

# I will praise your name forever, my king and my God

November 3, 2019

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, November 2**

**All Souls Day – Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**

5:30 pm For Selena Lesniak by Lennox Family  
For Amparo Vega by her family

**Sunday, November 3**

9:00 am For the special intentions of the kind and generous people who helped the Nyman family in their time of need.

11:00 am For Dan Salerno by Kelly Ann Tell  
For Nicolas Kopelman by Kopelman Family

**Monday, November 4**

8:45 am For Deceased priests of the Paterson Diocese  
10:45 am Mass at Heath Village Chapel

**Tuesday, November 5**

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

**Wednesday, November 6**

8:45 am For

**Thursday, November 7**

8:45 am For

**Saturday, November 9**

5:30 pm For Julia Dugan by Monteverde Family

**Sunday, November 10**

9:00 am For Helen Rooney by Draghi Family  
10:45 am Mass at Heath Village Health Care Center  
11:00 am For Janet Trujillo by Fleming 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:**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**November 9, 10, 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: Sharon Donovan  
Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Michonski  
Altar Servers: Help Needed

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

**Monday, November 4**

8:45 am Mass  
4:30 pm K-5 CEC classes  
7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

**Tuesday, November 5**

8:45 am Mass  
6:15 pm JYM classes  
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Wednesday, November 6**

8:45 am Mass  
9:30 am Women's Bible Study  
4:00 pm Southwestern Deanery Meeting

**Thursday, November 7**

8:45 am Mass  
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Friday, November 8**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, November 9**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study  
5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, November 10**

9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Baptism Avery Noah Soriano  
Fellowship after 11:00 am mass – Thank you and Good Luck to Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski. All are welcome to attend

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2018
October 27, 2019: \$2,818	October 28, 2018: \$2,360
Supermarket Gift Cards October 27, 2019 Sales: \$3,500 Profit: \$175 YTD 2019: \$5,060.75 Number of families: 14	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

**GIFT CARD SELLERS NEEDED...**

Gift Card Sellers needed for the Saturday, 5:30 pm and Sunday, 11:00 am mass. This is a good way to become involved with the St. Mark's community without a huge commitment. It would entail spending 20 minutes selling gift cards after one mass a month. Training will be provided at your convenience. Please email Mary Hanifin at [markhanifin@yahoo.com](mailto:markhanifin@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

**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](http://faith.direct/NJ484). Thank you for your support

**Special thanks to all those who came to clean up the area around the church a few weeks ago when I was away. You did a wonderful job!!! Your good work is a sign of your love to our parish. THANK YOU!**

*JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY FOR 11PM MASS AND HOSPITALITY AFTERWARDS IN HONOR OF FR. SLAWOMIR TOMASZEWSKI OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR WHO WILL BE LEAVING US. LET'S GET TOGETHER TO SAY THANK YOU AND WISH HIM ALL THE BEST AT HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT.*

