

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF

Saint Mark

Mission Statement

Rooted in the Word...Nourished by the Sacraments... Guided by the Holy Spirit....We, the people of St. Mark, are united in our desire to serve those who are in need, to give our gifts and talents... to build the Kingdom of God by imaging Jesus Christ.

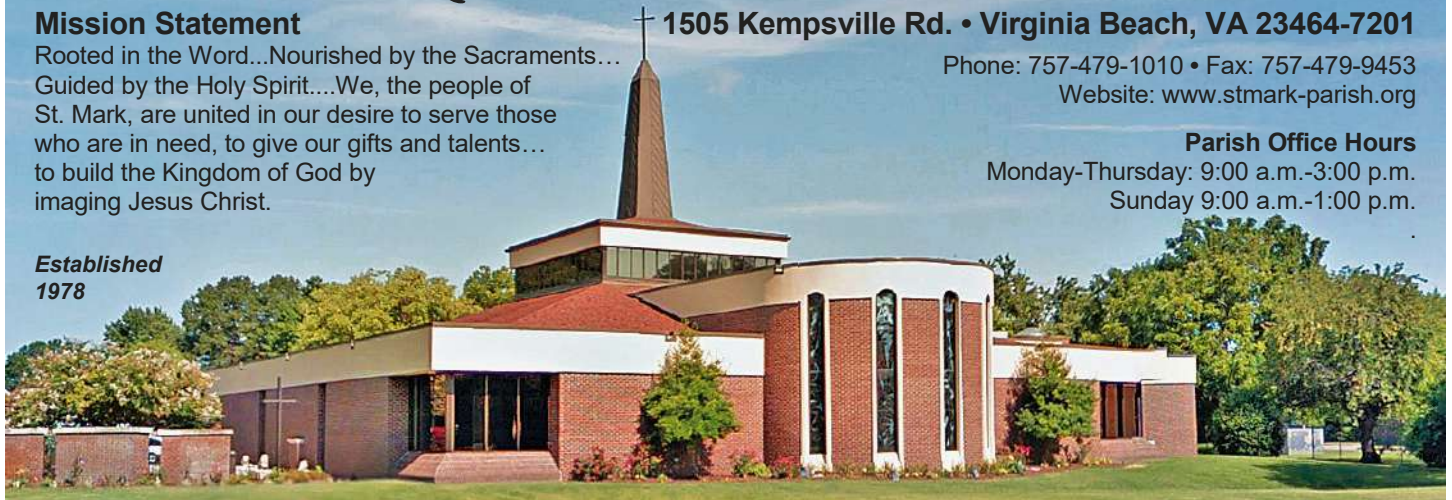
Established 1978

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. • Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Check inside bulletin for possible changes. Nursery available for 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

PARISH STAFF

- Rev. Anthony Mpungu..... Pastor franthony@stmark-parish.org Michael Johnson & John Kren..... Deacons Mike Johnson Pastoral Associate Mary Ellen Cussen Parish Bookkeeper MJ Sargent..... Parish Secretary secretary@stmark-parish.org Michael K. Williams Director of Music musicdirector@cox.net Laura Ishmael..... Pianist Marlene Games..... Nursery Supervisor Brian Gridley..... Maintenance Coordinator Damien Morant..... Custodian William McMican Finance Council Chairman

RELIGIOUS FORMATION STAFF

- Sharon Katzman..... Director of Religious Formation Rachel Rudman..... Coordinator of Religious Formation Fe Guzman..... Youth Minister Arleen Spenceley Administrative Assistant

