

# You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

June 23, 2019

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



**Saturday, June 22**

5:30 pm For Jerry Devine by Monteverde Family  
For Celebration of the marriage of Tess & Brendan Stokes

**Sunday, June 23**

9:00 am For Gwendolyn Delong by Tomczyk Family  
11:00 am For Rocky Labato by Lennon Family

**Monday, June 24**

8:45 am For Fr. Edward Collins

**Tuesday, June 25**

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

**Wednesday, June 25**

8:45 am For Tomasz Dragan

**Thursday, June 26**

8:45 am For

**Saturday, June 29**

5:30 pm For Grace Occhinero by Madaras Family

**Sunday, June 30**

9:00 am For Margy Dixon by Ortiz Family  
11:00 am For Rocco Labato by Reilly Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS  
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**

**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:** In celebration of the marriage of Tess & Brendan Stokes

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**June 29, 30, 2019**

**Saturday 5:30 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Tom Morley

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Jared Bermeo

**Sunday, 9:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Tony Cretella

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help Needed

**Sunday, 11:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Dina Carmelengo

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Jordan & Brendan Roehrig

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

**Monday, June 24**

8:45 am Mass

**Tuesday, June 25**

8:45 am Mass

8:00 pm K of C meeting

**Wednesday, June 26**

8:45 am Mass

**Thursday, June 27**

8:45 am Mass

**Friday, June 28**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, June 29**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, June 30**

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2018
June 16, 2019: \$1,609 Seminarians: \$261	June 17, 2018: \$2,108 Seminarians \$345
Supermarket Gift Cards June 16, 2019 Sales: \$1,250 Profit: \$62.50 YTD Profit: \$2,879.50 # of families: 7	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

**THANK YOU...**

We would like to thank Rick Tessier, a volunteer who has offered to help with general maintenance here at St. Mark's.

Even though he is a parishioner of another parish. He is willing to help us out by taking care of minor repairs, trash removal etc. Rick has worked recently on our Baptismal Font.. Thank you Rick, we appreciate all you are doing for St. Mark's.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY...**

Today is The Diocesan-wide Corpus Christi Food collection sponsored by Catholic Charities and authorized by Bishop Serratelli. Food collected will be used to help the poor at Catholic Charities food pantries, as well as parish pantries. We are asked to donate Soup, mac and cheese and shampoo. Thank you all for your generous donations.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally known by its Latin title, Corpus Christi. It is an occasion every year to remember especially what a great gift Jesus left us in the Holy Eucharist – the abiding sign of His Redemption and His Presence among us. Today we celebrate the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. The bread and wine become for us the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus.

We all want to meet Jesus. We want to have a closer friendship with Jesus. We want to have more of Jesus in our lives. We have to come to the right place, to the Eucharist. The best place to meet Jesus is in the Eucharist. **If we want to be intimate with Jesus he tells us how: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. (John 6:56). Our most intimate moment with Jesus is when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion. We receive Jesus into our very bodies. We could not be closer with Jesus. We are one. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. (John 6:56).**

We are blessed in that we have the ability to receive the Body and Blood of Christ every week, if not every day, and of praying before the Tabernacle. Jesus is the Bread of Life, and in the Eucharist he gives us himself so that we may have life. Do we take the Real Presence for granted? Maybe we could be more mindful of his presence when we enter a church or chapel. Maybe as we walk up the aisle for Holy Communion we can be more mindful, not of what we are about to receive, but of who we are about to receive.



**From a Letter on the Eucharist (Ecclesia de Eucharistia) – John Paul II (2003):**

The Eucharist is at the center of the Church (§3). The Church was born at Pentecost but a decisive moment in the shaping of the Church was the institution of the Eucharist in the Upper Room during the Last Supper (§5). What more could Jesus have done for us? In the Eucharist Jesus shows a love which goes to the end and knows no measure (§11). Our relationship with Christ begins at baptism and is strengthened by the Eucharist (§22). Whenever Mass is celebrated we are led back in spirit to Calvary (§4). The Mass makes present the sacrifice of the Cross, it does not add to it or multiply it but makes Christ's sacrifice present in time. The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice (§12).

We talk of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist because Jesus' presence in the Eucharist is a presence in the fullest sense, where Jesus is wholly and entirely present. The consecration at Mass changes the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ and the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood and the Church calls this change transubstantiation (§15).

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD IS COMING BACK**

If we would like to receive it. Dear Ministers of Holy Communion please come to church 10 minutes before mass begins. Priest cannot wait to the last minute to see if he has enough ministers to do it.

**COMING TO THE CHURCH ON TIME**

Do we arrive at church with the expectation of experiencing community and in anticipation of worshipping God? Is church something we're trying to squeeze into a busy schedule? Or is church merely an obligation to fulfill?

