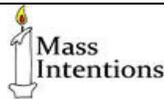


# May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

October 7, 2018

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, October 6**

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

**Sunday, October 7**

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

For Elaine Gebbia by Gebbia Family

11:00 am For Irene Wyss by Solecki Family

**Monday, October 8**

8:45 am For

**Tuesday, October 9**

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

**Wednesday, October 10**

8:45 am For

**Thursday, October 11**

8:45 am For

**Saturday, October 13**

5:30 pm For Millie Ewing by McDermott Family

**Sunday, October 14**

9:00 am For Marilyn Uccardi by Hughes Family

11:00 am For Dianne Dickinson by Izzo Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS  
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

**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 13, 14, 2018**

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Fred McQuaide

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Burke

Altar Servers: Help Needed

**Sunday, 9:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Jim Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Vetterl, Carmen Veras

Altar Servers: Help Needed

**11:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Tom Hanifin

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Fleming, Eric & Sharon Woelfel

Altar Server: Help Needed

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S**

**Monday, October 8**

8:45 am Mass

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village – Faith Chapel

No CEC classes

Parish Office closed in observance of Columbus Day

**Tuesday, October 9**

8:45 am Mass

No CEC classes

8:00 pm K of C Meeting

**Wednesday, October 10**

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

**Thursday, October 11**

8:45 am Mass

**Friday, October 12**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, October 13**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, October 14**

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass

SYM - 9<sup>th</sup> grade 9:30 and attend 11:00 am mass, 10<sup>th</sup> grade 11 am mass, followed by Parent/Student Confirmation meeting.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2017
September 30, 2018: \$2,318	October 1, 2017: Figures not available
Supermarket Gift Cards: September 30, 2018 Sales: \$1,850 Profit: \$92.50 2018 YTD Profit: \$4,800 2017 YTD Profit: \$5,783 # of families: 12	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](http://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,

Today we celebrate 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time and Respect Life Sunday. Each October is set aside by the bishops of the United States as Respect Life Month, a time to reflect on life issues and to pray for and promote greater respect for all human life. This year's theme is "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent"



Every person is made in God's image and likeness, and is loved by Him and called to eternal union with Him. We are also created to be in communion with and depend upon, one another. We are all called to walk in God's ways and treat each other according to the truth of His perfect love for every person. We are cherished, chosen, and sent by God to love one another as He loves us. In doing so, we help build a culture that cherishes all human life. Building a culture of life is simply part of who we are as Christians, as followers of Christ.

We must give witness to the Gospel of Life and evangelize through our lives. We must personally engage others and share the truth about human life. We must continue to show love and mercy, especially with those who have been involved in abortion. All members of the Church can bring healing to the world by upholding the beauty of human life and God's unfailing mercy. We have to protect life from conception to natural death. Life is the greatest gift from God. Human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. That image cannot be destroyed.

In today's Gospel Jesus says: "... from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. **Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate...**"

All sacraments have lasting value, and the sacrament of marriage has lasting value. The couple's promise to each other is until death, to be faithful to each other always, and that is why Jesus rules out divorce in today's Gospel. He said it was not in God's plan, it was introduced by humans because they lowered their vision of marriage and drifted away from God's plan for marriage. The couple's fidelity to each other symbolizes and reflects the faithfulness of God to us his people, the faithfulness of Christ to the Church. God is always faithful to us his people, Christ is always faithful to the Church and the couple's promise to be always faithful to each other until death symbolizes and reflects the love of God for his people and the love of Christ for his Church. This is another way in which we see marriage in the Catholic Church is a *sacrament*. Like all the sacraments, marriage unites the couple with Jesus, and brings them God's blessing. It is not just husband and wife united to each other in marriage; it is husband and wife united to each other with Jesus in marriage.

Both marriage and celibacy are calls from God to live a consecrated life that is to live as married couples or as singles who belong not to themselves but to God. Our lives are not our own, but they belong to God. He gives the grace and power to those who seek to follow his way of holiness in their state of life. Do you seek the Lord and his grace in your state of life?

*"Believe in the spiritual power which this sacrament of Jesus Christ gives to strengthen the marriage union, and to overcome*

*all the crises and problems of life together. Married people must believe in the power of the sacrament to make them holy; they must believe in their vocation to witness through their marriage to the power of Christ's love."* (*Homily of Pope John Paul II in Limerick, Monday October 1st, 1979.*)

Let us remember God's plan for marriage, that what God has joined together man must not separate. Marriage is a path to holiness, it is a vocation.

