

# I love you, Lord, my strength.

October 29, 2017

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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

**Monday, October 30**

8:45 am For

**Tuesday, October 31**

8:45 am For

**Wednesday, November 1**

**All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligations**

8:45 am For All The Faithful Departed

7:00 pm For All the Faithful Departed

**Saturday, November 4**

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village

5:30 pm For Robert Scanga by Long Valley Knights of Columbus

**Sunday, November 5**

8:00 am For

9:30 am For Pasquale Clemente by Kranaritsch Family

11:00 am For Anthony F. Fania by Fania Family

For Donald Dobbings by McDermott 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**

**NOVEMBER 4, 5, 2017**

**Saturday, 5:30 pm**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Javier Bareno

**Lector:** Fred McQuaide

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joanne Lee

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday, 8:00 am**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Javier Bareno, Deacon Nick Ardito

**Lector:** Susan Vetterl

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Help Needed

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday, 9:30 am**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Javier Bareno, Deacon Bob Head

**Lector:** Kevin Mullin

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

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**Sunday, 11:00 am**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Javier Bareno

**Lector:** Al Escudero

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

**Altar Servers:** Help Needed

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S**

**Monday, Oct. 30**

8:45 am Daily Mass

7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

**Tuesday, Oct. 31**

8:45 am Daily Mass

7:30 pm Choir

8:00 pm Knights of Columbus

**Wednesday, Nov. 1**

**All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation**

Parish Office Closed

8:45 am Daily Mass – Holy Day

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Mass (Holy Day)

**Thursday, Nov. 2**

**All Souls Day**

Parish Office Closed

**Friday, Nov. 3**

No events scheduled

**Saturday, Nov. 4**

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, Nov. 5**

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

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Current Year	Last Year 2016
October 22, 2017: \$2,421.25 Envelopes used: 52	October 23, 2016: \$1,863 Envelopes used: 52
Online for October \$10,225	Online for October: \$9,905
Supermarket Gift Cards: October 22, 2017 Sales: \$4,480 Profit: \$224 YTD Profit: \$6,412 2016 YTD Profit: \$5,407 # of families: 25	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](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **NJ484**.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless, Fr. Marcin

## JOIN US FOR HOLY MASS ON THIS DAY...

### Cemetery visitation – Sunday, November 5 at 1:15pm

After 12:15 mass at OLM we will have a prayer service at OLM cemetery to commemorate of those who are buried there (All souls cemetery visitation) upon request you may have an individual grave blessing. Please join us for this special service as we pray for our faithful departed especially our parishioners, family members and friends. May they rest in peace may God give them eternal life.

### !!!POPE FRANCIS AND HALLOWEEN!!!

**VATICAN CITY** — As millions of revelers around the world dress in ghoulish costumes to mark Halloween and the darker side of life, Pope Francis warned that the devil is no myth and must be fought strenuously with "God's armor." Francis described Christian life as a continuous battle against Satan during his homily at morning Mass at the Vatican on Thursday.

"This generation, and many others, have been led to believe that the devil is a myth, a figure, an idea, the idea of evil," the pope told the faithful during Mass at the St. Martha guesthouse where he lives inside the walls of the Vatican. "But the devil exists and we must fight against him."

Basing his reflections on the Apostle Paul's admonition that Christians must "put on the full armor of God" in order to resist Satan's temptations, Francis likened life to a "military endeavor" and urged people against being carried away by passions and temptations. "No spiritual life, no Christian life is possible without resisting temptations, without putting on God's armor which gives us strength and protects us. ... The truth is God's armor."

Meanwhile, an Italian exorcist, the Rev. Aldo Buonaiuto, suggested that Halloween should be replaced by a celebration of Christian saints and renamed "Holyween." He said too many people wrongly believe Halloween is a "simple carnival"; instead, he said, it masks "a subterranean world" based on the occult. "For followers of the occult, Oct. 31 is the satanic new year," he told the Italian daily *La Nazione*. "It's a time for attracting new converts. And it's also a time when exorcists have to work more. Buonaiuto is director of the Pope John XXIII Community Association, a Catholic organization fighting black magic sects and satanic cults, and is involved in Catholic training programs for exorcists.

With Halloween, he said, there is an increase in black magic rites, cemetery desecrations, thefts of sacred bones and the adoration of Satan, as well as demonic possessions.

### 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL IN GIVING, WE RECEIVE

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies, seminarian education, our inner-city area elementary schools and our priests' retirement residence. In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal is returned to the parish directly for its own needs. Please know that Appeal funds are used for no other purpose and serve only those who live in Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties. Please make a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal today. For your convenience, you can make an on line gift or pledge at [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org). Thank 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.

### FROM FR. SLAWEK...

#### Feast of All Saints – November 1

Since the early centuries, the Church has reserved one day to remember, collectively, all the saints, both those officially named as well as the vast number – surely the greater part – known only to God.

