Our Lady of the Mountain

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Monday ~ Friday, 9:00AM – 1:00PM
Memorial Day – Labor Day

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.”

Served By
Rev. Msgr. Raymond Lopatesky, Weekend Assistant
Rev. Edward Davey, Senior Priest Assistant
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Deacon James Jones

Religious Education Program
Director: KellyAnn Tell 908-876-4003 email dreolm@comcast.net
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
12:15PM Teen Mass, 1st Sunday 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.
Faith Direct

Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to Our Lady of the Mountain. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. 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, October 28
5:00PM Fr. Ray – Dn. Tom
Lector: Dolores Reagle
Servers: SERVERS NEEDED

7:00PM Fr. Javier
Lector: Josephine Mazzeo
Ministers: Ann & Paul Greszczak, A. Lane, G. Wagner
Servers: SERVERS NEEDED

SUNDAY, October 29
7:45AM Fr. Javier – Dn. Bob
Lector: Chris Latran
Ministers: P. Head, C. & P. Latran, A. & J. Leier, W. Lublanecvi
Servers: SERVERS NEEDED

9:15AM Fr. Ray
Lector: Bill Nutt
Servers: SERVERS NEEDED

10:45AM Fr. Javier
Lector: Josephine Mazzeo

12:15PM Fr. Javier
Lector: Renny Hodgskin
Ministers: C. Bird, P. Geida, M. Gillespie, P. & R. Hodgskin, I. Vieira
Servers: SERVERS NEEDED

MASSES AT ST. MARKS

SATURDAY, October 28
5:30PM – Fr. Slawek

SUNDAY, October 29
8:00AM – Fr. Slawek
9:30AM – Fr. Slawek – Dn. Nick
11:00AM – Fr. Slawek – Dn. Jim
FROM FR. MARCIN
My dear parishioners,

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Jesus was a missionary. As the Word of God, he is the light of all nations. As the Word made flesh, he brought God’s own life into our midst. Before returning to the Father, he sent the Church to continue the mission given him by the Father and empowered her with his Spirit: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” The Church’s mission is to proclaim the salvation of Christ to the ends of the earth.

The readings invite us to consider how God’s saving presence is meant for all people. God chooses Jew and Gentile alike to announce this good news among all the nations. In the first reading Cyrus, the King of Persia, is called the anointed one because he will further God’s plan to liberate Israel from the Babylonian exile. Even though Cyrus does not know the God of Israel, this does not prevent him from being God’s instrument.

In the second reading Paul praises and encourages the young Thessalonian Church for their missionary efforts. He reminds them of God’s gracious election upon them to receive the Gospel in word, in power and in the Holy Spirit. Paul reminds them that they have been chosen to bear the “work of faith and labor of love and endurance of hope of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

In the Gospel reading today Jesus says “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God.”

“Whatever belongs to God? If God is the source of all life, then ultimately all we have and all we are comes as a gift from God. All the powers and political systems of this world do not have the final say in our lives.

We live for God and country, in that order. The Kingdom of God comes first. If we should ever be confronted with the choice of God or Country, there is no choice. We choose God. “Our citizenship is in heaven.” If a law were to promote immoral behavior, we look to change the law and return the country to morality. This is patriotism. Patriotism as a virtue means keeping the proper order of Christian priorities. We give to God what is God’s because God is forever, and we will always be member of the spiritual Kingdom. We must obey God rather than men.

During this celebration of World Mission Sunday we are invited to renew our baptismal call to communion and mission. May we join in sharing God’s glory among the nations: among all peoples his wondrous deeds.

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN PRAY FOR US…
ST. MARK PRAY FOR US…

HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSION AT ST. MARK’S –
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22 FROM 7PM TO 8PM.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR QUITE PRAYER BEFORE OUR JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. JESUS IS WAITING YOU!!! COME AND REJOICE IN HIS PRESENCE. Priest will be available for the sacrament of penance.

2017 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL – IN GIVING, WE RECEIVING
Thank you to all who have already responded to the Bishop’s Annual appeal. Your support is greatly appreciated. Remember that half of the received over our parish goal is returning to our parish for our own needs. Please consider making a pledge today! For your convenience you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org or pick up an envelope in the gathering space. Envelopes are located also on the usher tables. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND GOD BLESS 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
St. John Paul II – October 22
Pope (1920 – 2005)
Karol Wojtyla, archbishop of Krakow, was elected pope in 1978, taking the name John Paul II. Growing up in Poland he had experienced firsthand the realities of war, genocide, and totalitarian ideology. All this deeply marked his faith and his vision of the Church’s role in defending human dignity and the life of the spirit. During his twenty-six-year reign, he in turn left a profound mark on the Church and the world.

His appearances in his homeland soon after his election set in motion a moral-political resurgence that fostered the dissident Solidarity labor movement. A first crack in the edifice of communism, this ultimately spelled the demise of the communist regime in Poland, setting in motion a chain reaction that presaged the collapse of the communist bloc in Eastern Europe and the end of the Cold War.

