Our Mission Statement

"Recognizing that we are the Body of Christ, the Catholic Community of Our Lady of the Mountain is called to live the Gospel. We desire to express our commitment to this call through praise-filled celebration, which culminates in our being sent into the community to actively reach out to others. Thus, we seek to grow in Christian love."

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Director: KellyAnn Tell 908-876-4003
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Grades K-6 September ~ April - Sundays
Grades 7-10 September ~April - alternate Mondays
FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY during class times, on Sundays or Mondays, please call 908-876-5024

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00PM and 7:00PM
Sunday 7:45AM, 9:15AM, 10:45AM, 12:15PM
Teen Mass - 5:00PM 1st Saturday of the Month, October ~ March.
Weekdays 9:30AM Monday ~ Friday
Holy Days Vigil 7:30PM
Holy Day 9:30AM and 7:30PM

Parish Registration: Registration forms are available in the office or can be found on the church website

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)

Saturday 4:15PM, 6:30PM or by appointment.

Baptism The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated every Sunday at 1:30PM (with a few exceptions). Please call the Parish Office to schedule a time. A Baptism Preparation class is required for first time parents.

Marriage One of the parties must be a bona fide member of the parish for at least one year prior to making arrangements. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

Hospital Visitation Please notify the Parish Office when a member of the family is in the hospital or homebound.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	**September 1, 2018**
9:30AM	OLM Parishioners
5:00PM	George Craney
	Henry DeAngelis
	Tom Golembeski (20th Ann)
7:00PM	OLM Parishioners
SUNDAY	**September 2, 2018**
7:45AM	Henry Zielensky
9:15AM	OLM Parishioners
10:45AM	Anthony D'Urso
12:15PM	Henry Scala
MONDAY	**September 3, 2018**
9:30AM	Jeremiah Ormsby
TUESDAY	**September 4, 2018**
9:30AM	Cornelius & Gertrude Shea
	John Sheppard & Matthew Barther
WEDNESDAY	**September 5, 2018**
9:30AM	OLM Parishioners
THURSDAY	**September 6, 2018**
9:30AM	Edward Walsh, Jr.
FRIDAY	**September 7, 2018**
9:30AM	OLM Parishioners
SATURDAY	**September 8, 2018**
5:00PM	Joseph Cattone
	Peter McGowan
	Henry DeAngelis
7:00PM	Cornelius Curtin
SUNDAY	**September 9, 2018**
7:45AM	Roseline, Kathy & Joann Peach
	Karleen & Bernie Peach
9:15AM	Walter Harasek
	Joseph Rogers
10:45AM	Lebo Barbagallo
12:15PM	Jean Stanco

Santuary Lamp in memory of Dn. Pat VanOrman

SUNDAY OFFERING

August 25 -26	$6,385.00
Cupboard	$ 25.00
Mission Co-Op	$1,992.00
Total	**$8,412.00**

Grocery Card sales for 2018 ~ $56,355 for a profit of $2,817.75

Faith Direct Donations in August 2018 were $15,625.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!
Reminder: If you attend Mass at either St. Luke's or St. Mark's you can drop your Our Lady of the Mountain envelope in the collection basket and it will be credited as your donation to Our Lady of the Mountain.

Parish Office Hours
Monday ~ Friday, 9:00AM – 3:00PM
Labor Day ~ Memorial Day

Office is Closed Monday, September 3, 2018

Faith Direct

Thank you for being a part of Our Lady of the Mountain 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 Our Lady of the Mountain 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 and ministries.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NJ568

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,
Fr. Marcin

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, September 8

5:00PM	**Fr. Marcin**
Lector:	KellyAnn Tell
Ministers:	Check in the Sacristy
Servers:	SERVERS NEEDED
7:00PM	**Fr. Javier**
Lector:	Albert Villanueva
Ministers:	Check in the Sacristy
Servers:	SERVERS NEEDED

SUNDAY, September 9

7:45AM	**Msgr. Javier**
Lector:	Chris Latran
Ministers:	Check in the Sacristy
Servers:	SERVERS NEEDED
9:15AM	**Fr. Marcin**
Lector:	Jack Ryan
Ministers:	Check in the Sacristy
Servers:	SERVERS NEEDED
10:45AM	**Fr. Marcin**
Lector:	John Desimone
Ministers:	Check in the Sacristy
Servers:	SERVERS NEEDED
12:15PM	**Fr. Javier**
Lector:	Mary Kibler
Ministers:	Check in the Sacristy
Servers:	SERVERS NEEDED

MASSES AT ST. MARKS

SATURDAY, September 8
5:30PM – Fr. Slawek

SUNDAY, September 9
9:00AM – Fr. Slawek
11:00AM – Fr. Slawek

Lector needed for 7:00PM Masses please contact Chris Latran at cplatran@comcast.net if interested. Thank you.