*St. Mark, Pray for us...*

*Fr. Marcin*

**FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...  
St. Rita of Cascia – November 5  
(1380 - 1457)**

Rita was born in the year 1381 in the village of Roccaporena, near Cascia, Italy. Her parents, Antonio and Amata Lotti, considered her birth a very special gift from God, for Rita was born to them as they were already advancing in age. As a young girl Rita frequently visited the convent of the Augustinian Nuns in Cascia and dreamed of one day joining their community. Her parents, however, had promised her in marriage, according to the custom of the day, to Paolo Mancini, a good man of strong and impetuous character. Rita accepted her parents' decision, resolved to see this as God's will for her. The young couple was joined in marriage and soon twin boys were born to them. Rita found herself occupied with the typical concerns of a wife, mother, and homemaker of Roccaporena, while Paolo was employed as a watchman for the town. One day as Paolo was returning home from work he was ambushed and killed. The pain which this unexpected and violent death inflicted upon Rita was only compounded by the fear she felt that her two teenage sons, moved by the unwritten law of the "vendetta," would seek to avenge their father's death. Rita's only recourse was to prayer and persuasion. As it happened, the death of both boys from natural causes a short time later removed them from physical and spiritual danger. Despite her great burden she could still thank God that they had died in peace, free of the poison of murder to which hatred and revenge might have otherwise drawn them. Now alone in the world and without family responsibilities, Rita once more turned her thoughts to the desired vocation of her youth, that of joining the Augustinian Nuns of Saint Mary Magdalene Monastery. At the age of thirty-six Rita pledged to follow the ancient Rule of Saint Augustine. For the next forty years she gave herself wholeheartedly to prayer and works of charity, striving especially to preserve peace and harmony among the citizens of Cascia. With a pure love she wanted more and more to be intimately joined to the redemptive suffering of Jesus, and this desire of hers was satisfied in an extraordinary way. One day when she was about sixty years of age, she was meditating before an image of Christ crucified, as she was long accustomed to doing. Suddenly a small wound appeared on her forehead, as though a thorn from the crown that encircled Christ's head had loosed itself and penetrated her own flesh. For the next fifteen years she bore this external sign of stigmatization and union with the Lord. In spite of the pain she constantly experienced, she offered herself courageously for the physical and spiritual well-being of others. During the last four years of her life Rita was confined to bed and was able to eat so little that she was practically sustained on the Eucharist alone. As she breathed her last, Rita's final words to the sisters who gathered around her were, "Remain in the holy love of Jesus. Remain in obedience to the holy Roman Church. Remain in peace and fraternal charity." Having faithfully and lovingly responded to God's many invitations to her in the course of her seventy-six years, Rita returned to God in peace on May 22, 1457. Her body, which has remained incorrupt over the

centuries, is venerated today in the shrine of Cascia, which bears her name. Her feast is observed on the anniversary of her death, May 22.

**FROM FR. JAVIER...  
TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC  
CHURCH - THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH  
The Sacrament of Holy Orders**

My dear brothers and sisters let us see first the priesthood of the Old Covenant or the Old Testament. According with the tradition and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the chosen people was constituted by God as "*a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.*" But within the people of Israel, God chose one of the twelve tribes, that of Levi, and set it apart for liturgical service; God himself is its inheritance. A special rite consecrated the beginnings of the priesthood of the Old Covenant. The priests are "*appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.*"

Instituted to proclaim the Word of God and to restore communion with God by sacrifices and prayer, this priesthood nevertheless remains powerless to bring about salvation, needing to repeat its sacrifices ceaselessly and being unable to achieve a definitive sanctification, which only the sacrifice of Christ would accomplish.

The liturgy of the Church, however, sees in the priesthood of Aaron and the service of the Levites, as in the institution of the priests, a prefiguring of the ordained ministry of the New Covenant with the following prayers.

**Prays in the consecratory ordination of bishops:** "*God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by your gracious word you have established the plan of your Church. From the beginning, you chose the descendants of Abraham to be your holy nation. You established rulers and priests and did not leave your sanctuary without ministers to serve you....*"

**At the ordination of priests, the Church prays:**

*"Lord, holy Father, . . .when you had appointed high priests to rule your people, you chose other men next to them in rank and dignity to be with them and to help them in their task.... you extended the spirit of Moses to seventy wise men.... You shared among the sons of Aaron the fullness of their father's power...."*

May God bless you.

**ALL SOULS DAY REMBRANCES..**

Joseph Callaremi, Sr., Alice & Raymond Korpanty, Anna & Stanley Solecki, Thomas R. Korpanty, All other members of both families, Thomas & Marie Bongo, Jean Redmond, Ellen & Charles Eichler, Dan McGarvey, Rose Linfanti, Joseph Mantuore, Dorothy Flora, Louis Flora, Florence Monttuore, Jessica Bozich, Cody Scholz, Joaephine Manuso, Paul Manuso, Olga Sabbagh, Cesear Sabbagh, Samanth Mead, Chris Franco, Sarah Crowley, Rich Atalese, Members of the Dobbings & Lamalfa Families, Sylvia Scott, James Scott, Theresa Veltre, Carol Tozzo, Mary Tozzo, Angelina Tozzo, Matthew Scott, Bill & Mary Kuhl, Johnny & Margaret Burke, Russ & Terry Yates, James & Elvira Griffin, John, Patricia & Christopher Grace, Frank & Claire Lankford, Frank & Pauline Pagnani, Thomas & Julia Dugan, Patricia Dugan Barone, Anna & Anthony Monteverde, Members of the Turrin Family, Members of the Pinto Family, Members of the Hanifin Family, Members of the Betz Family



**CONGRATULATIONS...**

Parishioners Karl & Carol Ann Zeliff are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this year. Karl, Carol Ann and their family will be attending the Special Silver & Gold Anniversary Mass today at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist with Bishop Arthur Serratelli as celebrant. Congratulations!!



