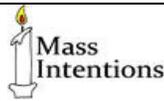


The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

September 30, 2018

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, September 29

5:30 pm For Edward Masterson by Mike & Kim Tedesco

Sunday, September 30

9:00 am For Dorothy Barnoski by Dave Donlon

11:00 am For Colin O'Connor by Reilly Family

Monday, October 1

8:45 am For

Tuesday, October 2

8:45 am For

Wednesday, October 3

8:45 am For

Thursday, October 4

8:45 am For

Saturday, October 6

5:30 pm For Camillia Ewing by Grace & Jim McDermott

Sunday, October 7

9:00 am For Marie Vicchiarillo by Marianne & Rich Nyman

11:00 am For Irene Wyss by Solecki 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 October 6, 7, 2018**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Rhianna Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike and Nancy Lennon, Barbara Burke

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Tony Cretella

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia, Steve Beggin

Altar Servers: Help Needed

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Sharon Donovan

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Herzog, Eileen Labue, Ed Michonski

Altar Server: Help Needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, October 1

8:45 am Mass

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village – Faith Chapel

4:30- 5:45 pm CEC Grades K-5

7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

Tuesday, October 2

8:45 am Mass

6:15-7:30 pm Junior Youth Ministry

8:00 pm K of C Meeting

Wednesday, October 3

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, October 4

8:45 am Mass

Friday, October 5

10:45 am First Friday Devotion at Heath Village

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, October 6

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

K of C Roses for Life sale

Sunday, October 7

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

K of C Roses for Life sale

After 11 am mass - altar server meeting/luncheon for current altar servers and anyone interested in becoming an altar server who is in the 3rd grade and up.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2017
September 23, 2018: \$2,127.40 Online for September: \$8,670	September 24, 2017: \$1,910 Online for September: \$8,920
Supermarket Gift Cards: September 23, 2018 Sales: \$2,375 Profit: \$118.75 YTD Profit: \$4,707.50 # of families: 11	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Mark the Evangelist. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. 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

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

As we celebrate the Lord's Day we also mark the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel the Lord Jesus reprimands his disciples for their jealousy and suspicion. They were upset that someone who was not of their company was performing a good work in the name of Jesus. Jesus' reply is filled with wisdom: "There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." Are we not like the disciples when we get upset at the good deeds of others who seem to shine more than us? **Paul says that "love is not jealous... but rejoices in the right"**

The love of God frees us from envy and jealousy.

How can we overcome envy? With the love that God has put into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit purifies our heart and frees us from our disordered passions, such as envy, jealousy, greed, and bitterness. God's love is a generous and selfless love which is wholly oriented towards our good. The love that God places in our hearts seeks the highest good of our neighbor. God's love purifies and frees us from all envy and jealousy - and it compels us to give generously, especially to those who lack what they need.

God created us in love for love. We are most free and happy when we love as he loves. The love and charitable help we show to our neighbor also expresses the gratitude we have for the abundant mercy and kindness of God towards us. Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to those in need would not lose its reward. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is. Are you grateful for God's mercy and kindness towards you and are you ready to show that same kindness and generosity towards your neighbor?

The scandal of clergy abuse of minors (and even adults) is an evil which has entered the Church as a result of some clerics allowing the devil to enter their hearts. Pride is the vice which brought about the first sin by Adam and Eve. Their action allowed the presence of evil to enter the world which only the humble of heart are able to conquer. The overwhelming good clergy and laity of the Church follow the example of Jesus and humbly serve children, the poor, the sick, the disabled and the forgotten each day. The sinful and terrible deeds of a few cannot cancel out the good works and holy life of the majority, justice will not permit it. A humble person is a person of service. He or she is the one who will selflessly give of their time and energy to participate in some good work, or a ministry. The proud are only thinking of themselves and are self-absorbed; the participation in a good work is something they excuse themselves from.

There is a battle going on in the lives of each of us, a battle going on for the lives of each of us, a battle between good and evil. Through his cross Jesus has won the battle but it is up to us now to accept his grace and live as those redeemed by Jesus. **Jesus is asking us to reflect on our lives to see if anything is leading us in the wrong direction and if so to take steps to remedy occasions of sin and live in the grace of Jesus so that we may hear him say to us at the end, "You are mine."**

Gregory of Nyssa (330-395 AD), an early church father wrote:
"God never asks his servants to do what is impossible. The love and goodness of his Godhead is revealed as richly available. It is poured

out like water upon all. God furnishes to each person according to his will the ability to do something good. None of those seeking to be saved will be lacking in this ability, given by the one who said: whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward'" (*ON THE CHRISTIAN MODE OF LIFE 8.1*)

Do you allow the love of Christ to transform your heart that you may treat your neighbor with loving-kindness and mercy?

God bless you. Have a nice week, Fr. Marcin



FRIDAY – OCTOBER 5TH – FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION – OLM CHURCH – BEGINNING AT 9:30AM (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Rosary and Meditation) – 10AM (HOLY MASS)

Correction: Fr. Marcin reflection will be held on every 3rd Wednesday of the Month at OLM CHURCH (October 17 at 7:30pm – Eucharist and Eucharistic Miracles), November 21st – subject: TBD.