In 1981 he was nearly killed by a Turkish assassin in St. Peter’s Square. He survived to visit his assailant in prison and offer his forgiveness. In his final years, overtaken by the effects of Parkinson’s disease, he humbly offered a different kind of witness to the power of the spirit.

Upon his death on April 2, 2005, a cry of Santo Subito! (“Sainthood immediately”) arose among mourners in St. Peter’s Square. He was beatified six years later and canonized in April 2014.
“Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”
St. John Paul II

From Fr. Javier
TEACHING FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
The Third Commandment
Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work.

My dear brothers and sisters let us continue our learning from the catechism of the Catholic Church about the third commandment.

The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. "Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church”

This practice of the Christian assembly dates from the beginnings of the apostolic age. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds the faithful "not to neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but to encourage one another.”

Also the catechism says that the parish is a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular church; the pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan bishop. It is the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

The parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life: it gathers them together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love.

As well in the numeral 2181 says “The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin”.

Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Eternal God help us to be faithful to you.

High School Youth Ministry
Meetings on Wednesday
All 10th Grade Confirmation students are invited to join us!
7:30 – 9:00 PM Teen Center
October 25
10/25 - Grades 11 & 12; Antioch Preparation
10/28 & 10/29 (Saturday & Sunday) - Grades 9 - 12; Hand out "Feeding the Needy" pans after all Masses
11/01 - Grades 9 - 12; MASS for Holy Day; Service Projects - "Back Pack" final assembly for delivery
11/04 - Grades 9 - 12; collection of "Feeding the Needy" pass after all Masses; CATHOLIC YOUTH LOUNGE
11/05 - Grades 9 - 12; TEEM MASS, collection of "Feeding the Needy" pass after all Masses
11/15 - Grades 11 & 12; Antioch Preparation
11/18 - Grades 9 - 12; Baked Potato Dinner
11/22 - Grades 9 - 12; FRIENDSGIVING SOCIAL
11/29 - Grades 11 & 12; Antioch Preparation

"Feeding the Needy"
The OLM Youth Group will be distributing pans on 11/28 & 11/29 after all the masses. Recipes are included. Pans are to be returned the weekend of 11/4 & 11/5. All meals will be delivered to the Father English Center.

CATHOLIC YOUTH LOUNGE
All 9th through 12th grades parishioners are invited to participate in an evening of spiritual reflection at St. Joseph's Church, Passaic. St. Peter's University Schola and many other young musicians and singers from around the diocese, will be performing. Carpooling is encouraged. If interested, please contact Dolores Reagle at ministrytoyouth@comcast.net or 876-5024.

Help Wanted
Believe it or not, we're planning Vacation Bible School 2018! In order to offset the cost, we schedule 4 fundraisers throughout the year, with the first in early November. For VBS to be successful, we need adult volunteers to run various workshops. We provide the curriculum and supplies! Please consider sharing your time and talents and joining the VBS team. If you have any questions about how you can help, please contact the office to discuss. Without you, it may not happen!
Grades K – 6 – all sessions
Grades 7 – Monday, October 30th – 6-7:15PM
Grades 8 – Monday, October 23rd – 6-7:15PM
Grades 9 – Monday, October 30th – 7:30-9:00PM
Grades 10 – Monday, October 23rd – 7:30-9:00PM

Weekly Events
Monday – Grades 8 & 10 regular times
Wednesday – Peer Ministry – 7:30-9:00PM – TC
Wednesday – RCIA Rms 3 & 4, 7-9PM
Thursday – Choir 7:00-8:30PM Church
Thursday – Bible Study - Clrm 3 & 4 7:00-9:00PM

Please Pray for the Sick
We are currently praying for the sick from the pulpit for 1 month then adding their names to this list in the bulletin.

Your Grandmother’s Cupboard
There is a box in the gathering room to accept donated items. Currently we are very low on 12 oz. shampoo and men’s deodorant. Any help would be greatly appreciated. As always thank you for your continued support.

Charity Masquerade Ball
Help us Unmask Cancer by support Sarah’s Fight for HOPE. Saturday, October 28th @ Casa Bianca in Oak Ridge, NJ. For more details please visit www.sarahsfightforhope.org

WHY WE ARE CATHOLIC
We are Catholic because we believe:
The citizen is obliged in conscience not to follow the directives of civil authorities when they are contrary to the demands of the moral order, to the fundamental rights of persons or the teachings of the Gospel. Refusing obedience to civil authorities, when their demands are contrary to those of an upright conscience, finds its justification in the distinction between serving God and serving the political community. “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” "We must obey God rather than men.” When citizens are under the oppression of a public authority which oversteps its competence, they should still not refuse to give or to do what is objectively demanded of them by the common good; but it is legitimate for them to defend their own rights and those of their fellow citizens against the abuse of this authority within the limits of the natural law and the Law of the Gospel. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 2242

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL (MENDHAM) –
Come join SJS faculty, students, and families for an Open House today, October 22, 2017. Learn more about the outstanding academics in our K–8 programs and the benefits of a Catholic education. Mass will be at 11:30 AM, followed by an information session at 12:30 PM, and tours of the school beginning at 1:00 PM. Come see why SJS is more than just a school….it’s a family! For further details, visit our website at www.sjsmendham.org, or contact Lori Arends, Principal, at 973-543-7474, ext. 7.

