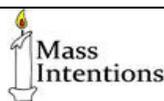


The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

September 2, 2018

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, September 1

5:30 pm For Thomas & Julia Dugan

Sunday, September 2

9:00 am For Jacob Anthony Macones in celebration of his Baptism

11:00 am For Colin O'Connor by Holly Zimmerman

Monday, September 3- Labor Day

8:45 am For all workers

Tuesday, September 4

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

Wednesday, September 5

8:45 am For

Thursday, September 6

8:45 am For

Saturday, September 8

5:30 pm For Elizabeth Acker by Monteverde Family

Sunday, September 9

9:00 am For Robert & Margaret Stokes by Stokes Family

11:00 am For Susan Spadone by Schmitt Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

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
September 8, 9, 2018**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Rhianna Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Tony Cretella

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help Needed

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Isabella Dilizia

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Server: Piper Heike

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, September 3

8:45 am Mass

Parish Office Closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 4

8:45 am Mass

8:00 pm K of C Meeting

Wednesday, September 5

8:45 am Mass

7:00 pm Fundraising Meeting

Thursday, September 6

8:45 am Mass

Friday, September 7

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 8

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 9

9:00, 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2017
August 26, 2018: \$1,876.61 Online for August \$7,823	August 27, 2017: \$1,737 Online for August: \$8,950
Supermarket Gift Cards: August 26, 2018 Sales: \$1,050 Profit: \$52.50 YTD Profit: \$4,235 # of families: 6	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



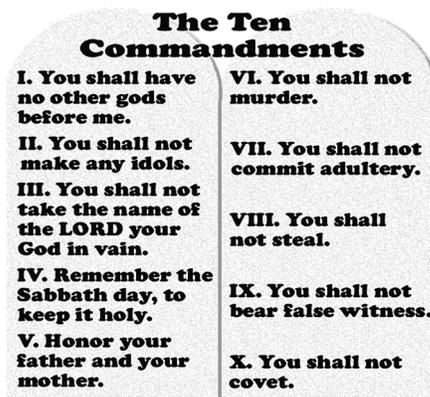
Starting on September 4 the parish office will be open Monday through Thursday 8:30 am- 1:30 pm. Closed on Friday.

My dear parishioners,

Today in church we observe 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are already in September. Can you imagine? Summer time is over. Children have to go back to school, and everything is coming back to our church schedule like CEC classes, all meetings and bible studies.

In today's Gospel Jesus says: *"Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."*

Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart? The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments. What matters now is our heart. Jesus asks that we wash and purify our hearts. Eat whatever you wish but follow the Ten Commandments and love your neighbor!



The Commandments are a gift from God to help us enjoy life by not getting lost along the way. That is why our first reading said, "Observe them that you may have life." (Deut 4:1) Not only are they a gift from God but they are also a sensible way to live. God has also given us the Bible, and the teaching of the Church. Thank God for all the help he has given us for our journey through life. God wants to help us find happiness in life. There are many temptations and attractions all telling us that they are offering us happiness but any happiness they offer is shallow and not lasting. Sinning never brings happiness, only unhappiness. Sin is sin and never brings happiness only unhappiness. Only by following God's words we will arrive at our destination safely and find true happiness. Let us resolve to leave sin behind and follow God's words. It is the only way to life and the only way to guide us safely above the storms of life.

If we do get turned upside down let us return to the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation because he is all merciful and rejoices over sinners who repent. There is more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine who have no need of repentance. God in his mercy sent his Son Jesus Christ to free us

from our sinful cravings and burden of guilt, and to restore us to wholeness of life and goodness. But to receive his mercy and healing, we must admit our faults and ask for his forgiveness. The Lord is ever ready to change and purify our hearts through his Holy Spirit who dwells within us. His power and grace enables us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. Do you believe in the power of God's love to change and transform your heart?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and make my heart like yours – on fire with love and holiness. Strengthen my will that I may always choose to love what is good and to reject what is evil."

ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Kassiani – September 7

Abbess, Hymnographer (ca. 810 – 865)

Kassiani was born to a wealthy family in Constantinople. It is reported that the young emperor, smitten by her beauty, interviewed her as a potential bride. "Through a woman came the baser things," he remarked, referring to original sin. "And through a woman came the better things," she replied, referring to salvation. He decided to choose a different bride. As for Kassiani, in 843 she founded a convent outside the city and became its first abbess.

