pentecost and he pours out his Spirit today on all who believe in him. If we yield our hearts to Jesus and submit to his will for us, then the Holy Spirit will purify all that is unloving, unkind, and unforgiving in us. The Lord wants to transform our minds so we can understand his word of truth and life which has power to set us free from ignorance, unbelief, deception, and prejudice.

This is the power that overcomes the world - the triumphant cross of Christ which breaks the destructive forces of sin, hatred, and division. And we share in the power of Christ’s victory by embracing the cross which the Lord Jesus sets before each one of us. What is the cross that I must take up daily in order to follow the Lord Jesus? When my will crosses with God’s will, then his will must be done. The cross of Christ sets us free to live no longer for ourselves but for Christ and his kingdom of peace, joy, and righteousness (moral goodness). Our calling and privilege is to serve as Christ has served and to love and he has loved. That is the way we share in the glory of our heavenly Father who gave us his beloved Son who laid down his life for each one of us.

The distinctive mark of every disciple and follower of Jesus Christ is love - a love that is ready to forgive and forget past injuries, to heal and restore rather than inflict revenge and injury. The cross of Jesus is the only way to pardon, peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Every other way will fail or fall short of the glory and victory which Jesus Christ has won for us through his death and resurrection. If we embrace his love and truth and allow his Holy Spirit to purify and transform our hearts and minds, then we will find the inner freedom, joy, and strength we need to love without measure, to forgive without limit, and to serve without reward - save that of knowing we are serving the One who wants to be united with us in an unbreakable bond of peace and joy forever.

What motivates us? Is it God’s love for us or our love of ourselves, true love or distorted love?

ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX SAID THAT WHENEVER HE LOOKED AT THE CRUCIFIX THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST SEEMED LIKE LIPS SPEAKING TO HIM SAYING, “I LOVE YOU.”

May every day be for us another day to grow more intimate with God who loves us.

IMPORTANCE OF MASS INTENTIONS.

As Catholics, we believe that there is inestimable value in “having a mass celebrated” for a particular intention. A Mass may be offered in thanksgiving for our blessings, family, health and answer to prayers. A mass may be offered for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. We must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul. Masses offered for us during our life can help us obtain the great grace of a happy and holy death.

The most beautiful gift one can give to another person is a gift of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. No material gift can ever compare to or equal the Infinite Value of the Holy mass. Masses offered for our departed loved ones and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory is a great act of charity. As a Spiritual Act of mercy consider, then, to have Masses offered for yourself and your family, living and dead. Use the Infinite treasure of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Mass intentions are scheduled at the Parish Office.

St. Mark...pray for us...

God bless you,

Fr. Marcin

ST. MARK’S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...

ROAR! LIFE IS WILD – GOD IS GOOD

July 8-July 12 from 9:30 am-Noon

Pre-School (age 4) – Grade 5 (as of Fall 2019)

Fee \$20 per family

VBS is open to anyone. You do not have to be a parishioner to attend. Bring friends and neighbors!

Deadline to sign up is June 27, 2019

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Matthew, the Evangelist – May 22

Matthew, the Evangelist who wrote the Gospel that appears first in the New Testament, was different from the other Apostles. He was not a popular man. Many people felt that he was unworthy to be chosen as a follower of Jesus. Matthew worked for the Romans as a tax collector. The Romans ruled Palestine and the Jewish people in the time of Jesus. They forced the Jewish people to pay taxes to them. Many of the tax collectors cheated the people by charging more taxes than required and keeping the extra money for themselves. The Jews considered the tax collectors traitors.

Matthew wrote his Gospel for Jewish people who had become followers of Christ. He wanted his audience to know that Jesus was the Messiah that God had promised to send to save all people. Matthew’s Gospel makes clear that Jesus is the fulfillment of everything said by the prophets in the Old Testament.

After Jesus’ Ascension, Matthew preached the Gospel, as Jesus asked his disciples to do. It is believed that he established Christian communities in Ethiopia and other sections of the continent of Africa. Tradition tells us that he died as a martyr.

