

God, in your goodness you have made a home for the poor.

September 1, 2019

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, August 31

5:30 pm For Parishioners of St. Marks

Sunday, September 1

9:00 am For Amparo Vega by Her Family

11:00 am For Santina Flynn by Solecki Family

Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)

8:45 am For All Workers

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village – Faith Chapel

Tuesday, September 3

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

Wednesday, September 4

8:45 am For Dennis McKenna by Mary Monteverde, Sue Reilly

Thursday, September 5

8:45 am For

Saturday, September 7

5:30 pm For Dan Salerno by Joanne Lee

Sunday, September 8

9:00 am For Rocky Labato by Yonki Family

Amparo Vega by her family

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

11:00 am For Josephine Palman by Schwint Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

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

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

Mass Candles:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 7, September 8, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm

Celebrant: TBD

Lector: Help needed

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Lee

Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: TBD

Lector: Help needed

Eucharistic Ministers: Help needed

Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: TBD

Lector: Isabella DiLizia

Eucharistic Ministers: Angel Nowak

Altar Servers: Help needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, September 2 Labor Day

8:45 am Mass

Tuesday, September 3

8:45 am Mass

Wednesday, September 4

8:45 am Mass

Thursday, September 5

8:45 am Mass

Friday, September 6

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 7

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 8

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
August 25, 2019: \$1,826 Online for August: \$6,621	August 26 2018: \$1,826 On Line for August: \$7,823
Supermarket Gift Cards August 25, 2019 Sales: \$2,225 Profit: \$111.25 YTD Profit \$3,965.75 Number of families: 10	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. You can either 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!

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 2 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.**

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

As we gather to celebrate the Lord's Day we commemorate the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Who wants to be last? Jesus' parable of the guests invited to the marriage feast shows our motives for seeking honor and position. Self-promotion is most often achieved at the expense of others! Why would someone want to choose the place of honor or not want to sit next to a certain person? Because of a lack of humility. So what Jesus said in the Gospel today is true, "those who exalt themselves will be humbled."

The problem of pride or lack of humility is not really the problem. The problem is one layer deeper, forgetting that since baptism we are all sons and daughters of God, forgetting that we, by ourselves, are not able of saving ourselves and are saved only by the death of Jesus. We have all been purchased by Jesus for the Father at the greatest price. We all cost the greatest price; that price is the life and death of Jesus. We are worth the life of Jesus! And so also is the person next to you, behind you, in front of you. So we are all equally precious. In society unfortunately it does not always work like that, but that is Jesus' plan for his kingdom.

What is true humility and why should we make it a characteristic mark of our life and action? True humility is not feeling bad about ourselves, or having a low opinion of ourselves. True humility frees us from preoccupation with ourselves. Humility is truth in self-understanding and truth in action. Viewing ourselves truthfully, with sober judgment, means seeing ourselves the way God sees us. A humble person makes a realistic assessment of himself or herself without illusion to be something he or she is not. The humble regard themselves neither smaller nor larger than they truly are.

True humility frees us to be our true selves and to avoid despair and pride. A humble person does not have to wear a mask to look good to others, especially to those who are not really familiar with that person.

Humility is the queen or foundation of all the other virtues because it enables us to view and judge ourselves correctly, the way God sees us. Humility leads to true self-knowledge, honesty, realism, strength, and dedication to give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. Humility frees us to love and serve others unselfishly, for their sake, rather than our own.

Our model in humility is Jesus. He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant ...who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. He washed the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper as a sign that his followers are to serve. Jesus did not come to be served but to serve. We, his followers, are called by him not to be served but to serve. The Lord Jesus gives grace to those who seek him humbly. Do we want to be a servant as Jesus served?

LABOR DAY

The celebration of Labor Day is a tradition that was started in 1880 by President Cleveland in the aftermath of the deaths of a number of workers killed here in the 1894 protest known as the Almond Strike.

Labor Day is always a special occasion to thank God for the gift of Work and to pray for our country. We especially pray for all our brothers and sisters who are out of work and need a job. Let us pray that we all come together to help our brothers and sisters in need. And let us pray for an improvement in our economy, and for the courage to build a world in which God's gifts are better shared.

This weekend we reflect on the beauty of work — the gift of work. And I think to better understand the importance of work to the human person, we need to reflect on the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Each of us must come to Jesus, and ask Jesus to heal us, to help us to overcome the obstacles and sins in our lives so we can grow in holiness. And it is also a sign that we, all of us as a society, need to look at Jesus for his healing power. To solve, to address, to help us to make the decisions to make our world a better world. A place where we can live with peace, looking for the common good of our society and putting together all the different kinds of work we can perform for the service of God and our society. We need to go to Jesus. We have to listen to Jesus' voice. That's why it is so important to learn about the social teachings of the Church. Because the church is helping us understand what is it God's plan for the human person and for our society.

