

# My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

September 3, 2017

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, September 2**

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

5:30 pm For Megan McQuaide by Morley Family

**Sunday, September 3**

8:00 am For Joseph DeGregorio by Gebbia Family

9:30 am For Tom Mackie by Kitchen Angels

11:00 am For Jan & Amelia Krzywosz by Skoczylas Family

**Monday, September 4**

8:45 am For Ruth Petersen by Petersen Family

**Tuesday, September 5**

8:45 am For

**Wednesday, September 6**

8:45 am For

**Thursday, September 7**

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

**Saturday, September 8**

5:30 pm For Betty Meyer by L.V. Columbiettes

**Sunday, September 10**

8:00 am For Josefa Selfa by Her Sisters

For Miriam Bennett by Marschall Family

9:30 am For Walter & Anna Skoczylas by Skoczylas Family

11:00 am For Angelina Esposito by Fania Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS  
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

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2016
August 27, 2017: \$1,737 Envelopes used: 38	August 28, 2016: \$1,882 Envelopes used: 40
Missionary: \$1,580.25	Missionary: not available
On-line for August: \$8,950	On-line for August: \$8,249
Supermarket Gift Cards: August 27, 2017 Sales: \$4,000 Profit \$200 YTD Profit: \$5,010.50 2016 YTD Profit: \$4,353 # of Families: 18	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

**FAITH DIRECT...**

With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass.

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. Marcin



**BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDER...**

Every morning, you undoubtedly remember that your children need a good breakfast before going off to school.

But do you also remember that *all* children should have a good breakfast before going off to school? What can *you* do about that?

One way to help (and it's probably easier than making breakfast for your own kids) is to donate breakfast foods to the Long Valley Food Pantry.

Some suggestions are hot or cold cereals, pancake mix, syrup, juices, pop tarts, etc. Of course lunch and dinner are also important, so anything you can donate will be put to good use.

The children thank you!

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

Mon, Sept. 4	8:45 am Daily Mass 7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting Parish office closed – Labor Day
Tues., Sept. 5	8:45 am Daily Mass 8:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
Wed., Sept. 6	8:45 am Daily Mass
Thurs., Sept. 7	Office Closed 7:00 pm Peer Ministry Meeting
Fri., Sept 8	No events
Sat. Sept. 9	8:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Mass
Sun., Sept. 10	8, 9:30, 11 am Mass 12:30 pm Baptism Thomas Nicolicchia Senior Youth Ministry Car Wash

## FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,

Today we mark the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time and we are already in September. Can you imagine? Time goes so fast, summer is almost gone, children went back to school, and I am with you my good people of St. Mark's almost two months. These two months were very busy for me, but also very good. I am very happy to be with you and very thankful for your goodness and kindness.

What is the way to glory and victory in the kingdom of God? Jesus told his disciples that he must first suffer rejection, be crucified, and then rise again on the third day. In so many words he explained that there could be no victory and no glory without the cross. Jesus' prediction of his suffering and death on the cross caused his disciples great dismay and disbelief. Peter, who was often the first to react to whatever Jesus had to say, wanted to protect Jesus from any threat or harm. That is why he rebuked the very thought of Jesus having to face rejection, condemnation, and crucifixion.

Why did Jesus use the word "Satan" when he addressed Peter? When Jesus went out into the wilderness to prepare for his public ministry, Satan came to tempt him to follow a different path than the one chosen by the Father in heaven. Now Jesus recognizes in Peter's response another temptation to seek a different and less costly path for accomplishing his mission than the way of the cross. The word "Satan" literally means "adversary" - one who stands in opposition. Jesus reminds Peter that his role is not to be an adversary but a disciple - one who gets behind his Master to follow with trust and obedience.

Jesus knew that the cross was the only way he could ransom us from slavery to sin with the price of his blood which was shed for our freedom. Through his sacrificial death on the cross, Jesus defeated Satan who held us in bondage to sin and condemnation. And Jesus defeated the power of death and overcame the grave through his resurrection. Through his obedience to his heavenly Father's will, Jesus reversed the curse of Adam's disobedience. His death on the cross won pardon for the guilty, freedom for the oppressed, healing for the afflicted, and new life for those condemned to death. His death makes possible our freedom to live as the adopted sons and daughters of the merciful Father in heaven.

