

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

July 28, 2019

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Monday, July 29

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

Tuesday, July 30

8:45 am For Fr. Ed Collins

Wednesday, July 31

8:45 am For

Thursday, August 1

8:45 am For a special intention

Saturday, August 3

5:30 pm For Eleanor & Joseph Konopka by Dan & Annmarie Huntz

Sunday, August 4

9:00 am For deceased members of Chambers Family

11:00 am For David Vazquez by Schwint 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

August 3, 4, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm

Celebrant: To be determined

Lector: Joanne Lee

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Scarda

Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: To be determined

Lector: Jim Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia

Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: To be determined

Lector: Al & David Escudero

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Herzog

Altar Servers: Help needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, July 29

8:45 am Mass

Tuesday, July 30

8:45 am Mass

Wednesday, July 31

8:45 am Mass

Thursday, August 1

8:45 am Mass

Friday, August 2

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 3

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, August 4

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
July 21, 2019: \$1,308 Second Collection: \$313 Online for July: \$6,621	July 22, 2018: \$1,909.50 Second Collection: \$272 Online for July \$9,430
Supermarket Gift Cards Sales: \$2,525 Profit: \$126.25 YTD Profit \$3,459.50 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 (Test-to-Give Phone Number) Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

God Bless You, Fr. Marci



MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today we observe the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel today Jesus taught his disciples to pray the Lord's Prayer, the "Our Father." We listened to Luke's Gospel today and you will notice that the Lord's Prayer in Luke is slightly different to the version we pray. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus teaches a longer version of the prayer and it is Matthew's version that the Christian Churches use.

After the prayer we see Jesus teaching to pray for what we need. If you go to your friend in the middle of the night for something and he is slow to get up to answer the door, if you persist your friend will get up to give you what you need. In other words, keep praying to God for what you need, do not stop praying, continue to pray until your prayers are answered. Jesus continued, "*Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives, the one who searches always find, the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him.*"

Why did Jesus say to keep on praying? Jesus knew that prayer is good for us. There are many other reasons why Jesus said to keep on praying. Sometimes when we pray for something our intentions are not always good. Sometimes our intentions in prayer are selfish and need to be purified and by praying for some request over a long time our intention is purified. Often you would hear sick people who went to Lourdes say that although they did not receive physical healing they received the grace of acceptance.

There are also those occasions when there seems to be no answer of any kind to prayer, at least for now. This is a real test of faith and some people have crosses to carry, often silently and unknown, and that makes them real heroes. Suffering is a mystery and we do not know all the answers, we only see bits and pieces of the answer in this life. But as Jesus said, we keep praying no matter what.

Not only is prayer good for your health, not only did Jesus ask us to pray, but we actually need to pray for our happiness. If we do not pray we will not be happy because the deepest part of our being will be starving for God. A beautiful Psalm, Ps 63 describes our longing for God like this,

O God, you are my God, for you I long;

For you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

Like a dry weary land without water.

As a desert is thirsty for water we are thirsty for God and we satisfy that thirst in prayer. So let us pray, it is good for our health, Jesus asked us to pray and prayer satisfies our thirst for God.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION – OLM CHURCH

In the July 1917 apparition, the Lady had indicated that she would request a devotion involving the First Saturdays of the months.

This request was made on December 10, 1925, when Lucia was a novice among the Dorothean Sisters. On that day, Sr. Lucia experienced an apparition of the Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus, in which Mary said:

"All those who during five months, on the first Saturday, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say a rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary for the intention of making reparation to me, **I promise to assist them at the hour of death, with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls**" (Documents on Fatima & the Memoirs of Sister Lucia, 279-280).

-The Five First Saturdays Devotion is a request made by Our Lady of Fatima. The Blessed Mother promised to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all who, as an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on the first five Saturdays of consecutive months:

1. Go to confession
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Say five decades of the rosary
4. Keep Mary company for fifteen minutes meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary.

-The sacramental confession can be received within eight days either before or after the reception of Communion, provided the communicant is in a state of grace for Communion.

-Reception of Holy Communion must take place within twenty-four hours of the first Saturday. The reception of Communion need not be part of a Mass.

- The fifteen minutes of meditation are in addition to the recitation of the rosary.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2019

9am – Confession,

9:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation,

10am – Holy Mass

Distribution of the Precious Blood is available at all weekend masses we just need to have enough Eucharistic ministers to do it. Eucharistic ministers are asked to come to church **10 min. before mass begins** and let the presider of the liturgy know that they are here so priest does not have to do anything on the last minute. **THANK YOU!**

God bless you, Fr. Marcin

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 Minebrook Golf Club in Hackettstown.

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

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR TOMASZEWSKI...

Blessed Beatrice of Nazareth – July 29

Mystic (1200 – 1268)

Beatrice of Nazareth was born in Tienen, Belgium. While the biography of her life written in the medieval period, The Vita Beatricis, does not give an exact date of birth, it can be assumed she was born around 1200 CE. Beatrice had five older siblings, and was born into a family that was most likely considered middle class. As Roger De Ganck writes, Beatrice’s family was probably “well-to-do, but not wealthy as has sometimes been asserted” (De Ganck, 1991, XIII).

Beatrice’s mother was the first source of her education, but she passed away when she was only seven years old. Afterwards, Beatrice’s father took her to a Cistercian monastery in Florival where she continued her education. After her stay in Florival, she was sent by the Abbess of the Cistercian Monastery in Florival to the Cistercian monastery at La Ramee “to learn how to write manuscripts, especially Choir books.” While at La Ramee, Beatrice met a fellow Cistercian and mystic named Ida of Nivelles, who “helped the young woman in developing her own spiritual life”.

After her stay at La Ramee, she moved to a monastery at Maagdendal, where she was consecrated as a virgin, and then moved to Nazareth. At Nazareth, she established her own convent as prioress in 1237, the Our Lady of Nazareth.

Around this time, she composed her most famous work, The Seven Ways of Divine Love. The fact that “she was the author of this work was only discovered by Leonce Reypens. She died in 1268 and was buried at the convent of Nazareth.

“As a fish swims the length and breadth of the sea and rests in its depths, so the Soul feels her mind completely unrestrained in the height, width, and depth of love.”

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 like all the sacraments, Penance is a liturgical action. The elements of the celebration are ordinarily these: a greeting and blessing from the priest, reading the word of God to illuminate the conscience and elicit contrition, and an exhortation to repentance; the confession, which acknowledges sins and makes them known to the priest; the imposition and acceptance of a penance; the priest's absolution; a prayer of thanksgiving and praise and dismissal with the blessing of the priest.

The sacrament of Penance can also take place in the framework of a communal celebration in which we prepare ourselves together for confession and give thanks together for the forgiveness received. Here, the personal confession of sins and individual absolution are inserted into a liturgy of the word of God with readings and a homily, an examination of conscience conducted in common, a communal request for forgiveness, the Our Father and a thanksgiving in common. This communal celebration expresses more clearly the ecclesial character of penance. However, regardless of its manner of celebration the sacrament of Penance is always, by its very nature, a liturgical action, and therefore an ecclesial and public action.

God bless you



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Reflection for the Week

In theory there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice there is.

Yogi Berra

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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, George and Ann Senftinger, Fredrick Senftinger, Special Intention, Tracy Tobin, Christopher Zeliff



SAVE THE DATE....

For St. Mark's Fall Craft Fair featuring Homemade/Handmade Items
Saturday, November 16, 2019 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

VENDORS WANTED \$35.00 per space – contact mariannek.stm@gmail.com