The official process of canonization involves a prolonged investigation that can take centuries to complete. The formality of this process, the emphasis on certified miracles, and the fact that those officially named are invariably exceptional figures, can serve to emphasize the gap between "real saints" and "people like us". In that sense, the process can hinder, rather than help us realize a crucial fact: that all Christians, not just a select few, are called to holiness.

That doesn't mean we should aspire to canonization. It simply reflects the fact that in calling ourselves followers of Christ we have pledged to conform our hearts and minds to the pattern of his holiness. This holiness is not necessarily expressed in writing learned tomes, performing fantastic feats of asceticism, founding religious congregation, or performing miracles. If we want to see the face of holiness we can recognize it in the qualities Jesus enumerates in the Beatitudes: Blessed are the poor in spirit... the meek... the merciful... the peacemakers... the pure of heart.

In this litany Jesus summarizes the virtues and attitudes implied by faithful discipleship. It is good to recall that these blessing are not directed to abstract qualities (poverty of spirit, meekness, purity of heart) but to the people who embody them, doubtless fully human, with all the faults and weaknesses that implies. Though these "blessings" do not exactly describe the traditional criteria for sanctity, we know that when we stand in the presence of such people or read their stories we feel closer to Jesus, with a renewed sense of possibility. Such was the experience of Ignatius Loyola, while recovering from war wounds, when he read a book of lives of the saints. He found himself excited by the thought, "What if I should do what St. Francis did, what St. Dominic did?"

It is easy to think of holy people from our time who embody these qualities: Mother Teresa (the merciful), Dorothy Day (the peacemaker), Oscar Romero (hungering and thirsting for righteousness). But it is also possible to recognize people of our own acquaintance who embody these qualities. It may be someone who stands out for her gentleness or forgiveness, someone who retains a spirit of joy in the midst of sorrows, someone who risks disapproval or looking foolish for taking an unpopular stand, someone who we always count on to provide an example that is loving, brave, and true. Such people also represent the face of holiness in our time. It is not

likely they will be canonized. Churches will not be named in their honor. And yet they too may be counted among the great “cloud of witnesses” recognized on the feast of All Saints.

**FROM FR. JAVIER...**

## **TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

### **The Fourth Commandment**

**Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.**

The catechism of the Catholic Church in the numeral 2197 teaches us about his commandment: “The fourth commandment opens the second table of the Decalogue. It shows us the order of charity. God has willed that, after him, we should honor our parents to whom we owe life and who have handed on to us the knowledge of God. We are obliged to honor and respect all those whom God, for our good, has vested with his authority”.

This commandment is expressed in positive terms of duties to be fulfilled. It introduces the subsequent commandments which are concerned with particular respect for life, marriage, earthly goods, and speech. It constitutes one of the foundations of the social doctrine of the Church.

The fourth commandment is addressed expressly to children in their relationship to their father and mother, because this relationship is the most universal. It likewise concerns the ties of kinship between members of the extended family. It requires honor, affection, and gratitude toward elders and ancestors. Finally, it extends to the duties of pupils to teachers, employees to employers, subordinates to leaders, citizens to their country, and to those who administer or govern it. This commandment includes and presupposes the duties of parents, instructors, teachers, leaders, magistrates, those who govern, all who exercise authority over others or over a community of persons.

As well in the numeral 2200 from the catechism said: “Observing the fourth commandment brings its reward: *“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God gives you.”* Respecting this commandment provides, along with spiritual fruits, temporal fruits of peace and prosperity. Conversely, failure to observe it brings great harm to communities and to individuals”. *Respect and love ours progenitors.*

### **.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](mailto:Patrick.regan@outlook.com).

**SAVE THE DATE....**Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 25, 2017. Save this date for a one day holiday fundraiser that doubles your gift giving potential this Christmas season. Details coming soon!!!

## **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](mailto:sbranco1@gmail.com).

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST SCHOOLEY’S MOUNTAIN FIREHOUSE...**

231 Schooley’s Mtn. Rd. ...Sunday, Nov. 5 from 8 am – 12 pm. Children ages 4-10 \$4, Senior Citizens: \$6, Adults: \$8, All you can eat! Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs & Pastries.

## **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.



## **FOOD PANTRY...**

As usual at this time of year, we would like you to consider donating to the Long Valley Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. You can donate non-perishable food items such as stuffing mix, canned yams, spices, etc. **OR** you can let the volunteers at the Food Pantry do the shopping for turkeys, fruits and vegetables by donating supermarket gift cards. Any supermarket gift cards you buy at St. Mark’s whether they’re for your own holiday shopping or to help the Food Pantry, count towards a special donation St. Mark’s will receive if we increase our gift card profit over last year. Thank you for your support.



*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, Meghan McDonough, 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

