

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

September 24, 2017

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, September 23

5:30 pm For Megan McQuaide by Lennon Family

Sunday, September 24

8:00 am For Deacon John Meyer, 1st anniversary by K of C

9:30 am For Tom Mackie by Stokes Family

11:00 am For Betty Meyer by Monteverde Family

Monday, September 25

8:45 am For Mary Rayburn by Dondero Family

Tuesday, September 26

8:45 am For

Wednesday, September 27

8:45 am For Katherine Zera by Stores Family

Saturday, September 30

5:30 pm For Megan McQuaide by Kathy Woeste

Sunday, October 1

8:00 am For Jack Crowley by Nugent Family

9:30 am For Pasquale Clemente by Silver Family

11:00 am For Betty Meyer by Long Valley Knights of Columbus

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2016
September 17, 2017: \$2,150 Envelopes used: 25	September 18, 2016: \$2,241 Envelopes used: 52
Extended Catholic Obligations: \$755 Envelopes used: 25	Extended Catholic Obligations: \$593 Envelopes used: 24
Supermarket Gift Cards: September 17, 2017 Sales: \$2,690 Profit \$134.50 YTD Profit: \$5,496 2016 YTD Profit: \$4,760.50 # of Families: 16	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass.

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



Randi Alloway, Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, Bill Betz, Luz Bracero, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Bernie Cho, Arlene Cichlar, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Natalia Danilczuk, Krish Dharia, Catherine DiPasquale, Connie Elliott, Larry Fine, Tracey F, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Jerry Green, Barbara Gotterdam, Louie Gutierrez, Helen Greenly, Harper Lynn Granito, Regina Hague, Claudia Harrington, William Heimsly, Heather Henry, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Claudia Kallmeyer, Jim Karpinski, Kevin Kay, Russell H. Keller, Mary Koenig, Jean Koenig, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris,, Margaret Leon, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Wayne Marks, Anthony Marino, Norman Milz, Marie Molloy, Irene, Madelyn S. Maruggi, Raymond McCarthy Jr., Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Edward Michonski, Sr., Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Jim Owens, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Pilosi, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner, Rev. Frank Rodimer, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Rev. Zbigniew Tyburski, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Mon, Sept. 25	8:45 am Daily Mass 7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting
Tues., Sept. 26	8:45 am Daily Mass 7:30 pm Choir 8:00 pm Knights of Columbus
Wed., Sept. 27	8:45 am Daily Mass 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
Thurs., Sept. 28	Office Closed
Fri., Sept 29	No events scheduled
Sat. Sept. 30	8:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Mass Columbiettes Candle Sale Diocesan collection for hurricane relief
Sun., Oct. 1	8, 9:30, 11 am Mass Diocesan collection for hurricane relief Pet blessing 12:15 pm in parking lot



NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE RELIEF. THIS IS A DIOCESAN WIDE COLLECTION BY ALL PARISHES IN THE PATERSON DIOCESE.

FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,

We celebrate the Lord's Day on this 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard means different things to different people. I like to see the parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard as Jesus teaching us about being called by God and staying close to God when called. Whether we receive the call to work in God's vineyard later in the day because of drama in our lives, or received it early in the day, we are all alike in need for reflecting on the love of God so that we can fruitfully serve the loving God who called us.

In this parable we see the extraordinary generosity and compassion of God. There is great tragedy in unemployment, the loss of work, and the inability to earn enough to live and support oneself or one's family. In Jesus' times laborers had to wait each day in the marketplace until someone hired them for a day's job. No work that day usually meant no food on the family table. The laborers who worked all day and received their payment complained that the master pays the late afternoon laborers the same wage. The master, hired them in the late afternoon so they wouldn't go home payless and hungry.

If you feel that life has been unfair to you, the Bible has much to teach us to heal our attitudes. In many places the Bible teaches us that we are to give thanks to God at all times in all circumstances. In Eph 5:20 we read, "Always and everywhere give thanks to God who is our Father." In 1 Thes 5:16-18 we read, "Be happy at all times; pray constantly and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus." In Col 3:17 we read, "Whatever you say or do, let it be in the name of the Lord Jesus, in thanksgiving to God the Father through him." So even when others prosper or have more success or better chances, what can we do? We can give thanks to God for the blessings he has given to them and the blessings he has given to us.

