

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

**October 30, 2016**

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Saturday, October 29**

5:30 pm For Margaret Burke by Burke Family

**Sunday, October 30**

8:00 am For Concetta Magnifico

9:30 am For Deacon John Meyer by Long Valley Columbiettes

11:00 am For Richard E. Savner by Fania Family

**Monday, October 31**

8:45 am For Deacon John Meyer & Family by Eileen Moore

**Tuesday, November 1**

**All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation**

8:45 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's

7:30 pm For Peace

**Wednesday, November 2 – All Souls Day**

8:45 am For Deacon John Meyer by Eufrasia Conca and All The Faithful Departed

**Saturday, November 5**

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

5:30 pm For Bertha VanSickle by Skoczylas Family

**Sunday, November 6**

8:00 am For Deacon John Meyer by Zimmerman Family

9:30 am For Mary Darter by Zimmerman Family

11:00 am For Anthony F. Fania & Carmen Fania by Fania Family

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**November 5, 6, 2016**

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

**Celebrant:** TBD

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Fred McQuaide

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joanne Lee, Mary Scarda

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday, 8:00 am**

**Celebrant:** Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Bill & Amy Barron

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sue Clark

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday 9:30 am**

**Celebrant:** Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Sarah Murray

**Eucharistic Minister:** Terri & Bob Baffuto, Steve Beggin

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday 11:00 am**

**Celebrant:** Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

**Greeter:** Help Needed

**Lector:** Tom Hanifin

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eileen Labue, Kevin Ramos, Nick Caruso

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

**Altar Breads & Wine** – In loving memory of Patsy & Philip Marchese by Marchese family.

**Sanctuary Lamp** – In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone by Corry and Benardone families.

**Mass Candles:** For Harmony in the World by Skoczylas Family,

**OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PARISH**

**Saturday, November 5**

5:00 pm Celebrant: TBD

7:00 pm Celebrant: TBD

**Sunday, November 6**

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

10:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

**ST. MARK'S NEEDS \$5,280 PER WEEK TO MEET OUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION**

Current Year	Last Year 2015
October 23, 2016: \$1,863 Envelopes used: 52	October 25, 2015: \$2,387 Envelopes used: 51
Online October: \$9,905 Givers: 66	Online October \$7,788
<b>Supermarket Gift Cards</b> October 23, 2016 Sales: \$3,790 Profit: \$189.50 YTD Total: \$5,407.50 # of families: 15	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

**FAITH DIRECT...**

Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Mark the Evangelist. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NJ484

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You, Fr. Joe

**FOOD PANTRY...THANKSGIVING**

Yes, it's early to be thinking about Thanksgiving!

However, 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 15<sup>th</sup> through November 6<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 distribute the baskets in time for holiday cooking. Non-perishable items can also be placed in the Food Pantry bins 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 while you're there.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity.



**“THE CHANGING OF TIMES AND SEASONS”** – from one of the Sunday Prefaces

The preface prayer is the one that is prayed by the priest and ends with the singing of the Holy, Holy, Holy. I like the words because they remind me that God is the creator of all things including the times and seasons and no matter what time and seasons will flow as God has created. However we have a responsibility to be good caretakers of the planet we live on. Saint Pope John Paul II spoke of our responsibility to the earth when he said, “The Earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations.” Pope Francis has continued to echo his call to be good stewards of the earth in his encyclical ‘Laudati Si’ that he issued two years ago.

The call for us to be good caretakers of the earth harks back to the Book of Genesis where we read the stories of creation and God’s entrusting the care of the earth to humankind. As we experience the changes of times and seasons now it might be a good idea to review how well we have been as caretakers of the part of the earth that is entrusted to us...Fr. Joe

#### **PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR TRICK OR TREATERS...**

(I came across this prayer written by Fr. Michael Kwatera and thought you might want to use it to bless any children as they go forth on Halloween. The prayer has been edited –)

“Compassionate God, Your Son, Jesus, showed his love for little children by taking them into his arms and blessing them. Look with kindness upon these children. Send your blessings upon them, and with your unfailing power keep them safe from harm this day and forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



#### **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Vigil Mass @ OLM 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31

Masses @ St. Mark’s Tuesday, Nov. 1, 8:45 am & 7:30 pm

#### **NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> – ALL SOULS DAY...**

A time to remember in a personal way those loved ones who have gone before us in our prayers. There are envelopes in the gathering space that you can use to write the names of people you would like remembered during the month of November. These envelopes will be kept on the altar throughout the month.

