

# I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

**May 28, 2017**



*Saturday, May 27*

5:30 pm For Barry Sadloski by Holly Zimmerman

*Sunday, May 28*

8:00 am For Ellen Eichler by Madaras Family

9:30 am For Patricia Barone by Monteverde Family

11:00 am For Tony Marucci by Barbara DiLollo

*Monday, May 29*

8:45 am For those who gave their lives for their country

*Tuesday, May 30*

8:45 am For Michael Orlando by Bill Betz

*Wednesday, May 31*

8:45 am For William Anderson, Jr.

*Saturday, June 3*

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

5:30 pm For Maria Teresa Xeques by Lennon Family

*Sunday, June 4*

8:00 am For Peace

9:30 am For John Faccone by Baffuto Family

11:00 am For Pat Derogatis by Barbara DiLollo

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

*June 3, 4, 2017*

*Saturday 5:30 pm*

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Tom Gibbon

**Lector:** Tom Morley

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joanne Lee

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

*Sunday, 8:00 am*

**Celebrant:** Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

**Lector:** Tony Cretella

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sue Clark

**Altar Server:** Help Needed

*Sunday, 9:30 am*

**Celebrant:** Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

**Lector:** Kevin O'Shea

**Eucharistic Minister:** Terri & Bob Baffuto, Steve Beggin

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

*Sunday, 11:00 am*

**Celebrant:** Msgr. Joseph Goode

**Lector:** Sharon Donovan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eileen Labue, Kevin Ramos, Diane Herzog

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

## FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

**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

**Memorial Day Flowers:** In loving memory of Robert Stokes, Sr., by Stokes family

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

## OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PARISH

*Saturday, June 3*

5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

7:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

*Sunday, June 4*

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode, Deacon Nick Ardito

10:45 am Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

12:15 pm Celebrant: Rev. Slawomir Tomaszewski

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

Current Year	Last Year 2016
May 21, 2017: \$2,086 Envelopes used: 45	May 22, 2016: \$2,631 Envelopes used: 60
Extended Catholic Obligation: \$446 Envelopes used: 21	Extended Catholic Obligations: Not available
May on-line: \$9,050	May on-line : \$9,395
Supermarket Gift Cards: May 21, 2017 Sales: \$1,200 Profit \$60 YTD Profit: \$2,761.50 # of Families: 7	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

## FAITH DIRECT...

Do you have plans for Memorial Day? Are booking your summer vacations? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure that your gift can reach St. Mark the Evangelist even when you cannot. 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

## LONG VALLEY FOOD PANTRY...

What is THE best gift for Father's Day? Power tools? Sports equipment? Nutritious food?

There are fathers in our area who would consider nutritious food for their family the most precious gift possible! So this Father's Day, in addition to power tools or sports equipment for *your* father, consider donating some non-perishable food items to the Long Valley Food Pantry. Other fathers will thank you. And so will yours! Anything you can donate will be appreciated, but this month you might want to consider infant formula, baby food, diapers, cereal, and shelf-stable milk.

If this sounds familiar, thank you for reading last month's article.



### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2017...

Waterloo, NY is credited with the first celebrations of Memorial Day. This town in NY State first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866. There were prayers for the fallen soldiers on both sides of the Civil War, which ended in 1865. The custom of visiting the graves of the fallen soldiers and decorating them with flowers also became a custom to honor those who gave their lives. Gradually these celebrations gathered momentum through the years, the holiday once called Decoration Day became Memorial Day, and in 1971, it became a national holiday.

The people of our nation are called up to honor all the men and women who have given their lives in the service of our country. Respect for those who have chosen to serve our country in the military services should be ingrained in us no matter if we agree or not about some of the policies or our leadership. The men and women honored on this day are remembered for their faithfulness to their duty. Pray for all of them. Pray for their family members who still miss them. Pray that the world will come to know the peace of Jesus Christ and seek to bring to an end the need for war and violence in our midst.

### UPDATE ON FATHER MARCIN MICHALOWSKI...

Last week the announcements were made at all the masses of the priest changes at OLM and St. Mark's. I sent a follow up e-mail to the members of both churches who are on the church e-mail list. Just to give you an update. I met for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time with Fr. Marcin Michalowski the new pastor of OLM and St. Mark's. Fr. Marcin is very good at asking the right questions and he has a good deal of experience as a parochial vicar in the two parishes in Rockaway where he currently serves. He looks forward to this new phase of his ministry.

### UPDATE ON FATHER DAN...

Father Dan is being re-assigned to St. Virgil's in Morris Plains as a Parochial Vicar as of June 29<sup>th</sup>. Most of you do not know that during an icy Sunday in March, Fr. Dan slipped on the ice at St. Mark's and injured his shoulder. He has serious damage to both the front and back of his shoulder. He is required to have corrective shoulder surgery. Before he learned of his change of assignment, the surgery was scheduled for this Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. After discussions with our priest personnel director, it was decided to go ahead with the May 30<sup>th</sup> surgery so that he would be well to take on his new assignment. Fr. Dan is not with us this weekend as he prepares for his surgery on Tuesday. He will not return because he will be recovering during June from the surgery. I do hope however, he will come back to Long Valley sometime in June to give you an opportunity to say good-bye. Cards can be sent to him at the OLM office 2 E. Springtown Rd. Long Valley, NJ 07853

### PLAN FOR FR. JOE'S LAST WEEKEND AT SAINT MARK...

Father Joe is going to celebrate each mass on the weekend of June 24-25. There is a pot luck lunch planned for after the 11 a.m. mass. Please see sign up soon... His official retirement date is Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup>.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The virtue of patience is needed in all successful relationships – Matthew Kelly

### VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT FOR YOUNG MEN 15-25.

“Quo Vadis – Where are you going?” Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food, and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held June 27- 29, 2017 at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton, New Jersey. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera and Fr. Luis Hernandez in the Vocations Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711, by email: [fredgar@patersondiocese.org](mailto:fredgar@patersondiocese.org)

### WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC

We are Catholic because we believe: From the time of the Mosaic law, the People of God have observed fixed feasts, beginning with Passover, to commemorate the astonishing actions of the Savior God, to give him thanks for them, to perpetuate their remembrance, and to teach new generations to conform their conduct to them. Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. Gradually, on either side of this source, the year is transfigured by the liturgy. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 1164, 1168

### NO ROOF LEFT BEHIND NOMINATIONS SOUGHT...

Know someone who needs a new roof? Nominations are now open locally for a roof giveaway through the national program, No Roof Left Behind. Nominate yourself or someone you know who deserves a new roof. Nominee must reside in Warren, Sussex or Morris County, NJ. Nominations accepted through May 31. Go to: [www.AlteRoofing.com](http://www.AlteRoofing.com) and click on No Roof Left Behind Logo on bottom of page, then search by state or zip code.

### YOU ARE INVITED...St. Paul's Inside the Walls...

We are pleased to announce that St. Paul Inside the Walls will host the fourth Benedict Institute from **June 26-28, 2017**. The Institute will be taught by Rev. Johann Roten, S.M., a renowned Marian scholar and former student of Pope Benedict XVI. He has headed the International Marian Research Institute/Marian Library at the University of Dayton and is currently the Director of Research and Special Projects at the University. This year's Institute is entitled, *Mary: Mother of Jesus and Model Disciple*. The **three-day Institute** will run from 10:30am-2:30pm each day. The cost to participants for the three days is \$125.00 per person, due to the generous gift of an anonymous benefactor. Lunch is included in the cost of tuition. Space is limited, so I urge you to go to our website [www.insidethewalls.org](http://www.insidethewalls.org) and register for this course if you plan to attend.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Allan Wright at (973) 377-1004, ext. 403 or email him at [awright@patersondiocese.org](mailto:awright@patersondiocese.org).

**SAVE THE DATE...** The OLM Rosary Altar Society's June Dinner will be on Monday, June 5 at Mine Hill Golf Club; Cost: \$30. The cocktail hour begins at 6:00 pm. Come join us for an enjoyable evening and a chance to get together with friends. Please sign up in the book store at OLM or by calling Helene at 908-850-5462.

Dear Parishioners of St. Mark's,

I am ending my time as pastor of St. Mark's on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Marcin Michalowski will be the new pastor as of this date. I wanted to give you a brief summary of where we have been financially in conjunction with the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report you will find in the bulletin.

Over all St. Mark's has always been struggling to make ends meet. The report you see today has a negative balance but that was before we received the Easter Collection and other donations. As of today we are a little ahead. Those of you who have read these reports I have printed in the bulletin over the years know that it is somewhat like the proverbial "roller-coaster ride" during the years.

2007 - I was appointed pastor on June 13, 2007. During that year I met with the parish finance board members and parish advisory board members to learn more about the financial picture of the parish. Bishop's annual appeal \$10,000 goal is met and pledges are higher so 50% overage back to the parish is helpful.

2008 – A little over a year since I was pastor we had the financial meltdown in U.S. which hit everyone in different ways. The effect on St. Mark's was that parishioners became more financially cautious. This effected the weekly collections to a noticeable degree. In the late fall I formed a committee of the '20" as it was known. This was a committee of twenty parishioners including finance board members, Parish Advisory Board Members, and other parishioners. I made a presentation about what was happening with our finances and what solutions we might undertake. Thanks to their input we were able to prepare a parish presentation in January 2009.

2009 - January presentation to parish on drop off in contributions. We pointed out the need to have a regular income that we can count on in order to meet our expenses. At this time we asked parishioners to please trust God in giving each week and we ask them to increase their offering to past levels if they decreased. We also instituted the On Line Giving program for our parish and thankfully many parishioners joined it initially and we also enhanced the knowledge about our food gift card program as a means of continual support of the parish.

2010 – During this year I was in discussions with the financial CFO of our diocese about somehow reducing the past existing debt to the diocese. Our parish participated in a study by a diocesan committee who met with us concerning our financial situation.

2011\* - I was appointed pastor of Our Lady of the Mountain on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Part of the reason for the decision to have one pastor for two parishes was due to the financial situation of St. Mark's. In order to try to help the parish it was determined that 40% of my pastor's salary etc. would be paid by St. Mark's and 60% by OLM. This is still in effect today. Also part of the agreement was to sell the house on Ann Road where the St. Marks pastor lived and the profits from the house sale would be applied to outstanding assessments to the diocese.

2012 – During this year in continuing talks with the diocese it was determined that if St. Mark's remained current on it payments to the diocese for benefits, assessments etc. The past debt would be forgiven. The debt was forgiven and we have managed to stay current although at times it has been tight.

2013 - Partners in Faith campaign – this campaign conducted by members of the parish committee was very successful to help the major effort of the diocese to have funds to invest for long range projects. The agreement with most parishes in the diocese was that 25% of the overage of the parish goal once reached would be turned over to the parish. However St. Mark's agreement reached was that 50% of the overage would be turned over each year when the payments were received provided that we applied the 50% to our church mortgage. We have done that.

2014, 2015, 2016- These three years saw us trying to manage each month. We have never fallen behind on the mortgage. The mortgage taken out on the church was \$1,000,000 (1 Million). The loan from the bank is a 25 year loan. There are ten (10) years left on paying off the mortgage. The current balance is \$389,540.73. Every 5 years the interest rate on the loan is adjusted according to the 10 year Treasury note. This will happen again in June of 2018.

2017 – Early this year you received information on the parish increased offertory campaign, "Moving Forward with Faith" --- this parish campaign grew out of a diocesan survey of weekly collections from all parishes over the past three years. The results were that most parishes had a decrease in collections or were static. The diocese suggested that an increase offertory campaign would be helpful to the parish and thus through Our Sunday Visitor we conducted this beginning in February. The results have been good. You should have recently received a report on this.

As I prepare to leave I just urge you to be faithful to the regular collections, use on line giving and be supportive of Fr. Marcin Michalowski as he begins his pastorate among you. I only have best wishes and prayers that St. Mark's continues on a good financial path in the future. Fr. Joe

