

# Praise the Lord, my soul!

November 11, 2018

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, November 1**

5:30 pm For Ralph Bozza by Regan Family

**Sunday, November 11**

9:00 am For Bernie Cho by Cho Family,

Deceased members of the Carruba & Kopelman families.

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village – Health Care Center

11:00 am Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass by Long Valley Knights of Columbus

**Monday, November 12**

8:45 am For a Special Intention for Maria Marione (living) by Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, November 13**

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

**Wednesday, November 14**

8:45 am For Marie Louise Chang by Koprski Family

**Thursday, November 15**

8:45 am For Thomas Tell by Parishioners of St. Marks For David (living)

**Saturday, November 17**

5:30 pm For Thomas Tell by Lennon Family

**Sunday, November 18**

9:00 am For Bernard Cho by Marianne Nyman

11:00 am For Letha Bell by Kathy Woeste

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

**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 17, 18, 2018*

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Tom Morley

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Scarda

Altar Servers: Jared Bermeo, Luke & Mia D'Aconti

**Sunday, 9:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Katie Van Woert

Eucharistic Ministers: Gina & Paul Tupaczewski

Altar Servers: Sarah Tupaczewski

**11:00 am**

Celebrant: Fr. Marcin Michalowski

Lector: Sharon Donovan

Eucharistic Ministers: Angel Nowak, Nick Caruso, Sue Reilly

Altar Server: Maura O'Shea, Lillyana DiPietro

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

**Monday, November 12**

Parish Office Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm CEC K-5

7:30 pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, November 13**

8:45 am Mass

6:15 pm Family Faith Formation

8:00 pm K of C Meeting

**Wednesday, November 14**

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

**Thursday, November 15**

8:45 am Mass

**Friday, November 16**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, November 17**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass K-8 students attend, followed by Family Fun Night – Christmas Boxes

K of C Auction Ticket Sale

**Sunday, November 18**

SYM Classes

9:00 & 11:00 am Mass K of C Auction Ticket Sale

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2017
November 4, 2018: \$2,503 Parish Debt Reduction: \$1,335	November 5, 2017: \$2,354 Parish Debt Reduction: \$744
Supermarket Gift Cards: November 4, 2018 Sales: \$3,225 Profit: \$161.25 2018 YTD Profit: \$5,468.75 2017 YTD Profit: \$6,866.50 # of families: 18	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

**FAITH DIRECT...**

Giving Tuesday provides us an opportunity to thank God for all of the blessings that he has bestowed upon us during the year and to look within ourselves to see how we can best use our talent and treasure to help others. This year, St. Mark the Evangelist is building upon that feeling of generosity and compassion by asking our parishioners to prayerfully consider enrolling in eGiving for your recurring weekly offering. We are excited about Giving Tuesday and all of the miraculous work our parish can do in our community, with your support. Enrolling in eGiving is a safe and secure way to give to our parish and getting started is easy—just visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: NJ484. Your gifts and your participation are a blessing to us and I ask you prayerfully to consider making a donation on Giving Tuesday, November 27, 2018. God Bless You, Fr. Marcin

## MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Today is the 32nd Sunday as we assemble to celebrate the Lord's Day. Today also marks Veterans Day. Veterans Day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. Today we say to all Veterans **THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!** Thank you for serving our country and protecting our freedoms.

What motivates us? Is it God's love for us or our love of ourselves, true love or distorted love? Do we really know how much God love us? We are reminded of God's love in the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews which tells us that Christ came to take away our sin by his sacrifice (Heb 9:26,28). There is no end to how much we can meditate on this love of Christ for us.

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux said that whenever he looked at the crucifix the wounds of Christ seemed like lips speaking to him saying, "I love you."**

What motivates us? Is it God's love for us or our love of ourselves, true love or distorted love? When we come to realize how much God loves us then we do not love ourselves in a distorted way as did the scribes but the love of God heals and frees us to give of ourselves as did the two widows.

In today's Gospel Jesus taught his disciples a dramatic lesson in generous giving with love and devotion. Love doesn't calculate - it spends lavishly! Jesus drove this point home to his disciples while sitting in the temple and observing people offering their tithes. Jesus praised a poor widow who gave the smallest of coins in contrast with the rich who gave greater sums. **How can someone in poverty give more than someone who has ample means? Jesus' answer is very simple - love is more precious than gold!**

Jesus taught that real giving must come from the heart. A gift that is given with a grudge or for display loses most of its value. But a gift given out of love, with a spirit of generosity and sacrifice, is invaluable. The amount or size of the gift doesn't matter as much as the cost to the giver. The poor widow could have kept one of her coins, but instead she recklessly gave away all she had! Jesus praised someone who gave barely a penny - how insignificant a sum - because it was everything she had, her whole living. What we have to offer may look very small and not worth much, but if we put all we have at the Lord's disposal, no matter how insignificant it may seem, then God can do with it and with us what is beyond our reckoning. **Do we know the joy and freedom of giving freely to God and to neighbor with gratitude and love?**

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSION – MONDAY – 7PM – 8PM – OLM CHURCH!!!

Saint Alphonsus Liguori...wrote: *"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us". The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace... In the course of the day the faithful should not omit visiting the Blessed Sacrament..."* **COME AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD**

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION – FRIDAY – 3PM – OLM CHURCH

**"At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the**

hour of great mercy ... In this hour I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." (Diary 1320).

