

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

November 24, 2019

Our Lord Jesus, Christ, King of the Universe



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

Monday, November 25

8:45 am For

Tuesday, November 26

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

Wednesday, November 27

8:45 am For deceased priests who served St. Mark's

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day

8:45 am In Thanksgiving for all our blessings

Saturday, November 30

5:30 pm For Jack Mason by Dave Donlon

Sunday, December 1

9:00 am For Marianna Vegliante by Eufrasia Conca

11:00 am For Dan Salerno by Fleming 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 30, December 1, 2019**

Saturday 5:30 pm

Lector: Help needed

Eucharistic Ministers: Help needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Lector: Help needed

Eucharistic Ministers: Help needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Lector: Isabella DiLizia

Eucharistic Ministers: Angel Nowak

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 25

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm K-5 CEC classes

7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

8:45 am Mass **Tuesday, November 26**

6:15 pm Family Faith classes

8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, November 27

8:45 am Mass

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day

8:45 am Mass

Friday, November 29

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 30

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Knights of Columbus Auction Ticket Sale

Sunday, December 1

9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass

SYM – Rite of the Covenant

Knights of Columbus Auction Ticket Sale

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
November 17, 2019: \$1,745.08 Catholic Home Missions & Diocesan Assessment: \$434.02	November 18, 2018: Figures not available
Supermarket Gift Cards November 17, 2019 Sales: \$3,800 Profit: \$190 YTD 2019: \$5,480.75 Number of families: 15	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,

Today we celebrate the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe. Our celebration of Jesus Christ as King today means that we place Jesus first in our lives at all times. On this last Sunday of this liturgical year before Advent begins next Sunday we celebrate publicly that Jesus is first in our lives.



In the Gospel today we see Jesus sitting on the most unusual throne of the cross. "King of the Jews" was written over it. But that moment of pain and humiliation was passing, and then Jesus assumed his real throne at the right hand side of his Father. This can teach us something; to bring about the kingdom of God we may have to abandon what the world considers important and even be prepared to be ridiculed as Jesus was on the cross. It was not easy for Jesus to begin establishing his kingdom with values at odds to those of the world; it cost him his life. It is not easy for the Church now trying to establish the kingdom of Jesus in a society growing daily more secular and pagan. But for those who die to themselves, who truly open themselves to Jesus, the reward is a share in Jesus' kingdom, **"Indeed I promise you, today, you will be with me in paradise."**

This feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority of any kind to compare their use of power or authority with Jesus. Are they using their power to serve others or to manipulate? Are they using their power for the building up of a more just society or to feather their own nest? Are they using their power in any way that might cause pain to others or in a way that could help to alleviate pain? In the prayer Jesus taught us, we pray, "thy kingdom come." Jesus has shown how to bring about that kingdom. Let us pray that nations and individuals will be humble enough to look at how Jesus used power and bring about the kingdom of God.

Our celebration today is a joyful celebration because Jesus is not like kings of earthly kingdoms who may be remote from their people. Jesus is close to us, he walks by our side, he lifts us up when we need help, and he gave his life for us. Our celebration of Jesus Christ as King today means that we place Jesus first in our lives at all times. We put Jesus first in our lives and make him King of our lives, firstly in our minds and then in our actions. We make Jesus King of our minds by blocking out voices that are contrary to Jesus and filling our minds with what would please Jesus. When we make Jesus King of our minds it is much easier to make Jesus King of our actions. We make Jesus King of our actions when we have decisions to make and we choose the option that would most please Jesus.

Let us ask ourselves if Jesus reigns in our minds, reigns in our wills and desires, reigns in our hearts, and reigns in our bodies. Is Jesus the first and the last, the Alpha and Omega, over everything in our lives? If Jesus is not our King, let us once again today place Jesus first in our lives and ask his forgiveness.



THANKSGIVING – November 28th

On Thanksgiving Day, we are encouraged to pause and give thanks to God. When we give thanks, we bring to mind God's gifts to us. On this Thanksgiving Day, we thank our Heavenly Father, and we pray fervently, "God bless America!" It is a beautiful holiday. Jesus shows us the importance giving thanks. By expressing gratitude, we overcome sadness, we cement relationships with each other and with God. By coming to Mass on Thanksgiving Day, we are thanking God in the best possible way.