RELIGIOUS FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sunday 9:30a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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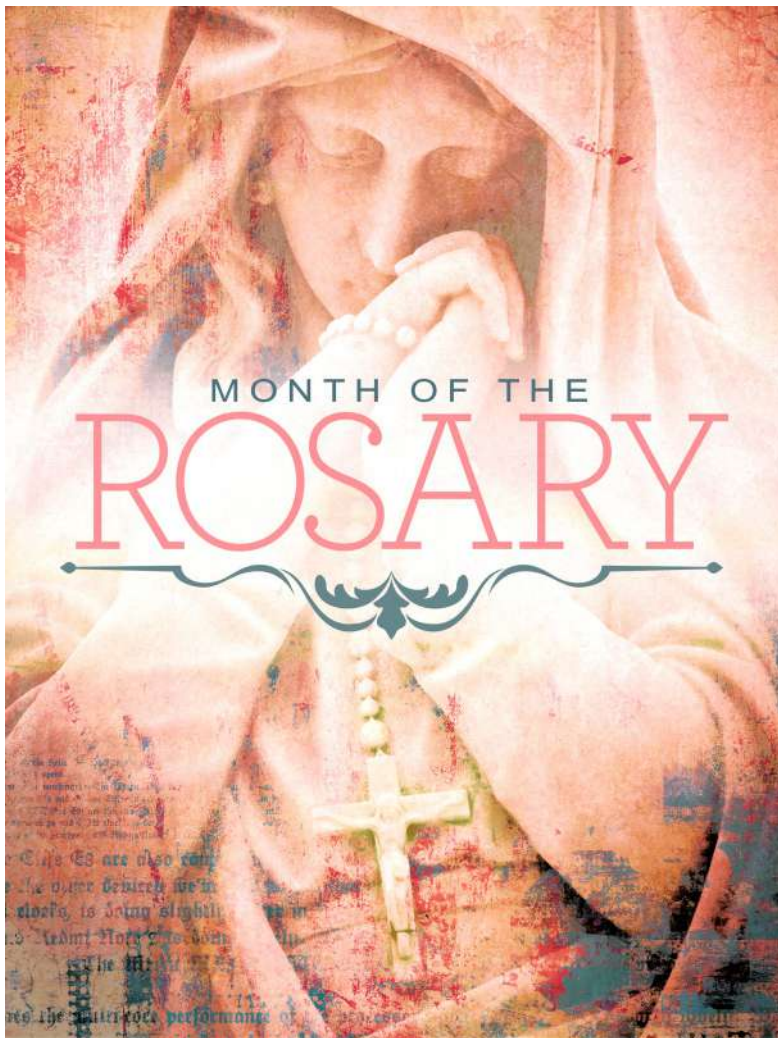
BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Lent. Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament.

MATRIMONY: Couples required to give 6 months notice before planning a wedding in the Parish. Please do not set date before contacting the Priest.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: If you know someone who cannot attend Mass or desires a visit or the Sacrament of Anointing, call the Office.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

COLUMBARIUM: Parishioners interested in procuring a Columbarium niche, call the Parish Office.



MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY READINGS...

MON	10/02	ZEC 8:1-8; MT 18:1-5,10
TUES	10/03 8:30am	MICHAEL FARINAS + WALTER VALLEY + ZEC 8:20-23; LK 9:51-56
WED	10/04 7:00pm	TONY COLL + NEH 2:1-8; LK 9:57-62
THU	10/05 8:30am	AMANDA GAFFREY + WALTER VALLEY + NEH 8:1-4A,5-6,7B-12; LK 10:1-12
FRI	10/06	BAR 1:15-22; LK 10:13-16
SAT	10/07 5:30pm	COLITA BARRETTO + PURIFICACION BASCON + MARISSA MICKS + BAR 4:5-12,27-29; LK 10:17-24
SUN	10/08 8:30am	ROMALITO COMPUESTO + EVELYN TRAIL CONAWAY + 10:30am DAVID WALTZ + HAROLD & CECILIA MOOREHEAD + IS 5:1-7 PS 80:9,12,13-14,15-16,19-20 PHIL 4:6-9 MT 21:33-43

SUNDAY REFLECTION from Father Anthony...



WELCOME TO THIS SUNDAY! Today's Gospel reading is about obeying God's will. Jesus teaches obedience to God through a parable about two sons, which he told to the chief priests and the elders of the people. A man in the story sends out his first son to work in the vineyard. The son at first refused but later changed his mind. The second son said yes to his dad's instruction but then he didn't go. Jesus asks: which of the two sons did the father's will? The answer is the first son. Today we are being asked by Jesus to do his mission in the Church. What is our response to that call? It is a big challenge today to have many Christians committed to the work of the church. The tendency is to think someone else will do it. We need to understand that we are all invited and called upon to take the message Jesus to the world. Let us be obedient to this call always, be it helping with instructing children about the faith, helping with parish projects, or whatever there is for us to do. Amen. Happy Sunday.

