

# Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

July 24, 2016

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saturday, July 23**

5:30 pm For Peace

**Sunday, July 24**

8:00 am For Justice & Freedom from Oppression  
 9:30 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's  
 11:00 am For Barbara Noyces by Madaras Family

**Monday, July 25**

8:45 am For Joanne Burns

**Tuesday, July 26**

8:45 am For Grandmothers

**Wednesday, July 27**

8:45 am For John Grieve by Stokes Family

**Saturday, July 30**

5:30 pm For Lillian Templeton by Anne rosella & Family

**Sunday, July 31**

8:00 am For Richard Decker by Dawn & Danielle Pressi  
 9:30 am For Peace  
 11:00 am For Genevieve Juliano by Mary Marino

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
 July 30, 31, 2016**

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Bob Diachek, Deacon Jim Jones  
**Greeter:** Help Needed  
**Lector:** Daniel & Isabella DiLizia  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Scarda  
**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday, 8:00 am**

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode  
**Greeter:** Help Needed  
**Lector:** Jim Scott  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carne Purwin, Sue Clark  
**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday 9:30 am**

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Tom Gibbons  
**Greeter:** Help Needed  
**Lector:** Katie Van Woert  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Tony Piombino  
**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday 11:00 am**

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode  
**Greeter:** Help Needed  
**Lector:** Dina Carmelengo  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Saige Mitchell, Liam McLoughlin  
**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**

**Altar Breads & Wine** – In loving memory of Patsy & Philip Marchese by Marchese family.

**Sanctuary Lamp** – In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone by Corry and Benardone families.

**Mass Candles:** For Harmony in the World by Skoczylas Family

**OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PARISH**

**Saturday, July 30**

5:00 pm Celebrant: Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Deacon Nick Ardito  
 7:00 pm Celebrant: Rev. Ed Davey

**Sunday, July 31**

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky  
 9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky  
 10:45 am Celebrant: Rev. John Andrew Connell  
 12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. John Andrew Connell, Deacon Bob Head

**ST. MARK'S NEEDS \$5,280 PER WEEK TO MEET  
 OUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION**

Current Year	Last Year 2015
July 17, 2016: \$1,550 Envelopes used: 41	July 19, 2015: \$3,892 Envelopes used: 65
Extended Catholic Obligations: \$448 Envelopes used: 22	Extended Catholic Obligations \$437 Envelopes used: 21
<b>Supermarket Gift Cards</b> July 17, 2016 Sales: \$3,120 Profit: \$156.00 YTD Profit: \$3,723.50 # of Families: 13	St. Mark's Faith Direct church code is NJ484

**FAITH DIRECT...**

Thank you for being a part of our St. Mark the Evangelist family. I appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. Your active participation in the life of our parish helps us to fulfill our vision and mission.

This summer, I pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy and peace of being with family and friends. Please consider that St. Mark the Evangelist continues to be open for Mass, numerous activities and the Sacraments. During these summer months your generosity through *Faith Direct* can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries.

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. Joe





## PSALM 69

"I pray to you, O Lord for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O Lord, for bounteous is your kindness: in your great mercy turn toward me. I am afflicted and in pain; let your saving help, O God, protect me." The psalms (150 of them) are a source of comfort and a way of prayer. Sometimes just turning to God in times of stress, violence, at times when we feel we are unable to respond, praying the psalms bring comfort. A summer suggestion for you – become familiar with the book of Psalms in your bible. You might find you will be less stressed and more at peace. – The word of God can work wonders among us...Fr. Joe

## "THANK A COP" ...

For the next several weeks we will be collecting "Thank You" cards and notes from the parishioners at OLM, St. Marks and St. Luke's for our State and Local Police Officers. These cards and notes will be hand delivered to Police Departments in our area to express our appreciation for the sacrifices they make on our behalf. In light of the several murders of Police Officers over the past year and most recently the past two weeks, it is time for us to stand up and thank these fine men and women who are putting their lives on the line each and every day to protect us. They need to know that we are grateful for all they do.

There will be a bin in the Gathering Room for you to deposit your cards. If you would like to donate, we will also be accepting \$10.00 gift cards for places such as Dunkin Donuts, MacDonald's, Burger King, etc. to be distributed to the precincts along with the cards. If you have any questions you can contact Pam Hodgskin at 908-832-2965 or at <Hodgskin@yahoo.com>. Thank you for your kind consideration.

