

# Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**August 11, 2019**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**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

**Monday, August 12**

8:45 am Fr. Edward Collins

**Tuesday, August 13**

8:45 am The health of Bill Betz

**Wednesday, August 14**

8:45 am Elizabeth Feldhusen

**Thursday, August 15 Holy Day of Obligation**

**Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:45 am In honor of Eufrosia Conca's Birthday

7:00 pm In honor of Eurasia Conca's Birthday

**Saturday, August 17**

5:30 pm For Dan Salerno by Monteverde Family

**Sunday, August 18**

9:00 am For Matilda Cavalieri by Stokes Family

11:00 am For Michaela DeAngeles by Schwint Family

**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 17, 18, 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. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Kevin O'Shea

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul & Gina Tupaczewski

Altar Servers: Help needed

**Sunday, 11:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Sharon Donovan

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Reilly

Altar Servers: Help needed

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

**Monday, August 12**

8:45 am Mass

**Tuesday, August 13**

8:45 am Mass

**Wednesday, August 14**

8:45 am Mass

7:00 pm Columbiettes Meeting

**Thursday, August 15**

**Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

8:45 am Mass

7:00 pm Mass

**Friday, August 16**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, August 17**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Missionary visit

**Sunday, August 18**

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

Missionary visit

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2018
August 4, 2019: \$1,649 Parish Debt: \$729	August 5, 2018: \$2,399 Parish Debt Reduction: \$880
Supermarket Gift Cards August 4, 2019 Sales: \$1,800 Profit: \$90 YTD Profit \$3,679.50 Number of families: 7	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

**FAITH DIRECT...**

Did you miss a weekly offering while on summer vacation? eGiving through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for St. Mark's to receive your weekly offering and other Church support. eGiving through Faith Direct will also save you time while helping St. Mark's reduce our expenses. You can go online to [faith.direct/NJ484](http://faith.direct/NJ484) or text the word ENROLL to (Text-To-Give Phone Number). Thank you for your prayerful support of St. Mark the Evangelist.

God Bless You, Fr. Marcin

**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,

In the Liturgy of the Church today we celebrate 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. What is the greatest joy and treasure we could possibly possess? The Lord Jesus promises that those who seek God and his kingdom first will not be disappointed. The Lord Jesus offers us the greatest treasure possible - but we must first seek it and make it our true joy and possession above all else. We naturally want to have and keep whatever we think will bring us happiness, peace, and security. Jesus offers a priceless treasure and source of abundant joy and security that is worth selling everything.

Jesus tells his followers to not be afraid or anxious about their present lives and future security. He urges them to sell their possessions and to give their money to those who need it most - especially those who have nothing to provide for their present needs and welfare. This seems to go against our natural instinct to collect and save for the future. Why would anyone want to sell their possessions and give away their money - unless they wanted to exchange these goods for something far more precious and of greater value than all the money and possessions they could ever hope to get in this present life.

Jesus warns that money and possessions will not last and can be taken away at any moment by a thief or by death itself. But there is one treasure which can never be lost or destroyed because it is kept secure by God himself. **What is that treasure?**

It is the Lord himself and his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. This treasure is worth far more than anything we could possibly obtain on our own. If we make the Lord your treasure, then we will have in your possession the greatest source of joy and lasting peace and security.

If the Lord Jesus knocked on your door today would you be ready and eager to receive him? He wants us to be prepared for his coming - today, tomorrow, at the hour of our departure from this life, and when he comes again at the end of this present world to judge all living and dead. The Lord will reward those who have believed in him.

The Lord Jesus knocks on the door of our heart each and every day. Do we listen to his word and receive it with trust and joy. **The Lord calls to each of us and he says, "Listen! I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will eat together".** Do we hunger for the Lord and for the treasure of his kingdom?

