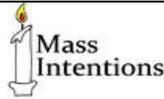


Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

August 19, 2018

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, August 18
 5:30 pm For Henry DeAngeles by Lennon Family

Sunday, August 19
 9:00 am For Jack Horan Jr. by O'Shea Family
 11:00 am For Dorothy Maher by Diane Herzog

Monday, August 20
 8:45 am For

Tuesday, August 21
 8:45 am For Elizabeth Feldhusen

Wednesday, August 22
 8:45 am For

Thursday, August 23
 8:45 am For

Saturday, August 25
 5:30 pm For Bertha Sakeet Todd by Hernandez Family

Sunday, August 26
 9:00 am For Kyla James Abbondandolo by Spangler Family
 11:00 am For Kevin P. McGrath by Spangler Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
 FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

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 25, 26, 2018**

Saturday, 5:30 pm
 Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski
 Lector: Tom Morley
 Eucharistic Ministers: Holly Zimmerman, Nancy Lennon
 Altar Servers: Maura O'Shea

Sunday, 9:00 am
 Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski
 Lector: Katie Van Woert
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel, Rick Gebbia
 Altar Servers: Help Needed

11:00 am
 Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski
 Lector: Sharon Donovan
 Eucharistic Ministers: Trish Mitchell
 Altar Server: Lia Nowak



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, August 20
 8:45 am Mass

Tuesday, August 21
 8:45 am Mass
 8:00 pm K of C Meeting

Wednesday, August 22
 8:45 am Mass
 7:00 pm Peer Meeting

Thursday, August 23
 8:45 am Mass

Friday, August 24
 Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 25
 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
 5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, August 26
 9:00, 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2017
August 12, 2018: \$4,413	August 13, 2017: \$3,193
Supermarket Gift Cards: August 12, 2018 Sales: \$2,050 Profit: \$102.50 YTD Profit: \$4,132.50 # of families: 13	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Thank you for being a part of our St. Mark the Evangelist family! As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy autumn, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot.

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

ENJOYING YOUR SUMMER?

Want to make it even better? You can, and it's easy. Just donate some non-perishable food items to the Long Valley Food Pantry. A few of the items they are most in need of are coffee/tea, apple sauce/healthy snacks, cold cereal, and pasta sauce. Do this and **everyone** will have a nicer summer!



Church Office Hours

Starting on September 4 the parish office will be open Monday through Thursday 8:30 am- 1:30 pm. Closed on Friday.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Today we celebrate 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. For the last couple of weeks our Lord Jesus gives us a beautiful lesson about HOLY EUCHARIST. At the last supper when Jesus blessed the cup of wine, he gave it to his disciples saying, *"Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins"*. Jesus was pointing to the sacrifice he was about to make on the cross, when he would shed his blood for us - thus pouring himself out and giving himself to us - as an atoning sacrifice for our sins and the sins of the world. His death on the cross fulfilled the sacrifice of the paschal lamb whose blood spared the Israelites from death in Egypt.



Sin is always attractive, if it weren't we wouldn't commit sin. What is sinful attracts temporarily and we fall into the trap of believing it will satisfy our needs. But the following day we are still unhappy. Why? Because what is sinful never satisfies. The devil deceives us to make us think that sin is attractive but we discover afterwards that sin damages and did not bring the joy we wanted.

Our response to the Psalm is another invitation to attach ourselves to the Lord instead of to sin, *"Taste and see that the Lord is good."* And in the Gospel today Jesus too invites us to attach ourselves to him.

Let us listen to God's invitation to us today to leave sin behind and instead let us taste and see that the Lord is good. Sin and the devil are kind and cute. But that is a deception to confuse us. After sinning we are not happy. The only way we will find the life we need is by turning to Jesus.

*"I tell you solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you...
...whoever eats me will draw life from me."* (John 6:53-54)

*"Come and eat my bread,
Drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
Walk in the ways of perception."* (Prov 9:5-6)

"Taste and see that the Lord is good." (Ps 34:8)



I want to invite every Catholic to celebrate the sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation or, as we have traditionally said, "go to Confession," on a regular basis. There can be no better way to make progress on our spiritual journey than by returning in humble repentance and love to God, whose forgiveness reestablishes us as his children and restores us to peace with his Church and our neighbors. Confession is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy. It is here that we meet the loving Jesus who offers sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God and neighbor. At the same time, Confession permits sinners to reconcile with the Church, which also is wounded by our sins. We need the sacrament of Penance because each of us, from time to time, sins. When we recognize that we have offended God who is all deserving of our love, we sense the need to make things right. Like the prodigal son in the Gospel, we long to know again the loving embrace of a forgiving father who patiently waits for each of us. Jesus himself has established this sure and certain way for us to access God's mercy and to know that our sins are forgiven. By virtue of his divine authority, Jesus gives this power of absolution to the apostolic ministry. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "in imparting to his apostles his own power to forgive sins the Lord also gives them the authority to reconcile sinners with the Church" (1444). We need to know that our sins are forgiven. There is something in our human nature that calls out for the assurance that our sins are actually forgiven. Confession is the visible manifestation of God's mercy that provides us, in human terms as well, the clear awareness that God has forgiven us.

ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...

On Thursday (Aug.23) I will be going for my little vacation to Poland and will be back (Sept. 6). During this time please do not send me any emails and leave phone messages because I will not be able to respond to you.

Thank you. You all will be in my prayers.

God bless you... Fr. Marcin

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Bernard – August 20

Abbot, Doctor of the Church (1090 – 1153)

St. Bernard, founder of the Cistercian Abbey of Clairvaux, was one of the towering figures of the twelfth century. From his austere monastery, he corresponded with popes, kings, and penitents of all stations, managing to exert his influence in many of the ecclesiastical, social, and intellectual disputes of his day. He traveled throughout Europe to attend synods and Church councils, to combat heresy, and to aid in the foundation of scores of Cistercian monasteries.

Bernard's personality is well conveyed through his extensive correspondence. To the bishop of Geneva he wrote: "The bishop's throne for which you, my dear friend, were lately chosen, demands many virtues, none of which, I grieve to say, could be discerned in you, at any rate in any strength, before your consecration." To a nun

who wished to leave her convent: "If you are one of the foolish virgins, the convent is necessary for you; if you are one of the wise, you are necessary for the convent."

The light of history does not shine well on all his causes – such as his harsh dispute with the theologian Peter Abelard, or his role in preaching on behalf of the disastrous Second Crusade. But for his extensive writings, including his mystical commentaries on the Song of Songs and his treatises on the Virgin Mary, he was deemed the "Last of the Church Fathers."

"I believe though I do not comprehend, and I hold by faith what I cannot grasp with the mins."

- St. Bernard

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR....

Referring to the homily given on August 5 about the Holy Eucharist and the need for a dignified participation in it, I would like to clarify some issues related to this. The Second Vatican Council in its documents instructs the faithful about the obligation to participate in the entire Holy Mass, especially on Sundays and the Holy Days of Obligation. In point 56, the Saint Council says - "The two parts that, in a certain sense, go to make up the Mass, namely the liturgy of the word and the liturgy of the Eucharist, are so closely connected with each other, that they form but one single act of worship."

The church teaches that the Mass is an extension in space and time infinite in the worth and merit of the redeeming sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which He instituted in the Upper Room and laid down for humanity in a bloody way on the cross of Golgotha. That is why, it is so imperative to take part in the total liturgy of the Holy Mass, no less, however, being late to the Holy Mass due to some unfortunate events such as broken car, traffic, bad weather etc., and it's something else when one is late without a good reason, and is notorious for lateness. Holy Mass is the most perfect prayer, it is a meeting with a living God who enriches us with His graces, and guides us to eternal glory. "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass." -wrote Saint Father Pio. That is why it is so important to come to the temple of the Lord early, to greet self in prayer with Christ and to intently await for the Eucharist. As the Blessed Jakub Alberione described: "The Mass is the crown of prayer and no action that we undertake to get closer to God, can be compared with participation in the Mass. St. Gregory the Great adds that "the heavens are opening and the masses of angels descend to participate in the Holy Sacrifice." Every participation in the Holy Mass is the highest possible expression of God's reciprocation of love to us. In his chronicles, St. Alphonse wrote: "One Holy Mass celebrates the Lord more than all the penances of the saints, the efforts of the apostles, the suffering of the martyrs, and even the fiery love of the Blessed Mother." These are just some quotes of saints that give us a beautiful picture of the essence of the Holy Mass, which for us, the Christians, is the path to heaven.

I encourage, that we would reflect in our hearts these truths about Holy Mass, about this beautiful gift that we received from Christ, that it would not be for us compulsion, but the most wonderful experience that we can experience each day, worthily participating in the Holy Eucharist.

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

The Sacrament of Baptism

Who can baptize?

My dears brothers and sisters the ordinary ministers of Baptism are the bishop and priest and, in the Latin Church, also the deacon. In case of necessity, any person, even someone not baptized, can baptize, if he has the required intention. The intention required is to will to do what the Church does when she baptizes, and to apply the Trinitarian baptismal formula. The Church finds the reason for this possibility in the universal saving will of God and the necessity of Baptism for salvation.

The Necessity of Baptism...

The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are "reborn of water and the Spirit." God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments.

The Church has always held the firm conviction that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received Baptism are baptized by their death for and with Christ. This Baptism of blood, like the desire for Baptism, brings about the fruits of Baptism without being a sacrament. 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 Pilosi, Laurie Pitcock, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Donald Schmitt, Jeff Schpiner, Ann Senftinger, Bill Siegrist, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau,, Patricia Villano, Anne Walsh