

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

September 8, 2019

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, September 7

5:30 pm For Dan Salerno by Joanne Lee

Sunday, September 8

9:00 am For Rocky Labato by Yonki Family
Amparo Vega by her family

10:45 am Mass at Heath Village – Health Care Center
11:00 am For Josephine Palman by Schwint Family

Monday, September 9

8:45 am For deceased priests of the Paterson Diocese

Tuesday, September 10

8:45 am For a Special Intention

Wednesday, September 11

8:45 am For the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attack

Thursday, September 12

8:45 am In honor of Bill Betz's birthday

Saturday, September 14

5:30 pm For Dennis McKenna by Lennon Family

Sunday, September 15

9:00 am For Dan Salerno by Yonki Family
For Amparo Vega by Her Family

11:00 am For Rocky Labato by Monteverde Family

**REMEMBRANCE MEMORIALS
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

Sanctuary Lamp: In loving memory of Vito and Marie Benardone and Aeneas and Genevieve Corry by Corry/Benardone family

Altar Breads & Wine: In loving memory of Jan and Amelia Krzywosz, and Wladyslaw and Anna Skoczylas by Skoczylas Family

Mass Candles:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 14, 15, 2019
Saturday 5:30 pm

Celebrant: TBD
Lector: Fred McQuaide
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Burke
Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 9:00 am

Celebrant: TBD
Lector: Kevin O'Shea
Eucharistic Ministers: Carmen Veras
Altar Servers: Help needed

Sunday, 11:00 am

Celebrant: TBD
Lector: Al & David Escudero
Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Sharon Woelfel
Altar Servers: Help needed

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday, September 9

8:45 am Mass
7:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

Tuesday, September 10

8:45 am Mass

Wednesday, September 11

8:45 am Mass

Thursday, September 12

8:45 am Mass

Friday, September 13

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 14

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

Sunday, September 15

9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass
Blessing of Catechists and materials at 11:00 am mass
SYM Grade 9 9:30am-11:00am mass &
Grade 10 – 11:00 am mass-1:30 pm
Parents stay for Confirmation Meeting

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Current Year	Last Year 2018
September 1, 2019: \$2,064	September 2, 2018: \$1,696
Supermarket Gift Cards September 1, 2019 Sales: \$3,100 Profit: \$155 YTD 2019 \$4,120.75 YTD 2018 \$4,372.50 Number of families: 14	St. Mark's Faith Direct Church Code is NJ484

FAITH DIRECT...

With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass. You can either go online to faith.direct/NJ484 or text the word ENROLL to (Text-to-Give Phone Number). Thank you for your prayerful support of St. Mark the Evangelist. God Bless You, Fr. Marcin

SOMETHING TO DO AFTER LABOR DAY...

Every morning, you undoubtedly remember that your children need a good breakfast before going off to school. But do you also remember that *all* children need a good breakfast before going off to school? What can *you* do about that? One way to help (and it's probably easier than making breakfast for your own kids) is to donate breakfast foods to the Long Valley Food Pantry. Some suggestions are hot or cold cereals, pancake mix, syrup, juices, pop tarts, etc. Of course lunch and dinner are also important, so anything you can donate will be put to good use. The children thank you!

STRAIGHT AND NARROW

As befitting the mission of outreach to people in need in the Paterson Diocese, the Bishop's Annual Appeal stands ready to help support the rebuilding efforts of Straight and Narrow. With this terrible fire that has further complicated the lives of those already struggling with often crippling personal issues, your generosity to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is needed now more than ever.

10% of all funds raised in the 2019 Annual Appeal, over and above the usual allocation to Catholic Charities, will go toward the Straight and Narrow re-building effort. With your pledge to the Appeal, this could come to hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring new life to Straight and Narrow and the people being served.

Parishioners across the Diocese are being asked to support all the ministries and programs funded by the Appeal, including this special effort for Straight and Narrow, when it kicks-off in the next two weeks. Contributions can also be made on-line now at www.2019appeal.org.

*God bless you,
St. Mark...pray for us...Fr. Marcin*

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

A growing number of parishes are reporting that they, their parishioners, and parish staff have been receiving a request to buy gift cards for their pastor and get them to a particular address. If you get such an email, you can be rather sure that this is a scam. Our priests do not ask parishioners to buy gift cards for them. Please be vigilant!!!

FROM FR. SLAWOMIR...

Alexander Men – September 7
Orthodox Priest and Martyr (1935-1990)

Alexander Men was born in Russia in the heart of the Stalinist era. Ordained an Orthodox priest in 1960, he spent most of his career in obscure pastoral assignments. Though subject, like all priests, to the threat of harassment and persecution, he was able to carve out a small zone of operation in the Moscow area. Through the 1970s he worked to establish small Christian communities which emphasized prayer and Bible study.

Gradually, he assumed a more visible role. Known as the "priest of the intellectuals" and a friend of dissidents, he was regularly picked up by the KGB for questioning. Yet he refused opportunities to leave the country. With the dawn of glasnost under Mikhail Gorbachev, Men was finally able to publish his spiritual writings and to offer public lectures on Christianity. Thus, he became a symbol of the resurgence of spiritual values. Not everyone welcomed this new era of openness. On September 9, 1990, unknown assailants struck him in the head with an ax as he was on his way to church. He died instantly. Men had anticipated such a fate. As he wrote to a friend before his death, "Do not be worried about me I'm only an instrument that God is using for the moment. Afterwards, things will be as God wants them."