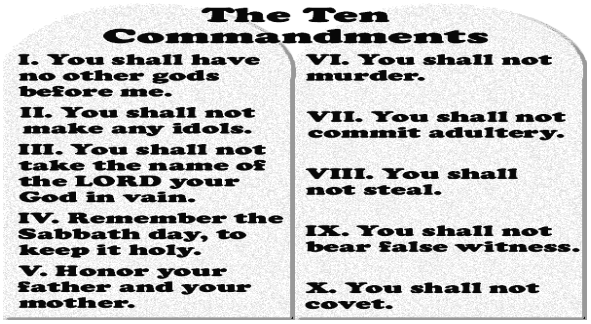
FROM FR. MARCIN

My dear parishioners,

Today in church we observe 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are already in September. Can you imagine? Summer time is over. Children have to go back to school, and everything is coming back to our church schedule like CCD classes, all meetings and bible studies.

In today's Gospel Jesus says: *"Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."*

Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart? The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments. What matters now is our heart. Jesus asks that we wash and purify our hearts. Eat whatever you wish but follow the Ten Commandments and love your neighbor!



The Commandments are a gift from God to help us enjoy life by not getting lost along the way. That is why our first reading said, "Observe them that you may have life." (Deut 4:1) Not only are they a gift from God but they are also a sensible way to live. God has also given us the Bible, and the teaching of the Church. Thank God for all the helps he has given us for our journey through life. God's wants to help us find happiness in life. There are many temptations and attractions all telling us that they are offering us happiness but any happiness they offer is shallow and not lasting. Sinning never brings happiness, only unhappiness. Sin is sin and never brings happiness only unhappiness. Only by following God's words we will arrive at our destination safely and find true happiness. Let us resolve to leave sin behind and follow God's words. It is the only way to life and the only way to guide us safely above the storms of life.

If we do get turned upside down let us return to the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation because he is all merciful and rejoices over sinners who repent. There is more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine who have no need of repentance. God in his mercy sent his Son Jesus Christ to free us from our sinful cravings and burden of guilt, and to restore us to wholeness of life and goodness. But to receive his mercy and healing, we must admit our faults and ask for his forgiveness. The Lord is ever ready to change and purify our hearts through his Holy Spirit who dwells within us. His power and grace enables us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. Do you believe in the power of God's love to change and transform your heart?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and make my heart like yours – on fire with love and holiness. Strengthen my will that I may always choose to love what is good and to reject what is evil."

ST. MARK PRAY FOR US…

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US…

From Fr. Slawek

St. Kassiani – September 7

Abbess, Hymnographer (ca. 810 – 865)

Kassiani was born to a wealthy family in Constantinople. It is reported that the young emperor, smitten by her beauty, interviewed her as a potential bride. "Through a woman came the baser things," he remarked, referring to original sin. "And through a woman came the better things," she replied, referring to salvation. He decided to choose a different bride. As for Kassiani, in 843 she founded a convent outside the city and became its first abbess.

A poet and composer, Kassiani wrote hundreds of hymns, of which twenty-three remain in the Orthodox liturgical books today. Her "Hymn of the Fallen Woman" is regularly sung during Holy Week: "I will fervently embrace Thy sacred feet, and wipe them again with the tresses of the hair of my head, Thy feet at whose sound Eve hid herself for fear when she heard Thee walking in Paradise in the cool of the day."

During a period of fierce iconoclasm, Kassiani was arrested and scourged for her fervent devotion to icons. When the persecution passed she traveled to Italy and Greece, where she died on the island of Kasos.

From Fr. Javier

TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

The Sacrament of Confirmation

My dear brothers and sisters, let us continued our learning from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. According to our catechism, the Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be

explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.

