

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

August 4, 2019

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Monday, August 5

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village – Faith Chapel

Tuesday, August 6

8:45 am For Fr. Robert Gordon

Wednesday, August 7

8:45 am For the health of Bill Betz

Thursday, August 8

8:45 am For

Saturday, August 10

5:30 pm For Dan Salerno by Kathy Woeste

Sunday, August 11

9:00 am For Lou, Marie & Anthony Vicchiariello by Rich & Marianne Nyman

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village – Health Care Center

11:00 am For Andrzes Golcaewski by Dave Donlon

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

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 10, 11, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Help needed

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Lee

Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Help needed

Eucharistic Ministers: Help needed

Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Dina Carmelengo

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Michonski

Altar Servers: Help needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, August 5

8:45 am Mass

Tuesday, August 6

8:45 am Mass

Wednesday, August 7

8:45 am Mass

Thursday, August 8

8:45 am Mass

Friday, August 9

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 10

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, August 11

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
July 28, 2019: \$1,795	July 29, 2018: \$1,623
Supermarket Gift Cards July 29, 2019 Sales: \$2,600 Profit: \$130 YTD Profit \$3,589.51 Number of families: 10	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. Marci

ENJOYING YOUR SUMMER?

Want to make it even better? You can, and it's easy. Just donate some non-perishable food items to the Long Valley Food Pantry. A few of the items they are most in need of are coffee/tea, apple sauce/healthy snacks, cold cereal, and pasta sauce. Do this and *everyone* will have a nicer summer!

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today as we celebrate the Lord's Day we come to the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the parable in today's Gospel. Jesus invites us to make ourselves rich in the sight of God. The richest man in the valley may not be the one with the most money. Jesus said, "Watch and be on your guard because a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs." Jesus taught the same on other occasions also when he said, "You cannot be the slave of two masters, you cannot serve both God and mammon." On another occasion Jesus said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and all these other things will be given you as well." How do we seek first the kingdom of God, how do we make ourselves rich in the sight of God? Like so many other things, it all begins in the mind and then affects our lives. So our attitude is to be one of trust in God instead of trusting in the resources of this world. There are some very helpful passages in the Bible to help us grow in trust in God. We could spend a whole lifetime meditating on the first two lines of Psalm 23;

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

There are also some very beautiful lines in Ps 16 that help us to trust in God;

**Preserve me God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: "You are my God.
My happiness lies in you alone"...
O Lord it is you who are my portion and cup,
it is you yourself who are my prize.**

Ps 62 also encourages us to trust in God;

**In God alone is my soul at rest;
my help comes from him.
He alone is my rock, my stronghold,
my fortress; I stand firm.**

With what attitude have we come to Mass here today? Have we come begging for pennies? God is offering us millions. The lotto is nothing compared to what God is offering you in this Mass. Believe in God's love for you. God is offering us millions. If we have come begging for pennies, all is vanity. If we are possessed by our possessions remember Jesus' words in the Gospel, a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than enough.

The most important things in life are priceless. As we heard in our second reading,

"Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth."

WHAT IS MOST VALUABLE IS NOT BOUGHT BY MONEY.
LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP ARE PRICELESS. HEALTH IS
WEALTH.

In this little parable Jesus analyses our heart - where is your treasure? Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. What do you treasure above all else?

"Lord Jesus, free my heart from all possessiveness and from coveting what belongs to another. May I desire you alone as the one true treasure worth possessing above all else. Help me to make good use of the material blessings you give me that I may use them generously for your glory and for the good of others.

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. Marcia

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...

St. John Vianney – August 4
Cure of Ars (1786-1859)

St. John Vianney, born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France and died August 4, 1859 in Ars. He was a French priest who was renowned as a confessor and for his supernatural powers. He is the patron saint of parish priests.

Because of the French Revolution, Vianney received little education. Given the anticlerical sentiment of the Hébertists during the Reign of Terror, he was forced to make his first communion and confession secretly and was impressed by the heroism of the nuns and priests who risked their lives for their faith. He felt called to pursue the priesthood but struggled with Latin and needed private tutoring to supplement his lack of formal education. His studies were interrupted when he was drafted into Napoleon's armies in 1809. Whether deliberately or by serendipity, he was separated from his draft group and ended up in a rural village with a number of army deserters, where he was forced to hide until the decree of amnesty for all deserters in 1810. He was ordained in 1815 and was made assistant priest at Écully, France.

In 1818 he became a priest of the small village of Ars, which he made a model parish and from which reports of his holiness and his supernatural powers soon spread. He was known for his devotion to the Virgin Mary and to St. Philomena and was dedicated to the sacrament of reconciliation for his parishioners. From 1824 he suffered attacks that he believed were caused by the Devil, who allegedly on one occasion set fire to Vianney's bed. By 1827 Ars had become a pilgrimage site, and every year from 1845 until Vianney's death, about 20,000 persons visited Ars to see Vianney and especially to make their confession to him. The holy Vianney spent as many as 12 or 15 hours daily in his confessional. He was canonized by Pope Pius XI.

"Prayer is to our soul what rain is to the soil. Fertilize the soil ever so richly, it will remain barren unless fed by frequent rains."

- St. John Vianney

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 in case of grave necessity recourse may be had to a communal celebration of reconciliation with general confession and general absolution. Grave necessity of this sort can arise when there is imminent danger of death without sufficient time for the priest or priests to hear each penitent's confession. Grave necessity can also exist when, given the number of penitents, there are not enough confessors to hear individual confessions properly in a reasonable time, so that the penitents through no fault of their own would be deprived of sacramental grace or Holy Communion for a long time. In this case, for the absolution to be valid the faithful must have the intention of individually confessing their sins in the time required. The diocesan bishop is the judge of whether or not the conditions required for general absolution exist. A large gathering of the faithful on the occasion of major feasts or pilgrimages does not constitute a case of grave necessity.

"Individual, integral confession and absolution remain the only ordinary way for the faithful to reconcile themselves with God and the Church, unless physical or moral impossibility excuses from this kind of confession." There are profound reasons for this. Christ is at work in each of the sacraments. He personally addresses every sinner: *"My son, your sins are forgiven."* He is the physician tending each one of the sick who need him to cure them.⁹⁶ He raises them up and reintegrates them into fraternal communion. Personal confession is thus the form most expressive of reconciliation with God and with the Church.

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



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Reflection for the Week
To err is human, to forgive divine.
Alexander Pope

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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

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRIVATE HOME HEALTH CARE AIDE NEEDED...

for an elderly gentleman living in Little Falls, NJ (Passaic County).
Needs light assistance approximately 8 hours a day. If interested,
please contact 973-219-2260.

SOMERSET HILLS FALL RUMMAGE SALE...Far Hills

Fairgrounds, Oct. 4 & 5 9:30 am – 3:30 pm, Oct 6 12:30-3:30 pm
Donations accepted Sept 7-24 10am-1pm Proceeds of this sale are
used to support our home health, hospice care, adult day and
community wellness services, as well as important and valuable
healthcare services. Volunteers are always welcome and encouraged.
If interested call 908-766-0180 or visitingnurse.org