**“BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS”** – Annual Bishop’s Appeal for our diocesan needs...

Thanks to those who have responded to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal either through the mail, on-line giving or through the in pew commitment weekend program. Your support helps our diocese continue its daily ministry to so many who need our help. If you have not responded yet please do so – our many Catholic Charities agencies, our retired priest home in Chester, our support of Catholic Schools and our future priests need your help and support.

On line gifts go to [www.2016appeal.org](http://www.2016appeal.org). You can credit your gift to St. Mark’s and when we exceed our goal of \$10,000 50% of the over goal pledges comes back to our parish that helps us in our daily operations. Thank you.

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**...ends Nov. 20 but God’s mercy never ends...“Let us receive the special grace of this moment. We pause in reverent silence before this empty tomb in order to rediscover the grandeur of our Christian vocation: we are men and women of resurrection, and not of death. From this place we learn how to live our lives, the trials of our Churches and of the whole world, in the light of Easter morning. Every injury, every one of our pains and sorrows, has been borne on the shoulders of the Good Shepherd who offered himself in sacrifice and thereby opened the way to eternal life. His open wounds are the cleft through which the torrent of his mercy is poured out upon the world. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of the basis of our hope! Let us not deprive the world of the joyful message of the resurrection! And let us not be deaf to the powerful summons to unity which rings out from this very place, in the words of the One who, risen from the dead, calls all of us “my brothers” (cf. *Mt* 28:10; *Jn* 20:17).” — Pope Francis

#### **BISHOP’S MASS FOR RESPECT LIFE...**

Bishop Serratelli writes: I will celebrate the Respect Life Mass (formerly called the Unborn Mass) on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM. This year, the Mass will be celebrated at Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish, Morristown. This Mass is sponsored by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils. All clergy, deacons, staff, parishioners, friends and families are encouraged to attend. Please share this information with all. Following the Mass, there will be light refreshments.

#### **PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN...**

“Can you come to pray for me for my LIFE for one hour?” Every Friday, 9-10 am at Planned Parenthood, 66 Washington St., Washington, NJ.

**SOME THOUGHTS ON THE POLITICAL PROCESS...** Quotes from the United States Bishops’ document “Faithful citizenship” - This document was written in 2000 and it serves as a guide for Catholics in learn more about the issues that we are asked to make choices on in each election.

**HOW DOES THE CHURCH HELP THE CATHOLICS SPEAK ABOUT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS:** --- “In forming our consciences is the critical first step. Prudence come by praying for the gift of prudence which enables us to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it. Prudence shapes and informs our ability to deliberate over available alternatives and to determine what is most fitting to a specific context and to act.

A basic moral principle in all things is: *Do good and avoid evil.* Here are some issues that the Bishops urge Catholics to be informed on as they prepare to vote: Human Life deserves respect and dignity from the time of conception to the time of natural death. There is no great responsibility we have than to honor, respect and preserve the gift of human life of each person.

The protection of marriage as a lifelong and faithful union of man and woman as the central institutions of society --- The achievement of a comprehensive immigration reform that respects the rule of law and addressed the factors that compel people to leave their own countries. --- Helping families overcome poverty and ensure access to and choice in education. ---Ensure full conscience protection and religious freedom for all individuals and groups. --- Providing health care and religious freedom in our health care system. ---*Continue to oppose policies* that reflect racism, hostility towards immigrants, religious bigotry and other forms of unjust discrimination. Seeking responsible an effective response for ending the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East and other parts of the world.

### WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe: Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul—a destiny which can be different for some and for others. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 1021

### HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS...

I am an alumnus of Seton Hall University and because of that I get some vouchers that will waive your application fee to the SHU. If you are considering applying on line to Seton Hall please contact me as soon as possible. There are only a limited amount of vouchers...Fr. Joe (this does not apply if you have already applied).

### HELP FOR OUR "ISLANDS"...

Our Islands as we call them are scattered throughout the parking lot for the purpose of order in parking. Over the past 9 years we had various individuals and families help maintain these. There are some islands that could use your loving care. Some of the previous helpers have moved away and some retired. This is not a request for a lifelong commitment. If you or your family are interested in adopting an island please call the parish office. There is a person in the parish that is willing to coordinate the care for these

### UPDATE ON THE ISLANDS...

We received a couple of responses to our request for caretakers of the islands in the parking lot. There are still some that could use some caretakers... Call the office or see Father Joe

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION EVENTS...

**RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL...**, Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm matinee. Bus leaves Senior Center 10:30 am returning at 4:30 pm. Non-refundable fee of \$95 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. Payment due by **Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>**. Only 10 tickets left.

**W.T. THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON...** Monday, November 14, 11:00 am. Catering by Tony's Luncheonette and Valley Restaurant. Cost is a non-refundable fee of \$10 for residents and \$11.50 for non-residents. Payment due by **November 7<sup>th</sup>**.

### W.T. SENIOR HOLIDAY PARTY...

Monday, December 12 11 am-3:00 pm Minebrook Golf Club, 500 Schooley's Mt. Rd. Long Valley. Delicious menu and the featured entertainment is the famous Joey Arminio and "The Family", and the Long Valley Middle School Orchestra. Non-refundable fee of \$17 for residents and \$23 for non-residents due before **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. To register send check payable to WT Rec to W.T. Recreation, 50 Rock Road, Long Valley NJ, 07853 or call (908) 876-5941

### NEED...

Willing to buy small Lazy Boy recliner (vinyl or leather) for Senior Citizen by Tuesday, November 2. Call (908) 399-7305.

### ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST...

Schooley's Mountain Firehouse, 231 Schooley's Mountain Rd. Sunday, November 6, 8 am-12:00 pm. Children ages 4-10: \$4, Senior Citizens: \$6, Adults: \$8

### POSITION AVAILABLE....

Villa Walsh Academy, located in Morristown, is looking for part-time school bus drivers. Interested candidates must possess a CDL with both the passenger (P) and school bus (S) endorsements. Most trips are late afternoon/early evening. There are also some weekend trips available. Please contact Jen Fleury, Athletic Director at [fleuryj@villawalsh.org](mailto:fleuryj@villawalsh.org) or call 973-538-3680 Ext. 145

### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Wisdom 11:22—12:2

In this reading, we are reminded of the love God feels toward every creature, or else he would not have created them. God shows mercy on our sins and hopes we will repent and have faith in him.

#### Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

Paul tells the Thessalonians that God will make them worthy of his call, so that they can be glorified in Christ. Paul also tells them he is unsure when Christ will come again, but urges them not to believe people who falsely state that Jesus has returned.

#### Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus, the wealthy chief tax collector in Jericho, was very excited when Jesus came to town and asked to stay with him. People were angry that Jesus would go to a sinner's home. Zacchaeus then told Jesus he planned to give half of his belongings to the poor, and repay any person he had cheated. Jesus was delighted since his mission was "to search out and save what was lost."



*All-powerful and ever-living God the lasting health of all who believe in you, hear us as we ask your loving help for the sick; restore their health, that they may again offer joyful thanks in your church.*

Randi Alloway, Richard Alvarez, John Andaloro, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Baby Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Daniel DePaul, Krish Dharia, Ellen Eichler, Connie Elliott, Rick & Nicholas Fania, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Claudia Kallmeyer, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Lenore, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Helene Mackie, Wayne Marks, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene Madelyn S., Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Pilosi, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Rhonda Soto, Judy Stone, William Thompson, Mary Trivisano, Debbie Trepkau, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

