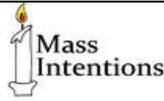


I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

July 1, 2018

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, June 30

5:30 pm For Joyce Ferrante

Sunday, July 1

9:00 am For Nicholas & Regina Armando by Draghi Family

11:00 am For Bernie Cho by Sue Reilly

Monday, July 2

8:45 am For

Tuesday, July 3

8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen by St. Mark's Parishioners

Wednesday, July 4

8:45 am For

Thursday, July 5

8:45 am For

Saturday, July 7

5:30 pm For Jack Leonard by Mary Monteverde

Sunday, July 8

9:00 am For Jack Leonard by Stokes Family

11:00 am For a special intention

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**

Altar Breads & Wine:

Sanctuary Lamp: In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone by Corry and Benardone families

Mass Candles:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 7 & 8, 2018

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Joanne Lee, Rhianna Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Burke

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Kevin O'Shea

Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel, Mark Vetterl

Altar Servers: Maura O'Shea

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Dina Carmelengo

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Michonski

Altar Server: Jordan Roehrig

FAITH DIRECT...

eGiving is especially important in the summer months, when many families may be out of town. The more families who welcome the beginning of summer by participating in eGiving the more consistent and predictable our offertory will be month after month--and this will help us do even more to spread Christ's love throughout the community. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **NJ484**. God Bless you, Fr. Marcin

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, July 2

8:45 am Mass

Tuesday, July 3

8:45 am Mass

Wednesday, July 4

Parish Office Closed – 4th of July

8:45 am Mass

Thursday, July 5

8:45 am Mass

Friday, July 6

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 7

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, July 8

9:00, 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2017
June 14, 2018: \$1,554.50 Seminarians: \$181.00 Online for June: \$8,091	June 25, 2017: \$2,370 Online for June: \$8,730
Supermarket Gift Cards: June 24, 2018 Sales: \$1,000 Profit: \$50 YTD Profit: \$3,361.25 # of families: 7	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

SUMMERTIME.... and the livin' is easy!

Unfortunately, that's not true for everyone. Livin' can be easy when you know where your next meal is coming from. Not so much when you have to worry about feeding yourself and your family. And yes, there are people in that position right here in Long Valley.

So while you're planning your vacation, why not plan to make life a little easier for someone else – donate to the Long Valley Food Pantry.

Any non-perishable items you donate will be appreciated, but this month the Food Pantry could especially use canned meat or tuna, oil/vinegar, shampoo/toothpaste, and pasta/sauce.

Enjoy a safe and pleasant summer!

My dear parishioners,



The fourth of July is a day of parades, political speeches, fireworks and back yard barbecues. But most of all it is a day of celebrating our Independence; an independence which was won and is maintained by the sacrifice of many lives. We are celebrating an Independence that is not Absolute. Adam, the first man, thought that he had Absolute Independence and we are still suffering from the effects of it. Only God has Absolute Independence.

Our Independence is rooted in our Dependence on God. We are contingent, dependent beings. An independent creature is an intrinsic impossibility. Not even God can create an intrinsic impossibility. God can create a square and God can create a circle but not even God can create a squared circle. It is an intrinsic impossibility. That is why the First Commandment is also the greatest Commandment. Only if we are completely dependent on God can we enjoy freedom. Either we are dependent on God or we will be dependent on some creature.

This dependence on God is clearly stated in our Declaration of Independence. It begins like this, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights..." And it ends "with a firm reliance on Divine Providence we pledge our lives, our fortunes and our honor..."

Our nation was founded on belief in God. The President takes his oath of office by placing his hand on the Bible, the Word of God, and ends with, "So help me God." In our pledge of allegiance we say, "One nation under God." Engraved on our money is "In God we trust." Our Congress has a chaplain, begins each session with a prayer, and provides for chaplains for the Military.

Our Founding Fathers may have opted for a separation of Church and state but not for a separation of God and state. There is no brotherhood of man without the Fatherhood of God. The division of life into the sacred and the secular is a false dichotomy. There is not now, there never was and there never will be the purely secular, that is, anyone or anything which is not dependent on God. Atheistic capitalism would suffer the same fate as atheistic communism.

What the Constitution guarantees is not freedom FROM religion but freedom OF religion, freedom to practice religion. The irony, the contradiction, is that those who are pushing for freedom FROM religion are actually pushing THEIR OWN RELIGION, which is secular humanism.



Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks,

for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN...

FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL...

JESUS SAYS:

"Do not be afraid; just have faith."

"Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"

Jesus wants to lift us up from imperfection, brokenness, temptation and sin, not only in the next life but right now. Jesus wants us to have the fullness of his life now, and this is precisely what we see happening in the Gospel today. Jairus' daughter died and Jesus raised her to life again. The woman hemorrhaging blood for twelve years was cured when she touched Jesus' cloak. In these miracles Jesus is teaching us. He wants us to enjoy his life now, not to wait until eternal life but to enjoy his life now.

Pray to Jesus every day for as long as it takes your wound to heal. Pray to Jesus whatever way helps for as long as possible each day. Come to Jesus in faith. Jesus cares about you more than anyone and does not want you to remain wounded and hurt. He wants you well and at peace to enjoy life. Come to Jesus through the crowd in faith, reach out and touch him. Let him take you by the hand and raise you up.



