

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

October 20, 2019

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Monday, October 21

8:45 am For Gertrude Winkler by Bill Betz

Tuesday, October 22

8:45 am For Msgr. Brendan Madden

Wednesday, October 23

8:45 am For Kathleen Connelly by Stokes Family

Thursday, October 24

8:45 am For

Saturday, October 26

5:30 pm For Dan Salerno by Lennon Family

Sunday, October 27

9:00 am For Thomas Kenney by Marianne & Richard Nyman

For Joan DiBartolomeo by Kopelman Family

11:00 am For Robert K. Walker 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 26, 27, 2019

Saturday 5:30 pm

Lector: Joanne Lee

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Nancy Lennon

Gift Bearers: Help needed

Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Lector: Jim Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras

Gift Bearers: Draghi Family

Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Lector: Al & David Escudero

Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel

Gift Bearers: Help needed

Altar Servers: Help needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, October 21

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm K-5 CEC classes and 1st Grade Retreat

7:00 pm Novena For Life

7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

8:45 am Mass **Tuesday, October 22**

6:15 pm JYM class

6:30 pm Living Rosary

8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, October 23

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Novena For Life

Thursday, October 24

8:45 am Mass

7:00 pm Novena For Life

Friday, October 25

Parish Office Closed

7:00 pm Novena For Life

Saturday, October 26

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass and Novena For Life

Sunday, October 27

9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass

Novena for Life after 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
October 13, 2019: \$1,985	October 14, 2018: \$2,005
Supermarket Gift Cards October 13, 2019 Sales: \$1,300 Profit: \$65 YTD 2019 \$4,763.25 Number of families: 7	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

Bishop's Annual Appeal – “For I was hungry”

Today we are conducting the In-Pew portion of the Bishop's Annual Appeal that asks parishioners to make a financial commitment to support the pastoral work of the Diocese of Paterson.

As your pastor, I thank all of you who have given to the Appeal in past years or who have responded to a recent mailing from Bishop Serratelli. I can assure you that the funds you gave are deeply appreciated by the people served by diocesan ministries.

The pledges made to the Bishop's Annual Appeal are needed to support the work of our Catholic Charities agencies, seminarian education, our urban schools and priests' extraordinary healthcare needs as well as Nazareth Village, our priests' retirement residence.

Funds given to the Bishop's Annual Appeal stay in the Paterson Diocese. They are not given to any other diocese, Archdiocese or any causes outside our own diocese.

As your pastor I encourage you to participate in this year Bishop's Annual Appeal. EACH YEAR YOU ARE VERY GENEROUS TO BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. PLEASE IF YOU CAN DO THE SAME THIS YEAR. THANK YOU!!!

LOVE AND MERCY – Is a newly released film about Saint Faustina which will be shown at the AMC Theater at the Rockaway Mall for a one night showing on **Monday, October 28th at 7 p.m.** Tickets are a flat rate of \$13.33 per person (no children or senior rates). To order tickets go to: www.fathomevents.com.

Novena for life at St. Mark's Church (Oct.20 – Oct.28)

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Anthony of Padua – October 21

[\(1195 - 1231\)](#)

Saint Anthony was born Fernando Martins in Lisbon, Portugal. Following his ordination to the priesthood, he was named guestmaster and was responsible for the abbey's hospitality. When Franciscan friars settled a small hermitage outside Coimbra dedicated to Saint Anthony of Egypt, Fernando felt a longing to join them. Fernando eventually received permission to leave the Abbey so he could join the new Franciscan Order. When he was admitted, he changed his name to Anthony. Anthony then traveled to Morocco to spread God's truth, but became extremely sick and was returned to Portugal to recover. The return voyage was blown off-course and the party arrived in Sicily, from which they traveled to Tuscany. Anthony was assigned to the hermitage of San Paolo after local friars considered his health. As he recovered, Anthony spent his time praying and studying. An undetermined amount of time later, Dominican friars came to visit the Franciscans and there was confusion over who would present the homily. The Dominicans were known for their preaching, thus the Franciscans assumed it was they who would provide a homilist, but the Dominicans assumed the Franciscans would provide one. It was then the head of the Franciscan hermitage asked Anthony to speak on whatever the Holy Spirit told him to speak of. Though he tried to object, Anthony delivered an eloquent and moving homily that impressed both groups. Soon, news of his eloquence reached Francis of Assisi, who held a strong distrust of the brotherhood's commitment to a life of poverty. However, in Anthony, he found a friend. In 1224, Francis entrusted his friars' pursuits of studies to Anthony. Anthony had a book of psalms that contained notes and comments to help when teaching students and, in a time when a printing press was not yet invented, he greatly valued it. When a novice decided to leave the hermitage, he