Matthew wrote about Jesus’ Incarnation and his Gospel makes clear that Jesus was true God and true man. Matthew is the patron saint of bankers, because he dealt with money as a tax collector. But anyone who reads Matthew’s Gospel knows that money was not important to him. What was important was believing in and living as a follower of Christ. Matthew helps us to remember that it is our faith in Jesus that makes us truly rich! St. Matthew is the patron saint for accountants, bankers, bookkeepers and tax collectors.

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH
The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

The Acts of the Penitent

The confession of sins

My dear brothers and sisters the confession of sins, even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others. Through such an admission man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible.

Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: *"All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret and have been committed against the last two precepts of the Decalogue; for these sins sometimes wound the soul more grievously and are more dangerous than those which are committed openly."*

When Christ's faithful strive to confess all the sins that they can remember, they undoubtedly place all of them before the divine mercy for pardon. But those who fail to do so and knowingly withhold some, place nothing before the divine goodness for remission through the mediation of the priest, *"for if the sick person is too ashamed to show his wound to the doctor, the medicine cannot heal what it does not know."*

God bless you.



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

Richard Alvarez, Daria Cremonini, Tony Atkins, Kathleen Goodman, Mary McArdle, Anna McFarland, Denise Niessing, Girard Nolte, Jr., Dan Salerno, George and Ann Senftinger, Fredrick Senftinger, Anne Sheehan, Special Intention, Tracy Tobin Christopher Zeliff



The Long Valley Knights of Columbus and the Paterson Federation College Scholarship Programs are now taking applications for 2019. Please contact Patrick Gibbons for a copy of the application or additional information at 908-414-0963 or (patgibb@gmail.com). The deadline for receiving applications is May 27, 2019.

All the good works we do are informed by one of our four core principles. Principle 2 is Unity – Together we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. And, as a Knight, you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

Reflection for the Week

If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works.
John 10:37-38

If you have a few hours a month to as little as a few hours a year you can make a difference in your parish and community.

Become a Knight!
www.lvkofc.org

COLUMBIETTE SCHOLARSHIP...

The LV Columbiettes College Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for 2019. Details about the program and application forms are available in the gathering space. The deadline for receiving applications is May 27, 2019 to Marge Sanders 225 Harvard Drive, Hackettstown 07840. You may also contact the LV Columbiettes for an application at lvolumbiettes@gmail.com. Or contact Marge at 908-852-3091

COMMUNITY NEWS

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION EVENTS...

Memorial Day Ceremony Saturday, May 25, 12 pm (rain or shine) at Rock Spring Park at the War Memorial Site. Rock Spring Park will be closed to all other activities on this day. Questions? Call 876-5941

PICNIC...

It's picnic time! What a fun way to start the summer, but with a picnic and great entertainment. W.T. Recreation welcomes seniors to a live musical journey back to the 50's on Monday, June 17 at 11:00 am at the Senior Center Pavilion in Rock Spring Park. Cost is \$10 for residents and \$11 non-residents. Send your check payable to WTP&R to W.T. Recreation 50 Rock Rd. Long Valley by June 10th.

BASEBALL CAMPS..

Complete Player Camp for grades 2-9 June 25-June 28, 9 am-12:30 pm. Fee \$170 deadline to register is June 14.

Wolfpack Camp for ages 8-15 July 15-18, 9am-2pm Fee \$225 due by July 11. Both camps at Palmer Field

CHEMICAL WIZARDRY for ages 6-12, June 24-27 8:45 am-11:45 am. LV Teen Arts Center, 212 West Mill Rd. Fee \$125 due by June 18.

DRONES & FLYING PHYSICS for ages 8-12 , June 24-27 12:15 pm-3:15 pm at LV Teen Art Center. Fee \$125 due by June 18.

For information on any of these events call Rec Office 908-876-5941 or www.wtmorris.org For more information on these events call 908-876-5941 or visit our website at www.wtmorris.org.