

# Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

September 22, 2019

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, September 21**

5:30 pm For Dawn Hansen by Monteverde Family

**Sunday, September 22**

9:00 am For Leo Barron by Thompson Family

11:00 am For Dan Salerno by Long Valley Columbiettes

**Monday, September 23**

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

**Tuesday, September 24**

8:45 am For

**Wednesday, September 25**

8:45 am For deceased priests of the Paterson Diocese

**Thursday, September 26**

8:45 am For

**Saturday, September 28**

5:30 pm For Jane T. Ericson by Tom & Joanne Solecki

**Sunday, September 29**

9:00 am For Rita Disimile by Maureen DelGuercio & family

11:00 am For Sophia Kuhnewll by Madaras 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 28, 29, 2019**

**Saturday 5:30 pm**

Lector: Joanne Lee

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Nancy Lennon

Altar Servers: Help needed

**Sunday, 9:00 am**

Lector: Jim Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Help needed

Altar Servers: Help needed

**Sunday, 11:00 am**

Lector: Sharon Donovan

Eucharistic Ministers: Angel Nowak

Altar Servers: Help needed

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

**Monday, September 23**

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm CEC Grades K-5

7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

**Tuesday, September 24**

8:45 am Mass

6:15 pm CEC Family Faith Formation

8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Wednesday, September 25**

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Thursday, September 26**

8:45 am Mass

**Friday, September 27**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, September 28**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, September 29**

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2018
September 15, 2019: \$2,818.10 Extended Catholic: \$349.00	September 16, 2018: \$2,700 Extended Catholic: \$411.75
Supermarket Gift Cards September 15, 2019 Sales: \$1,500 Profit: \$75 YTD 2019 \$4,310.75 Number of families: 7	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](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

**SOMETHING TO DO AFTER LABOR DAY...**

Every morning, you undoubtedly remember that your children need a good breakfast before going off to school. But do you also remember that *all* children need a good breakfast before going off to school? What can *you* do about that? One way to help (and it's probably easier than making breakfast for your own kids) is to donate breakfast foods to the Long Valley Food Pantry. Some suggestions are hot or cold cereals, pancake mix, syrup, juices, pop tarts, etc. Of course lunch and dinner are also important, so anything you can donate will be put to good use. The children thank you!

## MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

**Readings: AM 8:4-7, PS 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8, 1 TM 2:1-8, LK 16:1-13**

Today we celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time. In today's Gospel Jesus says; "You cannot serve both God and mammon." Our money, time, and possessions are precious resources and gifts from God. We can guard them jealously for ourselves alone or allow the love of the Lord to guide us in making good use of them for the benefit of others - especially those in need - and for the work of the Lord in advancing his kingdom. We ask the Lord to fill our heart with a spirit of generosity and joy in sharing what we have with others.

Paul the Apostle reminds us, "We brought nothing into this world and we cannot take anything out of this world". The Lord Jesus wants us to make good use of all the resources that he gives us and that come into our possession. Our life is short - but how we invest in this present life will determine our future in the age to come when the Lord Jesus will raise our mortal bodies to immortality and give to each what he or she has sown in this present life.

There is one Master alone who has the power to set us free from greed and possessiveness. That Master is the Lord Jesus Christ who died to set us free and who rose to give us new abundant life. The Lord Jesus invites us to make him the Master and Lord of our lives. He alone can satisfy the desires of our heart and transform us in his love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Generous giving will be repaid in kind. Augustine of Hippo reminds us that we are all beggars of God. "Even though you possess plenty, you are still poor. You abound in temporal possessions, but you need things eternal. You listen to the needs of a human beggar, you yourself are a beggar of God. What you do with those who beg from you is what God will do with his beggar. You are filled and you are empty. Fill your neighbor from your fullness, so that your emptiness may be filled from God's fullness".

*"Lord Jesus, all that I have is a gift from you. May I love you freely and generously with all that I possess. Help me to be a wise and faithful steward of the resources you put at my disposal, including the use of my time, money, and possessions."*

*God bless you,  
Fr. Marcin*

### **2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal "For I Was Hungry..."**

For your convenience, you can support the Annual Appeal by making an on-line gift. **Simply go to [www.2019appeal.org](http://www.2019appeal.org) and follow the instructions.** You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an on-line donation, your support is greatly needed. **Every single gift counts! Please participate in the 2019 Appeal today!**

As befitting the mission of outreach to people in need in the Paterson Diocese, the Bishop's Annual Appeal stands ready to help support the rebuilding efforts of Straight and Narrow. With this terrible fire that has further complicated the lives of those already struggling with often crippling personal issues, your generosity to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is needed now more than ever.

10% of all funds raised in the 2019 Annual Appeal, over and above the usual allocation to Catholic Charities, will go toward the Straight and Narrow re-building effort. With your pledge to the Appeal, this

could come to hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring new life to Straight and Narrow and the people being served.

### **GLUTE FREE HOSTS...**

We are aware that some of our parishioners are gluten free in their regular diets, and also request gluten free hosts at masses, as they have let us know. However we may not be aware that you have a dietary need to receive the Holy Eucharist, gluten free. Please let us know if this is a problem that we can help with. Just arrive at your regularly attended mass a few minutes early, and inform the presiding priest that you, your child, your parent, would like to receive a gluten free host. We are happy to provide this for your comfort and enjoyment of mass. God bless!

