

# Lord, I love your commands.

## July 24, 2011

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Sat., July 23**

5:30 pm For the children of St. Mark's

**Sun., July 24**

8:00 am For deceased members of St. Mark's Parish

9:30 am For Joseph Leshko, Sr. by Bitecola Family

11:30 am For Marie Louise Chang by Roehrig Family

**Mon., July 25**

8:45 am For Ellen Zeliff

**Tues., July 26**

8:45 am For Thomas Rosamila by Eufrasia Conca

**Wed., July 27**

8:45 am For John Grieve by Stokes Family

**Sat., July 30**

5:30 pm For the hungry of the world

**Sun., July 31**

8:00 am For Socrates Bagiackas by Morley Family

9:30 am For Joseph Leshko, Sr. by McLoughlin Family

11:00 am For deceased members of St. Mark's Parish

### Ministry Schedule

#### Ministers for July 30,31, 2011

##### Saturday 5:30 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Abuchi Nwosu

Greeter: Mary Strabley

Lector: Fred McQuaid, Tom Morley

Eucharistic Ministers: Alan McGrath, Jeanette Bracero

Altar Servers: Sarah Murray

##### Sunday, 8:00 AM

Celebrant: Fr. Abuchi Nwosu

Greeter: Colette McPhail

Lector: Jim Scott, Susan Vetterl

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Parker, Mark Vetterl

Altar Servers: Rebecca Czyzewski

##### 9:30 AM

Celebrant: Msgr. Stan Schinski

Greeter: Anne Ronceray

Lector: Kevin Mullin, John Arrambide

Eucharistic Ministers: Lorraine Fleming, Liza Cook, Mary Marino

Altar Servers: Eric Henwood

##### 11:00 AM

Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

Greeter: Cresci Family

Lector: Olivia Bonanno, Dina Carmelengo

Eucharistic Ministers: Grace Reilly, Bill Betz, Patrick Kenney, Shannon Eskola\*

Altar Servers: Bayley Roehrig

\*Collection only

### OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PARISH

#### Saturday, July 30, 2011

5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

7:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

#### Sunday, July 31, 2011

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Ray Lopatesky

9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

10:45 am Celebrant: Fr. Abuchi Nwosu

12:15 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Peter McHugh

### FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

**Altar Breads & Wine** – In loving memory of Patsy Marchese by Marchese family

**Sanctuary Lamp** – In loving memory of William R. De Agro by Mitchell Family

**Mass Candles** –

### WHEN SOMEONE WE LOVE BECOMES ILL

*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, John Andaloro, Wilma Anselmo, Lorraine Armando, Tony Atkins, Anthony Bonanno, Paul Buckley, John Callaghan, Christina's baby, Hannah Clark, Emily Condit, Kaitlin Cross, Lisa Czyzewski, Naialia Danilczuk, Krish Dharia, James Joseph DiGiovine, Fr. Edward Donohue, Connie Elliott, Tim Fallon, Elaina Grace Gaffin, Ann Geary, Allison Good, Barbara Gotterdam, Helen Greenly, Regina Hague, Rick Haskins, Janet Hauser, Heather, William Heimsly, Donna Jennings, Kevin Kay, Caroline Kling, Mary Koenig, Karl Koschier, Mara Lak, Christina Lanaris, Lenore, Maryann Litori, Ann Loughney, Helene Mackie, Irene Maruggi, Jonathon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Maryanne & Jack Newell, John Parker, Nicky Pilosi, Betty Pryor, Clifford Reynolds, Ryan, Anthony Santoli, Debbie Trepkau, Theresa, Joanne Mary Walsh, Jaxson Weber, Cathy Webster, Phyllis Weis, Robert Whiteside

Every now and then we try to update our prayer list of names of the sick and special intentions. We have alphabetized the names in the hopes of making them easier to read. There are some names that we in the parish office cannot associate with a person who made the request to pray for them. Please look over the list and if you requested prayers for a person please either call the office or e mail Fr. Joe to let us know if you wish to continue to be on this prayer list.

