

# Praise the Lord, my soul!

September 29, 2019

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, September 28**

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

**Sunday, September 29**

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

11:00 am For Sophia Kuhnnewll by Madaras Family

**Monday, September 30**

8:45 am For the health of Gertrude Winkler by Bill Betz

**Tuesday, October 1**

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

**Wednesday, October 2**

8:45 am For

**Thursday, October 3**

8:45 am For

**Saturday, October 5**

5:30 pm For Patricia Barone by Monteverde Family

**Sunday, October 6**

9:00 am For Elaine Gebbia by Gebbia Family

11:00 am For Thomas Tell by Solecki Family

For Joseph Carruba by Kopelman 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**

**October 5, 6, 2019**

**Saturday 5:30 pm**

Lector: Help needed

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Lee

Altar Servers: Help needed

**Sunday, 9:00 am**

Lector: Help needed

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia

Altar Servers: Help needed

**Sunday, 11:00 am**

Lector: Sharon Donovan

Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Labue

Altar Servers: Tom & Sarah Hanifin

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

**Monday, September 30**

8:45 am Mass

No CEC classes

7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

**Tuesday, October 1**

8:45 am Mass

6:15 pm JYM classes

7:45 pm Fundraising Meeting

**Wednesday, October 2**

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Columbiettes Chapter Meeting

**Thursday, October 3**

8:45 am Mass

**Friday, October 4**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, October 5**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, October 6**

9:00 am Mass

SYM classes

11:00 am K-10<sup>th</sup> grade and Family Faith mass

1:30 pm Annual Animal Blessing 1:30 pm

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2018
September 22, 2019: \$1,777 Online for September: \$7,280	September 23, 2018: \$2,127 Online for September: \$8,920
Supermarket Gift Cards September 22, 2019 Sales: \$2,950 Profit: \$147.50 YTD 2019 \$4,458.25 Number of families: 14	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 go online to [faith.direct/NJ484](http://faith.direct/NJ484). Thank you for your prayerful support of St. Mark the Evangelist. God Bless You, Fr. Marcin



**MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

*Today's readings: AM 6:1A, 4-7, 1 TM 6:11-16, LK 16:19-31*

As we get together in the name of Jesus Christ today we celebrate 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time. **What a gift God has given us in the Scriptures.** What a pity that we are not always aware of the gift of God in the Scriptures to us. In the Gospel the rich man had the Scriptures but paid no attention to them and so he ended up in Hades. He had five brothers who did not pay any attention either to the Scriptures but they were still living. He wanted Abraham to arrange an apparition to warn his brothers about eternal life. Abraham's reply was, "They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them." In other words, they have the Scriptures, 'Moses and the prophets' represent the Scriptures at Jesus' time. They have Moses and the prophets, they have the Scriptures, let them listen to them. Your brothers have been given the Scriptures by God, they have been given the Bible. If they will not pay attention to the Scriptures, will not pay attention to the Bible, what is the point in giving them an apparition?

I encourage you to read the Bible every day. Don't let it gather dust on your shelf. It is a gift from God to you. Vatican II stated, "In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children and talk with them."

The rich man treated the beggar with contempt and indifference, until he found his fortunes reversed at the end of his life! In God's economy, those who hold on possessively to what they have, lose it all in the end, while those who share generously receive back many times more than they gave away.

The name Lazarus means God is my help. Despite a life of misfortune and suffering, Lazarus did not lose hope in God. His eyes were set on a treasure stored up for him in heaven. The rich man, however, could not see beyond his material wealth and possessions. He not only had everything he needed, he selfishly spent all he had on himself. He was too absorbed in what he possessed to notice the needs of those around him. He lost sight of God and the treasure of heaven because he was preoccupied with seeking happiness in material things. He served wealth rather than God. In the end the rich man became a beggar!

The rich man in the Gospel had the Scriptures, he had Moses and the prophets, but did not live by them. He did not allow the word of God to become flesh in his life and he suffered as a result. Like him we too have been blessed with the word of God. But let us read, meditate, reflect and pray on the Scriptures every day. May the Word of God in the Sacred Scriptures become flesh in our lives.