### MASS FOR THE UNBORN – NOV 17TH – 10AM – CATHEDRAL IN PATERSON

On Saturday, November 17th in the Cathedral Bishop Serratelli will celebrate Holy Mass in the intention of the unborn children. Please join our bishop and our diocese when we pray for the unborn and culture of life in our country. The Catholic Church teaches that every human being has a right to a full human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

*"It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop."*  
*Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life*

### NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

We should pray for the dead throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death, but in this Month of the Holy Souls, we should devote some time every day to prayer for the dead. We should start with those closest to us—our mother and father, for instance—but we should also offer prayers for all the souls, and especially for those most forsaken. **DO NOT FORGET TO GET A MASS INTENTION (MASS CARD) FOR YOUR LOVED ONE DURING THIS MONTH.**

For all who have died from our parish and our families:

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

*St. Mark – pray for us...*

*Our Lady of The Mountain – pray for us...*

*Fr. Marcin*

### 2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

#### Here I Am, Lord!

With the help of funding from the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests retirement residence, has been a home over the years for a number of our priests. These priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. The Appeal also helps in providing financial support for the extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is a concrete way to acknowledge our priests decades of faithful service to our Church. Please make a gift to the annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2018appeal.org](http://www.2018appeal.org)

**FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...**

**St. Margaret Mary Alacoque – October 16**  
Nun and Mystic (1647 – 1690)

St. Margaret Mary, a Visitation nun who lived in seventeenth-century France, was largely responsible for popularizing devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It was soon after her entry into the Visitation convent at Paray-le-Monial that she received the first of a series of revelations from Jesus. He told her that she would be the instrument for spreading the love of his Sacred Heart – an emblem of God's love and compassion for humanity – and making it known in the world.

The young nun's superiors were not persuaded by her reports of these visions. Instead, they treated her with disdain. A panel of theologians determined she was delusional. Eventually, however, she won the

support of a new confessor, St. Claude La Colombiere, who fully embraced her message and encouraged her to continue with her mission. Nevertheless, her presence in the community continued to provoke mixed feeling, with many of the sisters believing the worst about her.

St. Margaret Mary died on October 17, 1690. The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was established in 1856 by Pope Pius IX. Margaret Mary was canonized in 1920, and in a 1928 encyclical, Pope Pius XI affirmed the credibility of her visions.

“The divine heart is an ocean full of all good things wherein poor souls can cast all their needs; it is an ocean full of joy to drown all our sadness ... an ocean of love in which to submerge our poverty.”

- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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

### **The Liturgical Celebration of the Eucharist**

My dear brothers and sisters for the celebration of the Eucharistic, Christians come together in one place for the Eucharistic assembly. At its head is Christ himself, the principal agent of the Eucharist. He is high priest of the New Covenant; it is he himself who presides invisibly over every Eucharistic celebration. It is in representing him that the bishop or priest acting in the person of Christ the head (*in persona Christi capitis*) presides over the assembly, speaks after the readings, receives the offerings, and says the Eucharistic Prayer. All have their own active parts to play in the celebration, each in his own way: readers, those who bring up the offerings, those who give communion, and the whole people whose "Amen" manifests their participation.

The Liturgy of the Word includes "the writings of the prophets," that is, the Old Testament, and "the memoirs of the apostles" (*their letters and the Gospels*). After the homily, which is an exhortation to accept this Word as what it truly is, the Word of God, and to put it into practice, come the intercessions for all men, according to the Apostle's words: "*I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings, and all who are in high positions.*"

The presentation of the offerings (the Offertory). Then, sometimes in procession, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; they will be offered by the priest in the name of Christ in the Eucharistic sacrifice in which they will become his body and blood. It is the very action of Christ at the Last Supper - "*taking the bread and a cup.*" "*The Church alone offers this pure oblation to the Creator, when she offers what comes forth from his creation with thanksgiving.*" The presentation of the offerings at the altar takes up the gesture of Melchizedek and commits the Creator's gifts into the hands of Christ who, in his sacrifice, brings to perfection all human attempts to offer sacrifices. God bless you.

## **PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS...**

- St. Mark's will be having two days in November when **Mama's Pizza and Café Baci** will donate 10% of your lunch or dinner check. Dine-in or take-out to the church. If you are available, please bring the small flyer available in the gathering space with you to Mama's on **November 12 & 13**.
- **AMAZON SMILES-YOU SHOP AMAZON DONATES...**  
Buy your gifts and essentials at smile.amazon.com during the Christmas season and all year round! You shop. Amazon donates. Here's how: Visit smile.amazon.com to complete your Christmas and year round shopping. Type in "St. Mark the Evangelist Church Long Valley, NJ" under "Select a Charity". 0.5% of your purchase goes to St. Mark's at no cost to you!
- **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

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

***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, Elaine 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

*Community News* 

## **12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WEST MORRIS CENTRAL MEMORIAL 5k RUN/WALK AKA TURKEY TROT...**

The WMC Turkey Trot is a community event held Thanksgiving Day, November 22, at the WMC high school athletic field and campus. The race and walk begin at 9am, rain or shine. Participants should register prior to the race at [www.wmcturkeytrot.com](http://www.wmcturkeytrot.com) or the facebook page: facebook.com/WMC memorial. Walk-on registrants are welcome. Questions? Call Ed Murray 908-768-9992