

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

August 6, 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord



Saturday, August 5

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

5:30 pm For Rita & Nick Yannuzzi by Yannuzzi Family

Sunday, August 6

8:00 am For Rose Eifu by Draghi Family

9:30 am For Barry Sadloski by Nyman Family

11:00 am For Annette Boenzi by Susan Reilly

Monday, August 7

8:45 am For

Tuesday, August 8

8:45 am For

Wednesday, August 9

8:45 am For

Thursday, August 10

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

Saturday, August 11

5:30 pm For Betty Meyer by Lennon Family

Sunday, August 13

8:00 am For Josefa Silfa by Her Sisters

9:30 am For Deceased members of Nyman Family

11:00 am For Helen Stoffel by Monteverde Family

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

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

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

Current Year	Last Year 2016
July 30, 2017: \$1,666 Envelopes used: 43	July 31, 2016: \$3,024 Envelopes used: 45
Supermarket Gift Cards: July 30, 2017 Sales: \$2,160 Profit \$108 YTD Profit: \$4,318 # of Families: 10	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Thank you for being a part of our St. Mark the Evangelist family. As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy fall, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ484.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,
Fr. Marcin

ENJOYING YOUR SUMMER?

Want to make it even better? You can, and it's easy. Just donate some non-perishable food items to the Long Valley Food Pantry. A few of the items they are most in need of are coffee/tea, laundry detergent, peanut butter/jelly, and plastic sandwich bags. Do this and *everyone* will have a nicer summer!

DIOCESE OF PATERSON...

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

NATIONAL SHRINE TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Seeking a spiritual awakening or journey? The Diocese of Paterson will be hosting the 2017 Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC on October 21, 2017. Join us for a truly wonderful experience. One-Day Pilgrimage includes:

- Transportation and Gratuity - \$49/person
- Prayer filled day at Shrine – Mass, confession, rosary, divine mercy and presentations
- Rest Stop - going - Meal stop - return
- depart Washington 4:15pm

For more information please call parish office or Lorraine Fleming (908) 813-0152. Signup sheet is in the Gathering Space.



My dear parishioners,

Today's feast is a symbol of hope for Christians. The transfiguration of the Lord foreshadows what we will experience in the future if we die to ourselves in our daily crosses. God will transfigure our lowly bodies and make them glorious ones. He will turn our sufferings into joy. Our crosses will become glorious and we will bring many people into God's kingdom.

God wants to share His glory with us. As long as we follow His plan of salvation for us – which is to do our share in building His kingdom – He will bring us to His heavenly kingdom where we will enjoy eternal light, eternal glory.

Are we prepared to see God's glory? The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory – he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory: follow me – obey my words – take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessings of my Father's kingdom – your name will be written in heaven. Jesus succeeded in his mission because he went to Calvary so that Paradise would be restored to us once again. He embraced the cross to obtain the crown of glory that awaits each one of us, if we will follow in his footsteps.

Just like the apostles, we are all invited by God to climb the mountain. God will give us our moments of consolation. But, the real test will come when we have descended from the mountain to face the challenges of life. Will our perception of God change when we are burdened and overwhelmed by the frustrations in life? Because of our weakness, will we deny Jesus like Peter? Will we be like the apostles and abandon him because we cannot cope with our fear?

We hope, in those moments, God will give us the grace to recognize Him that His love will help us win back our dignity, and that His strength will enable us to continue life's challenges together with Him. Also, we hope that our sights will be directed toward the eternal.

Jesus wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do we seek his presence with faith and reverence?

Thank you for your prayers and offerings you are all in my prayers.

Our Lady of the Mountain pray for us...

St. Mark pray for us...

I welcome our new priest, Father Javier Bareno, who has been assigned to serve our two parishes, Our Lady of the Mountain and St. Mark's. I am happy that we are back to three priests serving our two parishes. I know that Father Javier's ministry and that of Father Slawek's will be a great source of blessings for us in Long Valley. Please remember the three of us in your daily prayers that God will strengthen us in our labors for the good of His Holy Church.

BIBLE REFLECTION

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Mt 17:1-9

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

"Rise, and do not be afraid."



- In the Transfiguration the Father declares that Jesus is "My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him".
- What a grace for Peter and James and John to see Jesus transfigured. They got a preview of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead and his glory in heaven. It was also a preview of the glory we all hope to share in heaven.
- The appearance of Moses and Elijah during the transfiguration, and the Father saying "This is my beloved Son" confirms that Jesus is indeed the expected Messiah. The Father commanded, "Listen to him." John is a model disciple; he was faithful to Jesus to the end. Peter and James for a short while did not listen to Jesus, but just as Peter, James and John became great witnesses to Jesus, we too can become great witnesses to Jesus.
- Before the glorification, Jesus has to go to Jerusalem for the fulfillment of the Pascal mystery, that is: Passion, Death and Resurrection. Those who desire and wish to follow Jesus have to deny themselves and then, also carry their cross to follow the Master. Only in this way we can participate in his glory.

