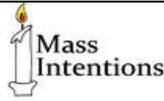


# The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

July 29, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, July 28**

5:30 pm For Wladyslaw & Anna Skoczylas by Skoczylas Family

**Sunday, July 29**

9:00 am For Gail Sherer by Dave Donlon

11:00 am For Tom Mackie by Bob Uccardi  
For John Grieve & Margaret Stokes by Stokes Family

**Monday, July 30**

8:45 am For

**Tuesday, July 31**

8:45 am For Patrick Beccia by Lee Family

**Wednesday, August 1**

8:45 am For

**Thursday, August 2**

8:45 am For

**Saturday, August 4**

5:30 pm For Betty Scanga by Lennon Family

**Sunday, August 5**

9:00 am For Gwendolyn Delong by Lennon Family

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

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS  
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**

**Altar Breads & Wine:** In loving memory of Aeneas and Genevieve Corry by Corry/Benardone family

**Sanctuary Lamp:** In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone by Corry/Benardone family

**Mass Candles:**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
August 4, 5, 2018**

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski  
Lector: Joanne Lee, Rhianna Smith  
Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Lee  
Altar Servers: TBD

**Sunday, 9:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski  
Lector: Sharon Donovan  
Eucharistic Ministers: Terri & Bob Baffuto, Rick Gebbia  
Altar Servers: TBD

**11:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski  
Lector: Emily & Gabriella Nowak  
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Labue, Diane Herzog  
Altar Server: TBD

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

**Monday, July 30**

8:45 am Mass

**Tuesday, July 31**

8:45 am Mass  
8:00 pm K of C Meeting

**Wednesday, August 1**

8:45 am Mass

**Thursday, August 2**

8:45 am Mass

**Friday, August 3**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, August 4**

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

**Sunday, August 5**

9:00, 11:00 am Mass

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2017
July 22, 2018: \$1,909.50 Online for July: \$9,430	July 23, 2017: \$1,936 Online for July: \$10,495
Supermarket Gift Cards: July 22, 2018 Sales: \$3,650	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

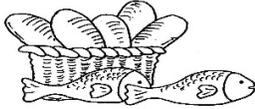
**FAITH DIRECT...**

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



My dear parishioners,

Today we celebrate 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. I hope summer is going well. The feeding of the five thousand in today's Gospel shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves so that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others.



Who are we? What is the purpose of life? What is life all about? Is life only about doing our work? Is life only about making money? Is life only about getting what I want? Is life only about eating, working, sleeping and doing it all again the next day and the day after that and the day after that? Is there anything more to life? Does life offer us any other possibilities? Yes life does offer us another possibility. We are offered eternal life by God. We can get lost in everything we see around us, or we have the possibility of living with faith knowing who we really are, sons and daughters of God. If we get lost in everything we see around us and give in to the temptations of the moment we will find ourselves in a mess.

Think of who we really are. We are created by God to be happy with him forever in heaven. Think of what eternity with God is going to be like. Think of what God has done for you. Out of love for us God sent his son Jesus to die for us to pay the price for our sins. **So how much are you worth? You are worth the precious blood of Jesus, you are priceless.** Is that the way you think of yourself?

We need faith to see and understand who we really are. We need faith in order not to get lost in the stupid ideas of this western world which has gone crazy. We need faith to live who we really are, children of God with a glorious future. We need faith to see that the most important things in life are what we cannot see, our value – we are worth the precious blood of Jesus.

**God offers us the possibility of a wonderful life. What the world offers us is weak but God offers us an eternity of happiness.**

The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish was preparing for an even greater miracle where Jesus would expand our vision even more. The multiplication of the loaves and fish was preparing for the miracle of the Eucharist. To human eyes in the Eucharist one sees bread and wine but with the eyes of faith we see the Body and Blood of Jesus. According to the world it is irrational and stupid to believe in transubstantiation, that the bread really changes into the body of Jesus and the wine really changes into the blood of Jesus. But following Jesus does not entail looking at Jesus with the vision of the world. Following Jesus means looking at Jesus with the eyes of faith, with the faith of Mary who accepted the impossible from the angel Gabriel and responded, "Let it be done to me according to your word."



