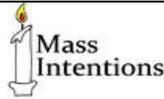


Praise the Lord, my soul!

September 9, 2018

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village (Health Care Center).

11:00 am For Susan Spadone by Schmitt Family

Monday, September 10

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

Tuesday, September 11

8:45 am For the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attack

Wednesday, September 12

8:45 am For

Thursday, September 13

8:45 am For

Saturday, September 15

5:30 pm For

Sunday, September 16

9:00 am For Irene Guzik by Woelfel Family

11:00 am For Bob & Anne Brozekat by Nyman 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 15, 16, 2018**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: TBD, Deacon Tom Gibbon

Lector: Fred McQuaide

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: TBD. Deacon Jim Jones

Lector: Jim Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Servers: Help Needed

11:00 am

Celebrant: TBD

Lector: Emily & Gabriella Nowak

Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed

Altar Server: Help Needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, September 10

8:45 am Mass

7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

Tuesday, September 11

8:45 am Mass

8:00 pm K of C Officer Installation

Wednesday, September 12

8:45 am Mass

Thursday, September 13

8:45 am Mass

Friday, September 14

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 15

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 16

9:00, 11:00 am Mass

First Senior Youth Ministry classes

Peer Induction and Blessing of Catechists at the 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2017
September 2, 2018: \$1,696 Parish Debt Reduction: \$733	September 3, 2017: \$2,960 Parish Debt Reduction: \$795
Supermarket Gift Cards: August 26, 2018 Sales: \$2,750 Profit: \$137.50 YTD Profit: \$4,372.50 # of families: 9	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week—no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ484.

Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless You, Fr. Marcin

BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDER...

Every morning, you undoubtedly remember that your children need a good breakfast before going off to school.

But do you also remember that *all* children need a good breakfast before going off to school? What can *you* do about that? One way to help (and it's probably easier than making breakfast for your own kids) is to donate breakfast foods to the Long Valley Food Pantry.

Some suggestions are hot or cold cereals, pancake mix, syrup, juices, pop tarts, etc. Of course lunch and dinner are also important, so anything you can donate will be put to good use.

The children thank you!

My dear parishioners,

Today with the whole church we celebrate 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today also marks GRANDPARENTS DAY.

In our Gospel today there is a man who is deaf and Jesus heals him. Jesus' ministry fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah in our first reading "...the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed..." (Isa 35:5). The deaf man in the Gospel was healed by Jesus, and Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, writes of Jesus' ministry in beautiful words that are so full of meaning for today's Gospel, "...all who suffer because their lives are in some way "diminished" thus hear from him the "good news" of God's concern for them, and they know for certain that their lives too are a gift carefully guarded in the hands of the Father..." (§32).

Our modern western world has become deaf to the words of Jesus, as deaf as the man in the Gospel, but it is not a physical deafness, it is a spiritual deafness caused by sin. We have become so used to sin that we take it as normal and we have become deafened and blinded to Jesus and his call to us. We suffer and are diminished through sin but Jesus has good news for us, that our lives are a gift carefully guarded in the hands of our Father.



Jesus healed the deaf man. If we are too busy we can be deaf to the real meaning and joy of life and deaf also to what the Lord is saying to us. Jesus cannot speak to us if we are not silent enough to listen. We all need silence and space for ourselves and also for God.

Let us answer the call of Jesus, the way and the truth and the life. May our eyes become opened to Jesus and our ears unsealed to his good news. May we who suffer because our lives are diminished through sin hear the good news of God's concern for us and know for certain that our lives are a gift carefully guarded in the hands of our Father.

How do you expect the Lord Jesus to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions.

GRANDPARENTS DAY... SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9...



Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, and the keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory. Grandparents are the family's strong foundation. Their very special love sets them apart. Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love and caring, Grandparents keep a family close at heart.

Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love, and be

living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN!!!

CHRISTUS VIVERE EST...

