

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

July 21, 2019

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, July 20

5:30 pm For Parishioners of St. Mark's

Sunday, July 21

9:00 am For Rocky Labato by Stokes Family

11:00 am For Michael Murphy by Donald Family

Monday, July 22

8:45 am For Ioan Filip by Susan Reilly

Tuesday, July 23

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

Wednesday, July 24

8:45 am For Fr. Robert Gordon

Thursday, July 25

8:45 am For

Saturday, July 27

5:30 pm For John J. Drury by Meredith & Steven Locastro & Family

Sunday, July 28

9:00 am For John Grieve by Stokes Family

11:00 am For Rocky Labato by Schmitt Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**

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

Mass Candles: In loving memory of extended members of Grieve & Stokes family

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 27, 28, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Tom Morley

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Nancy Lennon

Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Tony Cretella

Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras

Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Isabella DiLizia

Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel

Altar Servers: Help needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, July 22

8:45 am Mass

Tuesday, July 23

8:45 am Mass

Wednesday, July 24

8:45 am Mass

Thursday, July 25

8:45 am Mass

Friday, July 26

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 27

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, July 28

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

Presentation of Columbiettes Scholarship at 11:00 am mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
July 14, 2019: \$1,520	July 15, 2018: \$3,280
Supermarket Gift Cards Sales: \$2,725 Profit: \$136.25 YTD Profit \$3,333.25 Number of families: 13	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Thank you for being a part of our St. Mark's family. I appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. This summer, I pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy and peace of being with family and friends. During these summer months your generosity through Faith Direct can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries. Visit faith.direct/NJ484 or text the word ENROLL to (Text-to-Give Phone Number) Thank you for your continued support of our parish. God Bless You, Fr. Marcin

SUMMER... is time to kick back, relax and take it easy. If that's your definition of summer, consider yourself blessed. Some people can't relax, because they don't know where their next meal is coming from. And yes, there are people in that position right here in Long valley. It's not your problem, BUT, you can be part of the solution. While you're planning your vacation, why not plan to make life a little easier for someone else - donate to the Long Valley Food Pantry. Any non-perishable items you donate will be appreciated, but this month the Food pantry could especially use canned meat or tuna, oil/vinegar, shampoo/toothpaste, and pasta/sauce. Enjoy a sage and pleasant summer!

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today we celebrate 16th Sunday in Ordinary time. In today's Gospel Jesus says; "*Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.*" "*Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.*"

How right Jesus was! What was the point in Jesus coming to visit them if they were to be so busy serving him that they did not have time to enjoy his company nor give him time to enjoy their company. We have a similar problem. We are so busy making money that we don't have time to enjoy the houses we are so busy working to pay for. We are so busy making money that we don't spend much time at home with our children. We are so busy that life is slipping by at a very fast rate and we need to slow it down. Where we are all going to end up at the end of life and what is the purpose of life? **Life is about getting to know God, loving God and serving God.**

We need time off. It is for our own good. It is a pity that Sunday is not always kept as a day of rest from work and a day holy to God. We need a break from the hustle and bustle of life and for our own good we need to spend time with God. "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day." (Ex 20:8)

If we are too busy we can miss out on the real meaning and joy of life and miss out on a spiritual life and friendship with God just as Martha lost out when Jesus came to her. We all need silence and space for ourselves and also for God.

Does the peace of Christ reign in your home and in your personal life? Jesus loved to visit the home of Martha and Mary and enjoyed their gracious hospitality. In this brief encounter we see two very different temperaments in Martha and Mary. Martha loved to serve, but in her anxious manner of waiting on Jesus, she caused unrest. Mary, in her simple and trusting manner, waited on Jesus by sitting attentively at his feet. She instinctively knew that what the Lord and Teacher most wanted at that moment was her attentive presence.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2019 --- REPORT --- GOOD NEWS

I am happy to let you know that last week I received a check with the final rebate \$3,075.00.