Through work we participate in a special way in the life of God. Work for us, is not just only a social issue, it is a way of holiness. A means of sanctification that makes us better as human persons and helps us to fulfill God's plan for us as his children. Working is a special blessing from God.

Do not forget!!! – next Saturday we have our First Saturday Devotion – 9am – confession, 9:30am adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and rosary, 10am Holy Mass --- OLM CHURCH

*St. Mark...pray for us...God bless you,
Fr. Marcin*

FATHER MARCIN APPOINTED DEAN – His Excellency, Bishop Arthur Serratelli appointed Father Marcin the dean of the Southwestern Morris Deanery effective immediately. Father Marcin assumes the responsibility of Father Michael Drury who had served in this capacity until his retirement. The deanery is composed of nine parishes in the southwestern area of Morris County. Among the duties of the dean are: he inspects the sacramental records of the parishes, he calls meetings of the priests of the deanery to convey to them the directives issued by the Bishop and sees that diocesan procedures are being observed in the parishes of the deanery as well as other duties requested by the Bishop.

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

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank Rich Ortiz for his many years of service to St. Marks both as a parishioner and as a member of our music ministry. Rich has devoted his time and talent to St. Marks and we will miss him and his music. We wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

Fr. Marcin

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Phoebe – September 3

Deacon (first Century)

What little is known of St. Phoebe and her part in the early Church is derived from her brief mention in St. Paul's Letter to the Romans: "And I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well" (Rom 16: 1-2). Cenchreae was a port city near Corinth, where Paul wrote his letter to the Romans, and it has been speculated that Phoebe was in fact entrusted with the delivery of this letter.

The more interesting speculation regards her designation as a "deacon" (diakonos), the same word used in Acts 6 to designate those men appointed to serve the local Church, attending particularly to the needs of the poor. In any case, she was commended by St. Paul for her help to others, including himself. She stands for many unnamed women who ministered in the Church and played an indispensable role in spreading the Gospel.

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 often Jesus asks the sick to believe. He makes use of signs to heal: spittle and the laying on of hands, mud and washing. The sick try to touch him, "for power came forth from him and healed them all." and so in the sacraments Christ continues to "touch" us in order to heal us.

Moved by so much suffering Christ not only allows himself to be touched by the sick, but he makes their miseries his own: "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases." But he did not heal all the sick. His healings were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. They announced a more radical healing: the victory over sin and death through his Passover. On the cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil and took away the "sin of the world," of which illness is only a consequence. By his passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion.

Also, Christ invites his disciples to follow him by taking up their cross in their turn. By following him they acquire a new outlook on illness and the sick. Jesus associates them with his own life of poverty and service. He makes them share in his ministry of compassion and healing: "So they went out and preached that men should repent, and they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them."

May 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: \$35.00 per space – contact mariannek.stm@gmail.com

PRAY FOR THE SICK... 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 Senfingier, Fredrick Senfingier, Special Intention, Tracy Tobin, Christopher Zeliff



For the next several weeks, eyeglass recycling baskets will be located in the gathering space. Please donate your used eyeglasses which will be given to the needy. Your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.

Reflection for the Week

There are two ways to get enough. One is to continue to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less.

G.K. Chesterton

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

FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER...

The Knights of Columbus & the American Legion of Hackettstown are sponsoring a Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's on Mountain Ave. on Sat. Sept 7, 8am-10am to raise funds for care packages for National Guard members of Hackettstown serving in the Horn of Africa for 1 year. Tickets are \$10. Info 973-903-1564 loumurphy158@verizon.net

OLM BIBLE STUDY...

This fall, the OLM evening Bible Study program will study Bishop Barron's Word on Fire CATHOLICISM. This faith enhancing 10-session program explains not only what Catholic's believe and why, but also displays in breathtaking, visual detail the richness of the Church's culture. The program will begin Thursday September 12 at 7:30 pm in the lower classroom at OLM. Please contact Renny Hodgskin 908-832-2965 or email renny.hodgskin@gmail.com to register or request additional details. Study materials will cost \$25 per person.

CLOTHING DRIVE-SARAH'S FIGHT FOR HOPE FOUNDATION...

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Clothing Drive September 1-30th – 8 am to 8 pm, 10 Amherst Drive, Long Valley. We are collecting: Wearable & Usable Clothing (Men's Women's & children's) shoes, belts, handbags, small rugs, linens (bedding, curtains, towels)..., and stuffed animals. NO BOOKS, FURNITURE, CDs or DVDs please. Place all items in tightly tied plastic bags. Help support Pediatric Cancer Research. Thank you...

MERCY HOUSE NEEDS...

Mercy House supplies woman who chose life with baby items. 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.

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. **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.**

