

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

November 5, 2017

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, November 4

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village
5:30 pm For Robert Scanga by Long Valley Knights of Columbus

Sunday, November 5

8:00 am For Julia Dugan by Monteverde Family
9:30 am For Pasquale Clemente by Kranaritsch Family
11:00 am For Anthony F. Fania by Fania Family
For Donald Higgins

Monday, November 6

8:45 am For

Tuesday, November 7

8:45 am For

Wednesday, November 8

8:45 am For

Thursday, November 9

8:45 am Mass at Heath Village

Saturday, November 10

5:30 pm For Robert Scanga by Lennon Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

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 Robert & Monica Horan, 60th Wedding Anniversary by O’Shea Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 11, 12, 2017

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Joanne Lee

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Burke

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski, Deacon Jim Jones

Lector: Bill & Amy Barron

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia, Mark Vetterl

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Sarah Murray

Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Barena, Deacon Tom Gibbon

Lector: Dina Carmelengo

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Michonski, Lorraine Fleming

Altar Servers: Help Needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK’S

Monday, Nov. 6

8:45 am Daily Mass
4:30 pm CEC Grades K-5
7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 7

8:45 am Daily Mass
4:30 pm CEC Grades K-5
7:00 pm Fund Raising Meeting
7:30 pm Choir
8:00 pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, Nov. 8

8:45 am Daily Mass
9:30 am Women’s Bible Study
6:00 pm CEC JYM Grades 5-8

Thursday, Nov. 9

Parish Office Closed

Friday, Nov. 10

No events scheduled

Saturday, Nov. 11

8:00 am Men’s Bible Study
5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, Nov. 12

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2016
October 29, 2017: \$2,208.75 Envelopes used: 36	October 30, 2016: \$2,651 Envelopes used: 58
Supermarket Gift Cards: October 29, 2017 Sales: \$4,730 Profit: \$236.50 YTD Profit: \$6,648.50 2016 YTD Profit: \$5,546.50 # of families: 23	St. Mark’s Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

DON’T FORGET OUR GROCERY GIFT CARD CHALLENGE...

An anonymous donor will match dollar for dollar the increase in gift card fundraiser profits over last year up to \$2,500. Last year we raised \$6,664. Can we raise \$9,164? **So far the 2017 year to date profit is \$6,648.50.** The extra gift card profits plus the donation could be an extra \$5,000 for St. Mark’s. Every gift card you buy will help us reach our goal and there is no cost to you!

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 and use our church code: **NJ484**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless, Fr. Marcin

FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,

Today we mark the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel Jesus criticized the Pharisees for many reasons, and one of those reasons was that they wanted to be better than everybody else in public. There is a little bit of the Pharisees in each of us, perhaps more in some than others

“Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us?” There are no favorites in the eyes of God. The Pharisees had forgotten that. The world may consider people great because of their power or success or money or fame but those things do not count for greatness in the Gospel. In the Gospel what counts for greatness is if you serve.

In our Gospel today Jesus said: “The greatest among you must be your servant.” How far our world has wandered from the spirit of the Gospel!

Jesus and Mary are two great examples of humility and service. Mary said to the angel Gabriel, “Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to your word.” When Mary consented to become the mother of Jesus she ran the risk of being stoned to death because that was the penalty for an unmarried mother. But Mary in her humility and desire to serve God agreed not only to be the mother of Jesus but also to suffer the rejection of people as a result. So Mary is a model of humility and service for us. She is a model of giving and not counting the cost.

Jesus is our other great model of humility and service. In Gethsemane through prayer he got the strength to let go of his will and submit to the will of his Father, “not my will but yours be done.” Crucifixion was the form of death penalty used for common criminals at that time in the Roman Empire. Jesus was executed as a common criminal. But through his death he won life for all of us. The Son of Man came to serve not to be served.

In the eyes of the Gospel there is no exclusive club that makes you feel like an outsider. In the eyes of the Gospel there is no reason to look down on anybody else. The world may consider you great for many different reasons, success, fame, money, achievements etc. The Gospel considers you great for a different reason; you are great if you serve. At the end we are all the same because we all face the same end, death.

“Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us?”
“The greatest among you must be your servant.”

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...

ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...

JOIN US FOR HOLY MASS ON THIS DAY...

Cemetery visitation – Sunday, November 5 at 1:15pm

After 12:15 mass at OLM we will have a prayer service at OLM cemetery to commemorate of those who are buried there (All souls cemetery visitation) upon request you may have an individual grave blessing. Please join us for this special service as we pray for our faithful departed especially our parishioners, family members and friends. May they rest in peace may God give them eternal life.