2018 parish goal: \$10K

Cash received as of June 28, 2019: \$18,280.00

MARCH 2019 REBATE: \$3,625.00

FINAL JUNE 2019 REBATE: \$515.00

**All together we received \$ 4,140.00
Thank you very much for your generosity!!!**

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

National NFP Awareness Week - JULY 21 - JULY 27, 2019

Love, Naturally! Natural Family Planning Cooperating with God's design for married love "Celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality."

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign. The Natural Family Planning Program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops develops a poster each year

with basic supportive materials. It is the individual dioceses however, that offer a variety of educational formats in the local church to focus attention on Natural Family Planning methods and Church teachings which support their use in marriage.

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. **For further information, contact nfp@usccb.org.**

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN

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

If any of us would like to join OLM Parish for this great celebration please mark your calendar SEPTEMBER 29TH 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 gathering room.

*God bless you,
Fr. Marcin*

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Anne and Joachim – July 26

Grandparents of the Lord

Ann and Joachim are revered as the parents of Mary, and thus the grandparents of Jesus. Their names do not appear in Scripture, and their tradition may be traced to the apocryphal Book of James, written in the mid-second century. That work describes Anne and Joachim as an older couple, who suffered in the belief that their childless condition was a sign of divine displeasure. Joachim retreated to the desert to fast and pray about the matter, while Anne remained at home. Both of them received a message from an angel, assuring them that they would conceive a child. That child, Mary, would later be acclaimed as the Mother of God.

No more is recorded of their story. However, with the rise of Marian devotion in the Middle Ages, there was a flurry of new interest in Anne and Joachim, and they were frequently depicted in icons and religious art. Their cult was officially recognized in the sixteenth century.

"Joachim, a Galilean from the town of Nazareth, took Saint Anne, a native of Bethlehem, as his wife. They were both righteous and walked without reproach in all the commandments of the Lord ... They lived for twenty years without offspring and made a vow to the Lord that if he granted them a child, they would dedicate it to the service of God."

- Blessed Jacobus de Voragine



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 we are allow to obtain indulgence from God through the Catholic Church.

An indulgence is obtained through the Church who, by virtue of the power of binding and loosing granted her by Christ Jesus, intervenes in favor of individual Christians and opens for them the treasury of the merits of Christ and the saints to obtain from the Father of mercies the remission of the temporal punishments due for their sins. Thus the Church does not want simply to come to the aid of these Christians, but also to spur them to works of devotion, penance, and charity.

Since the faithful departed now being purified are also members of the same communion of saints, one way we can help them is to obtain indulgences for them, so that the temporal punishments due for their sins may be remitted.

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, Thomas Kenny, Mary McArdele, Anna McFarland, Denise Niessing, Girard Nolte, Jr., Christopher Popp, George and Ann Senftinger, Fredrick Senftinger, Special Intention, Tracy Tobin, Christopher Zeliff

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. All forms are located on the St. Marks website under CYO Basketball.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham, who saw three men standing near his tent. Sensing they were messengers, he hurriedly brought them food and water to refresh themselves. Upon leaving, the men told him that they would visit in a year, at which time his childless wife Sarah would have a son.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Paul discusses the suffering Christ endured for his Church. He describes his willingness to also endure suffering in Jesus' name. Paul hopes that through his sacrifices, many people will become complete in Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Jesus was welcomed into the home of a woman named Martha. She complained to Jesus that her sister Mary sat listening to him instead of helping with the tasks of entertaining. Jesus told Martha that her sister had chosen the more important task, and should be allowed to listen.



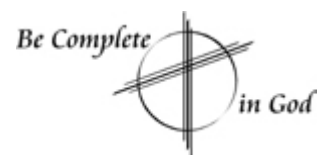
The Christian belief that God is a Trinity is not a theory with which we try to explain God. It is the most living truth of the Christian faith, the foundation of everything else we believe and the reason behind everything else that exists. In Jesus Christ, who suffered, died and was raised, God showed himself to us as he really is: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a living dialogue of love. A God who is Threefold Love – KOC Brochure

Reflection for the Week

*If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is
stop digging.
Will Rogers*

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