If others have more than you, it does not mean that God loves you less. God loves each of us specially. In the parable, the landowner - representing God - said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you." God is our friend and is not unjust to us. God deals differently with each of us because God loves each of us in the way that God knows best for us and his kingdom.

God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have labored a life-time for him and those who come at the last hour. The Lord Jesus calls each one of us to serve God and his kingdom with joy and zeal and to serve our neighbor with a generous spirit as well. The Lord Jesus wants to fill each one of us with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit so we can bear great fruit for God's kingdom (the fruit of peace, joy, righteousness, and love) and also bring the fruit of his kingdom to our neighbor as well. We labor for the Lord to bring him praise, honor, and glory. And we labor for our neighbor for their welfare with the same spirit of loving-kindness and compassion which the Lord has shown to us. Paul the Apostle reminds us, "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not others, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward - you are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24).

Do you perform your daily tasks and responsibilities with cheerfulness and diligence for the Lord's sake? And do you give generously to others, especially to those in need of your care and support?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may serve you joyfully and serve my neighbor willingly with a generous heart, not looking for how much I can get, but rather looking for how much I can give."

*OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...
ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...*

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In Giving, We Receive

The vital work of our Church supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal is only as successful as the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. Your support helps bring hope to those who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence and our inner-city area schools.

Every gift counts! Saint Teresa once wrote that "we feel what we are doing is a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop." Our Bishop's Annual Appeal is able to do that much more with whatever you are able to give. Please help make 2017 the year that our Bishop's Annual Appeal does even more for people in profound need.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON OCTOBER 21ST 2017 LAST CALL TO SIGN UP!!!

I would like to encourage you once again to join our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington on Saturday, October 21st. The pilgrimage gives everyone the opportunity to pray together as one diocese in our nation's largest Church. The day includes mass with the Bishop, and priests of the diocese, spiritual devotions, and prayers, as well as the opportunity for Holy Confession. Please sign up on the list which is located in the gathering space. . We need to have final sign-ups and money collected by Fri., October 6th.

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 - 2:00-3:30 PM...

Washington – Planned Parenthood, 66 East Washington Ave.
Great Meadows – St. Peter & Paul Church, 360 US Highway 46.
LIFE CHAIN is a prayerful public expression of support for unborn children. With God's help, we can change hearts and minds. Life chain is not picketing or a demonstration, it is a prayerful presence, expands Pro-Life awareness in the community. Rain or Shine... Bring your whole family More info www.NationalLifeChain.org/ or 908-454-9880

THANK YOU...

Thank you very much to everyone who generously made donations for the Liturgical items that I requested for our parish. We now have commitments for all the items. I truly appreciate your support and I will let everyone know when the items arrive.
Thank you and God Bless. Fr. Marcin

BLESSING OF PETS...

Next Sunday, October 1 in honor of St. Francis of Assisi (Feast Day Oct. 4) we will hold the blessing of the pets at 12:15 pm in the parking lot. If you attend the 11:00am mass this will give you a few minutes to get home and bring your pet back to church. This is a nice tradition that is done worldwide to recognize our pets as part of God's creation.

FROM FR. SLAWEK...

Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest September 27th

Vincent de Paul was born to a peasant family in Gascony. Though he later achieved fame for his dedication to the poor, his early life was spent in a determined struggle to escape his humble roots. For this goal, he chose a career in the priesthood. After ordination, his charm and social skills gained him entry into the highest levels of society. A turning point came in midlife, when he was summoned to hear the dying confession of a peasant. He was struck as never before by the seriousness of his vocation and determined afterward that his priesthood would be dedicated to service of the poor.

Eventually he established a mission congregation – later known as the Vincentians – and, with St. Louise de Marillac, founded the Daughters of Charity to serve the poor and sick. There were few charitable projects in which Vincent was not engaged. He founded hospitals and orphanages as well as homes for the humane care of the mentally infirm. He ministered to prisoners and galley slaves and became, already in his lifetime, something of a legend. The rich and powerful vied to endow his projects, while the poor accepted his as one of their own. His spirituality was based on the encounter with Christ in the needs of one's neighbors. As he instructed his priests and sisters, "The poor are your masters and you are their servants."

