

Give the Lord glory and honor.

October 22, 2017

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, October 21

5:30 pm For Tom Mackie by Dondero Family
For Martin McDonald by Scarda 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

Monday, October 23

8:45 am

Tuesday, October 24

8:45 am For

Wednesday, October 25

8:45 am For Sarah Crowley by Nugent Family

Saturday, October 28

5:30 pm For Margaret Burke by Burke Family

Sunday, October 29

8:00 am For Carruba Di Bartolomeo by Marianne Kopelman
9:30 am For Ruth Petersen by Stokes Family
11:00 am For Tom Mackie by Monteverde 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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 28, 29, 2017

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Lector: Tom Morley
Eucharistic Ministers: *
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 8:00 am

Lector: Jim Scott
Eucharistic Ministers: *
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 9:30 am

Lector: Katie Van Woert
Eucharistic Ministers: *
Altar Servers: Help Needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Lector: Tom & Sarah Hanifin
Eucharistic Ministers: *
Altar Servers: Help Needed

* 5th week of the month. No one scheduled, E.M. needed at all masses this weekend

WEEKLY COLLECTION

| Current Year | Last Year 2016 |
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| October 15, 2017: \$2,320 Envelopes used: 51 | October 16, 2016: \$2,526 Envelopes used: 57 |
| Extended Catholic Obligations: \$457 Envelopes used: 21 | Extended Catholic Obligations: \$480 Envelopes used: 28 |
| Supermarket Gift Cards: October 15, 2017 Sales: \$5,240 Profit: \$262 YTD Profit: \$6,188 2016 YTD Profit: \$5,217.50 # of families: 22 | 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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, Oct. 23

8:45 am Daily Mass
7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confession
7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 24

8:45 am Daily Mass
7:30 pm Choir
8:00 pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, Oct. 25

8:45 am Daily Mass
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Living Rosary

Thursday, Oct. 26

Parish Office Closed

Friday, Oct. 27

No events scheduled

Saturday, Oct. 28

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, Oct. 29

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am Mass

FROM FR. MARCIN...

My dear parishioners,

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Jesus was a missionary. As the Word of God, he is the light of all nations. As the Word made flesh, he brought God's own life into our midst. Before returning to the Father, he sent the Church to continue the mission given him by the Father and empowered her with his Spirit: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." The Church's mission is to proclaim the salvation of Christ to the ends of the earth

The readings invite us to consider how God's saving presence is meant for all people. God chooses Jew and Gentile alike to announce this good news among all the nations. In the first reading Cyrus, the King of Persia, is called the anointed one because he will further God's plan to liberate Israel from the Babylonian exile. Even though Cyrus does not know the God of Israel, this does not prevent him from being God's instrument.

In the second reading Paul praises and encourages the young Thessalonian Church for their missionary efforts. He reminds them of God's gracious election upon them to receive the Gospel in word, in power and in the Holy Spirit. Paul reminds them that they have been chosen to bear the "work of faith and labor of love and endurance of hope of our Lord Jesus Christ."

In the Gospel reading today Jesus says "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God".

What belongs to God? If God is the source of all life, then ultimately all we have and all we are comes as a gift from God. All the powers and political systems of this world do not have the final say in our lives.

We live for God and country, in that order. The Kingdom of God comes first. If we should ever be confronted with the choice of God or Country, there is no choice. We choose God. "Our citizenship is in heaven." If a law were to promote immoral behavior, we look to change the law and return the country to morality. This is patriotism. Patriotism as a virtue means keeping the proper order of Christian priorities. We give to God what is God's because God is forever, and we will always be a member of the spiritual Kingdom. We must obey God rather than men.

During this celebration of World Mission Sunday we are invited to renew our baptismal call to communion and mission. May we join in sharing God's glory among the nations: among all peoples his wondrous deeds.

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US...
ST. MARK PRAY FOR US...

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – IN GIVING, WE RECEIVING

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 returning to our parish for our own needs. Please consider making a pledge today! For our convenience you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org or pick up an envelope in the gathering space. Envelopes are located also on the usher tables. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND GOD BLESS YOU.**

PRAYER FOR RESPECT LIFE

PRAY THIS PRAYER DAILY. THE WHOLE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS DESIGNATED AS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSION AT ST. MARK'S – MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 FROM 7PM TO 8PM.

Please join us for quiet prayer before our Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus is waiting for you! Come and rejoice in his presence. A priest will be available for the sacrament of penance.

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

Did you know that this year our Diocese had the largest number of men ordained to the priesthood in the country. There are currently over 50 men now enrolled in seminaries to prepare for priestly life in the Paterson Diocese. That is a tremendous blessing, but one that comes with a significant cost for room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps meet the annual expenses for seminarian education. It is a gift that will enhance the faith life of our Diocese for years to come. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org. Thank you!

ST. MARK'S CLEAN UP DAY...

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time this past Saturday to clean up the church grounds. A special thank you to Kim Dunn for organizing the day and her family, Kevin Fleming and Hoffman Supply for the topsoil and seed. Your support is greatly appreciated.

THE LIVING ROSARY...

One of St. Mark's beautiful and long-standing traditions is The Living Rosary. It is hosted by our Junior Youth Ministry, but includes Christian Education students from all grades. Students, holding candles, create the Rosary in the church, while we recite our Rosary prayers. Please join us for this peaceful celebration of our Blessed Mother during the month of the Rosary. We will begin at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

ST. MARK'S NEW YEARS DAY 5K RUN...

St. Marks is hosting a 5K run on January 1. This is a great way to start the year off with a bang. Currently we are looking for people and businesses to sponsor the event as well as volunteers to help us with the planning. If you are interested, please reach out to Pat Regan at Patrick.regan@outlook.com.



FROM FR. SLAWEK...

St. John Paul II – October 22 Pope (1920 – 2005)

Karol Wojtyla, archbishop of Krakow, was elected pope in 1978, taking the name John Paul II. Growing up in Poland he had experienced firsthand the realities of war, genocide, and totalitarian ideology. All this deeply marked his faith and his vision of the Church's role in defending human dignity and the life of the spirit. During his twenty-six-year reign, he in turn left a profound mark on the Church and the world.

His appearances in his homeland soon after his election set in motion a moral-political resurgence that fostered the dissident Solidarity labor movement. A first crack in the edifice of communism, this ultimately spelled the demise of the communist regime in Poland, setting in motion a chain reaction that presaged the collapse of the communist bloc in Eastern Europe and the end of the Cold War.

In 1981 he was nearly killed by a Turkish assassin in St. Peter's Square. He survived to visit his assailant in prison and offer his forgiveness. In his final years, overtaken by the effects of Parkinson's disease, he humbly offered a different kind of witness to the power of the spirit.

Upon his death on April 2, 2005, a cry of Santo Subito! ("Sainthood immediately") arose among mourners in St. Peter's Square. He was beatified six years later and canonized in April 2014.

"Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." St. John Paul II

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 let us continue our learning from the catechism of the Catholic Church about the third commandment.

The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. "Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church"

This practice of the Christian assembly dates from the beginnings of the apostolic age. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds the faithful "not to neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but to encourage one another."

Also the catechism says that the parish is a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular church; the pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan bishop. It is the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life: it gathers them

together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love.

As well in the numeral 2181 says "The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin".

Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Eternal God help us to be faithful to you.

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.



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 Travisano, Debbie Trepkau, Rev. Zbigniew Tyburski, Anne Walsh, Robert Ron Werner, Marie Zimbile

