

# The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

## September 11, 2011

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Sat., Sept. 10**

5:30 pm For Alexandra & Sophia Mulvihill by Mulvihill Family

**Sun., Sept. 11**

8:00 am For victims and families of 9/11

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11:00 am For Regina Armando by Draghi Family

**Mon., Sept. 12**

8:45 am For Betty Conca by Eufrasia Conca

**Tues., Sept. 13**

8:45 am For Preachers of the Gospel

**Wed., Sept. 14**

8:45 am For those who suffer any need

**Sat., Sept. 17**

5:30 pm For success of evangelization efforts

**Sun., Sept. 18**

8:00 am For Adele Shurts by Barron Family

9:30 am For James McLoughlin by McLoughlin Family

11:00 am For Margaret Stokes by Clark Family

### Ministry Schedule

#### Ministers for September 17, 18, 2011

**Saturday 5:30 PM**

Celebrant: Fr. Abuchi Nwosu

Greeter: Mauriello Family

Lector: Kevin Nedd, Kevin Reilly

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Burke, Jeanette Bracero

Altar Servers: Anna Moffit, Erin Moffit

**Sunday, 8:00 AM**

Celebrant: Fr. Abuchi Nwosu

Homilist: Deacon John Meyer

Greeter: Jacqueline & Austin Harvey

Lector: Bill Barron, Tony Cretella

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed & Aurie Parker

Altar Servers: Michael Zeliff

**9:30 AM**

Celebrant: Fr. Abuchi Nwosu

Greeter: Anne Ronceray

Lector: Chris Henwood, Katie Henwood

Eucharistic Ministers: rich Mastriani, Ed Michonski, Marylee Terpstra

Altar Servers: Trey Mastriani

**11:00 AM**

Celebrant: Fr. Abuchi Nwosu

Homilist: Deacon Ray Biersbach

Greeter: Kathy Yates

Lector: Andy Bansch, Dina Carmelengo

Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Labue, Charlotte Skoczylas, Joan Dondero,

Patrick Kenney \*

Altar Servers: Danielle Pagano, Nicolette Pagano

\*Collection only

#### FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

**Sanctuary Lamp** –

**Mass Candles** –

#### OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PARISH

##### Saturday, September 17, 2011

5:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

7:00 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

##### Sunday, September 18, 2011

7:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

9:15 am Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph Goode

10:45 am Celebrant: Msgr. Peter McHugh

12:15 pm Celebrant: Msgr. Stan Schinski

#### ST. LUKE PARISH

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:45, 9:30 & 11:15 am

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

Current Year	Last Year 2010
September 4, 2011 - \$3,755 Envelopes used: 77 envelopes	September 5, - \$4,155 Envelopes used: 66
Parish Debt Reduction: \$1,125 Envelopes used: 49	Parish Debt Reduction: \$1,135 Envelopes used: 50
<b>Supermarket Gift Cards</b> Week of August 4, 2011 Sold - \$ 3,450 Profit - \$172.50 Total YTD 2011 - \$7,304.50 # of families who purchased: 15	

#### OFFERING ENVELOPE POLICY...

It is not unusual for parishioners in the three churches of Long Valley to once and awhile attend 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



The Parish Office will be open Mon, Tues., Wed., and Fri. from 8:30 am–3:30 pm closed on Thursday.



**"This week I invited Fr. Mike of St. Luke's Long Valley to be a guess columnist and share some thoughts on 9/11...Fr. Joe"**

### **How Do We Close Doors And GO ON LIVING?**

Robert Maloney, in an article for America Magazine, wrote that, "... We all suffer pain, even at times tragedies. They mark us for life, for good or for bad. Those who learn to deal with their darker moments grow, eventually finding light even in the darkness. Little by little they put tragedy into a broader perspective. They move forward, changed by painful experiences and renewed by them. Unwilling to let the past dominate their lives, they forge a new future."

Life has a way to challenge each one of us – even when we think we have it all figured out and seem to have everything under control. There is a measure of insecurity that seems to make its way into our lives and control us. I often wonder about that – especially as we reflect on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup> None of us could have imagined anything more horrific than that day ~ it is now a permanent "bookmark" in our memory bank. But I have been amazed at how resilient we have become in handling things – even personal challenges – these also leave indelible marks in our lives and they are important.

I watch families struggling to keep their bond alive when health issues become so overwhelming. I see adult relationships being challenged by career and economic pressures and the need to stay above water financially. I become frightened when I watch families fall apart because of domestic violence – alcohol and sexual abuse. I am often concerned about our teenagers and young adults – who have grown up in a world that is so materialistic and self-centered – that literally begs them to embrace this kind of philosophy. I also find a tremendous amount of denial these days. **We live for the moment...** seems to be the battle cry of most. Our schedule becomes our "god" – and I include myself in that as well. But denial can be much more serious than a schedule. Denial is placing the realities of our life somewhere else in hopes that they well not surface. But realities have a way of creeping up to greet us when we least expect it.

