

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

July 10, 2016

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, July 9

5:30 am For Kimberly Lewis by Daniel & Launy Huntz Family

Sunday, July 10

8:00 am For Peace

9:30 am For St. Mark's Parishioners

11:00 am For Frank Stetz by Schmitt Family

Monday, July 11

8:45 am For Teachers

Tuesday, July 12

8:45 am For Travelers

Wednesday, July 13

8:45 am For Peace in the World

Thursday, July 14

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

Saturday, July 16

5:30 pm For St. Mark's Families

Sunday, July 17

8:00 am For Vocations

9:30 am For Teresita Ybud Mancao by Dizon Family

11:00 am For St. Mark's Families

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 16, 17, 2016

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Bob Diachek

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Fred McQuaide

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Burke

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Tom Gibbon

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Bill & Amy Barron

Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras, Austin Harvey

Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 9:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Jim Jones

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Kevin Mullin

Eucharistic Minister: Paul & Gina Tupaczewski

Altar Servers: Hannah Tupaczewski

Sunday 11:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Help Needed

Lector: Emily & Gabriella Nowak

Eucharistic Ministers: Claire Liskiewicz, Lorraine Fleming

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 16

5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

7:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Sunday, July 17

7:45 am Celebrant: Rev. John Andrew Connell, Deacon Nick Ardito

9:15 am Celebrant: Rev. John Andrew Connell

10:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Peter MdHugh

12:15 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

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

Current Year	Last Year 2015
July 3, 2016: \$2,484 Envelopes used: 49	July 5, 2015: \$2,715 Envelopes used: 45
Parish Debt Reduction: \$666 Envelopes Used: 18	Parish Debt Reduction: \$855 Envelopes used: 23
Supermarket Gift Cards July 3, 2016 Sales: \$2,650 Profit: \$132.50 YTD Profit: \$3,405 # of Families: 9	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.

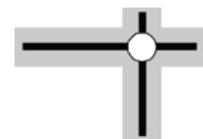
This summer, I pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy and peace of being with family and friends. Please consider that St. Mark the Evangelist continues to be open for Mass, numerous activities and the Sacraments. During these summer months your generosity through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

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ484

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,

Fr. Joe





NOTE FROM FATHER JOE - UPDATE:

Father Dan... I spoke with Fr. Dan on Sunday July 2nd....he was as upbeat as HE can be after neck surgery and having a brace around his neck. He is out of the hospital and recovering with a family friend. Please keep him in your prayers.

Father Slawek ... as I mentioned last week we were informed by Msgr. Hart, our Priest personnel director on June 28th that Fr. Slawek (along with some other newly ordained priests) are still in Poland due to the fact that their new visas have yet to arrive. We received further word last week that the process for getting new visas approved has been taking longer than the usual six months' time. The applications for the visas for the new priests were sent sometime in March. Msgr. Hart advised us that it might be until September that these might be approved. I will keep you informed if there is any further news.

A WEEK OF SAINTS....

This coming week has a number of feast days that we celebrate in the church. We sometimes forget that there are famous and not so famous saints who are held up to us as examples of faith. The feast of St. Benedict b. 480 the founder of the Benedictine order of priests is tomorrow July 11th the Benedictine community is known for education of youth and also for advances in liturgical music. July 13th St. Henry II succeeded his father in 995 and crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Benedict VIII in 1014. He was a true earthly ruler who cared for his people, especially the poor. He is the patron saint of disabled persons. July 14th we celebrate the feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, (the lily of the Mohawks) was born in Canada as a member of the Mohawk tribe. She converted to Christianity and served the sick among her own people. She was an example of Jesus in the midst of a lot of turmoil. July 15th St. Bonaventure was a Franciscan teacher and doctor of the church who taught in Paris. He is known for seeking unity among the Franciscan community and often is called the second founder of the Franciscans. July 16th is the feast day Our Lady of Mt Carmel (celebrating a monastery built on Mt. Carmel in northern Israel remembering the encounter of Prophet Elijah and his confronting the false prophets of his day. The devotion to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is very popular. The monastery is still in existence and is staffed by an order of religious sisters who welcome visitors to this holy shrine in Israel.

Did you ever think about you are called to be a saint by God that is the way to get to heaven. We might not be as famous as the saints recognized this week but we have our own story to write too. Hopefully it will be a life lived in faithfulness to God's way and in service to those who need us...Fr. Joe

“THE JOY OF LOVE”... AN EXHORTATION BY POPE FRANCIS ISSUED MARCH 19, 2016

In the bulletin for 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 nearing the end of this particular reflection as we offer the Pope's reflection on the second of the last four characteristics that Paul writes on love

St. Paul says “Love believes all things” in sections 114 and 115 of his exhortation Pope Francis offers this comment on Love believes all things... “Here belief is more in the sense of what we mean by trust. Such basic trust recognizes God's light shining beyond the darkness, like an ember glowing beneath the ash. This trust enables a relationship to be free. It means we do not have to control the other...Love trusts, its sets us free, it does not try to possess or dominate everything. This freedom fosters independence, an openness to the world around us and to new experiences, which can only enrich and expand relationships. The spouses then share with one another the joy of all they have received and leaned outside the family circle. This freedom makes for sincerity and transparency because they knew they are trusted and appreciated and can be open and hide nothing. A family marked by loving trust, come what may, helps its members to be themselves and spontaneously to reject deceit, falsehood and lies.”

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY...

“We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.”
—Pope Francis

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

Hope and faith can outshine the darkness of evil. However dense the darkness may appear, our hope for the triumph of the light is stronger still. Though violence continues to stain us with blood, the shadows of death can be dissipated with one act of light. -- from Faith Under: Dramatic Stories of Christian Courage by Matthew Archbold

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe: “Christ is the light of humanity; and it is, accordingly, the heart-felt desire of this sacred Council, being gathered together in the Holy Spirit, that, by proclaiming his Gospel to every creature, it may bring to all men that light of Christ which shines out visibly from the Church.” These words open the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. By choosing this starting point, the Council demonstrates that the article of faith about the Church depends entirely on the articles concerning Christ Jesus. The Church has no other light than Christ's; according to a favorite image of the Church Fathers, the Church is like the moon, all its light reflected from the sun.--- The Catechism of the Catholic Church 748.

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 Saturday, October 15th at Saint Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm





SAVE THE DATE

**ST MARK'S PARISH PICNIC...SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18 -
...AN AFTERNOON OF FOOD, FUN, GAMES, 50/50 RAFFLE.**

PRIEST APPRECIATION LUNCHEON...

St. Mark's is blessed to have the wonderful priests we have been given! Fr. Joe works, tirelessly, and sometimes with very little help, to make St. Mark's and OLM the wonderful parishes they are.

We have been blessed to receive the help of Fr. Dan, and we are getting ready to welcome Fr. Swazek to our parish families! Also, there have been many priests who have come to help us on a regular basis, or some for just a Mass or two...we will have an opportunity to meet and talk with them and our Deacons.

We are planning a pot-luck luncheon on Sunday, July 31 immediately following the 11:00am Mass in St. Mark's Hall, which we are calling Priest Appreciation Day. Sue Reilly and the Kitchen Angels (Holly Zimmerman, Eileen Stokes, Nora Goodman and Sharon Donovan) are orchestrating the food and set up. Please watch for sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space, if you wish to join us and bring a dish to share.

We think this is an awesome way to come together, enjoy each other, break bread and say a big "Thank You" to our wonderful priests. It will give us a chance to meet and welcome our newer clergy members, and to thank God for His many blessings through the vocations of these fine men.



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. A few of the items they are most in need of are baby food/formula, toothpaste/toothbrushes, hot cereals/pancake mix/syrup, and fruit juices (non-perishable). Then have a wonderful trip!

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.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER...

A parishioner from OLM who lives in the Independence area is looking for someone to come in a few hours a week for help in cleaning. If you are interested or know someone who might be please call the OLM church office 908-876-4395 for more information.



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, George Foehner, 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, 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 Pilosi, Clifford Reynolds, 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 from June 20 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. According to the method of Fr. Ignacio Larranaga. 15 free 2 hour sessions. Start Date: August 18th. Frequency: Weekly – Every Thursday from 7 pm to 9 pm. For information call Maureen Toye (908) 235-6107 maurentoye@gmail.com or Fanny Magdaleno (908) 852-4680 magdalenonynj@gmail.com or www.tovpil.org to find out more