MASS FOR THE UNBORN – NOV 18TH – 10AM – CATHEDRAL...

On Saturday, November 18th in the Cathedral Bishop Serratelli will celebrate Holy Mass for the intention of the unborn children. Please join our bishop and our diocese when we pray for the unborn and culture of life in our country.

The Catholic Church teaches that every human being has a right to a full human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

“It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop.”
Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life

2017 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL IN GIVING, WE RECEIVE

After decades of service to our parishes, our diocesan priests have the opportunity to live at Nazareth Village in Chester. A number of our priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal helps support Nazareth Village. Your pledge is a great way to recognize the generous gift of their priestly vocation. Please make a gift to the Annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks.

FROM FR. SLAWEK...

Saints Zechariah and Elizabeth Parents of John the Baptist (November 5)...

The first chapter of the Gospel of Luke relates the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth, an elderly and childless couple who would become the parents of St. John the Baptist. Elizabeth was a kinswoman of Mary, while Zechariah was a priest. One day while serving in the Temple, Zechariah was astonished by the appearance of an angel who announced that he and his wife would have a son named John, who would be filled with the Holy Spirit, even in his mother’s womb. Zechariah questioned how this could be, whereupon the angel struck him dumb.

Later, when Mary was told by the same angel that she would bear a son by the Holy Spirit, she too asked how this could be and was told, by way of a sign that her kinswoman Elizabeth was at that very moment with child. Mary hastened to visit Elizabeth. Upon Mary’s arrival, Elizabeth felt her child leap within her womb.

In time Elizabeth did indeed bear a son, and Zechariah - still speechless wrote - on a tablet: “His name is John.” At that moment his tongue was loosed, and he praised God, exclaiming, “And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him.”

“Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

St. Elizabeth

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH...

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

My friends in Christ, the fourth commandment applies to the nature of the family too.

The catechism of the Catholic Church in the numeral 2201 says, "The conjugal community is established upon the consent of the spouses. Marriage and the family are ordered to the good of the spouses and to the procreation and education of children. The love of the spouses and the begetting of children create among members of the same family personal relationships and primordial responsibilities. A man and a woman united in marriage, together with their children, form a family. This institution is prior to any recognition by public authority, which has an obligation to recognize it. It should be considered the normal reference point by which the different forms of family relationship are to be evaluated".

The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason it can and should be called a domestic church. It is a community of faith, hope, and charity; it assumes singular importance in the Church.

The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father's work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthens it in charity. The Christian family has an evangelizing and missionary task.

Also, the relationships within the family bring an affinity of feelings, affections and interests, arising above all from the members' respect for one another. The family is a privileged community called to achieve a *"sharing of thought and common deliberation by the spouses as well as their eager cooperation as parents in the children's upbringing"*

The family is the first school for all of us.

FUNDRAISING MEETING

On Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm there will be a Fundraising Meeting. All are welcome to attend to share ideas on ways we can help our parish.

SAVE THE DATE....Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 25, 2017. Save this date for a one day holiday fundraiser that doubles your gift giving potential this Christmas season. Details coming soon!!

.ST. MARK'S NEW YEARS DAY 5K RUN...

St. Marks is hosting a 5K run on January 1. This is a great way to start the year off with a bang. Currently we are looking for people and businesses to sponsor the event as well as volunteers to help us with the planning. If you are interested, please reach out to Pat Regan at Patrick.regan@outlook.com.



FOOD PANTRY...

As usual at this time of year, we would like you to consider donating to the Long Valley Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. You can donate non-perishable food items such as stuffing mix, canned yams, spices, etc. **OR** you can let the volunteers at the Food Pantry do the shopping for turkeys, fruits and vegetables by donating supermarket gift cards. Any supermarket gift cards you buy at St. Mark's whether they're for your own holiday shopping or to help the Food Pantry, count towards a special donation St. Mark's will receive if we increase our gift card profit over last year. Thank you for your support.

SAVE THE DATE...

Monday, Nov. 13 from 7-9 pm at Villa Walsh convent, Morristown – the Religious Teachers Filippini are celebrating "An Evening With Sisters." This event will be open to high school and college aged women discerning their vocation. Food and drink will be provided. For details, contact the office of the Delegate for Religious at 973-777-8818 ext. 207, or kerry@patersondiocese.org.



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, Meghan McDonough, Harold & Mary McKay, Edward Michonski, Sr., Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Josh Olsen, 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, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile