

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

October 2, 2016

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, October 1

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village
5:30 pm For Anna & Walter Skoczylas by Skoczylas Family

Sunday, October 2

8:00 am Special Intention for Philip Schaffroth by Vetterl Family
9:30 am For Madeline Vieiro by Eufrasia Conca
11:00 am For Martin Lynch by Mangiaracina Family

Monday, October 3

8:45 am For the poor

Tuesday, October 4

8:45 am For all God's creatures

Wednesday, October 5

8:45 am For Peace

Saturday, October 8

5:30 pm For Deacon John Meyer by Lennon Family

Sunday, October 9

8:00 am For Elaine Gebbia by Gebbia Family
9:30 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's
11:00 am For Alfred Stepien

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
October 8, 9, 2016**

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski
Greeter: Help Needed
Lector: Fred McQuade
Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy & Mike Lennon, Barbara Burke
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski
Greeter: Help Needed
Lector: Bill & Amy Barron
Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Gebbia, Mark Vetterl
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 9:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Jim Jones
Greeter: Help Needed
Lector: Katie Van Woert
Eucharistic Minister: Tony & Paige Piombino
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday 11:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Tom Gibbons
Greeter: Help Needed
Lector: Al Escudero
Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Fleming, Eileen Labue, Andrew Marley
Altar Servers: Help Needed

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

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, October 8

5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode
7:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Sunday, October 9

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky
9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky, Deacon Nick Ardito
10:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski, Deacon Bob Head
12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. Daniel Chajkowski

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

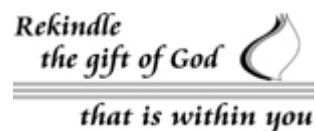
Current Year	Last Year 2015
September 25, 2016: \$2,562 Envelopes used: 62 Flood Relief...\$374.05 September On-line: \$8,014	September 27, 2015: Figures were not available
Supermarket Gift Cards September 25, 2016 Sales: \$1,750 Profit: \$87.50 YTD Total: \$4,848 # of families: 9	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Mark the Evangelist. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. 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

FOOD PANTRY REMINDER...

Every child should have a good breakfast before going off to school. Please consider donating some breakfast foods to the Food Pantry so that every child can have a good breakfast! Some suggestions are hot or cold cereals, pancake mix, syrup, juices, pop tarts, etc. Of course lunch and dinner are important too, so anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.





DEACON JOHN...

I am writing this message Monday Evening from the Priest Convocation that began this evening. Today we celebrated the funeral liturgy for Deacon John Meyer and many thoughts are still in my mind and many feelings within my heart. I wanted to thank the parishioners of St. Mark's who came out on Sunday afternoon and evening to pay their respects at the viewing and the parishioners who were at the funeral this morning. Special thanks to our choir members who added so much to today's liturgy. Deacon John's Son, also John, commented at the beginning of his remarks about his dad that he heard many stories about Deacon John from so many of you that he was just overwhelmed by the loving response. Those of us who knew Deacon John felt his genuine love and generosity over the years he served us at St. Mark's. He was truly a very special person who sought to minister to us young and old. He is a model of faithfulness for all of us...Fr. Joe

A THOUGHT FOR THIS WEEK...

Struggle can build character or wrestle it down a dark and dingy road, but I believe that faith and the warmth of good people around us...and good choice...strengthen the person within, the one God designed, the person he wants us to be.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY...ends Nov 20 but God's mercy never ends...

"Dear brothers and sisters, Christ died and rose once for all, and for everyone, but the power of the Resurrection, this Passover from slavery to evil to the freedom of goodness, must be accomplished in every age, in our concrete existence, in our everyday lives. How many deserts, even today, do human beings need to cross! Above all, the desert within, when we have no love for God or neighbor, when we fail to realize that we are guardians of all that the Creator has given us and continues to give us. God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14). So this is the invitation which I address to everyone: Let us accept the grace of Christ's Resurrection! Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish. And so we ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him we implore peace for all the world. — Pope Francis

BLESSING OF PETS...TODAY SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi we will hold the blessing of pets at 12:15...This will give you a few minutes to get home and bring you pet back even after the 11 a.m. mass. This is a nice tradition that is done worldwide to recognize our pets as part of God's Creation.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC...TODAY

A local doctor has volunteered to conduct a free blood pressure clinic at St. Mark's in the parish hall. The personnel will be here from 9:30 until 1 p.m. Just stop by before or after mass no appointments. Dr. Okpala, MD of Victory Medical Clinic advertises on the back cover of our bulletin.

CALLING ALL MEN!!

On Saturday, October 15th from 8:00 until 1:00 the Paterson Diocese is holding a Men's Conference. You are invited to attend. Register online at www.insidethewalls.org. It promises to be an uplifting and enhancing time. Join with Danny Abramowicz former New Orleans Saints wide receiver, and others! Head counts are needed to prepare light snacks and coffee. For questions see Deacon Jim or contact him at cinjim1126@hotmail.com.

R.C.I.A. PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2016-17

Do you, a family member or one of your friends have an interest in learning more about the Catholic Church with the possibility of joining our Faith? Are you already a Catholic who has not been confirmed or received your First Communion? Or do you just want to learn more about your faith?

If so, Our Lady of the Mountain and Saint Marks Catholic Churches will be beginning our 2016-2017 R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation) program on Wednesday October 5, 2016. If you or someone you know meets the above criteria and would like more information about our RCIA program call Deacon Nick Ardito at 908-343-8094 or the parish office at Our Lady of the Mountain or Saint Marks.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO BE MORE INVOLVED....

BECOME A LECTOR...

I want to invite you to seriously consider becoming a lector at St. Mark's. Proclaiming the readings in church is an important and significant part of our liturgy. We will help you and prepare you for this service. Anyone who is in 7th grade up to an adult is very welcome. We have a great group but we can use some more to help us. Some of our younger people have moved on to college etc. Please consider it and call the parish office or contact Kevin O'Shea – the lector coordinator – his contact information is on the front of the bulletin...Fr. Joe

YOUNG PEOPLE GET INVOLVED BECOME ALTAR SERVERS...

Any boy or girl who is in 4th grade and older can be an altar server at St. Mark's we are in need of some new servers to replace some of our older servers who have gone on to be lectors, Eucharistic ministers etc. Please call the parish office and leave your information and we will get back to you.

CROP WALK...

A Crop walk is taking place in Long Valley on Sunday October 23rd - -- A CROP Walk is a community effort to help alleviate hunger in the world and in our local community. The CROP walk is sponsored by St. Luke's, St. Mark's, Our Lady of the Mountain and Messiah Episcopal Church in Chester, NJ. We have had a CROP walk in town since 2008. If you have never participated it is really easy. It can be a fun family day.

We walk from St. Luke's Church to the Middle School and back to St. Luke's a total of 3 miles. The purpose of the hike is to raise money. A percentage of the money we raise is returned to Long Valley and we donate it to the Long Valley (CAP) food pantry which helps many people in need. There will be donation/sponsor envelopes on the gathering space table. All you have to do is take an envelope and get some pledges from family and friends and bring the envelope with the donations to St. Luke's church at 1:30 on Oct. 23rd. The walk begins at 2 p.m. The walks takes just about 1.5 hours on average.

REACHING OUT TO OTHERS...BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL... BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS...

Did you know that, in addition to returning your pledge card with a check, you can make a gift to the Bishop's annual Appeal on-line? Simply go to www.2016appeal.org and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. More and more parishioners are taking advantage of this option, so please consider using this method today if it is convenient for you. Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an on-line donation, your support is most welcome and greatly needed. Please consider participating in this worthy cause!

HELP FOR OUR "ISLANDS"

Our Islands as we call them are scattered throughout the parking lot for the purpose of order in parking. Over the past 9 years we had various individuals and families help maintain these. There are some islands that could use your loving care. Some of the previous helpers have moved away and some retired. This is not a request for a lifelong commitment. If you or your family are interested in adopting an island please call the parish office. There is a person in the parish that is willing to coordinate the care of these islands.

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR COUPLES MARRIED 25 OR 50 YEARS...

Were you married in 1966 or 1991?

The Silver and Gold Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at St. Peter the Apostle, Parsippany. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. Registrations will be accepted through **Monday, October 24, 2016**. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

SOME THOUGHTS ON THE POLITICAL PROCESS...

Quotes from the United States Bishops' document – Faithful Citizenship.... "The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandments to "Love one another". The US constitution protects the rights of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhance, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic Church community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience service to those in need."

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC...

We are Catholic because we believe...The Church is a "communion of saints": this expression refers first to the "holy things", above all the Eucharist, by which "the unity of believers, who form one body in Christ, is both represented and brought about". The term "communion of saints" refers also to the communion of "holy persons" in Christ who "died for all," so that what each one does or suffers in and for Christ bears fruit for all. We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always attentive to our prayers. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 960-961.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OPEN HOUSE...

The Long Valley Knights of Columbus will be holding an Open House at St. Mark the Evangelist on 59 Spring Lane in Long Valley on Tuesday night, October 11th, at 8pm. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be available after Mass on the weekend of October 8 & 9 if you have any questions. All practicing Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older are invited to join. You may contact Tony DeStefano at (973) 975-8684 if you have any questions

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS...An invitation to all...

For a presentation – A Merciful Heart: Blessed Pauline and the year of Mercy – presenter Sr. Ann Marie Paul, SCC – Director of Passaic neighborhood Center for Women. Sunday October 23 – 2:30 – 4:30p.m. To register: Phone 973.957.0188 ext. 102 or e mail acs@acs350.org

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR POSSESSING A MASTER'S DEGREE IN HISTORY NEEDED FOR SPRING 2017 (JAN.9-MAY 9)

- Assumption College for Sisters, Denville. Please send resume by **October 15** to president@acs350.org. Course description: Hi 102 World Civilization II 3 credits Beginning with the European Renaissance and its effect on other parts of the world, this class continues the themes of cultural developments initiated in World Civilization I. World-wide interactions increase as transportation and communication methods grow allowing both positive and negative interactions between cultures and peoples leading up to the mass communications of today.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES...

MORRIS CATHOLIC...

Come to our Open House and hear and see why: every student matters...every moment counts. **Wednesday, October 12, 7pm & Sunday, October 23, 2 pm.** For further information contact Maureen Costello in the admissions office at mcostello@morriscatholic.org, or go online at www.morriscatholic.org to register.

VILLA WALSH --- TODAY

455 western Avenue Morristown --- Sunday October 2, 2016 2-4 p.m. College preparatory catholic school for girls grades 7 – 12 www.villawalsh.org OR vwa@VILLAWALSH.ORG

POPE JOHN XXIII REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

28 Andover Road, Sparta, NJ 07871 www.popejohn.org 8-12th grade School Community that is closer than you think! In coming 9th grade (9/17) Tues, Oct. 11 @ 7:30 p.m. Tues. Oct 18 @ 8:30 to noon --- come and be a Lion for a day! Contact Anne Kaiser at Admissions 973.729.6125 X255 or annekaise@popejohn.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

HEALING MASS...ST. LAWRENCE, CHESTER

Healing masses take place **every third Tuesday of the month** at 7:00 pm in the church. Whatever your healing may be, physical, spiritual, financial, relational, or emotional, you are encouraged to bring it before the Lord. We will begin by reciting the Rosary at 6:30

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS ...is looking for twin...new or nearly new sheets and blankets. (Twin only) They have several residences in Morris County for homeless people to give them "A hand up, not a handout". Residences for single women and families. Call Judy (908) 399-7305 to donate. I can pick up or meet you at church.

