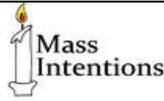


# The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**October 28, 2018**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Saturday, October 27**

5:30 pm For Richard Onorevole 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Lennon Family

**Sunday, October 28**

9:00 am For Patricia Barone by Monteverde Family

11:00 am For Margaret Burke by Burke Family

**Monday, October 29**

8:45 am For

**Tuesday, October 30**

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

**Wednesday, October 31**

8:45 am For

**Thursday, November 1**

**All Saints Day-Holy Day of Obligation**

8:45 am For

7:00 pm For

**Saturday, November 3**

5:30 pm For Millie Ewing by McDermott Family

**Sunday, November 4**

9:00 am For

11:00 am For Anthony Fania and Donald Higgins by Fania 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 November 3, 4, 2018**

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Rhianna Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Lee

Altar Servers: Help Needed

**Sunday, 9:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Tony Cretella

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia, Steve Beggin

Altar Servers: Help Needed

**11:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Javier Bareno

Lector: Al & David Escudero

Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Labue, Diane Herzog

Altar Server: Help Needed

**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

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

**Monday, October 29**

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm CEC K-5

7:30 pm Boy Scouts

7:30 pm Fundraising Meeting

**Tuesday, October 30**

8:45 am Mass

5:45 pm Altar Server Training

6:15 pm Family Faith Formation

**Wednesday, October 31**

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

**Thursday, November 1**

**All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation**

8:45 am & 7:00 pm Mass

**Friday, November 2**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, November 3**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, November 4**

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

SYM and Peer Induction at the 11:00 am Mass

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2017
October 21, 2018: \$1,951 Extended Catholic Obligations: \$242 Online for October: \$7,386	October 22, 2017: \$2,421 Extended Catholic Obligations: \$457 Online for October: \$10,225
Supermarket Gift Cards: October 21, 2018 Sales: \$1,550 Profit: \$77.50 2018 YTD Profit: \$5,198.75 2017 YTD Profit: \$6,412 # of families: 8	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

**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.

## MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today marks 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. **The last Sunday of October, Oct. 28, 2018, is designated also as Priesthood Sunday, a one-day celebration of the priesthood calling all United States Catholics to show support for their priests with prayer, public recognition and dialogue.** It is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. The role of priests is essential to the prosperity of the Church. Priests wear many hats in the Church, yet the most important is to be a mediator between God and us. Without priests, there would be no one to transform the bread into the Body of Christ, no one to absolve us of our sins, no one to marry us, bury us, and the list goes on... There are many references throughout the Old and New Testament regarding the importance of priests and clergy: *"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding" (Jeremiah 3:15). In Mark 16:15, Jesus told the apostles, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."*

In today's Gospel Bartimaeus, a blind man says to Jesus: "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." Love depends on faith. Without faith we cannot have a relationship with God or even with each other. As weak human beings we have to work hard to gain trust - and when we fall down, we ask for forgiveness and healing. We see a beautiful example of faith in today's Gospel. A blind man named Bartimaeus calls out, Jesus, son of David, have pity on me. His prayer leads to a deeper conversation: What do you want me to do for you? That should be our prayer. I want to see Jesus. I want to see my brother. Because Bartimaeus makes that prayer Jesus says to him, your faith has saved you.

Every time we receive the sacraments Jesus comes to us by touching our senses and there is a visible sign of Jesus coming to us invisibly through his sacrament. In every sacrament Jesus comes to us invisibly but powerfully. As we receive the sacraments we hear Jesus, and Jesus touches us. Jesus touched the blind man and Jesus touches us when we receive his sacraments. We are saved by faith. Faith saves us because it opens a relationship to Jesus. Faith means daily prayer, receiving the Sacraments and Jesus' teaching. **May we all increase our trust in Him and in each other. Faith makes love possible and love deepens faith. We want to hear those beautiful words: Your faith has saved you.**

Could I ask us to reflect on our attitude to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? **This is what Jesus said to St. Faustina about the Sacrament of Reconciliation: "I desire the confidence of my people. Let not even the weak and very sinful fear to approach me, even if their sins be as numerous as all the sand of the earth all will be forgiven in the great pit of my mercy."**

"Lord Jesus, may I never fail to recognize my need for your grace and mercy. Strengthen my faith and trust in you that I may seek your presence daily and listen to your word with a readiness to follow you who are my All."

## ALL SAINTS – NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

On November 1<sup>st</sup> (Thursday) we celebrate **Solemnity of ALL SAINTS.** This is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Holy Masses at OLM - Vigil mass – (Wednesday 7:30pm) and 9:30am and 7:30pm on Thursday Holy Masses at St. Mark's, 8:45am and 7:00pm on Thursday.

## ALL SOULS – NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> - 7:30PM

All Souls' Day commemorates the faithful departed. **PLEASE JOIN US FOR SPECIAL MASS ON FRIDAY AT 7:30PM AT OLM CHURCH.** Every year The Church celebrates All Souls Day Mass in November to pray for the souls of the faithful departed. Our Lady of the Mountain and St. Mark's invite the families of our parishioners who have lost loved ones to attend this special Mass. It is a great joy

for us to share this special mass with you. We hope you and your family can join us. This mass will be celebrated in the intention of all who past away from our parish and families.