THANKSGIVING MASSES – November 28th:
St. Mark's at 8:45 a.m. and OLM 9:30 a.m.

ADVENT IS COMING...

Next Sunday we begin the New Liturgical Year and the First Sunday of Advent. The Sunday lectionary will move to cycle A. As we begin Advent let us start with a renewed spirit. Consider coming to confession during Advent as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal "For I Was Hungry..."

This time of year, as we come together to celebrate Thanksgiving, please consider making a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal as a way to give thanks for our many blessings. Each year, tens of thousands of people in profound need seek out the services of our Catholic Charities and, with the help for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, they find an open door and a compassionate response. **Please make a pledge to our Annual Appeal today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2019appeal.org.**

I wish you a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving! Wishing you the gift of faith and the blessing of hope this thanksgiving day! We gather on this day to be thankful for what we have, for the family we love, the friends we cherish, and for the blessings that will come. Happy Thanksgiving!



The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

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, the ministerial priesthood has the task not only of representing Christ - Head of the Church - before the assembly of the faithful, but also of acting in the name of the whole Church when presenting to God the prayer of the Church, and above all when offering the Eucharistic sacrifice.

"In the name of the whole Church" does not mean that priests are the delegates of the community. The prayer and offering of the Church are inseparable from the prayer and offering of Christ, her head; it is always the case that Christ worships in and through his Church. The whole Church, the Body of Christ, prays and offers herself "through him, with him, in him," in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to God the Father, therefore those who in the Body are especially his ministers are called ministers not only of Christ, but also of the Church. It is because the ministerial priesthood represents Christ that it can represent the Church.

Also, *"The divinely instituted ecclesiastical ministry is exercised in different degrees by those who even from ancient times have been called bishops, priests, and deacons."* Catholic doctrine, expressed in the liturgy, the Magisterium, and the constant practice of the Church, recognizes that there are two degrees of ministerial participation in the priesthood of Christ: the episcopacy and the presbyterate . The diaconate is intended to help and serve them. For this reason the term *sacerdos* in current usage denotes bishops and priests but not deacons. Yet Catholic doctrine teaches that the degrees of priestly participation (episcopate and presbyterate) and the degree of service (diaconate) are all three conferred by a sacramental act called "ordination," that is, by the sacrament of Holy Orders. God bless you.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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. Please consider donating. All donations - financial, product, service will be gratefully accepted. Live auction begins at 8 PM, silent at 6 PM, admission \$25. Visit our website for additional details.

Reflection for the Week

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the father through him.
Colossians 3:17

If you would like to be a part of an organization whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you. B

[Become a Knight!](http://www.lvkofc.org)
www.lvkofc.org

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Samuel describes how all the tribes of Israel went to David in Hebron and said they were his bone and his flesh and it was he who led them back to Israel. The Lord told David he would be a shepherd to His people. David made an agreement with the elders and was anointed king.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Paul explains to the Colossians that God has made them fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light and that through the Son we have redemption and forgiveness of sin. He describes Jesus as the image of the invisible God, the head of the church and in Him all things hold together.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Jesus is mocked by the crowd as he hung on the cross. Above him was an inscription that read "This is the king of the Jews." One of the men being crucified with Jesus tells Him to save them and Himself, while the other asks that he be remembered when Jesus is in his kingdom. Jesus said in reply, "Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, Bob & Jeff Cheripka, Daria Cremonini, Brittany Cicchino, Carol DeAlvandres, Ann Geary, Sue Geary, Kathleen Goodman, Heidi L., Daniel Huntz, Suzy Ladlee, Vincent Lai, Mary McArdle, Anna McFarland, Denise Niessing, Girard Nolte, Jr., Rosemarie Picarelli, Georgette Petromelis, Christopher Popp, Tim Popp, John S, Don & Joyce Schmitt, George and Ann Senfingter, Fredrick Senfingter, Special Intention, Tracy Tobin, Christopher Zeliff

CRAFT FAIR BIG SUCCESS...

Thank you to St Mark's Staff, all those who volunteered their time and to those who donated baked goods for St Mark's Craft Fair. Your help and generosity made the Fair a big success.



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. Thank you