In the first centuries Confirmation generally comprised one single celebration with Baptism, forming with it a "double sacrament," according to the expression of St. Cyprian. Among other reasons, the multiplication of infant baptisms all through the year, the increase of rural parishes, and the growth of dioceses often prevented the bishop from being present at all baptismal celebrations. In the West the desire to reserve the completion of Baptism to the bishop caused the temporal separation of the two sacraments. The East has kept them united, so that Confirmation is conferred by the priest who baptizes. But he can do so only with the "*myron*" consecrated by a bishop.

A custom of the Roman Church facilitated the development of the Western practice: a double anointing with sacred chrism after Baptism. The first anointing of the neophyte on coming out of the baptismal bath was performed by the priest; it was completed by a second anointing on the forehead of the newly baptized by the bishop. The first anointing with sacred chrism, by the priest, has remained attached to the baptismal rite; it signifies the participation of the one baptized in the prophetic, priestly, and kingly offices of Christ. If Baptism is conferred on an adult, there is only one post-baptismal anointing, that of Confirmation. God bless you.

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC

We are Catholic because we believe:

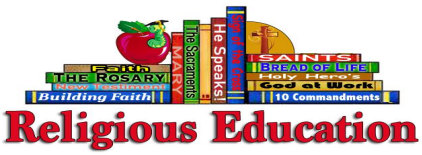
The term "passions" belongs to the Christian patrimony. Feelings or passions are emotions or movements of the sensitive appetite that incline us to act or not to act in regard to something felt or imagined to be good or evil. The passions are natural components of the human psyche; they form the passageway and ensure the connection between the life of the senses and the life of the mind. Our Lord called man's heart the source from which the passions spring. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 1763-1764

Music Ministry

OLM music ministry provides joy, comfort and inspiration for our liturgies and festive parish celebrations through the musical gifts, generosity and commitment of our members. Please consider joining adult choir (Thursday evenings 7-8:30pm) or children's choir – (Thursday afternoons 4:00-4:45pm) all children K – 8 are invited or our cantor/leader of song ministry. Call Rita Mueller for more details 973-862-2095. All groups begin rehearsing after Labor Day. (September 13th.)

New Eyes for the Needy

The Knights of Columbus will be having an eyeglass recycling container in the Our Lady of the Mountain gathering space beginning September 1, 2018 concluding September 30, 2018. Please donate your unwanted eyeglasses which will be given to the needy and be sincerely appreciated.



Religious Education Volunteers Needed

OLM's Religious Education program is in need of the following:

- Adult Hall Monitors and Parking Lot Attendants for all sessions (8:00AM, 9:30AM and 11:00AM).
- Adult Office Aides for 9:30AM session.
- Parking Lot people

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact KellyAnn Tell at 908-876-4003 or by email at dreolm@comcast.net.

2018-2019 Registration Forms for K-10

Registration forms for the upcoming school year are on the website. www.ourladyofthemountain.org click on "Religious Education" and download the 2018-2019 form. Registration forms must be accompanied by applicable tuition and supporting documentation (if necessary) and **will not** be processed if not received. ****Forms received after August 31st will incur a $75 late fee. Registrations will not be processed without the late fees.**

Summer Nights at the Teen Center

High School Youth Group, grades 9 to 12
Wednesday Nights, 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Each week there will be a different activity
followed by free time for fellowship.
All are welcome! Bring a friend!!

dates: September 12, 19, 26

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Please Pray for the Sick

Please remember to pray for the sick of our parish community who have requested our prayers*: Anthony Arbolino, Arianna Anello, Vic Berzanski, Alex Birdsall, Noah Bonita, Toni Brenner, Tim Burns, Joseph Caruso, Ron Caruso, David Chung, Eric Clemente, Randy Clymer, Todd Copan, Rachel Crane, Genevieve Dancicco, Gary Davila, Christopher Delplato, Mike Depew, Vito Dellibovi, Sean Dolan, Glenn Evans, Jayden Feichter, Santinna Flynn, Maureen Foley, Barbara Froetscher, Pete Gallagher, Mary Gallagher, Baby Antonia Gallardo, Vince &*

