

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

October 15, 2017

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, October 14

5:30 pm Helen Elmendorf by McGrath Family

Sunday, October 15

8:00 am For Barbara Bienvenue by Zimmerman Family

9:30 am For YaYa Ogolde by Ferrara Family

11:00 am For Marilyn Uccardi by Hughes Family

For Erlinda Alianza by Rodolfo Alianzo

Monday, October 16

8:45 am

Tuesday, October 17

8:45 am

Wednesday, October 18

8:45 am

Saturday, October 21

5:30 pm For Tom Mackie by Dondero Family

Sunday, October 22

8:00 am For

9:30 am For Joan Pirolo by Masterson Family

11:00 am For Richard Hudanish by Schmitt Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2016
October 8, 2017: \$2,817 Envelopes used: 52	October 9, 2016: \$3,025 Envelopes used: 52
Supermarket Gift Cards: October 8, 2017 Sales: \$2,860 Profit: \$143 YTD Profit: \$5,926 2016 YTD Profit: \$5,106.50 # of families: 15	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,
Fr. Marcin



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, 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, Josh Olsen, 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 Trivisano, Debbie Trepkau, Rev. Zbigniew Tyburski, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Mon, Oct. 16	8:45 am Daily Mass 7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting
Tues., Oct. 17	8:45 am Daily Mass 7:30 pm Choir 8:00 pm Knights of Columbus
Wed., Oct. 18	8:45 am Daily Mass 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
Thurs., Oct. 19	Parish Office Closed
Fri., Oct. 20	No events scheduled
Sat. Oct. 21	8:00 am Men's Bible Study Marian Pilgrimage to Washington, DC 5:30 pm Mass
Sun., Oct. 22	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am Mass

FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,

Today we mark the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel Jesus is inviting us to join him in the great feast in heaven. We like being invited to social occasions. We enjoy the good company, the fellowship and of course the fine food. There is one feast to which we are all invited, the greatest feast of them all, the banquet in heaven. Jesus issued this invitation in the form of the parable in our Gospel today to the chief priests and Jewish elders. God the Father, gave a feast for his son's wedding; Jesus is the groom wedded to the Church.

The prophecy of Isaiah in our first reading was about God preparing a banquet for all people, a banquet of fine wine. While it could refer to the feast at the end of time in heaven I think we could see it also as referring to what God did for us in Jesus through the Church. This prophecy of fine wine was fulfilled in the very first miracle of Jesus at the wedding in Cana when Jesus changed the water into wine. When Jesus performed the miracle at Cana it meant the Old Testament prophecies about the future Messiah were now beginning to be fulfilled and after Pentecost all peoples would be welcomed into the Church to taste this wine.

Even though Isaiah's prophecy about all being invited to taste the wine in the banquet of the Church open to all people is now fulfilled, there is a warning at the end of the parable in the Gospel. The king noticed someone at the wedding banquet not wearing the wedding garment and ordered him to be thrown out. We can understand this to mean that the man was not living a good life, he was not living like one invited by God to his banquet. In the Book of Revelation we are told that the Bride of the Lamb, the Church, wears a clean white linen garment which is the righteous deeds of the holy ones. Yes we are all invited to the feast in the kingdom of heaven but we are to come to the feast properly dressed, living good lives that show we are worthy to be invited to that feast.

If we are not properly clothed, not living good Christian lives, God in his great mercy has given us the means of washing our clothes, the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation we take off our old clothes and put the new clothes of the grace of Christ. The thinking is common now that we will all go to heaven; we are all invited to heaven but as we heard in our Gospel we need to be properly dressed, living a good life, to be granted admittance to the kingdom. The letter to the Colossians gives us advice about what clothes a Christian is to put on. *"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection."* (Colossians 3:12-14)

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...

ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...

I will be away from Wednesday Oct. 18 to Nov. 2. During this time please do not leave me any messages or send e-mails because I will not be able to respond to you. I am going to visit my parents in Poland. I will keep you all in my daily prayers. Please stay good. God bless you.

Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington.

Next Saturday over 30 parishioners from OLM and St. Mark's will join our Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington. Deacon James Jones will be serving at the main mass in Basilica. It is a great honor and for him and for us that our deacon was asked to serve at the mass with our Bishop. We pray for our pilgrimages and our Diocese as Bishop says the greatest Diocese in the state of New Jersey. Have a safe trip. God bless you!

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION



October 20th at 3pm – OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN CHURCH

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.

What is Divine Mercy?

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Trust in Jesus is the essence of the message of mercy.

As Jesus said: "I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust." (Diary, 1520).

We will have Divine Mercy Devotion and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Friday October 20th at 3 o'clock in Our Lady of the Mountain Church. Please join us at the "hour of mercy". Our Lord would like you to be with him.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: "In Giving, We Receive"...

