

Lord, come to my aid!

August 18, 2019

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, August 17
 5:30 pm For Dan Salerno by Monteverde Family

Sunday, August 18
 9:00 am For Matilda Cavalieri by Stokes Family
 For Madeline Carruba by Kopelman Family
 11:00 am For Michaela DeAngeles by Schwint Family

Monday, August 19
 8:45 am Special Intention by a parishioner of St. Mark's

Tuesday, August 20
 8:45 am For Fr. Robert Gordon

Wednesday, August 21
 8:45 am For the health of Bill Betz

Thursday, August 22
 8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

Saturday, August 24
 5:30 pm For Dave Schoonover by Skoczylas Family

Sunday, August 25
 9:00 am For Carol Ann Albers by Dilizia Family
 11:00 am For Dan Salerno by Maureen DelGuercio & Family
 For Antonio DiBartolomeo by Kopelman 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 24, 25, 2019
Saturday 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
 Lector: Tom Morley
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Nancy Lennon
 Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
 Lector: Tony Cretella
 Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras
 Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
 Lector: Tom & Sarah Hanifin
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eric Woelfel
 Altar Servers: Help needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, August 19
 8:45 am Mass

Tuesday, August 20
 8:45 am Mass
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Meeting Parish Hall

Wednesday, August 21
 8:45 am Mass

Thursday, August 22
 8:45 am Mass
 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, August 23
 Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 24
 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
 5:30 pm Mass
 K of C Raffle Ticket sale

Sunday, August 25
 9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass
 K of C Raffle Ticket Sale
 2:00 pm Eagle Scout Award Andrew Cretella

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
August 11, 2019: \$1,877	August 12, 2018: \$4,413
Supermarket Gift Cards August 11, 2019 Sales: \$1,700 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 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,

Today is the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day. Jesus said in the Gospel today, "I have come to bring fire to the earth and how I wish it were blazing already." Jesus has come to bring the kingdom of God to the earth and how he wishes the kingdom of God were already established everywhere on earth. The fire Jesus came to bring is the fire of love, the fire of hope. Bringing fire to the earth, doing anything good, is going to run into the opposition of evil.

Jesus said, "There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great my distress is till it is over." Baptism means going completely under the water. Jesus described the opposition he received as a baptism which would ultimately end in his death.

Let us not be so foolish to think that the devil does not exist. Every attempt at good is attacked in one way or another. Notice also in the Gospel today that attempts to do good will automatically cause division. Jesus said a household of five would be divided, three against two and two against three. The five in the house are the father, mother, son, daughter and daughter-in-law.

It is interesting to note that the Gospel does not state that unity is the highest goal. Bringing fire to the earth is the highest goal. Standing up for what is right, working for justice and truth are higher aims than unity, and working for those aims will sometimes cause division. Jesus came to bring fire to the earth, the kingdom of God. As a result of it he would receive a baptism of distress, he would be crucified, and there would be division.

When Jesus spoke about division within families he likely had in mind the prophecy of Micah: a man's enemies are the men of his own household. The essence of Christianity is loyalty to Jesus Christ - the Son of God and Savior of the world - a loyalty that takes precedence over every other relationship. The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives. To place any relationship (or anything else) above God is a form of worship.

Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do. **Does the love of Jesus Christ make us to put God first in all you do?**

The Gospel message is good news for those who seek pardon, peace, and the abundant life which God offers us through his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus offers true freedom to those who believe in him - freedom from slavery to sin, Satan, and the oppressive forces of hatred and evil that can destroy body, mind, and spirit. Do we listen to the voice of our Savior and trust in his word? Commit our ways to him, obey his word, and we will find true peace, joy, and happiness in the Lord your God.

"Lord Jesus, may the fire of your love consume me and transform my life that I may truly desire nothing more than life with you. Fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit that I may always seek to please you and do your will."

MISSION APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! 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 donations support programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Today we welcome Fr. Cherian Pulikunnel from the Vincentian Congregation (St. Joseph province). Please be generous in your commitment for the work of the missions.

Have a blessed week.

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...

St. Bartholomew – August 24

Apostle and Martyr (First Century)

Bartholomew is listed in the Synoptic Gospel as one of the Lord's twelve apostles. In Acts he is named among those apostles who gathered in an upper room and there witnessed the risen Christ. Otherwise, there is no reliable record of his life or teaching.

Some traditions have identified Bartholomew with the apostle Nathanael, otherwise named only in the Gospel of John. This is the apostle who, upon hearing Jesus described as the fulfillment of prophecy, quipped, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Upon their meeting, Jesus greeted Nathanael with the words, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." But most scholars dispute this identification.

According to the history by Eusebius, Bartholomew engaged in a missionary journey that took him as far as India, where he is said to have left a copy of the Gospel of Matthew. He is also said to have preached in Persia, Egypt, Armenia, and elsewhere. Legend has it that he died in Armenia, where he was flayed alive before being beheaded. Michelangelo, in his depiction of the Last Judgment in the Sistine Chapel, shows Bartholomew holding a curved blade in one hand, and in the other his own flayed skin.

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH
The Anointing Of The Sick

My dear brothers and sisters, let us continue our learning from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. According to our catechism, "*By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them, and indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ.*"

Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude. Every illness can make us glimpse death.

Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption, sometimes even despair and revolt against God. It can also make a person more mature, helping him discern in his life what is not essential so that he can turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to him. God bless you.



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

FUNDRAISING MEETING...

Please join us for a Fundraising Meeting on Thursday, August 29th at 7:00 pm. Agenda will include, New Members & Recruitment, Fall Craft Show, New Year's Day 5K Run. All are welcome to attend.



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, Ann Geary, Sue Geary, 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 Zelif,ff,

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



Dennis McKenna



Since its founding, the Knights of Columbus has been involved in evangelization. In 1948, the Knights started the Catholic Information Service (CIS) to provide low-cost Catholic publications for the general public as well as for parishes, schools, retreat houses, military installations, correctional facilities, legislatures, the medical community, and for individuals who request them. For 70 years, CIS has printed and distributed millions of booklets, and thousands of people have enrolled in its catechetical courses.

Reflection for the Week

Dost thou love Life? Then do not squander Time; for that's the stuff Life is made of.

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.lvkofc.org

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS...

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 at 3:30 pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register is Friday, October 11th, 2019.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

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. Or you may contact Lela Callaremi at 973-479-6139.

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