A recipient of Bishop's reward – *Christus Vivere Est* this year is our parishioner Kimberly Dunn. **Congratulations! Thank you! God Bless you!** The award ceremony will take place today (Sunday) at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson at 3:30pm. Our Bishop Arthur Serratelli will be the main celebrant.

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

Saints Natalia and Adrian – September 10

Martyrs (ca. 304)

Natalia, a young Christian woman, and her husband Adrian, a pagan who served as an officer in the imperial court of Nicomedia, were married only a year when Adrian was forced to witness the scourging of a group of Christians. He was so horrified by their treatment, and moved by their faithfulness, that he stepped forward to proclaim, "Count me in with these men, for I also am a Christian."

When Natalia heard the news she rushed to the prison and kissed his chains. "You are blessed, Adrian, for you have found the riches which your father and mother did not leave to you." Cutting her hair and disguising herself in men's clothes, she bribed her way into the jail and remained there with her husband until the time of his execution. He and the other prisoners were condemned to have their bones broken and their hands and feet cut off. Natalia begged Adrian to pray that she should live a sinless life until their reunion in heaven. In fact, within months, Natalia followed her husband, dying peacefully in Argyropolis, where the relics of Adrian and the other martyrs had been preserved. She was buried there and counted among their number.

"I have not lost my mind, but rather I have found it."

- St. Adrian

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH **The Sacrament of Confirmation**

The Signs and the Rite of Confirmation

My dear brothers and sisters, according with the Catechism of the Catholic Church in the numeral, 1293 says; "*In treating the rite of Confirmation, it is fitting to consider the sign of anointing and what it signifies and imprints: a spiritual seal. Anointing, in Biblical and other ancient symbolism, is rich in meaning: oil is a sign of abundance and joy; it cleanses (anointing before and after a bath) and limbers (the anointing of athletes and wrestlers); oil is a sign of healing, since it is soothing to bruises and wounds; and it makes radiant with beauty, health, and strength*".

Anointing with oil has all these meanings in the sacramental life. The pre-baptismal anointing with the oil of catechumens signifies cleansing and strengthening; the anointing of the sick expresses healing and comfort. The post-baptismal anointing with sacred chrism in Confirmation and ordination is the sign of consecration. By Confirmation Christians, that is, those who are anointed, share more completely in the mission of Jesus Christ and the fullness of the Holy

Spirit with which he is filled, so that their lives may give off "the aroma of Christ."

Also by this anointing the confirmand receives the "mark," the seal of the Holy Spirit. A seal is a symbol of a person, a sign of personal authority, or ownership of an object. Hence soldiers were marked with their leader's seal and slaves with their master's. A seal authenticates a juridical act or document and occasionally makes it secret.

Christ himself declared that he was marked with his Father's seal. Christians are also marked with a seal: "It is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has commissioned us; he has put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." This seal of the Holy Spirit marks our total belonging to Christ, our enrollment in his service for ever. God bless you.

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.

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!

OPEN FORUM – A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE SEX ABUSE SCANDAL ...Wednesday, September 12th @ 7:30PM, there will be an "Open Forum" to discuss the Sex Abuse Scandal. All are invited to come and share their thoughts and concerns on both sides of the issue. Priests from our deanery have been invited to attend. It will be held at St. Luke Parish, 265 West Mill Road, Long Valley, NJ.

Fr. Mike, Head of our Deanery

Community News 

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

The Sisters of Christian Charity from Mendham, NJ will host their **5th Annual Golf Outing** on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the beautiful Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club in Livingston, NJ. Join them for an outstanding day of golf, camaraderie and example of God's bounty.

All proceeds from the outing support the Sisters in their ministries, care for the infirm and elderly Sisters and help to make visible the love of Christ in the world. Golfers and sponsors can register online at www.scecast.org/golf-outing or contact Casey Dolan at dev.director@scecast.org or (973)-230-5355.

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, 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, 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 Travisano, Debbie Trepkau,, Patricia Villano, Anne Walsh