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

A growing number of parishes are reporting that they, their parishioners, and parish staff have been receiving a request to buy gift cards for their pastor and get them to a particular address. If you get such an email, you can be rather sure that this is a scam. Our priests do not ask parishioners to buy gift cards for them. Please be vigilant!!!

### **FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...**

**St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) – September 23**  
Capuchin Friar and Mystic (1887 – 1968)

Padre Pio, a Capuchin friar of peasant background, spent virtually his entire life in a monastery in southern Italy. In most respects he was indistinguishable from his fellow friars. But for some mysterious purpose Padre Pio was set apart. For the thousands of pilgrims who flocked to hear him say Mass, or to have him hear their confession, or simply to rest their gaze on his bandaged hands, he was living proof for the existence of God.

Like St. Francis, Pio was a stigmatic, he bore on his hands, feet, and side the wounds of Christ. These mysterious open wounds, for which there was no natural explanation, appeared on his body in 1910 and remained until some months before his death. He was credited with thousands of miracles and enjoyed other extraordinary gifts, including the ability to "read the hearts" of penitents.

He regarded his celebrity as a terrible cross. Many denounced him as a charlatan or a neurotic. To discourage his popularity, Church officials for many years instructed him not to say Mass. Eventually his faith and sufferings were vindicated by the Church. In 2002, thirty-four years after his death, he was canonized by Pope John Paul II – formerly a Polish priest, Fr. Karol Wojtyla – whose papal election Padre Pio had prophesied in 1947 after hearing his confession.

*"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."*

- St. Pio of Pietrelcina



**FROM FR. JAVIER:**

**TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**  
**The sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick**

My dear brothers and sisters the Anointing of the Sick *"is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived."*

If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced.

Only priests (bishops and presbyters) are ministers of the Anointing of the Sick. It is the duty of pastors to instruct the faithful on the benefits of this sacrament. The faithful should encourage the sick to call for a priest to receive this sacrament. The sick should prepare themselves to receive it with good dispositions, assisted by their pastor and the whole ecclesial community, which is invited to surround the sick in a special way through their prayers and fraternal attention. God Bless you.



Richard Alvarez, Daria Cremonini, Tony Atkins, Ann Geary, Sue Geary, Kathleen Goodman, Suzy Ladlee, Mary McArdle, Anna McFarland, Denise Niessing, Girard Nolte, Jr., Georgette Petromelis, Christopher Popp, Don & Joyce Schmitt, George and Ann Senftinger, Fredrick Senftinger, Special Intention, Tracy Tobin, Christopher Zeliff



**SAVE THE DATE.... FALL CRAFT FAIR**

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](mailto:mariannek.stm@gmail.com)

**BEER TASTING...**

Octoberfest Beer Tasting at St. Marks on October 12, at 6:30 pm (after 5:30 pm mass). Featuring beer from Man Skirt Brewing, Hackettstown. Dinner, Beer and Dessert included. Cost is \$35/ person signup by September 30, or \$45 at the door. Sign up in St. Mark's Gathering Space, checks made payable to St. Marks church in the box provided. Must be 21 or older to attend.

**AMAZON SMILE...**Remember to shop at Smile.Amazon.com and support St. Mark the Evangelist Church .We have earned more than \$70 to date! Keep up the great work.

**ST. MARKS WOMENS BIBLE STUDY...**Come join us as we deliver into Jeff Cavins' Great Adventure study--*The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation*. Journey with us as we discover salvation history as it is woven throughout scripture. The newly revised workbooks and remastered DVDs will walk us through the bible to experience firsthand the life-changing power of the promises of God's Word. We meet every Wednesday morning in the chapel from 9:20am until 11am. To register, call the main office or contact Lorraine Fleming at [Lorraine@Flemingconstruction.com](mailto:Lorraine@Flemingconstruction.com)



**NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY**

Please donate your used eyeglasses to the needy. Eyeglass recycling baskets are located in the gathering space. Your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.

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COMMUNITY AUCTION – St. Luke's – Dec. 7, 2019  
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Reflection for the Week

*It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.*

Mark Twain  
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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. We are an active council and have a lot to offer – Become a Knight!

[www.lvkofo.org](http://www.lvkofo.org)

**THANK YOU FROM MERCY HOUSE...**

Thank you to all who donated diapers, baby items, a crib, crib mattress and bedding to Mercy House. Mercy house supplies woman who chose life with baby items and assistance to help them raise their babies. For any future donations you can call Cheryl Riley at Mercy House or respect life office 973-497-4350, 973-643-8000. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**SAVE CAN TABS...**

The Columbiettes save can tabs from soda, veggies, cat/dog, soup, etc. to be donated to Ronald McDonald House. Please deposit them in a labeled bin in the gathering space. We collected the most amount last year. Thank you for your past support and your continuing support. God Bless.

**OLM BOOK CLUB...**

We will meet each month in the conference room of the parish center below the church. Our first selection is Can You Ever Forgive Me? By Lee Israel. All are welcome to attend and you can email Carolyn at [carolynkricks@olm.com](mailto:carolynkricks@olm.com) for a complete list of the books and discussion dates for the year.

**SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS...**

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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.**