Ann Gentile, Jean Greco, Jerry Green, Don Grevera, Anabela Guerra, Peggy Hoffman, Laurel Jilek, Kristina Kantz, Carman Kissoczy, Pam Longo, Raymond Lurker, Raymond MacCarthy, AnaMaria Markle, Jillian Martin, Nancy Martin, Judy Martino, Bob McCourt, Darlene McHugh, Ed Michonski, Jennifer Mollitor, Nora Ochwat, Jim Owens, Dennis Paradise, Arlene & Chandra Parikh, Jim & Carolynn Pauze, Stelios & Mary Pispitsos, Deanna Procuito, Art Quails, Joanne Reilly, Heather Ryan, Dan Salerno, Kathleen Sanders, Anthony Santos, Jillian Sayre, Pauline Scala, Judy Schellenberg, Connor Scott, Colinda Shernce, Paula Smith, Bob Taylor, Thomas Tell, April Turkmen, Ellin & Frank Uhl, Lil Varga, Nicholas Viggiano, Ronald Warner, Allen Watts, Adrienne Werner, Melissa Winters, Roula Zanetta, & Issac Zujkowski. We are currently praying for the sick from the pulpit for 1 month then adding their names to this list in the bulletin.

"Confirmed in Christ" Dove Tree

We will again by putting The "Dove Tree" in the gathering room doves with confirmation candidates' names. We are asking you to take a dove, pray for the candidate, and then return the dove **by September 10th to the container by the tree,** with a message of encouragement and congratulations on the reverse side. These doves will be presented to the candidates as part of their final preparation for Confirmation. **Please do not make copies or any additional doves. Each child will receive the exact same amount of doves. This is a church community opportunity!! Look for the tree next weekend!**

The Rosary Altar Society

All women of OLM & St. Mark are invited Tuesday, September 4th, at 7:15 P.M. The evening starts with praying the Rosary, attending Mass, then refreshments and meeting. But most of all fellowship with other women of all generations. Come reconnect with friends, come make new friends, just come and see what the society is all about. No commitment. This month **For more info. call Linda Richartz, President 908–876–9601**

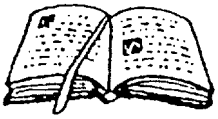
Operation Chillout – Homeless Veterans Outreach

The New Jersey based Operation ChillOut - Homeless Veterans Out-Reach is holding a Silent Auction fundraiser Saturday, September 29th at Vasa Park, 1 Vasa Drive, Hackettstown, NJ. We are currently seeking donations of merchandise or complimentary tickets from your organization. We also accept monetary donations. For 18 years we have supported our New Jersey and parts of NE Pennsylvania homeless Veterans through our fundraising efforts. Proceeds from this fund raising event will help us continue to provide for our homeless Vets, with needed clothing warm meals, clean water and shelter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Bob Scanga at 908-269-5366 or Amy Lang 973-769-1875.

RCIA Beginning Soon

"If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or know of anyone interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office. RCIA is open to all unbaptized adults who are interested in preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is also open to baptized Christians, Catholic and non-Catholic, who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Our formation process places emphasis on knowing the doctrines of our faith and a knowledge of Jesus and the principles according to which He taught us how to live.

Bible Study



The OLM evening Bible Study program will resume Thursday September 20th, 7:30 PM with the book of James, one of the most practical books of the Bible. Its teachings speak loudly to those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith. This study offers "pearls for wise living" by applying the wisdom of James to our current day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances. James is an eleven-week program, sessions are on Thursday evenings 7:30 – 9:00 PM and all are welcome. The cost for study materials is $24.95. For more information or to register, please email renny.hodgskin@gmail.com.

Book Club

The first meeting of the OLM book club will be on Wednesday, September 19th,at 7pm in the conference room of the lower church. Our selection this month is Proof of Heaven by Eben Alexander. The club meets on the second or third Wednesday of each month and reads a selection of both best sellers and spiritual books. We welcome new members, so if you enjoy reading and discussing new books please join us. Feel free to contact Carolyn Kricks for a complete list of the books and meeting dates. carolynkricks@aol.com or 908-721-2691

4th Annual Special Needs Ministry Motorcycle Run

Date: Saturday, September 22, 2018
Rain Date: Saturday, September, 29, 2018
Start Location: St. Lukes Church
265 West Mill Road (Routee 513)
Long Valley, NJ 07853
Time: 9:00am Registration9:00-9:45AM Bike Blessings by the Christian Motorcycle Association
10:00AM Kickstands up
1:00pm Meet at the Long Valley Brew Pub for the After ride lunch with whoever is left and not lost!!
Donations: $15.00 per bike
$10.00/passender