stole Anthony's valuable book. When Anthony discovered it was missing, he prayed it would be found or returned to him. The thief did return the book and in an extra step returned to the Order as well. The book is said to be preserved in the Franciscan friary in Bologna today. Anthony occasionally taught at the universities of Montpellier and Toulouse in southern France, but he performed best in the role of a preacher.

So simple and resounding was his teaching of the Catholic Faith, most unlettered and the innocent could understand his messages. It is for this reason he was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946. Once, when St. Anthony of Padua attempted to preach the true Gospel of the Catholic Church to heretics who would not listen to him, he went out and preached his message to the fish. This was not, as liberals and naturalists have tried to say, for the instruction of the fish, but rather for the glory of God, the delight of the angels, and the easing of his own heart. When critics saw the fish begin to gather, they realized they should also listen to what Anthony had to say. He was only 35-years-old when he died and was canonized less than one year afterward by Pope Gregory IX.

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, if the sacrament of anointing of the sick is given to all who suffer from serious illness and infirmity, even more rightly is it given to those at the point of departing this life; so it is also called “*sacramentum exeuntium*” (the sacrament of those departing). The Anointing of the Sick completes our conformity to the death and Resurrection of Christ, just as Baptism began it. It completes the holy anointing that mark the whole Christian life: that of Baptism which sealed the new life in us, and that of Confirmation which strengthened us for the combat of this life. This last anointing fortifies the end of our earthly life like a solid rampart for the final struggles before entering the Father's house.

In addition to the Anointing of the Sick, the Church offers those who are about to leave this life the Eucharist as viaticum. Communion in the body and blood of Christ, received at this moment of “passing over” to the Father, has a particular significance and importance. It is the seed of eternal life and the power of resurrection, according to the words of the Lord: “*He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.*” The sacrament of Christ once dead and now risen, the Eucharist is here the sacrament of passing over from death to life, from this world to the Father.

Thus, just as the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist form a unity called “*the sacraments of Christian initiation,*” so too it can be said that Penance, the Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist as viaticum constitute at the end of Christian life “*the sacraments that prepare for our heavenly homeland*” or the sacraments that complete the earthly pilgrimage.

God bless you





Richard Alvarez, Bob & Jeff Cheripka, Daria Cremonini, Tony Atkins, Ann Geary, Sue Geary, Kathleen Goodman, Annmarie and Daniel Huntz, Suzy Ladlee, Vincent Lai, 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



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.

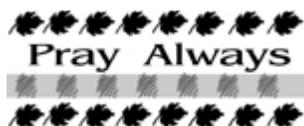
THANK YOU... to everyone who helped with the Fall Clean Up around our church property. We had a great group and everyone worked really hard. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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 mariannek.stm@gmail.com

ST. MARK'S NEW YEAR'S DAY 5K ...Attention runners and walkers – it is time to start thinking about signing up for the St. Mark's New Year's Day 5K. The registration fee increases on November 1. Please see runsignup.com to complete your registration. Hope to see you in 2020.

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 7pm; Saturday following the 5:30 pm Mass; Sunday October 27 following the 11am Mass; concluding Monday October 28 7pm with guest speaker Cheryl Reilly.