Today's Gospel has an important lesson for each one of us. Just as Jesus was faithful and ready to obey his Father in everything - even to the point of laying down his life on the cross for us, we, too are called to be faithful and obedient to the Lord's will for our lives. **How can we grow in faithfulness and obedience to the Lord?**

The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit who frees us from pride and fear, so we can hear the Lord and embrace his way of love and faithfulness. If we fail, the Lord will not fail us. He gives strength to the weak and to those who turn to him with trust in his mercy and help. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill us with his Holy Spirit and with a holy desire to seek the Lord and his kingdom first above all else

## NEXT WEEK SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN TO SUPPORT MISSION APPEAL

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

Next week we will have a missionary priest at our parish: Fr. Cherian Pulikunnel from the Vincentian Congregation (St. Joseph province). Fr. Cherian will be speaking to us at all masses. **Please be generous in your commitment for the work of the missions.**

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THURSDAY – AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>.



On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven. In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

**Holy Masses at St. Mark's – 8:45am and 7:00pm (Thursday).**

**Holy Masses at OLM - Vigil Mass (Wednesday) - 7:30pm, Masses on Thursday – 6:30am, 9:30pm, 4:30pm**

*St. Mark, pray for us...*

*Fr. Marcin*

**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...

#### Saint Maximilian Kolbe – August 14

Franciscan Martyr (1894-1941)

On July 30, 1941, a prisoner escaped from Auschwitz, the notorious Nazi camp in Poland. In retaliation the commandant lined up inmates of Cell Block Fourteen and ordered that ten of them be selected for death. When one of the ten cried out that he would never see his family again, another prisoner stepped forward and volunteered to take his place. When the commandant asked who he was, he replied, "I am a Catholic priest." His offer was accepted, and so Fr. Maximilian Kolbe assumed his place among the condemned.

Kolbe and the other prisoners were locked in a death bunker with nothing to consume but their own urine. He passed the time leading his companions in prayer, preparing them for death, and keeping vigil with them as they gradually succumbed. When, after two weeks, Kolbe and three others were still alive, the Nazis dispatched them with injections of carbolic acid.

In 1982 Pope John Paul II, who as bishop of Krakow had often prayed at the scene of Kolbe's death, presided over his canonization in Rome. Present for the ceremony was the man whose life Kolbe had saved. The pope called Kolbe a true martyr and saint for our times whose heroic charity proved victorious over the architects of death.

"I would like to use myself completely up in the service of the Immaculate, and to disappear without leaving a trace, as the winds carry my ashes to the far corners of the world."

St. Maximilian Kolbe



**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., Georgette Petromelis, Christopher Popp, George and Ann Senftinger, Fredrick Senftinger, Special Intention, Tracy Tobin, Christopher Zeliff,

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please contact Mary in the parish office.



Amparo Vega



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The four principles of the Knights of Columbus are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Charity – Love thy neighbor as thyself. Unity – together we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. Fraternity – the good works of individual Knights illustrate how Catholics serve each other. Patriotism – we are proud of our devotion to god and country, and believe in standing up for both.

#### Reflection for the Week

*Everything will be all right in the end; if everything isn't all right, it is not yet the end.*

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)



#### 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** \$35.00per space – contact  
[mariannek.stm@gmail.com](mailto:mariannek.stm@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MERCY HOUSE NEEDS...

Mercy House supplies woman who chose life with baby items and assistance to help them raise their babies. Mercy house was broken into and a large donation from Several Sources was stolen. Cameras have now been installed. Our diocese has given permission to assist the Newark Respect life office in collecting diapers and wipes. A playpen is set up in gathering space for donations. Larger baby items can be made directly to Mercy House thru Cheryl Riley respect life office in Newark 973-497-4350, [Cheryl.riley@rcan.org](mailto:Cheryl.riley@rcan.org). Or you may contact Lela Callaremi at 973-479-6139.

### BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER...

Visiting Nurse Association of Northern NJ hospice volunteers provide terminally ill patients and their families with practical and emotional support. VNA offers a free comprehensive training program where volunteers learn the philosophy of hospice and become prepared for this rewarding work. Volunteers must be at least 18 yrs. old, have a valid driver's license and auto insurance, and pass a criminal background screening. For more information, please contact Rachel Endrle, volunteer Coordinator,, 973-451-4128 or [renderle@vnannj.org](mailto:renderle@vnannj.org)

### 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.