

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

September 10, 2017

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Monday, September 11

8:45 am For John & Betty Meyer and their living and deceased family members by Eileen Moore

Tuesday, September 12

8:45 am For

Wednesday, September 13

8:45 am For

Thursday, September 14

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

Saturday, September 15

5:30 pm For Tom Mackie by McGrath Family

Sunday, September 17

8:00 am For Maria Zuccolo by Nugent Family

9:30 am For Megan McQuaide by Barron Family

11:00 am For Betty Meyer by Sanders Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

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
September 3, 2017: \$2,960 Envelopes used: 48	September 4, 2016: \$3,583 Envelopes used: 60
Parish Debt Reduction: \$795 Envelopes used:	Parish Debt Reduction: \$444 Envelopes used: 23
Supermarket Gift Cards: September 3, 2017 Sales: \$3,120 Profit \$156 YTD Profit: \$5,166.50 2016 YTD Profit: \$4,540 # of Families: 15	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 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. 11	8:45 am Daily Mass 7:30 pm Parish Advisory Committee 7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting
Tues., Sept. 12	8:45 am Daily Mass 7:30 pm Choir 8:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
Wed., Sept. 13	8:45 am Daily Mass 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
Thurs., Sept. 14	Office Closed 10:45 am Mass at Heath Village 7:00 pm Peer Ministry Meeting
Fri., Sept 15	No events
Sat. Sept. 16	8:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Mass
Sun., Sept. 17	8, 9:30, 11 am Mass

FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,

In the liturgy of the church today we celebrate 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's Gospel speaks about fraternal correction and of prayer in common. Today's gospel gives simple norms of how to proceed in case of conflicts in the community. If a brother or a sister should sin, if they had behavior not in accordance to the life of the community, they should not be denounced immediately. First, it is necessary to try to speak with them alone. Then it is necessary to try to know the reasons of the other. If no results are obtained, then it is necessary to take two or three persons of the community to see if it is possible to obtain some result. Only in extreme cases, it is necessary to expose the problem to the whole community. And if the person refuses to listen to the community, then they should be considered by you as "a sinner or a pagan", that is, as someone who is not part of the community. Therefore, it is not you who excludes, but it is the person himself/herself who excludes himself/herself.

If brotherly correction is not done in love then it can become a form of violence. Brotherly correction done in violence is unfortunately the type of brotherly correction that children sometimes do, calling each other names and punching each other. Giving correction in love is what parent's do, what teachers do to students, what friends do to friends. The second reading today, from Paul's letter to the Romans, states: "*Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:8-10)*"

How do we react when we receive brotherly correction? Is the Lord able to get through to us?

I remember once complaining to my spiritual director about the way someone gave me brotherly correction. He asked me to think about the crucifixion of Jesus. It was violent but good came from it. Even if the brotherly correction we receive is not administered with the love of Christ can we allow good to come from it and allow the Lord to speak to us?

When you are offended, are you willing to put aside your own grievance and injury in order to help your brother's wound? The Lord Jesus wants to set us free from resentment, ill-will, and an unwillingness to forgive. The love of Christ both purifies and sets us free to do good to all - even those who cause us grief. The call to take responsibility for what we have done and have failed to do is expected and we can't escape it, both in this life and at the Day of Judgment when the Lord Jesus will return. But while we have the opportunity today, we must not give up on praying for those who cause us offense. With God's help we must seek to make every effort to win them with the grace and power of God's healing love and wisdom. Do you tolerate broken relationships or do you seek to repair them as God gives you the opportunity to mend and restore what is broken?

"Lord Jesus, make me an instrument of your healing love and peace. Give me wisdom and courage to bring your healing love and saving truth to those in need of healing and restoration."

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN – PRAY FOR US...

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FROM FR. SLAWEK...

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (SEPTEMBER 14)

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated every year on September 14, recalls three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulcher and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation.

This day is called the Exaltation of the Cross, Elevation of the Cross, Holy Cross Day, Holy Rood Day. The liturgy of the Cross is a triumphant liturgy. When Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it was a foreshadowing of the salvation through Jesus when He was lifted up on the Cross. Our Mother Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross.

We made the Sign of the Cross before prayer which helps to fix our minds and hearts to God. After prayer we make the Sign of the Cross to keep close to God. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. At Baptism we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying the fullness of redemption and that we belong to Christ. Let us look to the cross frequently, and realize that when we make the Sign of the Cross we give our entire self to God — mind, soul, heart, body, will, thoughts.

O cross, You are the glorious sign of victory.
Through Your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.

FROM FR. JAVIER...

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church Jesus encourages the young man to keep the Commandments: Numeral 2052 "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" To the young man who asked this question, Jesus answers first by invoking the necessity to recognize God as the "One there is who is good," as the supreme Good and the source of all good. Then Jesus tells him: "If you would enter life, keep the commandments."

Then in another passage of the Gospel when someone asks him, "Which commandment in the Law is the greatest?" Jesus replies: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets."

The Decalogue must be interpreted in light of this twofold yet single commandment of love, the fullness of the Law. As followers of Christ we need to know the importance of the commandments in our lives, for this reason we will learn one by one from our Catechism.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
In Giving, We Receive

The 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal is currently underway. This year, the theme of the Appeal is "In Giving, We Receive". By being generous with our God-given gifts, we not only help people in need, but we also help ourselves. Jesus reminds us of the blessings that come from being good stewards.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies; seminarian education, Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence and our inner-city area elementary schools. You can help make this year's Appeal an even greater success by making a generous pledge today. Every single gift is important, valued and changes lives. Whatever you do to help is a profound blessing!

-NEW DEVOTIONS-

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

Every Wednesday after morning mass we 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. If you would like to help our parish to buy these items please contact Fr. Marcin.

-EMERGENCY LINE-

If you need a priest for anointing of the sick or would like to inform us of 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.

-CONGRATULATIONS-

Best wishes and congratulations to our parishioner RICHARD ORTIZ who is receiving Bishop's award - CHRISTUS VIVERE EST this Sunday. This award is to acknowledge the value and importance of the laity and to express gratitude and appreciation to those who unselfishly give of their time, talent and treasure. Ceremony will take place at 3:30 pm in our newly renovated Cathedral in Paterson. Let us keep Rich and his family in our prayers. Thank you Rich for your good work especially for the beautiful music that you perform at 8am mass every Sunday.

-ALL THE BEST TO GRANDPARENTS-

Today we observe Grandparents Day and my best wishes and prayers go to all Grandparents from our parish. Your role and example to raise grandchildren is very important for the future of our country and church. God bless you.

-NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY-

The Knights of Columbus will be having an eyeglass recycling container in St. Mark's gathering space from now through October 1. Please donate your used eyeglasses which will be given to the needy and be sincerely appreciated.



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.

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 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, Bill Betz, 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 Pilosi, 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