SOCK DRIVE

Please donate new packages of men's, women's and children's socks to benefit veterans, the homeless and women at the NJ Women's Shelter. A bin is located in the gathering room. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

COMMUNITY AUCTION – ST. LUKE'S – DEC, 7, 2019

Reflection for the Week

*I cried for shoes until I met a man with no feet.
Helen Keller*

Become a Knight!
www.lvkofc.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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

OLM ROSARY SOCIETY would like to invite all members of St. Mark's to attend a fun afternoon of comradery and painting. Saturday, November 9 at 3pm in OLM Parish Center. Come participate in step by step instruction led by the staff of Pinot's Palette. Bring your own snacks, drinks and/or wine. We will paint a simple, winter, seasonal painting on an 8x10 canvas. All materials are included. All skill levels welcomed. We will gather at 3pm, instruction promptly at 3:30 and completed by approximately 4:30. You will have time to linger & complete your masterpiece in time to attend 5pm mass. Cost is \$25. Please send your name, phone number and a check for \$25 made out to Pinot's Palette to OLM Church, 2 E. Springtown Rd. LV. Attn. Rosary Altar Society or drop it off in the OLM office mailbox by October 28th.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today we celebrate 29th Sunday in ordinary time. In the Gospel today Jesus teaches a parable about the importance of constant prayer. The widow in the parable receives her request because she was persistent and we should do the same. If an unjust judge answers the pleas of a widow how much more will God answer our prayers. “Very well” we might say, but what about unanswered prayer? This is always a mystery that we leave finally in the hands of God because we believe that prayer is always answered although perhaps not in the way we have hoped. However God sees the general plan and knows what is best and we may sometimes have to wait for a while to see that general plan and understand that God knows better.

Prayer was central in the life of Jesus as we see especially in the Gospel of Luke. Luke is teaching us that prayer is to be central in our lives because it was central in the life of Jesus. Jesus told this parable to give fresh hope and confidence to his disciples. In this present life we can experience trials and hard times, but we are not without hope in God. God’s love is stronger than everything even death itself. Jesus teaches us about real prayer needs and how to pray for these needs effectively. This is not a parable about getting what we want. This is a parable about securing social justice.

Jesus ends his parable with a question for us. Will you and I have faith — the faith that perseveres to the end — of time when Jesus returns in glory to judge the living and the dead? Faith is free gift that God makes to us. If we want to live, and grow in the faith until the end, then we must nourish it with the word of God and ask the Lord to increase it. When trials and hard times disappoint us, where do we place our hope? Do we pray with expectant faith and confidence in God’s merciful care and providence for us?

Today’s celebration of Mission Sunday reminds us that we have an important role in the spreading out Good News about Jesus. Evangelization is the proclamation of the Good News of Salvation realized in Jesus Christ and offered to all. This world needs to know God. This world needs to know His truth and love. We are God’s messengers. Our task and mission is to spread out Good News about Jesus to all people that all people would see the fruits of His truth and love. Jesus commanded all of us to bring the joy of Catholicism to anyone.

St. Mark pray for us...

Fr. Marcin

.OCTOBER - RESPECT LIFE MONTH.

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **CHERISHED**. God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is **CHOSEN**. We are called to be messengers of God’s love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is **SENT**.

In many places in the Bible we read that because life is from God, we do not have the right to decide to take another person’s life. Since life comes from God, we would be playing God to take someone else’s life whether fully grown or still in the womb. **Human life is sacred, we do not have the authority from God to meddle with the sacredness of human life, to destroy it in any way.**

Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* states:

“I declare that direct abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, always constitutes a grave moral disorder, since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being. (*Evangelium Vitae* §62).

“I confirm that euthanasia is a grave violation of the law of God, since it is the deliberate and morally unacceptable killing of a human person... ”(*Evangelium Vitae* §65).

As we reflect on this sin against life, I would also like to call to mind that God is a God of mercy, willing to forgive us no matter what our past. I am sure that any priest would be compassionate and forgiving in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If any woman or man is burdened with guilt, please turn to God for forgiveness.