St. Joseph School - National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; AdvancEd Accredited

The Zion Annual Benefit Christmas Craft Fair…..
A Way to Give Back
This year, as for the past two years, we will have our third annual benefit craft fair on Saturday, November 11th from 9 to 3. This effort was established to give financial assistance to an individual or family in need. Last year well over $4500 was raised to assist a local resident with funding to help her procure a therapy dog. This year we will divide our proceeds between the Sarah’s Fight for HOPE Foundation, which has begun meeting in Faith Hall this year, and the 11th Hour Rescue. This is a great opportunity to be able to give back to our community. We have been so very blessed!!! Last year several members and outside friends donated their time and items they had made to our fair. Please know that all items and the proceeds of everything sold is donated. We would be happy to provide vendors with a table. If you would like to be a part of our effort or have any questions, please contact Jeanne Howell at 908-879-4764 or jeannehow@embarqmail.com

Pizza with Bishop
Pizza with Bishop, Monday, October 23 – Morris Catholic, Denville, Monday, October 30 – DePaul HS, Wayne and February 27 – Pope John XXIII, Sparta from 7-9 If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli & priests from the Diocese of Paterson for

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Please call Fran Clary @ 908-852-5779.
adoration, reflection, fellowship and of course pizza. For more info contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, ext 711.

**Knights of Columbus Sock Drive**
The K of C will hold their annual “Sock Drive” beginning this weekend. Please donate new, unopened packages of men’s women’s and Children’s socks t the bin in the gathering room. The collection benefits the NJ Women’s Shelter, Homeless Solutions and our Veterans. Please remember the less fortunate. For more information contact John Clary 908-852-5779.

**Holiday Extravaganza 2017**
Save the Date! Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 10:00-3:00PM – Community Presbyterian Church, Main St. Chester Excepting Visa & Mastercard. There will be decorations, jewelry & gifts, Christmas & Mearly new items, Handmade Crafts, Baked Goods, Silent Auction, Gourmet-on-the-run and much more

**“COMFORT MY PEOPLE” BEREAVEMENT GROUP TO BEGIN**
Zion Lutheran Church, 11 Schooleys Mountain Road in Long Valley, will be hosting a bereavement support group for those in the Long Valley community who have suffered losses of any kind. The group, “Comfort My People”, will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. We welcome any and all who have suffered a loss to join us this month on October 26th at 10:00 am in the Adult Forum room of Faith Hall. Rev. Dan Schroeder, interim pastor at Zion Church, will be leading these times of sharing. The group will be using materials from the Center for Loss and Life Transitions written by Alan D. Wolfelt, PhD.

If you or someone you know has interest in the group and would like to attend the sessions, we ask that you contact the Zion Church office by phoning 908-876-3547 or by dropping us an email at ZionLongValley@gmail.com so that we can secure the appropriate number of booklets.

Remember the fallen Veterans of our community, Honor those who continue to serve and Teach the children their value of freedom. She will be brining Wreaths Across America here to Long Valley on December 16th, 2017 where she will be laying over 250 wreaths on the graves of our Veterans. Join her for a memorial service here at Our lady of the Mountain Church on 12/16 at 11:30am and then if you wish stay and volunteer to lay a wreath here at OLM or one of the other 4 cemeteries in town. Please visit her Facebook page (Wreaths Across America- Washington Township for more information) You can go to the website to donate a wreath to our cemetery if interested. The website - wreathsacrossamerica.org click on donate and it will take you to the cemetery listings. Thank you for all your help.

**-YOU ARE INVITED-SAVE THE DATE-**
On December 9th, 2017, we will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the actual date of the creation of the Diocese (December 9th, 1937). You are invited to a special 9:30 a.m. Solemn Mass at the Cathedral with our Bishop, Bishop Serratelli, followed by a breakfast at the Brownstone, Paterson at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to attend this Communion Breakfast! Tickets are $40 per person and are available online at www.rcdop.org/breakfast. This is a day of Celebration for all of us living in the Diocese of Paterson!

**2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal**
*In Giving, We Receive*
Did you know that this year our Diocese had the largest number of men ordained to the priesthood in the country? There are currently over 50 men now enrolled in seminaries to prepare for priestly life in the Paterson Diocese. That is a tremendous blessing, but one that comes with a significant cost for room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your support of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal helps meet the annual expenses for seminarian education. It is a gift that will enhance the faith life of our Diocese for years to come. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org. Thank you!

**The Little Sisters of the Poor’s**
Annual Christmas Craft & Bake Sale – Ham & Turkey Drop Saturday, November 18, 2017 - Free Admission 10:00am-4:00pm. In conjunction with the Sale we will be collecting Hams & Turkeys to provide future meals for our Residents. St. Joseph’s Home for the Elderly140 Shepherd Lane, Totowa NJ 07512 (Parking and Entrance on Cumberland Ave.) For Information: 973-942-0300 or www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org