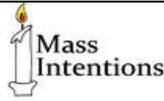


# Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

July 8, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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

**Monday, July 9**

8:45 am For

**Tuesday, July 10**

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

**Wednesday, July 11**

8:45 am For Florence Acker

**Thursday, July 12**

8:45 am For

**Saturday July 14**

5:30 pm For Parishioners of St. Mark's

**Sunday, July 15**

9:00 am For Jack Leonard by Yanuzzi Family

11:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's

**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 14, 15, 2018*

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Rhianna Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Scarda

Altar Servers: Giuliani Rolli

**Sunday, 9:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Kevin Mullin

Eucharistic Ministers: Gina & Paul Tupaczewski, Carmen Veras

Altar Servers: Annalina Jonkoski, Hannah & Sarah Tupaczewski

**11:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Sharon Donovan

Eucharistic Ministers: Angel Nowak, Nick Caruso

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](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **NJ484**. God Bless you, Fr. Marcin

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

**Monday, July 9**

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Vacation Bible School

**Tuesday, July 10**

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Vacation Bible School

8:00 pm K of C Meeting

**Wednesday, July 11**

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Vacation Bible School

**Thursday, July 12**

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Vacation Bible School

**Friday, July 13**

Parish Office Closed

9:30 am Vacation Bible School

**Saturday, July 14**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, July 15**

9:00, 11:00 am Mass

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2017
July 1, 2018: \$ Figures not available	July 2, 2017: \$1,999
Supermarket Gift Cards: Figures not available	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,

When we look at how people responded to God in the Old Testament the picture is pretty bleak. Very often they did not respond in faith to God's word. Each time we see a faithless response on someone's part to God's word we also see that in the long term it brings its own punishment. It really doesn't pay to go against God even if at the time it seems to be great fun. And we also see that it pains God when we do not respond to his word and reject it.

That rejection of God's word continues into the New Testament. Before Stephen was stoned to death he said to his listeners, "You stubborn people with your pagan hearts and pagan ears. You are always resisting the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do." (Acts 7:51)

Luke 19:41 tells us that as Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time he cried because they did not recognize the time of their salvation. In the Gospel today (Mark 6:1-6) we see the people of Nazareth rejecting Jesus. They made up every excuse to reject him, they know his mother and they know his cousins.

**It is sad but true that sometimes someone who has rejected the word of God will make up any excuse in order not to open his/her heart to God.** Again in Nazareth the rejection of God brings a punishment; Jesus could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people. He was amazed at their lack of faith (Mark 6:5-6).

There is an independent streak in humanity, wanting to go it on our own without God. It is really an element of pride that is in humanity, thinking that we are God and forgetting that we are God's creatures and not God. But the Bible teaches us that each time humanity tried to go it on its own without God we only hurt ourselves.

I see our first reading (Ezek 2:2-5) and Gospel today (Mark 6:1-6) calling us to repentance. I think we could say that since the time of the flood there has never been a time with so much sin as our time. If we are proud we will say that we have no sins and we're okay, but if we have humility we will see into the depths of our soul and recognize our poverty before God and our need of his redemption and salvation and healing. Jesus is always waiting to respond to us, to make us new and whole.

**In Nazareth Jesus could work no miracles because of their lack of faith. We pray for the grace to respond to God's word in humility and lay aside our pride so that Jesus can work miracles in our lives.**



**OLM CHURCH – MONDAY – 7PM – PRIEST FOR CONFESSION**

**“In the sacred Host, He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. Only by adoring this Presence do we learn how to receive Him properly.”**

**What is Eucharistic Adoration?**

Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us".

During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ... By worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus, and we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

In its fullest essence ... Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!"

**"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"**

Jesus waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for our little Acts of faith, adoration, love, thanksgiving, repentance, reparation and charity that we can offer Him as we contemplate -- His Divine Majesty -- in the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote: "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us". The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: By not only celebrating the Eucharist, but also by praying before It outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellsprings of Grace ..."

Pope John Paul II in one of his homilies said, "It is pleasant to spend time with Him, to lie close to His breast like the Beloved Disciple and to feel the infinite love present in His heart ... If, in our time Christians must be distinguished by the "art of prayer", how can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual conversation, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament?"

