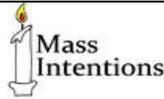


I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

September 16, 2018

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, September 15

5:30 pm For Tom Mackie

Sunday, September 16

9:00 am For Irene Guzik by Woelfel Family
11:00 am For Bob & Anne Brozekat by Nyman Family

Monday, September 17

8:45 am For Lorie Liskiewicz by Dargel Family

Tuesday, September 18

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

Wednesday, September 19

8:45 am For

Thursday, September 20

8:45 am For

Saturday, September 22

5:30 pm For Eva Calestini Bates by Nyman Family

Sunday, September 23

9:00 am For Sarah Freholtz
11:00 am For Paul Minetti by Woelfel 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 22, 23, 2018

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski
Lector: Tom Morley
Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno, Deacon Tom Gibbon
Lector: Katie Van Woert
Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed
Altar Servers: Help Needed

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno
Lector: Al & David Escudero
Eucharistic Ministers: Help Needed
Altar Server: Piper Heike



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, September 17

8:45 am Mass
4:30 pm Grades K-5" Meet and Greet"
7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

Tuesday, September 18

8:45 am Mass
6:15-7:30 pm Junior Youth Ministry
8:00 pm K of C Meeting

Wednesday, September 19

8:45 am Mass
8:00 pm K of C Degree Practice

Thursday, September 20

8:45 am Mass

Friday, September 21

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 22

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

Sunday, September 23

9:00, 11:00 am Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2017
September 9, 2018: \$2,064	September 10, 2017: \$2,325
Supermarket Gift Cards: September 9, 2018 Sales: \$2,050 Profit: \$102.50 YTD Profit: \$4,475 # of families: 10	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 we celebrate 24th Sunday in ordinary time. Today's Gospel is about the choice that God made. The Triumph of the Cross is not any other kind of triumph except the triumph of God's love and self-sacrifice over evil and sin. The cross of Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death. What is the cross which Jesus Christ commands me to take up each day? When my will crosses with his will, then his will must be done. Are we ready to lose all for Jesus Christ in order to gain all with Jesus Christ?

Through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross Jesus broke the powers of sin and death and won for us our salvation. The Lord Jesus asks each of us personally with the question from today's Gospel: Who do you say that I am? Who is Jesus for us??

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

The Christian life, as Jesus makes clear, is not a matter of dreaming about great deeds. It is about taking up one's cross and following Jesus.

True faith is living faith! It is a faith that bears fruit of the indwelling Holy Spirit. There is no such thing as an indwelling Holy Spirit who is dormant. The grace of God is always at work! As such, the Holy Spirit always moves the soul to desire to be sanctified so it can shine in love towards others by charitable acts; so it can share the good news; so it can draw others to their living faith in Christ.

ST. MARK –PRAY FOR US...

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...

THE 2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL HAS BEGAN WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON...

I am happy that Tom Morley, our parishioner, has agreed to serve as this year's lay chairperson for this important event. Tom will tell you how crucial the Bishop's Annual Appeal is for so many people who count on us. Those who are poor, the disabled, the sick and the disadvantaged, all wait for our generosity to help them in their sufferings and challenges. Our retired priests and young seminarians are also waiting for our help which comes from our support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Due to the publicity of clerical abuse within the Church, this year's appeal cannot afford our indifference. More than ever we need to defy the evil forces which are trying to destroy the work of the Gospel. We must stand with Jesus in combating the satanic powers which are at work and not surrender to the voices which are calling for our departure from the Lord's company. The Lord is continually inviting us to join forces with Him in eliminating evil from our midst through the good works we perform and the Gospel we preach. From the beginning, as recorded in Acts of the Apostles, the Catholic Church has been faithful in her commitment to the poor, the sick, the disabled and all in need. Now we continue that tradition by supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal which assists those in need in the three counties of our diocese, Morris, Passaic and Sussex.

.CATECHETICAL SUNDAY.

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday"— a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity to reflect

on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. What an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith!



The word, "catechetical" is derived from the root "catechesis," which comes from the Greek word meaning "to echo or resound." Therefore, catechesis is the act of echoing the Catholic faith. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church. Yet all Catholics, by virtue of their baptism, are called to echo the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Catechetical Sunday is a time for everyone to reflect on how we can share the faith.



**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION – OLM CHURCH – FRIDAY –
SEPTEMBER 21 – 3PM**

2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL *Here I am, Lord!*

The 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal is officially kicking-off this weekend with the theme ***Here I am, Lord!*** Please support this important annual cause that helps so many people throughout our Diocese. The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of our Catholic Charities; seminarian education; priests' extraordinary healthcare needs as well as Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence and our urban elementary schools. These are all critically important ministries that touch many lives, and so you are invited to make a pledge today.

Over the years, more and more parishioners have chosen to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to www.2018appeal.org and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an online donation, your support is greatly needed. Every single gift counts! Please participate in the 2018 Appeal today! Thank you in advance for your generous support!

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Emily de Rodat – September 19

Founder, Congregation of the Holy Family of Villefranche (1787 – 1852)

Emily de Rodat was born in Rodez, France. In her youth, she tested her vocation to religious life in a number of communities, none of which seemed to satisfy her. Then one day, while visiting the home of a sick neighbor, her mission was instantaneously revealed: she would teach poor children. With the encouragement of her spiritual director, she began at once to take children into her own small room. Eventually, with arrival of helpers, she moved into an abandoned monastery, which became the nucleus for her Congregation of the Holy Family of Villefranche.

Sr. Emily's community grew in time with new foundations and extension of her sister's charitable works into nursing, the care of orphans, and prison ministry. She was determined at all times to balance the life of action and contemplation – the paths of both Martha and Mary. Along the way she endured much physical suffering as well as long periods of spiritual desolation. Nevertheless, she lived up to the exhortation she put to one of her postulants: "Keep your enthusiasm. Be brave. Put all your trust in God. And always maintain a holy cheerfulness." She was, as one of her spiritual advisors described her, "a saint, but headstrong saint."

Emily de Rodat died on September 19, 1852. Her canonization followed in 1950.

"I was sixteen years of age when I learned to know Our Lord. This experience overwhelmed me and I wanted God and only God."

- St. Emily de Rodat

FROM FR. JAVIER...

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

My dear brothers and sisters it is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The catechism about this says: "*Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace*":

- *it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!"*
- *it unites us more firmly to Christ;*
- *it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;*
- *it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;*
- *it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross.*

Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.

Like Baptism which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark, the "character," which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him with power from on high so that he may be his witness. 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 **Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 3:30pm**. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register is Monday, October 15.** *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*

Community News 

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION AT ASSUMPTION PARISH IN HACKETTSTOWN...

It started last Monday, Sept. 10 but we invite you to join us. We will be meeting for 13 weeks until Dec. 3 every Monday at the parish hall from 7-8:30 PM to discuss spiritual life. We will be watching and discussing a video "The Fulfillment of all Desire, a guidebook for the Journey to God based on the Wisdom of the Saints" by Ralph Martin.

OPEN HOUSE ORATORY PREP SCHOOL...

Sunday Sept. 30 from 1-3pm and on Thursday, Oct. 25 6:45 -8:15 pm. 425 Morris Ave. Summit. For information call 908-273-5771 ext 1 or visit www.oratoryprep.org.



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 Piloni, 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