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal Here I Am, Lord!

One of the benefits of giving to our Bishop's Annual Appeal is the knowledge that the funds support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next-door neighbor, your co-worker, the store owner you see each day as you shop in your community – perhaps even a family member. In this context, when you give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you truly say: *Here I Am, Lord – making a better life for my brothers and sisters in the area.* Please consider making a pledge today.

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Therese of Lisieux – October 1

Carmelite, Doctor of the Church (1873-1897)

At the age of 14, on Christmas Eve in 1886, Therese had a conversion that transformed her life. From then on, her powerful energy and sensitive spirit were turned toward love, instead of keeping herself happy. At 15, she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux to give her whole life to God. She took the religious name Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. Living a hidden, simple life of prayer, she was gifted with great intimacy with God. Through sickness and dark nights of doubt and fear, she remained faithful to God, rooted in His merciful love. After a long struggle with tuberculosis, she died on September 30, 1897, at the age of 24. Her last words were the story of her life: "My God, I love You!" She lived each day with an unshakable confidence in God's love. Therese lived and taught a spirituality of attending to everyone and everything well and with love. She believed that just as a child becomes enamored with what is before her, we should also have a childlike focus and totally attentive love. Therese's spirituality is of doing the ordinary, with extraordinary love. She loved flowers and saw herself as the "little flower of Jesus," who gave glory to God by just being her beautiful little self among all the other flowers in God's garden. Because of this beautiful analogy, the title "little flower" remained with St. Therese.

Her inspiration and powerful presence from heaven touched many people very quickly. She was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 17, 1925. Had she lived, she would have been only 52 years old when she was declared a Saint.

"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death," she said. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Roses have been described and experienced as Saint Therese's signature. Countless millions have been touched by her intercession and imitate her "little way." She has been acclaimed "the greatest saint of modern times." In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared St. Therese a Doctor of the Church - the only Doctor of his pontificate - in tribute to the powerful way her spirituality has influenced people all over the world.

"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be."

- St. Therese of Lisieux

FROM FR. JAVIER...

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Minister of Confirmation

My dear brothers and sisters, the original minister of Confirmation is the bishop. In the East, ordinarily the priest who baptizes also immediately confers Confirmation in one and the same celebration. But he does so with sacred chrism consecrated by the patriarch or the bishop, thus expressing the apostolic unity of the Church whose bonds are strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation. In the Latin Church, the same discipline applies to the Baptism of adults or to the reception into full communion with the Church of a person baptized in another Christian community that does not have valid Confirmation.

According to the catechism of the Catholic Church, in the Latin Rite, the ordinary minister of Confirmation is the bishop. Although the bishop may for grave reasons concede to priests the faculty of administering Confirmation, it is appropriate from the very meaning of the sacrament that he should confer it himself, mindful that the celebration of Confirmation has been temporally separated from Baptism for this reason. Bishops are the successors of the apostles. They have received the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders. The administration of this sacrament by them demonstrates clearly that its effect is to unite those who receive it more closely to the Church, to her apostolic origins, and to her mission of bearing witness to Christ.

Also, if a Christian is in danger of death, any priest should give him Confirmation. Indeed the Church desires that none of her children, even the youngest, should depart this world without having been perfected by the Holy Spirit with the gift of Christ's fullness.

God bless you

CALLING ALL CHILDREN GRADES 3 AND UP! LEARN ABOUT OUR ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY...

Are you interested in serving at St. Mark's? Want to know more? Please join us for an informational meeting/luncheon on Sunday, October 7 following the 11 am Mass. All children grades 3 and up, including current servers, and their parents are invited to learn more about this very important ministry. Many children find it a wonderful way to participate fully in our liturgies and deepen their faith. Pizza and ice cream will be served. Please sign up in the gathering space

so that food can be planned accordingly. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Marcin or Melissa Heike or call the parish office.

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 with Bishop Serratelli **Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 3:30pm**. Call the parish office to make arrangements. **Deadline to register is Monday, October 15.**

Community News

OLM ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS...

MEETING TUESDAY, OCT. 2...

Evening starts with the Rosary, than Mass and Novena to Our Blessed Mother, followed by a meeting with refreshments. Membership consists of a fellowship with women of all generations. Dues are \$15. All women from OLM and St. Marks are welcome. At this meeting come spend an evening with "Julia Child", Linda Kenyon will be portraying Julia. Any questions call Linda Richartz, 909-876-9601.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST - SATURDAY, OCT. 27...

Rosary at 10 am followed by Mass at OLM. Celebrants will be Fr. Javier and Fr. Joe. Luncheon at 11:30 am at the Redwoods in Chester. Fr. Joe will be our speaker. Cost \$33/person, hot entrée, salad, dessert, and coffee along with a cash bar. Payments can be made at our Oct. 2nd meeting or by contacting Dolores Regal at 908-684-9433

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE BOYS...

Long Valley Hawkeyes a professional Basketball Team with focus on kids and their proper basketball and character development. We play very competitive AAU tournaments. Practice sessions in LV Middle School Mon. @ 6pm (main gym) & Thurs. at 6 pm (cafeteria gym) For information contact Armand Czapkowski 917-304-6728, email armandczny@gmail.com



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