## NEXT SUNDAY --- A POT LUCK LUNCH...

July 31 at St. Mark's... "Kitchen Angels" are hosting a pot luck lunch on Sunday, July 31 after the 11 a.m. mass. They have invited the priests and deacons who help us at St Mark's. I am not sure how many will be able to attend due to their schedule. However, pot luck lunches bring the community together and this will be a time to just spend some nice time with each other too. The signup sheets are on the poster board in the gathering space sign up today!

**PARISH PICNIC PLANNING MEETING...**our parish picnic is going to take place on **Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>**. **We are having a planning meeting on this Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** in the gathering room. We always welcome new members who might like to help us. This is always a great day. We usually only have one meeting and through the next weeks we report via email. Join us!!

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...**"Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater developments and greater riches and so on, so that children have very little time for their parents. Parents have very little time for each other, and in the home begins the disruption of peace in the world." Mother Teresa of Calcutta

**FR DAN ...** I visited with him on Tuesday. He is making slow progress with his recovery from recent neck surgery. There is a basket in the lobby if you would like to send Fr. Dan a get well card or note. We will make sure they get to him.

**"THE JOY OF LOVE"... AN EXHORTATION BY POPE FRANCIS ISSUED MARCH 19, 2016.** The past several weeks I have included excerpts from the fourth chapter of Pope Francis' exhortation wherein Pope Francis has been reflecting on the words of St. Paul from the first letter to the Corinthians (chapter 12) "Love is patient....etc". Pope Francis reflects on these various characteristics of love that Paul wrote about to the early Christians. We are at the end today of this as we offer the Pope's reflection on the last of the characteristics that Paul writes on love. Love endures all things. In sections 118 and 119 of his exhortation Pope Francis offers this comment on "Love endures all things..." The pope writes from the point of view that because love endures all things it will conquer all that is evil.

Pope Francis writes: "Love endures every trial with a positive attitude. It not only tolerates certain aggravations...but it is at the constant readiness to confront any challenge. It is a love that never gives up even in the darkest hour...when you come to the point that you look in the face of every man and see deep down within him what religion calls the 'image of God' you begin to love him in spite of everything...when you rise to the level of love, of its great beauty and power, you seek only to defeat evil... Somewhere, somebody must with a little sense and that is the strong person... The strong person is the one who cuts off the chain of evil. Somebody must have religion enough and morality enough to cut it off and inject within the very structure of the universe that strong and powerful element of love. "

If you have never read a papal document I would urge you to get a copy of this exhortation entitled "The Joy of Love "Amoris Laetitia. It is very easy to read and it can bring a lot of good reflection into your relationships. I only presented excerpts from chapter 4. There are 9 chapters and the pope's reflections are especially relevant for singles, couples and families with children. You can purchase it on Amazon. You can go to the website [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) on the very top of the page click on the word "store" and you will see the book right on top of the page and you can place your order.

## WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

Christ Jesus gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people. One enters into the People of God by faith and Baptism. All men are called to belong to the new People of God, so that, in Christ, men may form one family and one People of God. Catechism of the Catholic Church 802-804

## MEN OF THE PARISH...Save the date...

**Don't make excuses...men too need some time to find themselves in a quiet setting...More information will be forthcoming but save the date...**The Paterson Diocese First Men's Conference will be held Sat., Oct. 15th at Saint Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

## FOOD PANTRY ....

### PLANNING YOUR VACATION?

Remember that hunger doesn't take a vacation! Before you go, please consider donating some non-perishable food items to the Long Valley Food Pantry. They are most in need of baby food/formula, toothpaste/toothbrushes, hot cereals/pancake mix/syrup, and fruit juices (non-perishable). Then have a wonderful trip

#### 4 - DAY WALKING PILGRIMAGE...

Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Great Meadows, NJ will host a spiritual 4-day Walking Pilgrimage on August 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, from our church in NJ to Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA. Walkers range from infants to people well into their 70's. You may join our spiritual trip any day of the journey and for as many days as you wish. Register by mail before July 31st for the discounted prices. More information can be found on [www.walkingpilgrimage.us](http://www.walkingpilgrimage.us), or call 908-637-4269

#### HUMAN TRAFFICKING...

Sat. July 30 is World Day against Trafficking in Persons designated by the United Nations General Assembly in Dec. 2013. "Every country must join together to overcome this transnational threat by supporting and protecting victims while pursuing and prosecuting the criminals. Let us resolve to act as one in the name of justice and dignity of all." UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon. Access the website: [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org) - U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking to learn more.

