

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

October 13, 2019

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Monday October 14

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

Tuesday, October 15

8:45 am For Msgr. Brendan Madden

Wednesday, October 16

8:45 am

Thursday, October 17

8:45 am

Saturday, October 19

5:30 pm For Dan Salerno by Stokes Family

Sunday, October 20

9:00 am For Marilyn Uccardi by Hughes Family

11:00 am For Dennis McKenna 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 19, 20, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm

Lector: Tom Morley

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Scarda

Gift Bearers: Presutti Family

Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Lector: Tony Cretella

Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Kenney

Gift Bearers: Jute Family

Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Lector: Isabella DiLizia

Eucharistic Ministers: Nick Caruso

Gift Bearers: Help needed

Altar Servers: Help needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, October 14

Parish office closed in observance of Columbus Day

No CEC Classes

Tuesday, October 15

8:45 am Mass

No CEC Classes

Wednesday, October 16

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

Thursday, October 17

8:45 am Mass

Friday, October 18

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, October 19

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Columbiettes 10th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 20

9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
October 6, 2019: \$2,181.55 Parish Debt Reduction: \$913	October 7, 2018: \$1,973 Parish Debt Reduction: \$483
Supermarket Gift Cards October 6, 2019 Sales: \$2,000 Profit: \$100 YTD 2019 \$4,698.25 Number of families: 10	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Thank you for all the gracious gifts that you provided to our parish so far this year. Your prayers, support, and monetary gifts allow St. Mark the Evangelist to spread the Gospel and share God's message of love and peace with others. This fall, I prayerfully ask that you consider using our secure and easy-to-use electronic giving program, Faith Direct. Faith Direct will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. To enroll in online giving, visit faith.direct/NJ484.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You, Fr. Marcin



Next weekend for World Missions

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

To help us reflect on the Rosary I will use ideas from Pope John Paul II's Letter on the Rosary, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* of 2002. John Paul II said the Rosary is nothing other than contemplating Christ with the face of Mary and is among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation.

During the conclusion of his letter John Paul II encourages families to pray the Rosary together. The Pope said the Rosary is a prayer of and for the family. He wrote: "At one time this prayer was particularly dear to Christian families, and it certainly brought them closer together. It is important not to lose this precious inheritance. We need to return to the practice of family prayer and prayer for families, continuing to use the Rosary."

We simply need to have trust and to take up our weapon, the weapon of peace, the weapon with the greatest power. If we can come before Our Lord – in the Blessed Sacrament, especially – with Rosary in hand, all things will be ours.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – "For I was hungry"

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal – currently being conducted in our Diocese – is a specific way to show your gratitude by giving back to your brothers and sisters in need.

Half of the amount received over our parish goal will be returned to our parish for our own needs. Not only does the Appeal support many worthwhile ministries throughout the diocese, it will also help our own parish if we reach and go over our goal.

Do we regret every gift we give? Do we feel like we are losing something when we give, or do we see our gift as a welcome opportunity to help enrich someone else's life? To know that we are truly biblical in our giving, we only need ask ourselves whether or not we receive joy from giving. After all, "the Lord loves a cheerful giver". Joy in giving: this is the biblical test of our generosity.

Everything is grace, beginning from the gift of one's own life. God shows his goodness to those who show gratitude. The more we need from God, the more grateful we should be. Whatever we give this year for bishop's annual appeal should represent a gift given in thanksgiving for what God has given us and continues to give to each of us every day. **Remember that each day is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your "Thank you" to Him.**

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...

St. Hedwig of Bavaria – October 16

Widow (ca. 1174 – 1243)

She was born Bavaria in 1174, and was aunt to St. Elizabeth of Hungary. As a girl, she was placed in a monastery for her education, and when she was 12, she was given to marriage to a duke named Henry. Together, they had seven children. When her husband succeeded his father, and gained the governance of his region, Hedwig encouraged him to establish a monastery of Cistercian nuns. Together, they founded more monasteries, which helped develop the faith among their people, and also preserved and enhanced their culture. Both Henry and Hedwig founded hospitals, which they took personal interest in. As their children matured, they gave the couple much trouble. Several bickered bitterly over land rights, even battling one another. Hedwig tried to intervene, but eventually resigned herself and moved to one of the monasteries she had founded. There, she spent her time in the prayer and manual labor of the community, and was known for her austerities that helped her sharpen her will. For example, she would often travel to nearby villages for Mass without wearing shoes, in any kind of weather. She assisted her husband, urging peace at every opportunity. He fought several major battles, and at one point, Hedwig had to ransom him when he was captured. When Henry died, she permanently joined one of her convents that was led by her daughter, and gave away all of her possessions to the poor.

Even when she was alive, St. Hedwig was given the gift of miracles, and she healed a nun who was blind by making the sign of the cross upon her. Several other miraculous cures are attributed to her. She died on this date in 1243, and is patron saint of brides. Her relics rest in the reliquary chapel in the Basilica

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 first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. This grace is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who renews trust and faith in God and strengthens against the temptations of the evil one, the temptation to discouragement and anguish in the face of death. This assistance from the Lord by the power of his Spirit is meant to lead the sick person to healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is God's will. Furthermore, "if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

Also by the grace of this sacrament the sick person receives the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ's Passion: in a certain way he is consecrated to bear fruit by configuration to the Savior's redemptive Passion. Suffering, a consequence of original sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus.