**Pray for the deceased:** Albert Andres, father of Deborah Beggin

### ST. MARK'S NEEDS \$5,280 PER WEEK TO MEET OUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

Current Year	Last Year 2010
July 17, 2011 - \$3,041	July 16, 2010 - \$3,216
Envelopes used: 59	Envelopes used: 57
Extended Catholic Obligations: \$754	Extended Catholic Obligations: \$610
Envelopes used: 31	Envelopes used: 27
<b>Supermarket Gift Cards</b>	
Week of July 17, 2011	
Sold - \$3,890	
Profit - \$194.50	
Total YTD 2011 - \$6,268.00	
# of families who purchased: 21	

### FINANCES...

The Diocese of Paterson's policy regarding parish finances is that they should be transparent. The parishes of Our Lady of the Mountain and St. Mark's and St. Luke's are financially

independent of one another. Each parish relies upon the generosity of their parishioners. Each week we will publish the past week's collection(s) so you can follow our progress.

It is not unusual for parishioners in the three churches of Long Valley to once and awhile attends mass in another parish due to your personal family schedules. If you do attend church in St. Luke's or Our Lady of the Mountain you can drop your St. Mark's envelope in the collection basket and they will be credited as your donation to St. Mark's. Father Mike and I have agreed upon this arrangement and we think it will work out without any complications...Fr. Joe



Baseball...a summer thing...

When I was four years old I went to my first major league baseball game in Yankee Stadium. My aunt took me along with my coloring books. To say I became a fan is very true. To this day I just cannot wait for spring training to begin and when the summer really gets here I find myself, not going to Yankee Stadium too often, but I have fallen in love with minor league baseball. Sometimes during the summer nights you might find me in Patriots Park in Bridgewater watching the Somerset Patriots or perhaps even in Allentown, Pa. watching a minor league AAA team of the Philadelphia Phillies called the "Iron Pigs".

Unless baseball is in your blood some people find it very boring waiting for something to happen. They don't realize things are happening all the time. Players are giving signals; infielders and outfielders are shifting positions. Pitchers and catchers are discussing the next type of pitch to throw and a host of others things go on.... what is the point? The gospel these weeks present Jesus' teaching on what is the kingdom of God. To some people it might be some vague term of way out there and they feel that are just waiting for the action to start. But the reality is that the action is here and now. Just like the little seeds of the sower we have read about there is power in the smallness of the inner part of the seed that we cannot see but see its effect.

Jesus wants us to learn the secrets, the inner workings of the kingdom. We participate in the inner workings that is the Kingdom of God each time we share our experience of Jesus with others; each time we pray for another; each time we reach out to help someone in need. As followers of Jesus we are called to be in the center of the action and not be waiting for it to happen for in reality it is happening all around us and hopefully we recognize it and are a part of it...Father Joe

### **ABOUT THE CATECHUMENATE/THE RCIA**

In God's plan we are called upon to continue to invite others to discover the great treasure that is our faith. Through such invitations you can help a person with no church family to find a new pathway to life in the Lord. We, ourselves, need the help of the Holy Spirit to be able to invite others with confidence and joy. Pray for the gift of wisdom: Think of someone you know who is not active in a church or religious tradition and may be open to exploring the Catholic faith. Praying for the gift of wisdom is one way of discerning which individuals may benefit from your intention effort to extend an invitation to look into the RCIA or other programs at St. Mark's so that they may hear about the gift of faith in Jesus Christ. If you know someone who might be interested, ask him or her to contact Fr. Joe or me Deacon Ray cell (973) 224-0153.

### **SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Couples, were you married in 1961 or 1986? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Morristown on Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 2:30 pm. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. Application forms are available through Wednesday, October 5, 2011. A confirmation letter will be sent from the Diocesan Center once your application has been processed. Bring family and friends to attend this joyous event with you.

### **SAINT MARK'S PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

Our picnic committee is getting ready to make plans for this year's picnic out on our back lawn. If you would like to be a member of the committee please contact Fr. Joe or the parish office. We always welcome new members and new ideas. We want to get going so don't delay if you want to help call today!