#### UPDATE ON SHOES FOR GHANA...

Several weeks ago both parishes of OLM and St. Mark's contributed shoes for the children of Ghana. Here is an update report that was sent to me. About two weeks ago the barrels and five boxes of shoes arrived in Ghana and cleared their port customs. On July 12th the school headmaster traveled by overnight bus to Accra, the capitol of Ghana to arrange to transport them back to the village 170 miles away. They arrived intact and last week the local school officials began the process of identifying the children most in need who will benefit from your donations. The shoe distribution was scheduled for July 19th...thank you for your generosity.

#### OPENING FOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL....

**The deadline for applications is July 25, 2016.**

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Paterson is seeking applicants for an elementary school principal at St. Pius X School, Montville. Saint Pius X School is a co-educational elementary school, preschool through eighth grade. Information about the opening and the application materials can be found at <http://www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings>.

#### ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you have not received Holy Communion and/or Confirmation would you like to learn more about how this can be done as an adult? Do you know any neighbors who have expressed an interest in the Catholic Church...then invite them to join our group of inquirers.

The RCIA team is holding a Summer Sunday Series that will prepare inquirers to become candidates and catechumens for the start of our program in October 2016. **We will be meeting the second Sunday of the month at Our Lady of the Mountain church on August 14 and September 11.** As a group we will attend the 9:15 AM Mass at OLM. We want all of you to feel comfortable and meet our RCIA TEAM and fellow family members. We will sit as a group in the front pews of OLM. All of your family is invited to attend mass and our short class afterwards. Mass is 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM and then we will go to the parish office or parish center from 10:30 to 11:15 AM for a discussion on the readings that you just heard at mass. This program will gradually acclimate you to learn how our RCIA program operates, some of the topics we will discuss in classes and meet our instructors. If interested call parish office 908- 850- 0652.



*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, John Andaloro, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Baby Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Daniel DePaul, Krish Dharia, Charles & Ellen Eichler, Connie Elliott, Rick & Nicholas Fania, Larry Fine, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, William Heimsly, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Claudia Kallmeyer, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Lenore, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Helene Mackie, Wayne Marks, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene Madelyn S., Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Piloni, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Kurt Shubert, Rhonda Soto, Judy Stone, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### PEACH FESTIVAL ... August 6, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Community Presbyterian Church – Chester - cleaning out closets? Having a garage sale? Moving? Downsizing? Community Presbyterian Church will be happy to accept your leftover items. Donations will be accepted through mid- July. Donation items can be dropped off beginning at 8:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church 220 Main St. Chester, NJ. Call 908 879-5091 for information and also for possible furniture pick up.

#### PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS...

St. Mary's R. C. Church (Assumption) 302 High Street, Hackettstown. Learning to live by learning to pray. Are you seeking Peace? You will find it by learning the art of praying. 15 free 2 hour sessions. Start Date: August 18<sup>th</sup>. Frequency: Weekly – Every Thursday from 7 pm to 9 pm. For information call Maureen Toyé (908) 235-6107 [maureentoye@gmail.com](mailto:maureentoye@gmail.com) or Fanny Magdaleno (908) 852-4680 [magdalenonynj@gmail.com](mailto:magdalenonynj@gmail.com) or [www.tovpil.org](http://www.tovpil.org) to find out more.

#### ANNUAL JON SLUSHER 5K RUN/WALK...

This year's race will take place on Sunday, Oct. 9, fees are \$25 before Oct. 1, \$30 after Oct. 1. Families of 4, \$40. Kids 8 and under \$5. Proceeds go to the Jonathan Slusher Memorial Scholarship Foundation. To register on line: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Califon/JonSlusher5K> For more information: Shirley Slusher (908) 832-7383 Email: [slushersm@comcast.net](mailto:slushersm@comcast.net)

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