Financial Box Score

FISCAL YEAR JULY-JUNE	SEPT. 17	OFFERTORY YEAR TO DATE	NEEDED YEAR TO DATE	EXCESS/ SHORT
Offertory	\$10,544	\$180,948	\$189,600	(8652)

FAMILY COUNT: 1263

FAMILIES USING ENVELOPES: 340

FAMILIES USING ONLINE DONATION: 84

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS UPDATE! Thanks to the generosity of 27 parishioner households, we will be receiving a check for \$204.33 from Kroger in a few days! Please consider linking your Kroger Rewards Card to St. Mark Church. The Kroger number for St. Mark is **88553**. Thank you!

Prayer REQUESTS

Eliza Gilman, Alden Rivera, Ryan Clark, Michael Anderson, Benjamin Bradley IV, Liam Bradley, Chelsea Hancock, Jessica Clark, Billie Ishmael, Sherry Savage, Pam Magda, Joan Coleman, Caryl MacDonald, Patty MacDonald, Pasquale Savarese, Joe Vico, Gene Behrends, Alex Cooke, Alberto Duque, Just Kiplinger, Nancy Tennin

Names will remain on the Prayer List for one month, after which they will be entered into the Parish Book of Intercessions, the intentions of which are prayed for each week-end during all the Masses.



We will be celebrating the Memorial of St. Francis this coming Wednesday, October 4th with a blessing of the animals at 6pm at the Parish Pavilion, followed by Mass at 7pm.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK OCTOBER 2 - 8

MON	10:00am	Food Pantry
	7:00pm	RCIA Team Meeting Eucharistic Minister Meeting
TUE	8:30am	DAILY MASS
	9:30am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Filipino Night Meeting
	7:30pm	Bible Study
WED	10:00am	Food Pantry
	6:00pm	Blessing of Animals
	6:30pm	Rosary
	7:00pm	DAILY MASS
	7:30pm	St. Mark Chorale Rehearsal
THU	8:30am	DAILY MASS
	9am-6pm	Eucharistic Adoration
	5:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	6:00pm	Confirmation Prep
	6:30pm	Rosary
	7:00pm	Benediction
FRI	8:30am	DAILY MASS
	9:30am	Mom's Group
	10:00am	Food Pantry
	2:00pm	Wedding
	4:00pm	Wedding
	6:30pm	K of C Social
SAT	4:00pm	Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Rosary
	5:30pm	WEEKEND MASS
SUN	8:00am	Rosary
	8:30am	WEEKEND MASS
	9:30am	RF 1
	10:00am	Rosary
	10:30am	WEEKEND MASS
	12:00pm	Angels & Cherubs Rehearsal
12:30pm	RF 2	

Justice & Peace

FOOD PANTRY: This week the Food Pantry is in need of Pork & Beans.

Let us reach out personally to the hungry and the homeless, to the poor and the powerless, and to the troubled and the vulnerable. In serving them, we serve Christ. Our service efforts cannot substitute for... just public policies, but they can help us practice what we preach about human life and human dignity.

-Economic Justice for All, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1986, #26.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE Our Justice & Peace Committee is continuing to collect winter clothing items throughout the month of October for those in need. We will be distributing collected items to the Catholic Worker Breakfast Line, Migrant Worker Ministry and families via the Samaritan House at the end of the month. **Our most urgent needs are for socks, winter hats, gloves, scarves and warm jackets for men, women, and children ages 5 through teen years. Please only new or clean/gently used items.** Visit the Justice & Peace bulletin board in the Great Hall for a full item list and more information on how you can help our brothers and sisters stay warm this winter.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE From Sept. 27- Nov. 5, please join Christians worldwide for 40 Days for Life: 40 days of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion. You're invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil 7am-7pm for an hour outside the Planned Parenthood, 515 Newtown Rd, Virginia Beach and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Parking is along Lake Edward Dr. (the street immediately after the 7-11 on Newtown Rd.) Contact Cheri Britt at 334-6149, email at ourhope4life@gmail.com or go to www.40daysforlife.com/virginiabeach

THE ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE in Washington DC is January 18, 2018 – Our Knights of Columbus and Justice & Peace ministry are looking to see if there are any of our fellow St. Mark parishioners who have an interest in the possibility of scheduling a bus and attending this important event as a group. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Dave Michalak dmich15@yahoo.com or Joyce Gridley justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org.

PLARN MATS Leftover plastic bags can be easily cut and joined to form plastic yarn also known as "PLARN". PLARN mats are comfortable and offer a barrier between the ground and the body, which helps retain body heat while sleeping. It's cleaner as bugs don't like the plastic, and they can be easily hosed off or shaken out. The mats are lightweight and can easily be carried over a homeless person's shoulder. They are free to make and each mat will keep 500-700 plastic bags out of the landfill. FMI on how you can participate in this ministry, contact Christine McGrath at 757-233-0790 or mcgrathcm24@gmail.com.