### **HELPING CATHOLIC CHARITIES...**

Catholic Charities Clothing Bin in the parking lot on the side of the church as you exit. Your donations of clothing will be sold in thrift stores and the profits go to the Catholic Charities of our diocese. So please use it and help others...Thanks.



Christian Education classes for September are now being formed. If you have not registered please do so as soon as possible.

\*A \$50 late fee is now in effect for late registrations for any previously registered families.

\*If you are new to the parish or new to our CEC program the late fee does not apply.

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

#### Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

#### Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.

### HELP NEEDED AT 9:30 AM MASS

Due to popular demand, we will extend our Separate Liturgy of the Word for Children throughout the summer months. In order to do so, we are looking for helpers. Maybe you are home from college for the summer and would be willing to take one or two of the morning sessions with the preschool children! Maybe summer is not as hectic for you as the school year is, and you would be willing to help out on an occasional Sunday morning. We promise this is a very rewarding experience. If you wish to help, just let us know by calling the office. Thank you!

### 50+ CLUB NEWS

**Meetings** - First Wed. of every month at 12:30 P.M. in the Gathering Space at St. Mark's.

**Luncheon** - Third Wed. of the month at 12:30 P.M. Call 908-852-9089 if you are interested in attending.

*Community News* 

### OPPORTUNITY FOR PART-TIME MINISTRY

We have an opportunity for part-time ministry at St. John's Catholic Community in Califon, NJ. We are approximately 120 young people who are looking for a part time Parish Catechetical Leader. The PCL would be needed mainly on 2 weekends and some evenings as you oversee our Saturday and Sunday gatherings twice a month and guiding our Sacramental preparations. There is an Administrative Assistant who provides clerical support and administration. Catechists are on board and looking for support. We are looking for someone experienced in catechetics but we are willing to train

in leadership. Please send resume or inquire of the pastor, St. John Neumann Church, PO Box 455, Califon, NJ 07830 or call (908) 832-2513 or email [jwmickiewicz@ccsjn.org](mailto:jwmickiewicz@ccsjn.org)

### PART TIME POSITION

Someone to cook 3 meals a week at home and drop off to a Long V alley home... If interested please contact Fr. Joe

### HELP WITH RETIREMENT PLAN DISTRIBUTIONS

For fellow parishioners seeking guidance with respect to their employer-sponsored retirement plan decisions when changing jobs or retiring, call Tom Cross at Edward Jones Investments in Long Valley, (908) 876-9760.

### WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION

**SENIOR PICNIC**.... come one, come all to our fun event. W.T.Recreation is offering their annual Senior Picnic on Monday, August 15, at 11 am. At the WT. Senior Center Pavilion in Rock Spring Park. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held indoors. The cost of this event is a non-refundable fee of \$8 for residents and \$9 for non-residents. Send your check payable to W.T. Recreation to 50 Rock Road, LV. 07853 before August 8<sup>th</sup>. Questions, call (908) 876-5941.

A bus trip to the **Columbus Farmer's Market** in Columbus, NJ is planned for Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. This trip is open to everyone. The market has hundreds of outdoor flea market items, 60 inside retail stores, fresh produce and flowers. Bus leaves at 8:00 am and will return at 4:00 pm.

Each participant needs to obtain a trip form that includes travel waiver information from the W.T. Senior Center or from the township website, [wtmorris.org](http://wtmorris.org). Send completed form with your check for \$12/resident or \$15 non-resident to W.T. Recreation, 50 Rock Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853. Deadline is July 29<sup>th</sup>. Questions, Call 876-5941

On Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> a bus trip is planned to see the comedy **The Odd Couple at the Hunterdon Hills** playhouse. Prices is \$52/resident and \$56 non-resident. Send completed form and check to W.T. Recreation . Deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### TUTORING AVAILABLE

WMC High School graduate and parishioner available to tutor students grades 8-12 in the areas of English, Physics, French, and most levels of Mathematics, as well as preparation for the Writing and Reading sections of the SAT. Qualifications include receiving High Honors every marking period in AP & 1B classes and scoring a 2260 on the SAT. Flexible hours and reasonable rates. Call Shannon Eskola (908) 684-1736

