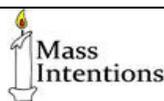


Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

October 14, 2018

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

For Erlinda Alianza by Timog Family

Monday, October 15

8:45 am For

Tuesday, October 16

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

Wednesday, October 17

8:45 am For

Thursday, October 18

8:45 am For

Saturday, October 20

5:30 pm For Jacklyn Salerno by Lennon Family

Sunday, October 21

9:00 am For Harry Acker by Monteverde Family

11:00 am For Henry Albright, Jr. by Christopher & Amelia Aulisi

**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 20, 21, 2018**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Tom Morley

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Lee, Mary Scarda

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Katie Van Woert

Eucharistic Ministers: Gina & Paul Tupaczewski, Carmen Veras

Altar Servers: Help Needed

11:00 am

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Emily & Gabriella Nowak

Eucharistic Ministers: Angel Nowak, Nick Caruso, Sue Reilly

Altar Server: Help Needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, October 15

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm CEC K-5

7:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, October 16

8:45 am Mass

6:15 pm Family Faith Formation

8:00 pm K of C Meeting

Wednesday, October 17

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

8:00 pm K of C Meeting

Thursday, October 18

8:45 am Mass

Friday, October 19

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, October 20

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, October 21

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am K-8 Mass

Altar Server Information/Luncheon immediately following 11:00 am mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2017
October 7, 2018: \$1,973 Parish Debt Reduction: \$483	October 8, 2017: \$2,817 Second collection figures not available
Supermarket Gift Cards: October 7, 2018 Sales: \$146.25 Profit: \$92.50 2018 YTD Profit: \$4,946.25 2017 YTD Profit: \$5,926.00 # of families: 13	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 come to our church this weekend we celebrate 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel presents us with a paradox: we lose what we keep, and we gain what we give away. When we lose our lives for Jesus Christ, we gain a priceless treasure and an inheritance which lasts forever. Whatever we give to God comes back a hundredfold. Generosity flows from a heart full of gratitude for the abundant mercy and grace which God grants. And generosity will be fully repaid, both in this life and in the life to come.

Why does Jesus tell his disciples to “sell all” for the treasure of his kingdom? Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. The Lord himself is the greatest treasure we can have. Giving up everything else to have the Lord as our treasure is not sorrowful, but the greatest joy. Selling all that we have could mean many different things - letting go of attachments, friendships, influences, jobs, entertainments, styles of life - really anything that might stand in the way of our loving God first and foremost in our lives and giving him the best we can with our time, resources, gifts, and service.

Those who are generous towards God and towards their neighbor find that they cannot outmatch God in his generosity towards us. God blesses us with the priceless treasures of his kingdom - freedom from fear and the gripping power of sin, selfishness and pride which block his love and grace in our lives. Freedom from loneliness, isolation and rejection which keep his children from living together in love, peace, and unity. And freedom from hopelessness, despair, and disillusionment which blind our vision of God's power to heal every hurt, bind every wound, and remove every blemish which mar the image of God within us. God offers us treasure which money cannot buy. He alone can truly satisfy the deepest longing and desires of our heart. Are we willing to part with anything that might keep us from seeking true joy with Jesus?

As your pastor I encourage you to participate in this year Bishop's Annual Appeal. I understand we may be upset with church regarding sexual clergy abuse scandal which is very painful to all of us but please remember many people who are less fortunate than we are waiting for our help, and by helping others we also help our own parish. Half of the amount received over our parish goal will be returned to our parish for our own needs. Not only does the Appeal support many worthwhile ministries throughout the diocese, it will also help our own parish if we reach and go over our goal. EACH YEAR YOU ARE VERY GENEROUS TO BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. PLEASE IF YOU CAN DO THE SAME THIS YEAR. THANK YOU!!!

.RESPECT LIFE MONTH.

Each year the U.S. Catholic Church observes October as Respect Life Month, which calls Catholics to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. For this year's pro-life observance we become even more aware of the need for messengers of God's love and instruments of his healing due to the clergy sex abuse crisis and other assaults on human dignity. The theme for this year's Respect Life Month is “Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent,” which highlights our call to build a culture of life as missionary disciples. This year's theme draws on the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego. Mary appeared to him as a pregnant woman. She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender

care. By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death. Like St. Juan Diego, let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love.

.OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

To help us reflect on the Rosary I will use ideas from Pope John Paul II's Letter on the Rosary, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae of 2002*. John Paul II said the Rosary is nothing other than contemplating Christ with the face of Mary and is among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation.

During the conclusion of his letter John Paul II encourages families to pray the Rosary together. The Pope said the Rosary is a prayer of and for the family. He wrote: “At one time this prayer was particularly dear to Christian families, and it certainly brought them closer together. It is important not to lose this precious inheritance. We need to return to the practice of family prayer and prayer for families, continuing to use the Rosary.”

We simply need to have trust and to take up our weapon, the weapon of peace, the weapon with the greatest power. If we can come before Our Lord – in the Blessed Sacrament, especially – with Rosary in hand, all things will be ours.

ST. MARK'S – PRAY FOR US...

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN – PRAY FOR US...

FR. MARCIN

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko – October 19

Priest and Martyr (1947 – 1984)

The end of the communist era in Eastern Europe began in June 1979 when John Paul II, the newly elected pope from Poland, returned to his homeland for the first of three visits. As communist authorities stood by helplessly, millions turned out to hear the pontiff's message: “Do not be afraid to insist on your right. Refuse a life based on lies and double thinking. Do not be afraid to suffer with Christ.” Within a year of his visit the militant Solidarity trade union movement was born.

Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko had not previously taken an active part in politics. But when steelworkers in Warsaw chose to support the striking ship workers in Gdansk he volunteered to celebrate Mass at their factory. It was a turning point in his life. The workers' struggle for justice, he realized, was truly a spiritual struggle. He became their chaplain.

Fr. Jerzy accompanied the Solidarity struggle through martial law and persecution. Though he himself was repeatedly interrogated and threatened with arrest, he refused to seek asylum abroad. “The priest is called to bear witness to the truth,” he said, “to suffer for the truth, and if need be to give up his life for it.”

On October 19, 1984, he was abducted by security police, beaten, and drowned in a reservoir. Five years later, in the first free election in Poland, a Solidarity government was elected. Fr. Jerzy was beatified in 2010.

“It is not enough for a Christian to condemn evil, cowardice, lies, and use of force, hatred, and oppression. He must at all times be a witness to and defender of justice, goodness, truth, freedom, and love. He must never tire of claiming these values as a right both for himself and others.”

Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko

FROM FR. JAVIER...

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

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

What is This Sacrament Called?

My brothers and sisters the sacrament of the Eucharist is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it.

Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words *eucharistein* recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim - especially during a meal - God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification.

The Lord's Supper, because of its connection with the supper which the Lord took with his disciples on the eve of his Passion and because it anticipates the wedding feast of the Lamb in the heavenly Jerusalem.

The Breaking of Bread, because Jesus used this rite, part of a Jewish meal when as master of the table he blessed and distributed the bread, above all at the Last Supper. It is by this action that his disciples will recognize him after his Resurrection.

The Eucharistic assembly, because the Eucharist is celebrated amid the assembly of the faithful, the visible expression of the Church.

The memorial of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

The Holy Sacrifice, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior and includes the Church's offering.

The Holy and Divine Liturgy, because the Church's whole liturgy finds its center and most intense expression in the celebration of this sacrament; in the same sense we also call its celebration the Sacred Mysteries.

Holy Communion, because by this sacrament we unite ourselves to Christ, who makes us sharers in his Body and Blood to form a single body.

Holy Mass (Missa), because the liturgy in which the mystery of salvation is accomplished concludes with the sending forth of the faithful, so that they may fulfill God's will in their daily lives.

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 13th through November 4th (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...

Next fundraising meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 pm.

Topics will be the 5K as well as the February Dance. All are welcome to attend.

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

Car magnets are \$5.

NEW YEARS DAY 5K RUN...As much as January 1 seems to be a long way off, it will soon be 2019. As a great way to welcome in the New Year, St. Mark's Church is once again hosting our New Year's Day 5K. Last year this event raised over \$4,000 for St. Marks. This year we hope to double that amount and have made some upgrades to this wonderful 5K on January 1 - USATF certification and a professional timing system. So as you begin to make your holiday plans, please consider participating in St. Mark's New Year's Day 5K. Thank you

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

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.

Community News

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.



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