

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

October 6, 2019

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Monday, October 7

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village – Faith Chapel

Tuesday, October 8

8:45 am For

Wednesday, October 9

8:45 am For

Thursday, October 10

8:45 am For

Saturday, October 12

5:30 pm For Anthony Fallick by Santorelli Family

Sunday, October 13

9:00 am For Amparo Vega by Madaras Family

11:00 am For Rocky Labato by Fania Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

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: In Thanksgiving by the Stokes Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 12, 13, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm

Lector: Fred McQuaide

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Burke

Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Lector: Kevin O'Shea

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Lector: Gabriella Nowak

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Fleming

Altar Servers: Help needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, October 7

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm K-5 CEC classes

7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

Tuesday, October 8

8:45 am Mass

6:15 pm Family Faith Formation Class

8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, October 9

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, October 10

8:45 am Mass

Friday, October 11

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, October 12

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

8:30 am Fall Gardening Day

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, October 13

9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
September 29, 2019: \$1,939.05	September 30, 2018: \$2,318
Supermarket Gift Cards September 29, 2019 Sales: \$2,800 Profit: \$140.00 YTD 2019 \$4,498.25 Number of families: 12	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. Thank you for your prayerful support of St. Mark the Evangelist. God Bless You, Fr. Marcín



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

From Respect life office – Diocese of Paterson

Reflection:

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us opportunities to grow in relationship with Him. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we might be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering, but rather that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is the beginning of eternal life with Christ. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ, our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

Biblical Quotes: Our life is a special gift from God as the prophets tell us.

The Prophet Jeremiah: 1:5-6 tells us "before I knew you in the womb, I knew you."

The Prophet Isaiah: 49:15-16 says "can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child in the womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget. See I have upon the palm of my hands written your name."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI adds to our special worth when he says, "We are not some casual meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."

We must continue to hope and pray that one day everyone will recognize the precious gift of life that God has given us and to treat it with respect and dignity.



OCTOBERFEST – BEER TESTING – ST. MARK'S CHURCH – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019 – 7:30PM

Featuring: Food from the Black Forest Inn and good beer. Dinner, beer and dessert included. \$35 per person (must be 21 or older). For registration form please call St. Mark's Church 908-850-0652 or email ericwoelfel@yahoo.com.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

"For I Was Hungry..."

One of the benefits of giving to our Bishop's Annual Appeal is the knowledge that the funds stay in our own Diocese and only support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next-door neighbor, a former pastor now living in our priests' retirement residence, the store owner you see each day as you shop in town – perhaps even a family member. Please help your neighbor in need and make a pledge to the Annual Appeal today! **For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2019appeal.org**

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.

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

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!



FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

Blessed Angela Truskowska – October 10

Founder, Felician Sisters (1825 – 1899)

Blessed Mary Angela, baptized as Sophia Camille, was born in Kalisz, Poland on May 16, 1825. Her parents, Joseph and Josephine Truskowski, from noble families of the, landed gentry, were well educated, devout Catholics and loyal patriots.

Already from her childhood, Sophia was drawn to prayer and genuine concern for others; but it was in 1848 at the age of 23 that she experienced a great change in her spiritual life which she herself called her "conversion". This was the beginning of a more intensive interior life that manifested itself in a growing devotion to the Holy Eucharist, a greater love of prayer and a more ascetic life. Finally, Sophia discovered her path and forged ahead independently. By this time she had a crystallized vision of her mission. Acknowledging that the evils of her day were due to broken families, a licentious social milieu and a lack of religious and moral training, she undertook the moral and religious education of poor neglected children, gradually extending her spacious heart to the downtrodden, the exploited, the aged and homeless. Here, before an icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Sophia - now named Angela - together with Clothilde solemnly dedicated themselves on the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, November 21, 1855, to do the will of her Son, Jesus Christ, in all things. Hereafter, this was recorded as the official founding day of the Congregation of the Sisters of St.Felix of Cantalice. Mother Angela determined that the aim of her Congregation was that "in all and by all, God may be known, loved and glorified".