The sick who receive this sacrament, "by freely uniting themselves to the passion and death of Christ," "contribute to the good of the People of God." By celebrating this sacrament the Church, in the communion of saints, intercedes for the benefit of the sick person, and he, for his part, though the grace of this sacrament, contributes to the sanctification of the Church and to the good of all men for whom the Church suffers and offers herself through Christ to God the Father.

God bless you.



Richard Alvarez, Daria Cremonini, Tony Atkins, Ann Geary, Sue Geary, Kathleen Goodman, Annmarie and Daniel Huntz, 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 Zeliff



Msgr. Brendan Madden



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.

2019 RESPECT LIFE RAFFLE...

Raffle tickets benefiting New Jersey Right to Life will be available after all masses on October 19 and 20. 1st prize is a 2020 Volvo XC40 SUV, valued at \$42,000. 2nd through 4th prizes are Shop Rite Gift Cards. For more information, please contact Mike Lennon, mike.lennon@comcast.net.

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

For St. Mark's Fall Craft Fair featuring Homemade/Handmade Items Saturday, November 16th 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Contact marianek.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 so far. Keep up the good work. Thank you.



The Long Valley Knights of Columbus will begin a Novena For Life at St. Mark's Church on Sunday, October 20 at 12pm. The nine-day celebration of Life and Prayer will continue Monday 7pm, Tuesday, Living Rosary 6:30 pm; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8pm; Saturday following the 5:30 pm mass; Sunday October 27 following the 11am Mass, concluding Monday October 28 7pm with guest speaker Cheryl Reilly

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Reflection for the Week
Forgiveness liberates the soul.
Nelson Mandela

Become a Knight!
www.lvkofo.org

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

SEEKING LIVE-IN CAREGIVER FOR ELDERLY PARENTS!

We are seeking a live-in caregiver for our elderly parents Ann Marie and Daniel Huntz, parishioners at St. Mark's for over 20 years, starting right away. Please contact us ASAP if you know of anyone available. Thank you!
Contact: Carol Frezza (561) 308-6594 chfrezza@comcast.net or Kathy Kavanaugh (908) 310-9433 or kavanaughkat@comcast.net

OLM BOOK CLUB...

Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16 to discuss the book Positive: A Memoir by Page Rawl. All are invited to join us in the conference room of the lower church from 7-9 pm.

SOLES4SOULS DRIVE...

My name is Sarah Hanifin and I am both a parishioner at St. Marks as well as a student at Villa Walsh Academy, where I run Cross Country. This season my team is doing a shoe drive for Soles4Souls. The nonprofit group gives shoes to families living in extreme poverty, so that they can sell the shoes and use the money to pay for basic life necessities. 100% of donations are given to those in need. They accept all shoes, new or used (in relatively good condition, as long as they aren't muddy or moldy). Just one pair of shoes can provide 5 meals for a family. Thank you so much for all donations you and your family are able to give. If you have any questions you can email me at sehanifin@icloud.com



MY DEAR PARISHIONERS

We celebrate the Lord's Day on this 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's Gospel is a reminder of the power that comes with gratitude. 10 lepers beg Jesus to have pity on their difficulty, and in response our Lord cures them as they continue on their travels. **ONLY ONE** returned to glorify God and thank Jesus for his healing touch. Jesus recognizes that the other nine took God's loving grace for granted, and gave special praise to the one who showed gratitude.

The story tells of a specific journey of faith that only one man was able to finish, and he was a Samaritan, a foreigner. The Samaritan represents the persons who have a clear conscience. His meeting with Jesus brought him salvation because of his faith, which was expressed in prayer and thanks.

How do we thank God for the gift of his grace and unconditional love? One way is to follow his example of helping to assist those who may have difficulties in their lives and who need our support.

Some people turn to God when they need him, and then when their prayer is heard, they forget about God. **GRATITUDE** means to give back to God. Gratitude makes possible a relationship with God - and it can greatly help our relationships one to another. Gratitude is the heart of faith. It is the first step in our relationship with God. When we sit down to pray, the first thing we should do is to spend some moments thanking God. **"Thank you, Lord, for my life, my family, all the gifts of creation and for your Son Jesus who has saved me."**

*Gratitude
is the best
Attitude*

A Good thing happens when we thank God. We might be facing some trial or temptation, but when we start praising God, the devil escapes. The devil is a proud spirit. He has set himself in competition with God. He cannot stand hearing God praised so he escapes. Thankfulness is a necessary component and expression of our love for God who has loved us in Christ to His death on the Cross.

Gratitude is not automatic but it opens the door of salvation and prayer. Everything is grace, beginning from the gifts of one's own life. To live with gratitude is a sign of the presence of the Kingdom in our midst. We should live in an attitude of gratitude and to praise God for everything which we receive from Him. The more we need from God, the more grateful we should be.

God wants us to show our gratitude by being good to our brothers and sisters, by being good to others as He has been good to us. To thank God we have to treat others as He treated us, with compassion, mercy and love. **Do we express gratitude to God for his mercy and do we show mercy to your neighbor?**

St. Mark-pray for us...

Fr. Marcin