**JESUS WAITS FOR US IN THIS SACRAMENT OF LOVE**

Enjoy summer time, God bless you,  
Fr. Marcin

**FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...**

**Blessed Anne Mary Taigi – July 9 Laywoman (1769 – 1837)**At Anne Marie Taigi's beatification in 1920 Pope Benedict XV observed that she was "quite different from the virgins, nuns, and widows canonized by the church." In fact, she is the rare example in the calendar of saints of a woman who realized her path to holiness in the midst of ordinary family life.

Born in Siena, Anne moved with her family to Rome when her father's business failed. There her parents found work as domestic servants. At thirteen Anne went to work in a silk factory and later become a housemaid to a noble lady. In 1789 she married another servant, Dominic Taigi, and bore seven children during their forty-eight-year marriage. Her life was spent in work, service, and charitable activity, moving easily among the very poor and the very rich. Many recognized her goodness and piety; few apart from her spiritual director, knew of her profound supernatural gifts. In prayer she beheld a "mystical sun" before her eyes in which she could foresee the future and read the secrets of other souls. Many, including prelates and nobles, sought her spiritual counsel. Her reputation spread and, not long after her death on 1837, her cause for beatification was introduced.

*"The servant of God knew how to keep everyone in his place and she did it with a graciousness that I cannot describe. I often came home tired, moody, and cross, but she always succeeded in soothing and cheering me."*

- From a deposition for the beatification of  
Blessed Anne Mary by her husband

.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**

My brothers and sisters The Catechism of the Catholic Church in the tenth commandment says that Jesus enjoins his disciples to prefer him to everything and everyone, and bids them "*renounce all that they have*" for his sake and that of the Gospel. Shortly before his passion he gave them the example of the poor widow of Jerusalem who, out of her poverty, gave all that she had to live on. The precept of detachment from riches is obligatory for entrance into the Kingdom of heaven.

Also the catechism says that all Christ's faithful are to "*direct their affections rightly, lest they be hindered in their pursuit of perfect charity by the use of worldly things and by an adherence to riches which is contrary to the spirit of evangelical poverty.*"

"*Blessed are the poor in spirit.*" The Beatitudes reveal an order of happiness and grace, of beauty and peace. Jesus celebrates the joy of the poor, to whom the Kingdom already belongs:

The Word speaks of voluntary humility as "*poverty in spirit*"; the Apostle gives an example of God's poverty when he says: "*For your sakes he became poor.*"

God bless you!



*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 Piloni, 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

Every now and then we try to update the names on our prayer list. There are some names that we in the parish office cannot associate with a person who made the request to pray for them. If you requested prayers for a person please either call the office or e mail Mary [mary.stm@comcast.net](mailto:mary.stm@comcast.net) to let us know if you wish to continue to be on this prayer list.

### CYO BASKETBALL SIGN UPS...

Deadline to register is Monday, July 9. The program is available to St. Mark's Parishioners (boys & girls) 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jacksonj041@gmail.com). Forms are located on St. Mark's website [www.stmarksnj.org](http://www.stmarksnj.org) under CYO Basketball.

## 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](mailto:Tim@bonventure.net).

### WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION....

**Super Science Battle Bots & Robotic Fun.** Campers will construct a wide range of robot projects throughout the week. Ages 6-12, July 16-July 19 12:15 pm – 3:15 pm at Schooley's Mountain firehouse. Non-refundable fee of \$110 is due before July 12. Late fee will apply

**Super Science Motorized Lego Maker Machine Camp** ages 6-12 July 16-July 19 from 8:45 am-11:45 am at Schooley's Mountain Firehouse. Non-refundable fee of \$110 is due before July 12. Late fee will apply.

**SOCCER CAMPS** – Week long soccer camps throughout the summer....

**World Cup Camp** ages 6-15 from 9 am-1 pm.

**Kiddy Kickz Soccer Camp** ages 3-5 from 9 am-11 am.

Camp dates are July 16-20, July 30-August 3, and August 13-17

For more information on any of these activities contact W.T.

Recreation office (908) 876-5941 or visit website [www.wtmorris.org](http://www.wtmorris.org)