ST. MARK PARISH NEWS



COMING SOON... THE SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE This year there are 12 prizes: a grand prize of \$10,000 and smaller prizes totaling \$17,500. Early Bird tickets go on sale after all Masses between October 14 and October 29. A bonus drawing for three \$50 gift cards to Carrabba's Italian Grill, Wawa, and Home Depot will be held for tickets purchased during the early bird period. Raffle tickets officially go on sale in mid-November.

40th ANNIVERSARY: ST. MARK'S MEMORABILIA SOUGHT As we prepare to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our parish's founding, we've begun to collect St. Mark's memorabilia – photos, newspaper clippings or other tokens that remind us of earlier years at St. Mark's. For information about contributing to our memorabilia collection, send Deacon John an email at Deaconjohn@stmark-parish.org or call 757-479-1010.

40th ANNIVERSARY: PARISH DIRECTORY – SIGNUP NOW! In 1978, Bishop Sullivan established the Catholic Church of St. Mark. To mark the occasion, Lifetouch Photography will be taking pictures to create a parish directory starting November 3. When you get a picture taken you receive a complimentary Parish Directory and an 8" by 10" picture. You can register NOW on-line for an appointment by 1) going to the St. Mark Website, 2) going to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y6n0ny3k/>, 3) going to Parish Office.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER MEETING There will be an information meeting for all existing Eucharistic Ministers on Monday, October 2 at 7pm in the sanctuary.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER? We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, especially at the 10:30am Mass. We strongly encourage all confirmed men and women in good standing with the Church to consider joining this important ministry. There will be a training session on Monday, October 9th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. For more information, please contact Roberta Bernardini at 757-424-9725.

ST. MARK'S LADIES' BOOK CLUB is eager to welcome new members. The group meets once every other month for approximately 90 minutes. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the St. Mark Library. Please contact Genevieve Eirich at geirich1@verizon.net or sign up on the St. Mark website www.stmark-parish.org/religious-formation/adult-formation/womens-ministry

FILIPINO NIGHT PLANNING MEETING will be October 3rd at 6:30pm in the Library. All are invited to join.

ATTENTION SENIORS (AKA Wisdom Seekers) Our October monthly luncheon is Friday, October 13th, 12:30pm at Athens Pizza, 1929 Centerville Turnpike, Virginia Beach (located across from Woods Center Shopping Center) 757-479-9873. Please RSVP to Annette Welch, 757-495-1445 by Friday, Oct. 6th to join us. All St. Mark's parishioners are welcome to participate.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS will be available after all masses in October and for the 1st two weekends in November. Please support our Knights of Columbus' efforts to "**Keep Christ In Christmas**" by sending religious cards to your friends and family. A beautiful evangelization message from all of us will help remind others that Christ's birth brought us the greatest gift of all. The Knights of Columbus are selling these religious Christmas cards to raise money for the many charities they support. We appreciate your support!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS Thank you to all who came out and helped to "Re-Claim the Meditation Walk" and power washed the Church's exterior and Columbarium. We filled another recycle dumpster and started another pile. Great team work! The beauty of the area reflects your dedication. Next planned Event is Saturday October 21 and focus on the flower beds around the church and interior painting. More information as we get closer. Sign up online at stmarkhelps.ivolunteer.com.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

It is with sadness that we share that two family members of St. Mark have recently passed– Walter Valley and Donald Supik. Please keep Walter and Donald's families in your prayers. May perpetual life shine upon Walter and Donald, may they rest in peace!

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REGIONAL HAITI GATHERING

Eastern Vicariate - Richmond Diocese



Saturday, October 7

Re-Engaging In
EMPOWERMENT
by Leigh Carter

LOCATION

St. Patrick's Catholic School
1000 Bolling Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23508

AGENDA

8:30 am - 1:30 pm
Prayer; Song; Parish Sharing
Diocesan News; Lunch

RSVP

\$10 - Pay registration
fee at Door
RSVP by September 30



GUEST SPEAKER

Leigh Carter is the founder of FONKOZE USA (fonkoze.org), a non-profit organization which provides technical, communications and fundraising support for its Haitian partners.

Light Breakfast, Lunch | RSVP by September 30 | maryann_collins@verizon.net