## OLM CEMETARY VISITATION – SUNDAY (NOV. 4) AT 1:15PM AFTER 12:15PM MASS

On Sunday November 4th after 12:15pm mass we will have a prayer service at OLM cemetery to commemorate those who are buried there (All Souls Cemetery Visitation) with individual grave blessing if you will have a request to do that. Please join us for this special service as we pray for our faithful departed especially our parishioners, family members and friends. May they rest in peace may God give them eternal life.

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION – NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> – 9:30AM (ADORATION, ROSARY AND REFLECTION) – 10AM (HOLY MASS). Confession begins at 9:10am – OLM CHURCH

In preparation for Election Day, Church encourages us to pray for our country.

At this critical time before 2018 midterm election, we the Christians must unite to pray for our country. We all know that Christianity is what this country was founded upon.

Voting is one of our most important responsibilities as citizens. The Church does not tell us whom to vote for when we enter the voting booth. Instead, Catholics are to use their judgment and follow their consciences as they apply the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and the core faith values to the choices they make in the voting booth.

As Catholics, following the challenging path of discipleship, we need to evaluate the issues and candidates in the light of our Catholic faith. Then, we are challenged to live out our faith by getting actively involved — by voting and engaging in other civic activities

Voting as a Catholic is hard work. It takes serious reflection, knowledge of Church teaching and awareness of who the candidates are and where they stand on the issues. The great privilege of being Catholic is that we have a community of faith and a body of teaching, going back to Christ himself, that can help us make good decisions in the voting booth.

We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. *This is not true: "Good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."* - Pope Francis, 9/16/13

## THE ANNULMENT PROCESS...

If you or someone you know is seeking an Annulment you are not alone on this journey. The Church seeks to help, guide and support you. Come to have your questions about the Annulment Process answered and receive step-by step support. "...In the world you will have trouble, but take courage I have conquered the world." John 16:33...**NOVEMBER 7, 2018 - 7:30-9:00PM** (Mass at 7pm) Saint Paul Inside the Wall (205 Madison Ave. Madison, NJ 07940) Facilitated by: Msgr. Kurtyka - Judicial Vicar

## FROM FR. JAVIER...

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

## The institution of the Eucharist

The Lord, having loved those who were his own, loved them to the end. Knowing that the hour had come to leave this world and return to the Father, in the course of a meal he washed their feet and gave them the commandment of love. In order to leave them a pledge of this love, in order never to depart from his own and to make them

sharers in his Passover, he instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of his death and Resurrection, and commanded his apostles to celebrate it until his return; *"thereby he constituted them priests of the New Testament."*

The three synoptic Gospels and St. Paul have handed on to us the account of the institution of the Eucharist; St. John, for his part, reports the words of Jesus in the synagogue of Capernaum that prepare for the institution of the Eucharist: Christ calls himself the bread of life, come down from heaven.

Jesus chose the time of Passover to fulfill what he had announced at Capernaum: giving his disciples his Body and his Blood:

*Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us, that we may eat it...." They went ... and prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.".... And he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." and likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood."*

God bless you.

#### FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

##### **Blessed Restituta Kafka – October 29**

Martyr (1894-1943)

Restituta Kafka was raised in Vienna. When she was nineteen years old she entered a nursing order, the Franciscan Sister of Christian Charity, taking her religious name from a third-century martyr beheaded under the Roman emperor Aurelian. She served faithfully for many years in the district hospital in Modling, near Vienna, where she was put in charge of the operating room.

After the Anschluss in 1938, the Nazis forbade any religious symbol in hospitals. Sr. Restituta not only refused to comply with this order, but she defiantly installed crucifixes in every room in a new ward of the hospital.

After being denounced to the Gestapo by hospital surgeon, a fanatical Nazi, she was arrested on Ash Wednesday in 1942. Martin Bormann, Hitler's secretary, wished to make a special example of her and personally ordered her execution. After a year in prison, she was beheaded on March 30, 1943. Her body was thrown into a mass grave.

Restituta was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1998.

"I have lived for Christ; I want to die for Christ."

-Last words of Blessed Restituta Kafka

#### FUNDRAISING INFORMATION...

Next fundraising meeting will be tomorrow, **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

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN FIRE COMPANY...

All you can eat pancake breakfast, Sunday, November 4 8am-12 pm. Adults \$8, Children (4-10) \$4, Senior Citizens \$6. 231 Schooley's Mtn. Rd. (state hwy. 24/c.r.517).

#### LONG VALLEY BOY SCOUT BLOOD DRIVE...

Friday, November 23 10am-3pm at the Schooley's Mountain Fire House. Appointments are preferred. To schedule an apt. visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor keyword: Long Valley Scouts or contact Tony 908-447-2075.

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING** All ladies of OLM and St. Mark's parishes are invited to join us for our Rosary Altar Society Meeting at OLM on Tuesday, November 6 at 7:15 pm. We begin with the Rosary followed by Mass and the Novena to our Blessed Mother, and end the evening with our meeting.

#### WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION...

W.T. Recreation is offering a one-time FREE Exercise & Yoga class. In lieu of payment please bring a donation for the Long Valley Food Pantry. Classes are held at the W.T. Senior Center, 35 E. Springtown Rd. The Teen Yoga Class will be held at the LV Teen Arts Center, 214 W. Mill Rd. For information and class dates and times call 908-876-5941 or email us at [recreation@wtmorris.net](mailto:recreation@wtmorris.net) or visit our website at [www.wtmorris.org](http://www.wtmorris.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, Matthew Augustine, 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, Anna McFarland, 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 Plosi, 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