OLM CHURCH – JULY 7TH

9:30AM – EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, CONFESSION, ROSARY AND MEDITATION

10:00AM – HOLY MASS

Our Blessed Mother said:

"Look, my daughter, at my Heart encircled by these thorns with which men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You, at least, strive to console me, and so I announce: I promise to assist at the hour of death with the grace necessary for salvation all those who, with the intention of making reparation to me, will, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the beads, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary."

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL DEVOTION AND HONOR OUR PATRON THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY!!!

-I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR PARISHIONERS FOR PULLING OUT WEEDS AROUND OUR CHURCH, ESPECIALLY TAKING CARE OF PARKING ISLANDS. THANK FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL SERVICE!!!

-Today our parochial vicar Fr. Javier Bareno celebrates his **1st priesthood anniversary**. We thank him for his service at our parish and wish him all the best! God bless you!

- I do not know if you realize but it has been a year that Bishop Serratelli send me to Long Valley to be first Administrator of Our Lady of the Mountain and St. Mark's Parishes and now since April 25 to be your Pastor. I would like to say **THANK YOU VERY MUCH** to all of you my dear parishioners for your kindness, support and help. I hope with our good work and God's help our two parishes will grow in faith and holiness. Please pray for me!

Happy 4th of July...Fr. Marcín

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

Blessed Michelina of Pesaro – July 3

Widow and Franciscan Tertiary (1300 – 1356)

Blessed Michelina was born in the town of Pesaro, on the east coast of Italy. At twelve she married a wealthy member of the powerful Malatesta family, with whom she enjoyed a rich and frivolous social life. By twenty, however, she found herself widowed, to care alone for her young son, who became the center of her life. A Franciscan tertiary named Syriaca, whom she had befriended, urged her to put aside worldly occupations and devote herself to God. Michelina resisted this counsel. But when her son fell ill and died she put on the habit of a Franciscan tertiary, gave away her possessions to the poor, and took to begging alms from door to door.

Her sudden embrace of voluntary poverty did not inspire a corresponding charity on the part of her neighbors. Her family, thinking her mad, had her confined. Eventually, however, her evident sincerity won them over, and she was set free to dedicate herself to works of mercy, especially care of the sick. In imitation of St. Francis she had a special dedication to lepers, and there were stories of her effecting cures by her kiss. Toward the end of her life she went on pilgrimage to Rome, where she received a mystical share in the sufferings of Christ.

"My God, so that I may be certain to find my son close to you, I will then renounce all the vanity of the world!"

- Blessed Michelina of Pesaro

.FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet ... anything that is your neighbor's.... You shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

My brothers and sisters the tenth commandment requires that envy be banished from the human heart. When the prophet Nathan wanted to spur King David to repentance, he told him the story about the poor man who had only one ewe lamb that he treated like his own daughter and the rich man who, despite the great number of his flocks, envied the poor man and ended by stealing his lamb. Envy can lead to the worst crimes. *"Through the devil's envy death entered the world":*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, *"We fight one another, and envy arms us against one another.... If everyone strives to unsettle the Body of Christ, where shall we end up? We are engaged in making Christ's Body a corpse.... We declare ourselves members of one and the same organism, yet we devour one another like beasts".*

Also envy is a capital sin. It refers to the sadness at the sight of another's goods and the immoderate desire to acquire them for oneself, even unjustly. When it wishes grave harm to a neighbor it is a mortal sin:

St. Augustine saw envy as *"the diabolical sin."* *"From envy are born hatred, detraction, calumny, joy caused by the misfortune of a neighbor, and displeasure caused by his prosperity."*

God bless you.



This year's theme is "SPLASH CANYON – GOD'S PROMISE ON LIFE'S WILD RIDE"

Pre-School (age 4) – Grade 5 (as of fall 2018)

July 9-13 from 9:30 am-Noon

No charge...

St. Mark's VBS is open to anyone. You do not need to be a parishioner to attend. Bring friends and neighbors.

FUNDRAISING...

ST. MARK'S CAR MAGNET SALE...

Members of the fundraising committee will be selling St. Mark's car magnets after masses in the gathering space. Cost is \$5.00 each. You may also purchase them in the Parish Office during regular business hours. Thank you for your support

CYO BASKETBALL SIGN UPS...

Deadline to register is Monday, July 9. The program is available to St. Mark's Parishioners (boys & girls) 4th Grade and 8th Grade. The cost is \$200/player (\$180 for additional players in the same family-sibling discount). Uniforms \$35. Contact Jessica Jackson, Athletic Director at jacksonj041@gmail.com. Forms are located on St. Mark's website www.stmarksnj.org under CYO Basketball.



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, Kenneth Bernisky, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Emily Condit, Naalia Danilczuk, Jerry Devine, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, Neil Donohue, Elizabeth, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Jerry Green, Barbara Gotterdam, David Guemond, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Joey, Jim Karpinski, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris,, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Madelyn 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, Ann Senftinger, Bill Siegrist, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau,, Patricia Villano, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

Community News

HELP WANTED...

Local church bulletin company seeking someone to operate folding machine and to work in shipping department. Please send resume to Tim@bonventure.net.