

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

November 17, 2019

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, November 16

5:30 pm For Joseph Rooney by Morley Family

Sunday, November 17

9:00 am For Richard Ashton by Draghi Family

11:00 am For Dan Salerno by Schmitt Family

For Alice Welch by Woelfel Family

Monday, November 18

8:45 am For Deceased priests who have served St. Mark's
Fr. Ed Collins, Fr. Robert Gordon, Msgr. Brendan Madden

Tuesday, November 19

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

Wednesday, November 20

8:45 am For

Thursday, November 21

8:45 am For

Saturday, November 23

5:30 pm For Bill Kuhl by Burke Family

Sunday, November 24

9:00 am For Amparo Vega by Stokes Family

11:00 am For Dorothy D'Espagnier by Kenny Family

For Dorothy LaMalfa by McDermott Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

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 23, 24, 2019**

Saturday 5:30 pm

Lector: Joanne Lee

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Nancy Lennon

Gift Bears: Santorelli Family

Sunday, 9:00 am

Lector: Jim Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras

Sunday, 11:00 am

Lector: Gabriella Nowak

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul & Gina Tupaczewski

Gift Bearers: Buchanan Family

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 if you are interested.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, November 18

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm K-5 CEC classes

7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

8:45 am Mass **Tuesday, November 19**

6:15 pm JYM classes

8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, November 20

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday, November 21

8:45 am Mass

Friday, November 22

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 23

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Knights of Columbus Auction Ticket Sale

Sunday, November 24

9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass

11:00 am K-10 & Family Faith Mass

Pack Christmas Child Boxes

Knights of Columbus Auction Ticket Sale

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
November 10, 2019: \$2,520	November 11, 2018: \$1,699
Supermarket Gift Cards November 10, 2019 Sales: \$3,100 Profit: \$150 YTD 2019: \$5,290.75 Number of families: 14	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving each year is Giving Tuesday, a day to thank God for the blessings that he has bestowed upon us during the year and to look within ourselves to see how we can best use our talent and treasure to help others. This year, St. Mark the Evangelist is building upon that feeling of generosity and compassion by asking our parishioners to prayerfully consider enrolling in eGiving for your recurring weekly offering. By using eGiving you are supporting our parish's shared mission to give back to others and spread the word of God. We are excited about Giving Tuesday and all the miraculous work our parish can do in our community, with your support. Enrolling in eGiving is a safe and secure way to give to our parish and getting started is easy—just visit faith.direct/NJ484

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

We gather on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time in our celebration of the Lord's Day. In today's Gospel Jesus says; *"All that you see here -- the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky."*

How would we respond if someone prophesied that our home, land, or place of worship would be destroyed? Jesus foretold many signs that would shake peoples and nations. The signs which God uses are meant to point us to a higher spiritual truth and reality of his kingdom which does not perish or fade away, but endures for all eternity. God works through many events and signs to purify and renew us in hope and to help us set our hearts more firmly on him and him alone.

We also see hope beyond persecution in the Gospel today when Jesus tells the disciples about the persecutions of his followers that would take place before the temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed by the Romans in AD 70. Today you can still see some of those stones thrown down as Jesus said they would be. Jesus said his disciples would be seized and persecuted, put in prison, and some of them would be put to death. But then Jesus said, **"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."**

For us here in this country, thank God, we do not have to endure persecution. But there is misunderstanding of our Catholic faith and consequently discrimination sometimes even in this country. In the Land of the Free, sometimes we even have to stand up for our freedom of religion and freedom to believe our creed and not be forced to act against our conscience. We have heard of some, in the medical and other professions, who have had to surrender their career in order not to be forced to act contrary to our Catholic faith or who paid some other price for remaining faithful. They are fulfilling the words of Jesus in our Gospel today, **"It will lead to your giving testimony."**

We already know the outcome. Christ has already won during his Passion, Death and Resurrection. But the battle continues to be played out and will be played out until the end of time. Again and again Scripture assures us that even if we have to endure persecution because of our faith, in the end we will be vindicated even if we have to wait until the next life. **Jesus will win, all evil will be conquered and no matter what happens we have every reason to hope and believe in Jesus and in his victory and in his words in today's Gospel, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives."**

St. Mark – pray for us...

2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL **"FOR I WAS HUNGRY..."**

The ability to reach out to people in need through our Bishop's Annual Appeal is completely dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts! Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish

goals, with almost \$650,000 returned last year to parishes – and over \$2.9 million in five years! Please help your neighbors in need and our own parish by making a gift today! **For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2019appeal.org.**

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF ALL SOULS

As we pray for our loved ones during November it is good to remember that the Mass is the greatest prayer for the dead. For deceased masses are offered to assist them in their journey to heaven.

GET A MASS INTENTION FOR YOUR LOVED ONES DURING THIS MONTH OF ALL SOULS.

Some people think that the story of human life is, "Birth, life, and death." For a Christian, it is different. The story is not "Birth, life, and death," but rather, "Life, death, and Resurrection!" Death does not have the last word; life does!

Death was not part of God's original plan; it came into the world because of sin. Death is not from God; death is from turning away from God. Death is not the end of the human story; it is the middle. The end of the story is Resurrection and life that has no end! God has broken the silence about death, and told us that He has conquered it!

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP – FOR YOUNG MEN IN HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE OR OLDER

Monday, November 18, 2019 – Morris Catholic H.S. in Denville – 7 to 9 PM. Come join Bishop Serratelli and priest from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza.

For more information, please contact Fr. Edward Rama at 973-777-8818 ext. 715.

THANK YOU!

Thank you very much for giving Fr. Slawek very nice farewell last weekend. Thank you to all those who prepared hospitality after 11am mass (special thanks to Lorraine Fleming). Your kindness and goodness is greatly appreciated by us your priests. **GOD BLESS YOU!!!**

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCES...

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, Roehrig Family

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 continued our learning from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. According to our catechism in the ecclesial service of the ordained minister, it is Christ himself who is present to his Church as Head of his Body, Shepherd of his flock, high priest of the redemptive sacrifice, Teacher of Truth. This is what the Church means by saying that the priest, by virtue of the sacrament of Holy Orders, acts in persona Christi Capitis. *"It is the same priest, Christ Jesus, whose sacred person his minister truly represents. Now the minister, by reason of the sacerdotal consecration which he has received, is truly made like to the high priest and possesses the authority to act in the power and place of the person of Christ himself (virtute ac persona ipsius Christi). Christ is the source of all priesthood: the priest of the old law was a figure of Christ, and the priest of the new law acts in the person of Christ."*

Through the ordained ministry, especially that of bishops and priests, the presence of Christ as head of the Church is made visible in the midst of the community of believers. In the beautiful expression of St. Ignatius of Antioch, *"the bishop is typos tou Patros: he is like the living image of God the Father."*

This presence of Christ in the minister is not to be understood as if the latter were preserved from all human weaknesses, the spirit of domination, error, even sin. The power of the Holy Spirit does not guarantee all acts of ministers in the same way. While this guarantee extends to the sacraments, so that even the minister's sin cannot impede the fruit of grace, in many other acts the minister leaves human traces that are not always signs of fidelity to the Gospel and consequently can harm the apostolic fruitfulness of the Church.

God bless you.



FUNDRAISER AT BEA MCNALLY'S IN HACKETTSTOWN..

This Wednesday November 20th 109 Grand Ave., Hackettstown. They will give us a 20% for the night from 5pm thru 10pm. This is Dine-In or Take-Out. No slip of paper is needed, but please mention to your server that you are from St. Mark's Church. Last time we made an easy \$230 from this event. Hope to see everyone there!

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



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

Our annual auction is a wonderful evening out featuring both live and silent auctions, a buffet dinner, beer, wine, beverages and deserts. Be part of the action, help those in need and have fun! Proceeds fund programs that benefit the needy our seniors, our youth and our veterans. Live auction begins at 8 PM, silent at 6 PM, admission \$25. Visit our website for additional details.

Reflection for the Week

Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. MT 25-40

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!
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Richard Alvarez, Bob & Jeff Cheripka, Daria Cremonini, Tony Atkins, Ann Geary, Sue Geary, Kathleen Goodman, 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

WEST MORRIS CENTRAL 2019 TURKEY TROT 5k RUN...

Thanksgiving Day, November 28 at the WMC high school athletic field and campus. Event begins at 9am, rain or shine. Registration and sign-up begins at 7:30 am. Participants should register ahead of time at www.wmcturkeytrot.com or the FaceBook page: facebook.com/WMCmemorial. Walk in registrants are also welcome. Proceeds from event fund memorial scholarships for Kyleigh D'Alessio, Tanner Birch, Stephen Berstler and WMC Project Graduation, as well as recreational projects.

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN BOOK CLUB....

We will be discussing the book Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline on November 20th. We will be meeting in the conference room of the lower church from 7-9 pm. All are invited to attend. Looking ahead to December, we will be discussing How Can I Find God? By James Martin.