"I have always wanted to be a Christian living not by candlelight, but in the direct light of the sun."

FROM FR. JAVIER: TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH The sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick

My dear brothers and sisters, the risen Lord renews this *mission* ("In my name . . . they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.") and confirms it through the signs that the Church performs by invoking his name. These signs demonstrate in a special way that Jesus is truly "God who saves."

The Holy Spirit gives to some a special charism of healing so as to make manifest the power of the grace of the risen Lord. But even the most intense prayers do not always obtain the healing of all illnesses.

Also, the Church has received this charge from the Lord and strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick as well as by accompanying them with her prayer of intercession. She believes in the life-giving presence of Christ, the physician of souls and bodies. This presence is particularly active through the sacraments, and in an altogether special way through the Eucharist, the bread that gives eternal life.

However, the apostolic Church has its own rite for the sick, attested to by St. James: "*Is any among you sick? Let him call for the priests of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed sins, they will be forgiven.*" Tradition has recognized in this rite one of the seven sacraments.

May God bless you.



SAVE THE DATE....

For St. Mark's Fall Craft Fair featuring Homemade/Handmade Items
Saturday, November 16, 2019 9:00 am to 4:00 pm **VENDORS**
WANTED: \$35.00 per space – contact mariannek.stm@gmail.com

ST. MARK'S WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...

Come join us as we deliver into Jeff Cavins' Great Adventure study--*The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation*. Journey with us as we discover salvation history as it is woven throughout scripture. The newly revised workbooks and remastered DVDs will walk us through the bible to experience firsthand the life-changing power of the promises of God's Word. We meet every Wednesday morning in the chapel from 9:20am until 11am, beginning **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th**. To register, call the main office or contact Lorraine Fleming at Lorraine@Flemingconstruction.com



OLM BIBLE STUDY...

This fall, the OLM evening Bible Study program will study Bishop Barron's Word on Fire CATHOLICISM. This faith enhancing 10-session program explains not only what Catholics believe and why, but also displays in breathtaking, visual detail the richness of the Church's culture. The program will begin Thursday September 12 at 7:30 pm in the lower classroom at OLM. Please contact Renny Hodgskin 908-832-2965 or email renny.hodgskin@gmail.com to register or request additional details. Study materials will cost \$25 per person.

OLM BOOK CLUB...

The OLM book club will have their first meeting on Wednesday, September 18 from 7-9 pm. We will meet each month in the conference room of the parish center below the church. Our first selection is Can You Ever Forgive Me? By Lee Israel. All are welcome to attend and you can email Carolyn at carolynkricks@olm.com for a complete list of the books and discussion dates for the year.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY...

All ladies of OLM, St. Mark's and St. Luke's parishes are invited to join the members of the rosary altar Society for our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 10th (all subsequent meetings will be on the 1st Tuesday of each month). We meet in OLM church at 7:15 pm for recitation of the Rosary followed by Mass and our meeting is then held in the parish center. Come find out about our fun social events and informational talks while making new friends and strengthening your devotion to our Blessed Mother. We hope to see you there.



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

Richard Alvarez, Daria Cremonini, Tony Atkins, Ann Geary, Sue Geary, Kathleen Goodman, Thomas Kenny, Suzy Ladlee, Mary McArdle, Anna McFarland, Denise Niessing, Girard Nolte, Jr., Georgette Petromelis, Christopher Popp, George and Ann Senftinger, Fredrick Senftinger, Special Intention, Tracy Tobin, Christopher Zeliff



NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY

For the next several weeks, eyeglass recycling baskets will be located in the gathering space. Please donate your used eyeglasses which will be given to the needy. Your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.

COMMUNITY AUCTION – St. Luke's – Dec. 7, 2019

Reflection for the Week

For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. MT 6:21

If you would like to be a part of an international organization of nearly 2 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you. Knights and their families have greater opportunities to participate in a variety of activities that deepen their faith, promote the New Evangelization, and strengthen our parishes. From a few hours a month to as little as a few hours a year, you can make a difference. We are an active council and have a lot to offer – Become a Knight!

www.lvkofc.org

CLOTHING DRIVE-SARAH'S FIGHT FOR HOPE FOUNDATION...

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Clothing Drive September 1-30th – 8 am to 8 pm, 10 Amherst Drive, Long Valley. We are collecting: Wearable & Usable Clothing (Men's Women's & children's) shoes, belts, handbags, small rugs, linens (bedding, curtains, towels)..., and stuffed animals. NO BOOKS, FURNITURE, CDs or DVDs please. Place all items in tightly tied plastic bags. Help support Pediatric Cancer Research. Thank you...

MERCY HOUSE NEEDS...

Mercy House supplies women who chose life with baby items. A playpen is set up in gathering space for donations. Larger baby items can be made directly to Mercy House thru Cheryl Riley respect life office in Newark 973-497-4350, Cheryl.riley@rcan.org. Or you may contact Lela Callaremi at 973-479-6139.

ORATORY PREP SCHOOL...

We invite you to our Open Houses on Sunday, Sept. 29 from 1-3 pm and Thurs., Oct. 24 from 6:45-8:15 pm. No RSVP required. Oratory Prep is located at 425 Morris Ave, Summit, NJ Call 908-273-1084, ext. 1 or visit us at www.oratoryprep.org

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS...

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. **Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 at 3:30 pm.** Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register is Friday, October 11th, 2019.**