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 12<sup>th</sup> through November 10<sup>th</sup> (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.

**THANKSGIVING PIE SALE...**

The Fundraising Committee will be in the Gathering Space after mass taking pie orders. The pies are from Ort Farms in Long Valley. The funds raised will benefit St. Mark's CEC program. St. Mark's will earn 25% of the sale price. Orders must be returned to St. Mark's CEC office by November 11 with payment. Pies will be delivered frozen on November 25<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:00 pm. Questions? Call Kim 908-887-3100

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

For St. Mark's Fall Craft Fair featuring Homemade/Handmade Items **Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Contact [mariannek.stm@gmail.com](mailto:mariannek.stm@gmail.com)

**AMAZON SMILE...** Remember to shop at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and support St. Mark the Evangelist Church. We have earned more than \$70 so far. Keep up the good work. Thank you

**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](https://runsignup.com) to complete your registration. Hope to see you in 2020.



**SOCK DRIVE**

A wonderful "thank you" to everyone who helped support this cause during the previous month. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

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

Reflection for the Week

*Imagination is more important than knowledge  
Albert Einstein*

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!](https://www.lvkofc.org)  
[www.lvkofc.org](https://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](mailto:chfrezza@comcast.net) or Kathy Kavanaugh (908) 310-9433 or [kavanaughkat@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:sehanifin@icloud.com)



## MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today in the liturgy of the church we celebrate 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in ordinary time. In today's Gospel Jesus says to Zacchaeus; "come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." He was the chief tax collector in Jericho so we can imagine how much people loved him! Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus and he had to climb a sycamore tree to see Jesus because he was so short. He had to do a little bit of work to be able to see Jesus. His humility is rewarded as Jesus asks him to come down from the tree and wants to visit his home. The name Zacchaeus comes from Hebrew and means "the Pure One." Before reforming his life and meeting Jesus, Zacchaeus was the pure one only in name but not in deed. After meeting Jesus, Zacchaeus was the pure one both in name and in deed. That was the true Independence Day for Zacchaeus when he gained independence from his former sinful life. There is a tradition that Zacchaeus was later appointed bishop of Caesarea by St. Peter against his will. Whether or not that is true, when he met Jesus he was transformed and became "the Pure One."

Will you come down from your tree, abandon sin, and invite Jesus to your heart? Jesus knows you are seeking him today, like Zacchaeus, and Jesus is looking at you, saying to you he wants to stay with you. Will you, like Zacchaeus, abandon anything that may be keeping you apart from Jesus, and then enjoy even more of Jesus in your life? Jesus wants to meet you today. Jesus doesn't want you to come here just to fulfill a Sunday obligation or simply because you know Jesus wants you here, but Jesus wants to meet you here and stay with you for the rest of this week.

**The Lord Jesus is always ready to make his home with each one of us. Do we make room for him in our heart and in every area of our life?**

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**THIS WEEK, AS WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK,** let us take the opportunity to look around our Church community and invite our young men and women to discern if the Lord is calling them to be another Christ. To be a symbol and sign that God always remembers and awaits us as the Good Shepherd - the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Today, lets us remind our young men and women that the Lord Jesus calls us by name and says, "I must stay in your house today." Even though we, like the Centurion, will soon cry out, humbly, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof," Jesus will say the word and we will be healed. "The Son of Man," Jesus tells us at the end of the Gospel passage, "has come to seek and to save what was lost." He has come to seek and save us sinners. **Today we also pray that good and faithful men and women will follow the Lord Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, to seek out and save the lost.**

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**ELECTION DAY. (Tuesday, November 5).** As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest". As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically excluded, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. This should not discourage us.

Church does not tell Catholics how to vote; the responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience, aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection.

At this time, we the Christians must unite to pray for our country. We all know that Christianity is what this country was founded upon. "Good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." - Pope Francis, 9/16/13.

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**NOVEMBER – MONTH OF ALL SOULS.** The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection."

**Having Mass offered for the soul of a departed loved one is the greatest help we can give them because Mass, being the sacrifice of Jesus offered to the Father, is the greatest prayer.**

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