

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

November 25, 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Saturday, November 24

5:30 pm For Bill Kuhl by Burke Family

Sunday, November 25

9:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's

11:00 am For Beth Sackner by McLoughlin Family

Monday, November 26

8:45 am For Fr. Edward Collins

Tuesday, November 27

8:45 am For Thomas Tell by Parishioners of St. Mark's

Wednesday, November 28

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

Thursday, November 29

8:45 am For Fr. Robert Gordon

Saturday, December 1

5:30 pm For Raymond Anthony McCarthy Jr. by McGrath Family

Sunday, December 2

9:00 am For William McNally by Skoczylas Family

11:00 am For Dorothy LaMalfa by McDermott Family

For Anamaria Markle by Lennon Family

**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

December 1, 2, 2018

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Slawomir Tomaszewski

Lector: Rhianna Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Scarda

Altar Servers: Teagan Daniels, Lillyana DiPietro

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: Emily & Gabriella Nowak

Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Labue, Diane Herzog

Altar Server: Piper Heike

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, November 26

8:45 am Mass

4:30 pm CEC K-5

7:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 27

8:45 am Mass

6:15 pm Family Faith Formation

8:00 pm K of C Meeting

Wednesday, November 28

8:45 am Mass

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, November 29

8:45 am Mass

Friday, November 30

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 1

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 2

SYM Classes and Rite of the Covenant at the 11 am mass

9:00 & 11:00 am Mass

4:00 pm St. Mark Christmas Concert

WEEKLY COLLECTION

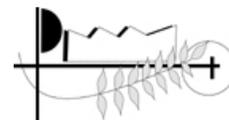
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November 18, 2018: \$ Figures not available	November 19, 2017: \$ Figures not available
Supermarket Gift Cards: Figures not available	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

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 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 we celebrate the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe. Who or what comes first in your life? Our celebration of Jesus Christ as King today means that we place Jesus first in our lives at all times. On this last Sunday of this liturgical year before Advent begins next Sunday we celebrate publicly that Jesus is first in our lives. We could say today is really a celebration of the first commandment, "I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me." In today's Gospel Jesus shows us one way to put him first. He says: "...Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice..." So putting Jesus first means listening to his voice of truth and then living by his truth. In everything we think and do and say let us listen to the voice of Jesus. We begin making Jesus King of our lives by firstly making Jesus King of our minds and then King of our actions.

In today's Gospel Jesus declares before Pilate that his kingdom does not belong to this world. Jesus admits that he is a King, but not in our normal understanding. He is King because he testifies to the truth and everyone who belongs to the truth listens to Jesus. How do we ensure that we are on the side of truth and belong to Jesus? Pope Pius XI in his encyclical wrote:

"If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth...it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls..."
(Pius XI *Quas Primas* 33, emphasis mine.)

Our celebration today is a joyful celebration because Jesus is not like kings of earthly kingdoms who may be remote from their people. Jesus is close to us, he walks by our side, he lifts us up when we need help, he gave his life for us. Our celebration of Jesus Christ as King today means that we place Jesus first in our lives at all times. We put Jesus first in our lives and make him King of our lives, firstly in our minds and then in our actions. We make Jesus King of our minds by blocking out voices that are contrary to Jesus and filling our minds with what would please Jesus. When we make Jesus King of our minds it is much easier to make Jesus King of our actions. We make Jesus King of our actions when we have decisions to make and we choose the option that would most please Jesus.

Let us ask ourselves if Jesus reigns in our minds, reigns in our wills and desires, reigns in our hearts, and reigns in our bodies. Is Jesus the first and the last, the Alpha and Omega, over everything in our lives? If Jesus is not our King, let us once again today place Jesus first in our lives and ask his forgiveness.

Next Sunday we already begin our preparation for Christmas with 1st Sunday of Advent.

ADVENT REFLECTION WITH FR. MARCIN

Wednesday night – OLM Parish Center – 7:00pm

November 28th, December 5th, 12th and 18th (last session on Tuesday because Wednesday Dec. 19th is our ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE). I would like to focus on the Gospel reading from the coming Sunday and the nature of the Season of Advent.

Save the date and join me and others for this Advent reflection. Let us together prepare a way for our Lord Jesus!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION – Dec.1st - OLM CHURCH

9:10 am – confession, 9:30 am – Rosary and meditation, 10:00 am – Holy Mass.

DECEMBER 8TH – REFLECTION DAY FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, AND LECTORS.