Jesus told his disciples that they, too, must be willing to lay down their lives in order to gain new everlasting life with the Father in his kingdom. There's a certain paradox in God's economy. We lose what we gain, and we gain what we lose. When we try to run our life our own way, we end up losing it to futility. Only God can free us from our ignorant and sinful ways. When we surrender our lives to God, he gives us new life in his Spirit and the pledge of eternal life. God wants us to be spiritually fit and ready to do his will at all times. When the human body is very weak or ill, we make every effort to nurse it back to health. How much more effort and attention should we give to the spiritual health of our hearts and minds!

What will you give to God in exchange for freedom and eternal life? Are you ready to part with anything that might keep you from following the Lord Jesus and his perfect plan for your life? Jesus poses these questions to challenge our assumptions about what is most profitable and worthwhile in life. In every decision of life we are making ourselves a certain kind of person. It is possible that some can gain all the things they have set their heart on, only to wake up suddenly and discover that they missed the most important thing of all. Of what value are material things if they don't help you gain what

truly lasts for eternity. Neither money nor possessions can buy heaven.

A true disciple gladly gives up all that he or she has in exchange for an unending life of joy and happiness with God. God gives without measure. The joy he offers no sadness or loss can diminish. The cross of Jesus Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death. What is the cross which Jesus Christ commands me to take up each day? When my will crosses with his will, then his will must be done. Are you ready to lose all for Jesus Christ in order to gain all with Jesus Christ?

"Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and all my will, all that I have and possess. You have given them to me; to you, O Lord, I restore them; all things are yours, dispose of them according to your will. Give me your love and your grace, for this is enough for me." (*Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola, 1491-1556*).

*Friday, September 8th is the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God and Ever Virgin Mary. This day also marks the 17th anniversary of the episcopal ordination of our Bishop, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli,*

*OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...  
ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...*

### -NEW DEVOTIONS-

Every day in the conclusion of mass we will pray a very powerful prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel.

Every Wednesday after morning mass we will pray Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We have this image in our church and daily chapel.



### -LOOKING FOR HELP-

I have a list with some religious items that I would like to buy for our parish: new vestments, Gospel Book (present one is in very bad shape), altar bells (I am going to bring back to our church bells during consecration), and few others. If you would like to help our parish to buy these things please contact Fr. Marcin.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE YOUR TIME TO OUR CHURCH AND CLEAR THE WEEDS AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING. PLEASE LET US NOW. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR CHURCH AND AREA AROUND LOOKS PRETTY.

### -EMERGENCY LINE-

If you need a priest for anointing of the sick or would like to report a death after our office is closed please call 201-841-4952 and leave your name and phone number and a priest will call you right back. This number is on the cover page of our bulletin.

### -SPECIAL THANKS-

Thank you for the offerings you have made for the Annual Mission Appeal last weekend. Fr. Robert was very happy, thank you for the goodness and kindness you have shown him.

My big thanks go to building and grounds committee for cleaning up traffic islands.

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

**September 8, 2017 at 3pm at Our Lady of the Mountain**



JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.

**What is Divine Mercy?** The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering **ABC**:

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Trust in Jesus is the essence of the message of mercy.

As Jesus said: "I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust." (Diary, 1520).

We will have Divine Mercy Devotion and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on **Friday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 o'clock in Our Lady of the Mountain Church**. Please join us at the "hour of mercy". Our Lord would like you to be with him.



It is almost time for us to begin our Christian Education classes. As you will notice, the board in the Gathering Space shows where Catechists are still needed for our program. Catechist training is provided, as well as support throughout the year. Please pray on this decision to help us. You will find this a truly rewarding experience! Please call the parish office if you have questions,

Thank you, Sue Reilly

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)...**  
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults better known as the RCIA Program is the process for those who want to become Catholic.

*This process is for:*

-Adults who have never been baptized.

-Adults baptized in a non-Catholic church and now have a desire to become a Catholic.

-Adults who were baptized Catholic but who have not received the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation.  
- Or Catholics who want to know more about a specific topic discussed in an RCIA program.

The Our Lady of the Mountain/Saint Mark's RCIA program will start Wednesday evening September 20, 2017 from 7 to 9 PM and is conducted in the Basement Classroom of the OLM Parish Center.

Participants who complete the program will come into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil celebrated Holy Saturday March 31, 2018.

RCIA candidates will have a sponsor who will support them through this journey. Sponsors are welcomed and encouraged to attend all classes.

This program is a commitment on the part of the candidate but our RCIA Instructors (TEAM) are here to assist you at any time.

*For additional information, please contact the OLM Parish Office, the St. Marks Parish Office or Deacon Nicholas Ardito at 908-343-8094*



*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, Edward Michonski, Sr., Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Jim Owens, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Plosi, 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, Linda Van Hoorebeke, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile