

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

July 9, 2017

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, July 8

5:30 pm For Catherine Accorsy by Lennon Family

Sunday, July 9

8:00 am For Josefa Silfa by Her Sisters

For Willie Allen Wright by Bella Bened

9:30 am For a Special Intention for Kyle Steward by Marianne Nyman

11:00 am For Annette Boenzi by Monteverde Family

Monday, July 10

8:45 am For Peace

Tuesday, July 11

8:45 am For Florence Acker by her family

Wednesday, July 12

8:45 am For the Poor

Thursday, July 13

10:30 pm Mass at Heath Village

Saturday, July 15

5:30 pm For Anna Pascale by McGrath Family

Sunday, July 16

8:00 am For Parishioners of St. Mark's

9:30 am For Pete Smalley by Woelfel Family

11:00 am For Anthony Picarelli by Picarelli Family

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

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

Current Year	Last Year 2016
July 2, 2017: \$1,999 Envelopes used: 33	July 3, 2016: \$2,484 Envelopes used: 49
Parish Debt Reduction: \$647 Envelopes used: 15	Parish Debt Reduction: \$666 Envelopes used: 18
Supermarket Gift Cards: July 2, 2017 Sales: \$2,840 Profit \$142 YTD Profit: \$3,752 # of Families: 14	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 ministries.

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

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!
God Bless!

SUMMERTIME...

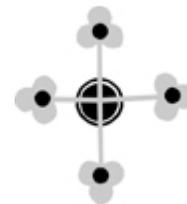
... and the livin' is easy!

Unfortunately, that's not true for everyone. Livin' can be easy when you know where your next meal is coming from. Not so much when you have to worry about feeding yourself and your family. And yes, there are people in that position right here in Long Valley.

So while you're planning your vacation, why not plan to make life a little easier for someone else – donate to the Long Valley Food Pantry.

Any non-perishable items you donate will be appreciated, but this month the Food Pantry could especially use canned meat or tuna, oil/vinegar, shampoo/toothpaste, and pasta/sauce.

Enjoy a safe and pleasant summer!



MESSAGE FROM FATHER MARCIN....

My Dear Parishioners,
Today we mark the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time as we assemble to celebrate Jesus' Holy Resurrection on this, the Lord's Day.

In today's Gospel Jesus says: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Summer time is the time all of us need to take a rest and relax. We can see that we not only need the rest which the summer vacation season offers but more importantly, we need the rest which only God can offer. This rest is found each week in the proper observance of the Lord's Day. On this day, each week, we join in the celebration of the Eucharist in our church and then spend the day with family and friends. During this time we strengthen our relationships and make time to rest and reflect. Our reflection is done through our prayers which provide for us with peace which only God can give us.

PLEASE REMEMBER: WE CAN HAVE VACATION FROM SCHOOL, WORK BUT NEVER FROM GOD.

God is waiting for you every Sunday. Come to him and he will give you rest because he loves you so much. You are his beloved child.

I ask you to keep me in your prayers as I begin my pastoral work in Long Valley at Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish.

Once again I assure you of my prayers and pastoral love. Together may we continue the rich and honored heritage of Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish.

Saint Mark pray for us,
Fr. Marcin

BIBLE REFLECTION 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we often turn our hearts into houses of pride and greed rather than into homes of love and goodness where you can feel at home. Destroy the temple of sin in us, drive out all evil from our hearts and make us living stones of a community in which we can live and reign your Son Jesus Christ, our living Lord forever and ever.

REFLECTION

- Did you hear that invitation from Jesus? "Come to me...I will give you rest." "There must be something more to life." Yes. Jesus has something more for you. Go to Jesus...he will give you rest.

- If we do not go to Jesus when we labor and are burdened with life's problems, to whom or to what do we go? If we do not look for answers to our problems in Jesus we will not find them elsewhere or else just find partial or deluding answers. The answers of the culture of our time are deluding, because the culture of our time falsely tells us we will find happiness in sin. But sin never brings happiness because sin is sin.

- Open your heart to Jesus. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Spend time with Jesus in prayer every day to find his peace. Come to Jesus here in the Eucharist.

CLOSING PRAYER

Generous God, free us from the worry that would hold us back from seeking your kingdom, and give us confidence in your love and care for us. AMEN!