Dear Eucharist Ministers and lectors and all those who would like to do this beautiful ministry join us for ADVENT REFLECTION DAY. We begin with rosary at 9:45am followed by Holy Mass and short reflection and meeting afterwards).

December 8th is also a Holy day of Obligation – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (It is a National Feast Day). Your presence in church on this day is very important.

St Mark's – Vigil Mass (Friday, November 7th) – 7PM and on Saturday - 10AM

OLM – Vigil Mass (Friday, November 7th) – 4:30pm and 7pm and on Saturday at 9:30am.

PLEASE REMEMBER: SATURDAY VIGIL MASS DOES NOT COUNT FOR A HOLY DAY. IT IS ALREADY SUNDAY MASS!!!

Thank you very much for your kindness, offerings and prayers. God bless you.

St. Mark pray for us...

Our Lady of the Mountain pray for us...

Fr. Marcin

2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Here I Am, Lord!

This time of year, as we come together to celebrate Thanksgiving, please consider making a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal as a way to give thanks for our many blessings. Each year, tens of thousands of people in profound need seek out the services of our Catholic Charities and, with the help of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, they find an open door and a compassionate response. Please make a pledge to our Bishop's Annual Appeal today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

St. Catharine Laboure

Visionary (1806-1876) November 28

St. Catherine spent most of her life as a humble member of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in convents in Paris and later Enghien-Reuilly. Her superiors describes her as "insignificant, cold, almost apathetic." She spent the last forty-five years of her life working in and eventually directing all operations of a nursing home for elderly men run by her order. But it is for the first year of her religious life, in 1830, and the extraordinary series of visions she experienced that year, that Catherine is remembered.

In one vision she saw the Blessed Mother standing on a globe with shafts of light emanating from her hands. Surrounding the image were the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." When the Blessed Mother turned about,

Catherine saw the letter M with a cross above and two hearts below. She heard a voice instruct her to have this image struck as a medal with the promise that those who wore it would receive favors through Mary's intercession.

Her confessor secured permission from the archbishop of Parish to strike such a medal. The "miraculous medal" became vastly popular, worn by millions. Catherine, however, refused to speak publicly of her visions to anyone but her confessor, and she rejected any special attention. Only after her death, on December 31, 1876, did the world learn of her role in promoting the famous medal. She was canonized in 1947.

"One must see God everyone."

-St. Catherine Laboure

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

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

The Sacramental Sacrifice Thanksgiving, Memorial, Presence

My dear brothers and sisters from the beginning Christians have celebrated the Eucharist and in a form whose substance has not changed despite the great diversity of times and liturgies, it is because we know ourselves to be bound by the command the Lord gave on the eve of his Passion: *"Do this in remembrance of me."*

We carry out this command of the Lord by celebrating the memorial of his sacrifice. In so doing, we offer to the Father what he has himself given us: the gifts of his creation, bread and wine which, by the power of the Holy Spirit and by the words of Christ, have become the body and blood of Christ. Christ is thus really and mysteriously made present.

We must therefore consider the Eucharist as: - thanksgiving and praise to the Father;

- The sacrificial memorial of Christ and his Body;

- The presence of Christ by the power of his word and of his Spirit.

Thanksgiving and praise to the Father

The Eucharist, the sacrament of our salvation accomplished by Christ on the cross, is also a sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for the work of creation. In the Eucharistic sacrifice the whole of creation loved by God is presented to the Father through the death and the Resurrection of Christ. Through Christ the Church can offer the sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for all that God has made good, beautiful, and just in creation and in humanity.

God bless you.

WALK FOR LIFE...

The Long Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a bus trip to Washington DC for "Walk for Life" on Friday, January 18th. Bus will be leaving from the Chester Shoprite. Time and cost to be determined. If you are interested please contact Mike Lennon at mike.lennon@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AUCTION & DINNER...

Long Valley K of C presents our 27th Annual Sharing The Season Community Benefit Auction & Dinner on Saturday, December 1st at St. Luke's Church 265 W. Mill Rd. Long Valley. Silent Auction begins at 6 pm, Live Auction at 8 pm. \$25 Admission/\$35 at the door. Includes a Sumptuous Dinner Buffet provided by Valley Caterers Beer, Wine, Beverages, coffee and desserts. For info visit www.auctionzip.com or call 973-975-8684. Tickets available this weekend after all masses.

PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS...

- **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, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Jerry Green, Barbara Gotterdam, David Guemond,, 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, , 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 Senfingier, George Sentfinge, Bill Siegrist, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, Cindy Sullivan, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau,, Patricia Villano, Anne Walsh