**As your pastor I beg you come to church on time. Spend a couple of minutes in prayer before mass begins.**

When we walk through the church doors early, it says we are eager to worship God, and we enjoy Christian community. It shows respect for God and others. Depending on our personality we may spend this extra time in quiet contemplation, in prayer, or in conversation.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN**

Bishop Casey formally established Our Lady of the Mountain parish in June 24, 1969.

If anyone from St. Mark's would like to join OLM Parish for this great celebration please mark your calendar **SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2019 - 10:45am Holy Mass with our Bishop. 12:30 Brunch at Mainbrook Golf Club in Hackettstown.**

Cost per person - \$35. Registration forms are on the table in our gathering room.

O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY, O SACRAMENT DIVINE, ALL PRAISE AND ALL THANKSGIVING BE EVERY MOMENT THINE.

*God bless you, Fr. Marcin*

**FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...**

St. John Southworth – June 28  
Martyr (1592 – 1654)

St John Southworth is one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales who paid the ultimate price for his faith. Visitors to the Cathedral of Westminster often ask about the casket which is currently in the Holy Souls Chapel. Part of the work of the Guild of Saint John Southworth is to tell the story of this much loved Westminster priest. Saint John Southworth is often referred to as a 'Parish Priest of Westminster' who welcomed everyone. Yet, he wasn't really a parish priest in the traditional sense but a priest who came to this area of Westminster and, under threat of death, continued to serve and help the poor – notably during the plague years of the early 17th century. He was not a Londoner but came from a Lancashire family who lived at Samesbury Hall near Preston. He is thought to have been born in 1592. He studied for the priesthood and was ordained priest in 1618 at the English College, Douai in Northern France. Westminster Cathedral He was sent to minister to English Catholics and under the penal laws in force at the time was arrested in 1626 in Lancashire. He was condemned to death and imprisoned first in Lancaster Castle, and afterward in the Clink Prison, London. During the plague of 1636, we have accounts of him in the area of Westminster, administering the sacraments and comforting the sick and the dying. Following the execution of King Charles I and the establishment of the Commonwealth, laws against Catholics were more vigorously

enforced. In 1654, an informer told the authorities that a Catholic priest was working in Westminster. Commonwealth soldiers arrested Saint John Southworth. He was tried at the Old Bailey. There was little evidence against him and friends advised him to deny being a priest – however, he would not deny his priesthood and was condemned to be hung, drawn and quartered at Tyburn on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. He said - “This gallows I look on as His cross which I gladly take to follow my dear Savior,” John Southworth was beatified in 1929 and declared a saint just over 40 years later in 1970. His reliquary, previously in the Chapel of St George and the English Martyrs, can be now found in the Holy Souls Chapel. Especially for his feast today, though, you can find the Saint John Southworth’s relics at the center of the Cathedral.

**FROM FR. JAVIER...**

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

My dear brothers and sisters the priests must encourage the faithful to come to the sacrament of Penance and must make themselves available to celebrate this sacrament each time Christians reasonably ask for it.

When he celebrates the sacrament of Penance, the priest is fulfilling the ministry of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost sheep, of the Good Samaritan who binds up wounds, of the Father who awaits the prodigal son and welcomes him on his return, and of the just and impartial judge whose judgment is both just and merciful. The priest is the sign and the instrument of God's merciful love for the sinner.

The confessor is not the master of God's forgiveness, but its servant. The minister of this sacrament should unite himself to the intention and charity of Christ. He should have a proven knowledge of Christian behavior, experience of human affairs, respect and sensitivity toward the one who has fallen; he must love the truth, be faithful to the Magisterium of the Church, and lead the penitent with patience toward healing and full maturity. He must pray and do penance for his penitent, entrusting him to the Lord's mercy.

*“Given the delicacy and greatness of this ministry and the respect due to persons, the Church declares that every priest who hears confessions is bound under very severe penalties to keep absolute secrecy regarding the sins that his penitents have confessed to him. He can make no use of knowledge that confession gives him about penitents' lives. This secret, which admits of no exceptions, is called the sacramental seal, because what the penitent has made known to the priest remains sealed by the sacrament”.*

God bless you

**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**

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



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Reflection for the Week

*The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness.  
You have to catch it yourself.*

If you would like to be a part of an international organization of nearly 2 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you. Become a Knight!

[www.lvkofo.org](http://www.lvkofo.org)

**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!

**CYO BASKETBALL....**

CYO Basketball sign-ups for the 2019-2020 season is underway. Registrations will be accepted through Monday, July 15. The program is available for St. Mark's Parishioners (Boys and Girls) between 3rd Grade and 8th Grade. The cost of the program is \$225/player (\$200 for additional players in the same family - sibling discount). Uniforms cost approximately \$35 and will be ordered in the fall. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Jackson, Athletic Director, at [jacksonj041@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonj041@gmail.com). All forms are located on the St. Marks website under CYO Basketball.

**SAFE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH...**

If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248. The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Website: [www.patersondiocese.org](http://www.patersondiocese.org)