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SOME QUESTIONS TO HELP US IN OUR PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. Have you ever asked yourself who the Person of Christ is? Is your vision of the identity of Jesus correspond to that proclaimed in the Transfiguration?
2. What meaning does the proclamation of Jesus as Son of God have in your life?
3. Jesus cannot be understood without the Pascal mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection. What sense does this mystery have for you? How do you live it daily?
4. Jesus wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?
5. How can we transfigure, today, our personal and family life and the life of the community in our area?

PRAYER

Let us rejoice, Beloved,
and let us go forth to behold ourselves in your beauty
to the mountain and to the hill,
to where the pure water flows,
and further, deep into the thicket.

(John of the Cross, *Spiritual Canticle*, 36)

**GET MASS INTENTION (MASS CARD)
FOR LIVING AND DECEASED**

I pray that more of our parishioners will make offers so that Holy Mass will be offered on Sunday and during the week for living and deceased.

MASS CARDS MIGHT BE THE BEST GIFT FOR A BIRTHDAY, WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, AND GRADUATION OR PRAY FOR YOUR BELOVED DECEASED AND HELP THEM GET TO HEAVEN!!!

For example for this week for daily masses (on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) we do not have any mass intentions. GET ONE!!! AND JOIN US FOR DAILY MASS AT 8:45AM.

FINANCE REPORT...

Last week you could see our finance report and our net income is -\$11,049.00. I am so grateful to you for the offerings which are given to the Lord each week at Holy Mass. Your regular and generous offerings pay our bills and continue the services which our parish provides so that the Kingdom of God may continue to grow in faith and holiness. Christ's Church needs your support so that the Kingdom of God may flourish and not be overtaken by the forces of evil. YOU make this a reality!

PIZZA NIGHT FOR WOMEN

Save the Date - Monday, September 25th from 7 - 9 PM at Pope John Paul XXIII High School - the first "Pizza Night for Women" with Bishop Serratelli. This event will be open to high school and college aged women discerning their vocation. For details, please contact the office of the Delegate for Religious at 973-777-8818 ext. 207, or kerry@patersondiocese.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

GIVE A PINT, SAVE A LIFE...

A blood drive will be held on Sunday, August 13 from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm at St. Mark's Church. It will be conducted by Miller Memorial Blood Center for the benefit of area hospitals. Please consider donating, as blood bank levels are at dangerously low levels all summer so your donation is truly appreciated and necessary. Schedule your appointment by calling Sherri Tapp at 908-850-5491 or sign up online at www.giveapint.org.

LONG VALLEY CUB SCOUTS...

Cub Scouting is a year-round family-oriented program for boys entering 1st - 5th grade in the fall. Scouting's goals are to build character, teach citizenship, and personal fitness through fun activities. Join the adventure, join Cub Scouts. Contact: Michael Doherty email: dohertymh@gmail.com

4th ANNUAL SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY GOLF OUTING...

Please join the Sisters of Christian Charity from Mendham, NJ on **Thursday, September 28, 2017** at the beautiful **Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club** in Livingston, NJ for an outstanding day of golf, camaraderie and example of God's bounty. For more information, contact Casey Dolan at dev.director@scceast.org or (973)-543-6528 ext. 313 or visit www.scceast.org/golf-outing.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Daniel depicts God as a judge with many people standing before him. He also describes a man who came to him, and was given power over all other people. This power is described as everlasting and never to be destroyed.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Peter discusses how the disciples witnessed Jesus being honored and spoken to by God, fulfilling all the prophecies. He also reminds us that these prophecies were God's words, delivered through a person moved by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took three of his disciples to a high mountain, where Elijah and Moses appeared and spoke to him. Peter suggested they make three tents, one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. While he spoke, a voice came from a cloud saying, "This is my Son, the beloved one; listen to him." The disciples became very afraid and fell to their knees. Jesus told them to rise and not to be afraid. As they looked up, they saw only Jesus. As they left the mountain, Jesus warned the disciples not to mention this until he had risen from the dead. Although they did not understand, they obeyed.



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, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Bernie Cho, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Jerry Green, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, Claudia Harrington, William Heimsly, Heather Henry, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Claudia Kallmeyer, Jim Karpinski, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris,, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, 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., Marilyn O'Connor, Jim Owens, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Piloni, Mary Rathburn, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner, Rev. Frank Rodimer, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Rev. Zbigniew Tyburski, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

Every now and then we try to update our prayer list of names of the sick and special intentions. We have alphabetized the names in the hopes of making them easier to read. There are some names that we in the parish office cannot associate with a person who made the request to pray for them. Please look over the list and if you requested prayers for a person please call the office to let us know if you wish to continue to be on this prayer list.