SPECIAL THANKS TO FR. JOE...

I would like to thank Fr. Joe for his kindness and help during my transition to Long Valley.

Parishioners of St. Mark will miss you so much. My best wishes to you Fr. Joe enjoy your retirement. May God bless you and protect you always.

Please remember you are always more than welcome to come and visit us and celebrate Holy Mass. We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Thank you and God bless you.

Fr. Marcin

DIOCESE OF PATERSON...

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

NATIONAL SHRINE TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Does your life need a spiritual jumpstart? Set aside Saturday, October 21, 2017 as the day to give new meaning to your spiritual life by attending the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington.

One-Day Pilgrimage includes:

- Transportation and Gratuity
- All Day activities at Shrine
- Rest Stop - going - Meal stop - return
- depart Washington 4:15pm

Price - \$49/person

For more information please call parish office or Lorraine Fleming (908) 813-0152



"Passport to Peru Discovering God's Good Gifts".

July 10-July 14, 9:30-Noon, Pre-School (age 4) – Grade 5 (as of fall 2017) No charge- this is a gift from our Junior and Senior Youth Ministry. Registration forms available in the gathering space or on our website www.stmarksnj.org

ST. MARK'S CYO BASKETBALL...

CYO Basketball sign-ups for the 2017-2018 season is underway. Registrations will be accepted through Monday, July 10. The program is available for St. Mark's Parishioners (Boys and Girls) between 4th Grade and 8th Grade. The cost of the program is \$200/player (\$180 for additional players in the same family - sibling discount). Uniforms cost approximately \$32 and will be ordered in the Fall. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Jackson, Athletic Director, at jacksonj041@gmail.com. All forms are located on the St Marks website under CYO Basketball.



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

This is a prophecy of the coming of the Messiah to Jerusalem. He will come, not as a King, but as a humble savior, riding on an ass.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Contrasting "flesh and spirit," Paul urges that all who live for material things abandon the temptations of the flesh and rise to life in the "Spirit."

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus speaks lovingly and gently when he invites all those who are weary and burdened with life to seek relief and respite in him. He says, "Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."



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, Richard Alvarez, Tony Atkins, Charlie, Natalie Rose Bassett, Kenneth Bernisky, 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, William Heimsly, Heather Henry, Bob Hodiern, Maria Dougherty Jante, Donna Jennings, Laurel Jilek, Claudia Kallmeyer, 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, Kathy Minichini, Robert Neilson, Sr., Maryanne & Jack Newell, Girard Nolte, Jr., Marilyn O'Connor, Jim Owens, Arlene Parikh, Nicky Piloni, Clifford Reynolds, Jim Robinson, Ryan, Jillian Elizabeth Sayer, Jeff Schpiner, Margi Schuelke, Rhonda Soto, Special Intention, Judy Stone, William Thompson, Mary Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Rev. Zbigniew Tyburski, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

Every now and then we try to update our prayer list of names of the sick and special intentions. We have alphabetized the names in the hopes of making them easier to read. There are some names that we in the parish office cannot associate with a person who made the request to pray for them. Please look over the list and if you requested prayers for a person please call the office to let us know if you wish to continue to be on this prayer list.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION...

Groovy Girls for Grades 1-6 will be held August 7-August 10 from 9 am-12 pm at Schooley's Mountain Firehouse. Jewelry making, creative art projects and much more. Non-refundable fee of \$150 is due before July 21. A late fee will apply after deadline.

Smartycat Junior Scientist Camp. Bring science to life and show campers how exciting science exploration can be. For grades 1-6 from August 7-August 10, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Schooley's Mountain firehouse, Non-refundable fee of \$150 is due before July 21. Late fee will apply after deadline date.

Summer Evening Development Tennis Clinic. Participants will work towards refining fundamental skills of tennis. Groups will be formed based on age and ability. August 7- August 10th from 5 pm-6:30 pm for ages 8-14 at Rock Spring Park Tennis Courts. A non-refundable fee of \$115 is due before August 3. Late fee will apply after deadline.

For more information on any of these events please feel free to call the recreation office at (908) 876-5941, email us at recreation@wtmorris.net or visit the township website at www.wtmorris.org.



**The Spirit of God
dwells in you**