Mother Angela envisioned service for God's kingdom on earth as all-embracing. When the Church called, the Felician Sisters responded. The myriad of ministries in which they engaged ranged from social and catechetical centers to converted makeshift hospitals for the wounded guerrilla fighters, including Russian and Polish soldiers - the oppressors with the oppressed - with a charity that made no distinctions. For three successive terms, Mother Angela was elected as superior general of the Congregation. Her desire to multiply herself a thousand times and travel to all parts of the world, to live God's love and teach his merciful love to all living souls was realized in God's own way. At the age of 44, at the peak of human competency, the Foundress moved aside and placed her congregation in the hands of another. She abandoned herself to God's will and for 30 long years, she lived in complete hiddenness suffering progressive deafness, malignant tumors, and excruciating headaches.

Mother Mary Angela died on October 10, 1899, at 12:45 a.m. Her face, ravaged by suffering, in death took on an expression of peace and quiet dignity. Victory over death shone in the gentle countenance

of her face, and the sisters claimed that she was so beautiful and pleasing to look at that they could scarcely take their eyes off her. By special authorization of the municipality of Cracow, Mother Mary Angela Truszkowska was buried in the chapel adjoining the convent of the Felician Sisters on Smolensk Street.

To this day every provincial house of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice has the privilege of public exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993. Her Liturgical Feast Day is October 10.

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, how is this sacrament celebrated? Like all the sacraments the Anointing of the Sick is a liturgical and communal celebration, whether it takes place in the family home, a hospital or church, for a single sick person or a whole group of sick persons. It is very fitting to celebrate it within the Eucharist, the memorial of the Lord's Passover. If circumstances suggest it, the celebration of the sacrament can be preceded by the sacrament of Penance and followed by the sacrament of the Eucharist. As the sacrament of Christ's Passover the Eucharist should always be the last sacrament of the earthly journey, the "viaticum" for "passing over" to eternal life, however, most of the time we administer this sacrament outside the Eucharist.

Also, word and sacrament form an indivisible whole. The Liturgy of the Word, preceded by an act of repentance, opens the celebration. The words of Christ, the witness of the apostles, awaken the faith of the sick person and of the community to ask the Lord for the strength of his Spirit.

The celebration of the sacrament includes the following principal elements: the **"priests of the Church" - in silence - lay hands on the sick; they pray over them in the faith of the Church - this is the epiclesis proper to this sacrament; they then anoint them with oil blessed, if possible, by the bishop.**

These liturgical actions indicate what grace this sacrament confers upon the sick. God bless you.



THANKSGIVING

You're right - it's too early to be thinking about Thanksgiving! But some people are already worried that they won't have a Thanksgiving. So, if you have something to be thankful for (and don't we all?), here's a great way to show your appreciation. Go to the supermarket gift card table in the Gathering Space and donate gift cards (or cash) for the Thanksgiving Baskets to be distributed by the Long Valley Food Pantry. These donations will be collected after all weekend masses from October 12th through November 10th (or in the office any time during normal office hours). Even though it seems early, the Food Pantry volunteers need time to do the shopping and to distribute the baskets in time for holiday cooking. Non-perishable items can also be placed in the Food Pantry wagon as usual (canned yams, pie filling, flour, sugar, stuffing mix - or other traditional items). With the holidays coming up, you know you need supermarket gift cards for yourself, so as long as you're there anyway,

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.



COMMUNITY AUCTION – St. Luke's – Dec. 7, 2019

The Knights' nearly two million members come from many places, backgrounds and stages in their lives but share a commitment to investing their time, efforts and resources into activities that reflect their faith and values. "Through our unity, we will continue to rise in charity and fraternity. And as we extend the hand of brotherhood, we will continue to transform the world around us – a world that needs more, not less, of the truth and witness that define all those who call themselves Knights of Columbus".

Reflection for the Week

A person is a person no matter how small.

Dr. Seuss

We are an active council and have a lot to offer.

Become a Knight!

www.lvkofo.org

ST. MARK'S FALL GARDENING DAY...

We will be having a Fall Gardening Day on Saturday, October 12 starting at 8:30 am at St. Mark's. We will be removing the dead bushes and weeds from the islands and around the church. All are welcome to join us and everyone should bring gardening tools and gloves.

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

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 good work.

LONG VALLEY COLUMBIETTES –

The Columbiettes 10th Anniversary will be celebrated at the 5:30 pm mass and a dinner following on Saturday, October 19 at St. Mark's. All Knights of Columbus and Columbiette members are invited to attend. Please contact Marge Sanders at 908-852-3091 to RSVP or for more information

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.

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 or call 973-538-3680 for more information.