When we receive from the Lord's Table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood. Ignatius of Antioch calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ". This supernatural food is healing for both

body and soul and strength for our journey to heaven. When we approach the Table of the Lord, what do we expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for our soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist is in close union with Christ. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ. **Do we hunger for the "bread of life"?**



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



**AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup> – OLM CHURCH – 9:30AM**  
ADORATION, CONFESSION, MEDITATION, HOLY MASS

Our Lady of Fatima Promises all the Graces Necessary for Heaven if a Catholic Finishes the Five First Saturdays Devotion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

- Confession (shortly before or after the First Saturday — so long as the person receives Holy Communion in a state of grace);
- Holy Communion received on the First Saturday of each month;
- The Holy Rosary, five decades recited sometime during the day; and
- Meditating for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary (one or more).

#### WHY FIVE SATURDAYS?

It is sometimes asked why Our Lady asked for Communions of reparation on five first Saturdays, instead of some other number. Our Blessed Lord answered that question when He appeared to Sr. Lucia May 29, 1930. He explained that it was because of five kinds of offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, namely: blasphemies against her Immaculate Conception, against her perpetual virginity, against the divine and spiritual maternity of Mary, blasphemies involving the rejection and dishonoring of her images, and the neglect of implanting in the hearts of children a knowledge and love of this Immaculate Mother.

..JOIN US FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL DEVOTION AND HONOR THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY....FR. MARCIN



## 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL REPORT...

2017 Parish Goal: \$10,000.00

Cash Received as of June 29, 2018: \$19,884.00

March 2018 Rebate: **\$4,792.00**

Final June 2018 Rebate: **\$150.00**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!  
GOD BLESS YOU!!!**

*Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor 9: 6-7*

**BECAUSE OF YOUR GREAT GENEROSITY WE RECEIVED  
BACK \$4,942.00**

### FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

#### St. Victricius – August 3

Bishop of Rouen (ca. 330 – ca. 407)

Victricius was a Roman soldier who converted to Christianity and decided, simultaneously, that military service was incompatible with obedience to the Gospel. After laying down his weapons on the parade grounds, he was arrested and charged with desertion. Though subjected to flogging, he narrowly escaped execution.

Victricius traveled for some years as an itinerant preacher until 386, when he was named the bishop of Rouen. Little is known of his subsequent life in this remote mission outpost. He was greatly occupied in establishing the Church in northern France and made numerous preaching tours throughout Europe. He retained his reputation as a peacemaker and was even summoned to Britain at the request of the local bishops to settle a disagreement. There and in all circumstances, according to his own words, he “did all he could, even if he did not do all that wanted doing.”

Victricius died sometime around 407.

*“I inspired the wise with love of peace. I taught it to the teachable, I explained it to the ignorant. I imposed it on the obstinate, insisting on it in season and out of season.”*

St. Victricius

### FROM FR. JAVIER...

#### TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH The Sacrament of Baptism

My dear brothers and sisters let us continue our learning from Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Christ begins his public life after having himself baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. After his resurrection Christ gives this mission to his apostles: *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”*

Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to *“fulfill all righteousness.”* Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the

Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his “beloved Son.”

In his Passover Christ opened to all men the fountain of Baptism. He had already spoken of his Passion, which he was about to suffer in Jerusalem, as a “Baptism” with which he had to be baptized. The blood and water that flowed from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus are types of Baptism and the Eucharist, the sacraments of new life. From then on, it is possible “to be born of water and the Spirit” in order to enter the Kingdom of God.

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, John, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Rocky Labato, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Maryann Litori, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Madelyn Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr, Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Edward Michonski, Sr., Kathy Minichini, Faith Morelli, 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

## Community News

### SARAH'S FIGHT FOR HOPE FOUNDATION...

Family Fun Day & Cornhole Tournament. Saturday Aug. 25, rain date Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> Cornhole Tournament 11:00 am Double elimination. Registration deadline – 8/22. Family Fun Day 12:30 pm-4:30 pm Games & activities, rock climbing wall, obstacle course, pie eating contest, music, food, vendors and much more..

[www.SARAHSFIGHTFORHOPE.ORG](http://www.SARAHSFIGHTFORHOPE.ORG)

### WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION...

5 Week Summer Circuit Craze Fitness Class. Total body workout circuit style. Maximize calorie burn and total body training. Exercises are changed week to week to keep the class exciting. This class is great for anyone and everyone, exercises can be modified so everyone can participate. Instructor: Karen Leyson, NASM Certified PT, Where: L.V. Senior Center (RSP), Wednesdays August 1<sup>st</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. 8:30-9:30 am. Fee \$60. Registration deadline is July 30<sup>th</sup>. For information call the Recreation Dept. at 908-876-5941 Website: [www.wtmorris.org](http://www.wtmorris.org), email: [recreation@wtmorris.net](mailto:recreation@wtmorris.net)