Thank you to all who have already responded to the "Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your support is greatly appreciated. Remember that half of the amount received over our parish goal is returned to our parish for our own needs. Please consider making a pledge today! For your convenience you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org or pick up an envelope in the gathering space today. Thank you and God Bless You.

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

Were you married in 1992 or 1967? The Silver & Gold Anniversary mass will be on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 4 pm at St. John's Cathedral, 381 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. Deadline for registrations is Oct. 16th.

FROM FR. SLAWEK...

Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko – October 19 Priest and Martyr (1947 – 1984)

The end of the communist era in Eastern Europe began in June 1979 when John Paul II, the newly elected pope from Poland, returned to his homeland for the first of three visits. As communist authorities stood by helplessly, millions turned out to hear the pontiff's message: "Do not be afraid to insist on your right. Refuse a life based on lies and double thinking. Do not be afraid to suffer with Christ." Within a year of his visit the militant Solidarity trade union movement was born.

Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko had not previously taken an active part in politics. But when steelworkers in Warsaw chose to support the striking ship workers in Gdansk he volunteered to celebrate Mass at their factory. It was a turning point in his life. The workers' struggle for justice, he realized, was truly a spiritual struggle. He became their chaplain.

Fr. Jerzy accompanied the Solidarity struggle through martial law and persecution. Though he himself was repeatedly interrogated and threatened with arrest, he refused to seek asylum abroad. "The priest is called to bear witness to the truth," he said, "to suffer for the truth, and if need be to give up his life for it."

On October 19, 1984, he was abducted by security police, beaten, and drowned in a reservoir. Five years later, in the first free election in Poland, a Solidarity government was elected. Fr. Jerzy was beatified in 2010.

"It is not enough for a Christian to condemn evil, cowardice, lies, and use of force, hatred, and oppression. He must at all times be a witness to and defender of justice, goodness, truth, freedom, and love. He must never tire of claiming these values as a right both for himself and others." Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko

FROM FR. JAVIER...

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ...THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work.

My dear brothers and sisters the third commandment of the Decalogue recalls the holiness of the Sabbath in the Old Testament: "The seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD.

Scripture also reveals in the Lord's day a memorial of Israel's liberation from bondage in Egypt: "You shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out thence with mighty hand and outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day". God

entrusted this day to Israel to keep as a sign of the irrevocable covenant. The Sabbath is for the Lord, holy and set apart for the praise of God, his work of creation, and his saving actions on behalf of Israel.

The Gospel reports many incidents when Jesus was accused of violating the Sabbath law. But Jesus never fails to respect the holiness of this day.⁹⁸ He gives this law its authentic and authoritative interpretation: "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath."⁹⁹ With compassion, Christ declares the Sabbath for doing good rather than harm, for saving life rather than killing.¹⁰⁰ The Sabbath is the day of the Lord of mercies and a day to honor God.¹⁰¹ "The Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.

However, Jesus rose from the dead "on the first day of the week." Because it is the "first day," the day of Christ's Resurrection recalls the first creation. Because it is the "eighth day" following the Sabbath, it symbolizes the new creation ushered in by Christ's Resurrection. For Christians it has become the first of all days, the first of all feasts, the Lord's Day.

Sunday is expressly distinguished from the Sabbath which it follows chronologically every week; for Christians its ceremonial observance replaces that of the Sabbath. In Christ's Passover, Sunday fulfills the spiritual truth of the Jewish Sabbath and announces man's eternal rest in God. For worship under the Law prepared for the mystery of Christ, and what was done there prefigured some aspects of Christ.

Let us adore to God every Sunday especially in the Eucharist.

ST. MARK'S MEN'S BIBLE STUDY PRESENTS: "WISDOM IS SEEING WITH GOD'S EYES." – POPE FRANCIS

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. To help our men learn to gather and live with greater wisdom, St. Mark the Evangelist will begin Wisdom: God's Vision for Life on or about November 4th, 2017 at 8:00 am. For more information, visit <http://biblestudyforcatholics.com/wisdom-matter-life-death/> or <https://ascensionpress.com/shop/t/category/study-programs/catholic-bible-study/adult-bible-study/wisdom>, or contact Scott Branco at 908-684-8691 or sbranco1@gmail.com. Men will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; they will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCK DRIVE ...

The LV. Knights of Columbus will hold their annual sock drive during the month of October. Please leave your donations of new socks in the bin located in the Gathering Space.

OPEN HOUSE – ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, MENDHAM...

Sunday, October 22nd learn more about the outstanding academics in our K-8 programs and the benefits of Catholic education. Mass will be at 11:30 am followed by an information session at 12:30 pm and tours of the school start at 1:00 pm. For further details, visit our website www.sjsmendham.org or contact Lori Arends, Principal at 973-543-7474, ext. 7 St. Joseph School – National Blue ribbon School of excellence; AdvancEd accredited.