He died on September 27, 1660, at the age of eighty. He was later named patron of all charitable societies.

"I am for God and the poor." St. Vincent de Paul

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The First Commandment

You shall love the lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Let us continue our learning from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The first commandment forbids honoring gods other than the one Lord who has revealed himself to his people. It proscribes superstition and irreligion. Superstition in some sense represents a perverse excess of religion; irreligion is the vice contrary by defect to the virtue of religion. According to the catechism, "Idolatry not only refers to false pagan worship. It remains a constant temptation to faith. Idolatry consists in divinizing what is not God. Man commits idolatry whenever he honors and reveres a creature in place of God, whether this be gods or demons (for example, Satanism), power, pleasure, race, ancestors, the state, money, etc. Jesus says, "You cannot serve God and mammon." Many martyrs died for not adoring "the Beast" refusing even to simulate such worship. Idolatry rejects the unique Lordship of God; it is therefore incompatible with communion with God". Also divination and magic is against the first commandment. God can reveal the future to his prophets or to other saints. Still, a sound Christian attitude consists in putting oneself confidently into the hands of Providence for whatever concerns the future, and giving up all unhealthy curiosity about it. Improvidence, however, can constitute a lack of responsibility. All practices of magic or sorcery, by which one attempts to tame occult powers, so as to place them at one's service and have a supernatural power over others - even if this were for the sake of restoring their health - are gravely contrary to the virtue of religion. These practices are even

more to be condemned when accompanied by the intention of harming someone, or when they have recourse to the intervention of demons. Let us adore Him with all our hearts.

YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER...

The Long Valley Columbiettes will be selling Yankee Candles after all masses Sept. 30/Oct 1 in the gathering space. Orders also can be taken at www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and please use our group #99209483. There is a beautiful selection available for the fall and Christmas holidays. Proceeds benefit scholarships, veterans, food pantry, VBS etc. Thank you for your support.

LONG VALLEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OPEN HOUSE...

The Long Valley K of C will be holding an open house after all masses, October 8th, at Our Lady of the Mountain. The entire family is welcome to enjoy pastries and beverages, as you learn about the many Knights of Columbus programs that benefit our community, and how you can join our ranks. We hope to see you there! "

ATTENTION GARDENERS...

Please join us for St. Mark's Garden Clean-up Day on Saturday, **October 14 starting at 8 AM.** We will be cutting down the grasses and removing some weeds so that the church looks great and is ready for winter. Please bring gardening tools. If you would like to donate financially to help, please let me know. I appreciate your support. Thank you. Kim Dunn 908-813-2495

FUNDRAISING HELP NEEDED...

Want to help St. Mark's with some improvements and financial obligations? Have a great idea for some fund-raising? Please join us on **Tuesday, October 3 at 7 pm** at St. Marks. Fr. Marcin would like to get a group together to institute some long term and short term fundraising plans. We are looking for thinkers and doers. All are welcome. Thank you for your support. Kim Dunn

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY...

The Knights of Columbus will be having an eyeglass recycling container in St. Mark's gathering space from now through October 1. Please donate your used eyeglasses which will be given to the needy.

3RD ANNUAL SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY MOTORCYCLE CHARITY RUN...

Saturday, Sept. 30th (rain date Sat., Oct. 21) St. Luke's Church, LV. Time: 9am Registration begins, 9:30-9:45am Bike Blessings. 10 am kickstands up. Donation: \$10 per bike; \$5 for passengers. All proceeds benefit the St. Luke Special Needs Ministry for children and adults having physical and developmental needs, regardless of religious affiliation. Ride will be approximately 3 hours. For info call or text Bob (908) 413-2650.

OLM ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY ...

All women of OLM & St. Mark are invited Tuesday, October 3rd, at 7:15 P.M. The evening starts with praying the Rosary, attending Mass, then refreshments and meeting. But most of all fellowship with other women of all generations. Come reconnect with friends, come make new friends, just come and see what the society is all about. No commitment. Dues are \$15 and can be paid at the meeting. For more info. Call Linda Richartz, President 908-876-9601.