Robert Maloney mentions that there are five significant moments when closing the door is essential: a/ Anger b/ Failure c/ Grief d/ Relationships e/ Irresolvable Problems. Maloney's premise is that we cannot escape these realities and we must deal with them. But how? I worry about how well we, as a community, are taking care of ourselves. I believe that many of us feel that the experience of church is supposed to be a "cure all" for things that are going on in our life. I see it all the time – a heavy expectation that God is suppose to take care of "whatever". NOT SO! We are to take care of

ourselves and God will become a partner with us. Our faith, and how well we nurture it, is what can take us through anything – even closing doors on very heavy items that have occurred on our journey. We must learn to name what is unhealthy in our lives – have a willingness to deal with it – and the courage to let it finally go. I know that this is easier said than done. But I refer back to an Article in America Magazine – where an Irish poet, Patrick Kavanagh, is quoted: "...We are not alone in our loneliness, others have been here and known grief's we thought were our special own – problems that we could not solve – loves that we could not have – pleasures that we missed by inches.." How true that is – we cannot do it all – we cannot figure out the perfect road to success – we cannot always be the great role models others want us to be. There are times when we must acknowledge that we do not have all the answers – nor does the "world out there". What we strive to do as a faith community is to look to God for the answers. It begins with a true soul searching on our part. And, in the soul, we will find God and the answer to our true needs and happiness.

Father Mike  
Pastor – St. Luke's Catholic Community  
Long Valley, NJ

### **2011 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

#### *See the Face of Christ in Everyone*

As the 2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal begins, please know that your gift will be used solely and exclusively for the ministries listed in the Appeal materials – Catholic Charities, seminarian education, our inner-city schools and Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests retirement residence. In addition, our parish will receive 50% of all funds received over our parish appeal goal. Please be as generous as possible to this year's Appeal. Whatever you can give to help is a blessing!



### **TWO WORDS ON THE PICNIC...SIGN UP!...**

In order to really prepare for this day we need you to sign up as soon as possible. Those of you who experienced this great day in the past few years know that it is a lot of fun for the family...with games for children and just a simple picnic of hot dogs and hamburgers... We will also have a 50/50 raffle that afternoon too... sign up today...use the form on the last page of the bulletin or extra forms in the gathering space. Leave your completed forms in the box in the table in the gathering space...Fr. Joe



### **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, 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, Jonothon McClelland, Harold & Mary McKay, Maryanne & Jack Newell, Jane Nolte, John Parker, Nicky Pilosi, Betty Pryor, Clifford Reynolds, Ryan, Anthony Santoli, Margaret Stokes, Debbie Trepkau, Theresa, Joanne Mary Walsh, Jaxson Weber, Cathy Webster, Phyllis Weis, Robert Whiteside, Dave Woeste

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.

### **GREETERS NEEDED...**

The other day at a baptism a woman who is an Episcopalian told me how nice it was that I welcomed everyone...she said she did not always experience that...can you believe it! First impressions are really important. We need some more greeters at our masses. If you are just friendly and can smile you have the job. Just greet everyone who comes in and offer them a worship aide and that is it. But it is a very important ministry in the church. If you are interested please see one of the greeters at mass or call our parish office. Thanks.. You will make new friends and add to the life of St. Mark's...Fr. Joe

### **CYO BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS**

CYO Basketball sign ups will occur on **Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 pm** in the parish hall. The program is available for St. Mark's Parishioners (Boys and Girls) between 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. The cost of the program will be \$210 for new players and \$185 for returning players. For those that need a new uniform, there will be a \$32 charge. Please bring a check for payment and a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate for new players.

There will be no late sign-ups so please make an effort to attend one of these two evenings.



### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED...**

It is the time of year, when we listen with our hearts, to discern what our mission is for the coming year. We know that all decisions we make, when done so through prayer, are for the glory of God. Please take some time to pray for your involvement in our Christian Education Program. We will provide you with everything you need to participate in this rewarding experience. You will find a large board in the Gathering Space on which to write your name. We will help you do the rest! God Bless.

### **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN....**

We will have an information session here at St. Mark's on **Monday, Sept. 12, at 7:00 pm.** This is a mandatory requirement for all volunteers who work with children. To register for this session go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS....**

The Grades 2-5 CEC program is in need of 2 helpers for either Monday or Tuesday classes 4:30-5:45 pm weekly. You must be able to commit to being there on a weekly basis from either September to December OR January to April. We are opening up Sept - Dec to 10<sup>th</sup> graders in need of hours for confirmation and accepting helpers from 9<sup>th</sup> grade for Jan - April. This is a first come - first served opportunity. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule or call Cheryl Eskola at 908-850-0652

### **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.

### **NEW 50+ LUNCH GROUP BEING FORMED**

Have an enjoyable lunch, meet new people and have fun. Come join the new 50+-lunch group for parishioners of OLM and St. Mark's. The first monthly luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. at The Public House in Chester. Please call Mary at 908-852-9089 or Barbara at 908-876-3557 for more information. Responses are requested by September 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and we look forward to meeting you.

**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