**Lord Jesus Christ, your call to holiness extends to all in every state of life. Sanctify our lives - as married couples and as singles - that we may live as men and women who are consecrated to you. Make us leaven in a society that disdains life-long marriage fidelity, chastity, and living single for the Lord.**

**GOD BLESS YOU,  
FR. MARCIN**

**FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...**

### **St. Pelagia the Penitent – October 8**

(ca. Fourth Century)

The original Pelagia was a young Christian girl in Antioch who died in the fourth century. Her name was gradually attached to another saint, whose story has far less basis in history. According to legend, Pelagia was a beautiful courtesan in Antioch. One day she happened to be riding on a white donkey, bedecked in lavish jewels, when she passed a church synod were one of the bishops, Nonnus, was holding forth. Pointing her out to his fellow bishops he said she bore a significant lesson: "She goes to an infinity of trouble to keep herself beautiful and to perfect her dancing, to please men, but we are considerably less zealous in the care of our dioceses and of our own souls."

Whatever effect these words had on the bishops, they touched Pelagia deeply. The next day she sought out Nonnus in the basilica and asked for baptism and forgiveness of her sins. After distributing all her property to the poor, she departed from the city. The legend relates that she made her way to Jerusalem, where she dressed in men's clothes, retired to a cave on the Mount of Olives, and was revered by the people as Pelagius, a "beardless monk," until her death.

**FROM FR. JAVIER...**

### **TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH** **The Sacrament of the Eucharist**

My dear brothers and sisters let us continue our learning from the sacraments according to the catechism of the Catholic Church.

The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.

*"At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which*

*Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us."*

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.

Also the Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit.

God bless you



### **THANKSGIVING...**

Yes, it's early to be thinking about Thanksgiving! However, if you have something to be thankful for (and don't we all?), here's a great way to show your appreciation. Go to the supermarket gift card table in the Gathering Space and donate gift cards (or cash) for the Thanksgiving Baskets to be distributed by the Long Valley Food Pantry. These donations will be collected after all weekend masses from October 13<sup>th</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup> (or in the office any time during normal office hours). Even though it seems early, the Food Pantry volunteers need time to do the shopping and to distribute the baskets in time for holiday cooking. Non-perishable items can also be placed in the Food Pantry wagon as usual (canned yams, pie filling, flour, sugar, stuffing mix – or other traditional items). With the holidays coming up, you know you need supermarket gift cards for yourself, so as long as you're there anyway... As always, thank you for your continued generosity.

### **FUNDRAISING INFORMATION...**

Remember you can purchase Supermarket Gift Cards and Car Magnets after all weekend masses and also at CEC on Mondays. Car magnets are \$5.

**SAVE THE DATE...** St. Mark's New Year's Day 5K – January 1, 2019 at 11:30 am. Registrations are being accepted at [RUNSIGNUP.com](http://RUNSIGNUP.com).

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

*PLEASE NOTE THE ALTAR SERVER LUNCHEON HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO OCT. 21<sup>st</sup>,*

Are you interested in serving St. Mark's? Want to know more? Please join us for an informational meeting/luncheon on Oct. 21 following the 11:00 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. Sign up in the gathering space. If you have questions, see Fr. Marcin or Melissa Heike or call parish office.

### **PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP...**

For young men in high school or college, or even older. Tuesday, October 23, 2018 DePaul High School in Wayne, 7 to 9 pm. Come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese for adoration, reflection, fellowship and of course, pizza. For information, contact the Vocation Office 973-777-8818, ext. 711.

## *Community News*

### **WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT...**

This year's flu clinic will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 10 from 4:30-6:30 pm in the main meeting room of the W.T. Municipal Bldg. 43 Schooley's Mtn. Rd. Cost is \$20, for residents over 18 years of age. Free for any resident with Medicare Part B. Residents with Medicare must pre-register.

### **OLM ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS...**

**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 by contacting Dolores Regal at 908-684-9433

### **LONG VALLEY COLUMBIETTES...**

Join us at Mama's Restaurant 260 Mountain Ave. Hackettstown on October 15 & 16. 10% of your bill will be donated to benefit the scholarship program, supplying the food pantries, veterans programs and other projects. Flyers are on the table in the gathering space.

**BAYLEY-ELLARD ALUMNI DAY.** Sat., Oct. 13 12:00 pm-5:00 pm. Free event, tour the restored mansion and Alumni Hall, BYO food and drink.

### **SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN FIREHOUSE PANCAKE**

**BREAKFAST...** Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am- 12 pm. 231 Schooley's Mtn Rd. All you can eat!



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