**Do we know the joy and freedom of possessing God as your true and lasting treasure? Those who put their hope and security in the kingdom of heaven will not be disappointed.**

**AT OLM CHURCH**

**Holy Hour + Confession – First Friday (October 4<sup>th</sup>) – 7pm**  
**First Saturday Devotion (October 5<sup>th</sup>) 9am-confession, 9:30am-rosary, 10am-Holy Mass**

**Come and see the goodness of the Lord...**

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

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

While there are many ways to donate to the Annual Appeal, there is one option unique to people who are 70 ½ or over and have an IRA. If you are in this category, the IRS requires you to take a required minimum distribution from your IRA each year. As a result, this distribution is added to your taxable income and increases the amount of taxes owed to the government. However, instead of taking your required minimum distribution, you can instruct your IRA investment manager to donate this distribution to a charity such as the Bishop's Annual Appeal and this automatically omits this amount from your adjusted gross income. This tax benefit can be realized by all qualifying individuals, whether you take the standard deduction or itemize your deductions. This can be a significant benefit to you and a great way to support the work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. For more information, call the Bishop's Annual Appeal office at 973-777-8818, ext. 218. If you are considering making a charitable donation using your IRA required minimum distribution, please be sure to first discuss this with your financial or tax advisor to make sure it is right for you.

**GLUTEN 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!

**ST. MARK'S NOVENA FOR LIFE...**

St. Mark's Parish in cooperation with the Long Valley Knights of Columbus and St. Mark's Christian Education department, is hosting a Novena For Life, starting on Sunday, October 20 following the 11 am mass. This nine day celebration of Life and Prayer will include The Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, a Living Rosary on Tuesday, October 22, and a guest speaker on Monday, October 28.

The schedule is as follows:

<b>Sun., Oct. 20, following 11:00 am mass</b>
<b>Mon., Oct. 21, 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Tues., Oct. 22, Living Rosary @ 6:30 pm;</b>
<b>Wed., Oct., 23, Thurs. Oct. 24 and Fri. Oct 25 at 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Sat. Oct. 26, following the 5:30 pm mass</b>
<b>Sun., Oct. 27, following the 11:00 am mass</b>
<b>Mon. Oct. 28 7:00 pm Guest Speaker Cheryl Reilly</b>

We are hosting these nine days of prayer to show our belief in the Sanctity of Life. Please come and add your voice to our Prayers, and show your thanks for the Gift of Life!





**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, 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

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list please contact Mary in the parish office 850-0652 or email [mary.stm@comcast.net](mailto:mary.stm@comcast.net)



**Upcoming Events**

**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 if you sign up 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.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING...**  
 Tuesday, October 1 at 7:45 pm. All are welcome to join us.

**LONG VALLEY COLUMBIETTES - 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.

**ADVERTISING INFORMATION FOR OUR BULLETIN...**  
 If you would like to place an ad promoting your business on the back of our parish bulletin please call Bon Venture Services at 1-800-364-0684 or contact Mike Lang at Bon Venture (973) 650-3771. All ads run for 1 full year and there is currently a "2019 Fall Special" available. Information sheets are available in the gather space.

**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.**



**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

*Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.*

*S. Francis of Assisi*  
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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.lvkofc.org](http://www.lvkofc.org)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**VILLA WALSH ACADEMY...**

455 Western Avenue, Morristown an independent college preparatory day school for girls from grades 7-12 will host an Open House on Sunday October 6 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Check their website at [www.Villawalsh.org](http://www.Villawalsh.org) or call 973-538-3680 for more information.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN FIREHOUSE...**

October 6 8:00 am-12:00 pm. Children ages 4-10 \$4, Senior Citizens \$6, Adults, \$8. 231 Schooley's Mountain Rd. All You Can Eat!!! Pancakes, Eggs & Pastries.

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP...**

**GET YOUR FLU SHOT!** Thursday, October 17, 2019 4:30-7:00 pm (or while supplies last) in the main meeting room of the W.T. Municipal Bldg. 43 Schooley's Mtn. Rd. Quadrivalent (covers 4 different strains of flu virus) \$20 for residents 18 & over. Free for any resident with Medicare Part B. Residents with Medicare **MUST** pre-register at the W.T. Health Dept. For anyone over the age of 65 we are offering the Fluzone High Dose vaccine (pending availability, quantities are limited). For information call 908-876-3650