A poet and composer, Kassiani wrote hundreds of hymns, of which twenty-three remain in the Orthodox liturgical books today. Her "Hymn of the Fallen Woman" is regularly sung during Holy Week: "I will fervently embrace Thy sacred feet, and wipe them again with the tresses of the hair of my head, Thy feet at whose sound Eve hid herself for fear when she heard Thee walking in Paradise in the cool of the day."

During a period of fierce iconoclasm, Kassiani was arrested and scourged for her fervent devotion to icons. When the persecution passed she traveled to Italy and Greece, where she died on the island of Kasos.

FROM FR. JAVIER...

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation

My dear brothers and sisters, let us continue our learning from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. According to our catechism, the Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.

In the first centuries Confirmation generally comprised one single celebration with Baptism, forming with it a "double sacrament," according to the expression of St. Cyprian. Among other reasons, the multiplication of infant baptisms all through the year, the increase of

rural parishes, and the growth of dioceses often prevented the bishop from being present at all baptismal celebrations. In the West the desire to reserve the completion of Baptism to the bishop caused the temporal separation of the two sacraments. The East has kept them united, so that Confirmation is conferred by the priest who baptizes. But he can do so only with the "myron" consecrated by a bishop.

A custom of the Roman Church facilitated the development of the Western practice: a double anointing with sacred chrism after Baptism. The first anointing of the neophyte on coming out of the baptismal bath was performed by the priest; it was completed by a second anointing on the forehead of the newly baptized by the bishop. The first anointing with sacred chrism, by the priest, has remained attached to the baptismal rite; it signifies the participation of the one baptized in the prophetic, priestly, and kingly offices of Christ. If Baptism is conferred on an adult, there is only one post-baptismal anointing, that of Confirmation. God bless you.



It is almost time for us to begin our Christian Education Classes. As you will notice, the board in the gathering space shows where catechists are still needed for our program. Catechist training is provided, as well as support throughout the year. Please pray on this decision to help us...you will find this a truly rewarding experience. Calendars have been mailed to all registered families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS...

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or know of anyone interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Our Lady of The Mountain parish office 876-4395. RCIA is open to all unbaptized adults who are interested in preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is also open to baptized Christians, Catholic and non-Catholic who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Our formation process places emphasis on knowing the doctrines of our faith and a knowledge of Jesus and the principles according to which He taught us how to live.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING...

Our next meeting is Wed., September 5 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY...

The Knights of Columbus will be having an eyeglass recycling container in St. Mark's gathering space beginning Sept. 1st concluding Sept. 30th. Please donate your unwanted eyeglasses which will go to the needy and be sincerely appreciated.

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held: **Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 3:30pm.** Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register is Monday, October 15, 2018.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

Community News

SAINT PIO COMES TO THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON...

Thursday, Sept. 20th from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm. St. Peter the Apostle Church, 179 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Come and venerate the official relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina on the occasion of the 50th commemoration anniversary of his passing. A mass in honor of St. Padre Pio will be celebrated at 7:00 pm. For information call 973-334-2090 or email stpeterpar@optonline.net.

4TH ANNUAL SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY MOTORCYCLE RUN...

Date: Saturday, Sept. 22, Rain Date Saturday, Sept. 29
Start Location: St. Luke's Church, 565 W. Mill Road (Rt. 513) LV
Time: 9:00 am, Registration. 9:00-9:45 am Bike Blessings, 10:00 am Kickstands up, 1:00 pm meet at the LV Brew Pub for the after ride lunch. Ride will be approximately 3 hours
Donation: \$15 per bike; \$10 passenger.
All proceeds benefit St. Luke Special Needs Ministry for children and adults with physical and developmental needs, regardless of religious affiliation. If you have questions call Bob (908) 413-2650.

ST. LUKE PARISH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING...

Monday, October 8 at the Black Oak Golf Club, Long Valley \$175/player. Player Registration, Business Sponsorship Form and Event Details can be found on the table in the gathering space or at the St. Luke Parish website www.stlukeparishlv.com



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, Elaine 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, Dana 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 Trivisano, Debbie Trepkau,, Patricia Villano, Anne Walsh

Every now and then we try to update our prayer list of names of the sick and special intentions. Please look over the list and if you requested prayers for a person call the parish office and let us know if you wish to continue being on the list.

