

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.

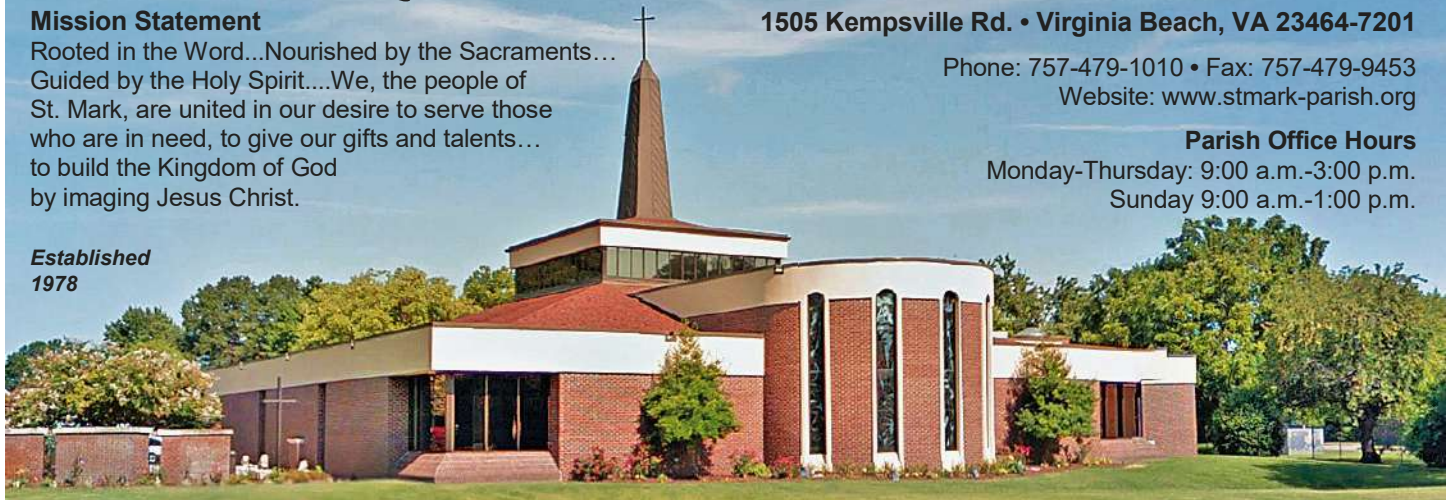
Established 1978

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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: 8:30 a.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Check inside bulletin for possible changes.

Nursery available for 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

ST. MARK FEAST DAY

St. Mark Feast Day is April 25th. We will celebrate the Feast at our weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday on April 28th & 29th. Following each Mass there will be cake in the Great Hall. Wear your St. Mark shirt! Come out and ROAR!

PARISH STAFF

- Rev. Anthony Mpungu.....Pastor franthony@stmark-parish.org Michael Johnson & John Kren.....Deacons Mike JohnsonPastoral Associate deacon_mike@stmark-parish.org Mary Ellen Cussen Parish Bookkeeper bookkeeper@stmark-parish.org Denise Boyce Parish Secretary secretary@stmark-parish.org Michael K. WilliamsDirector of Music musicdirector.stmark@gmail.com Laura Ishmael..... Pianist Marlene GamesNursery Supervisor Brian Gridley..... Maintenance/IT Coordinator Alberto Rosado.....Custodian George Dillon III.....Parish Council Chairman William McMican.....Finance Council Chairman

RELIGIOUS FORMATION STAFF

- Sharon Katzman.....Director of R.F. Rachel Rudman.....Coordinator of R.F. Fe Guzman.....Youth Minister

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.





Mom's Group

Expectant to experienced moms are welcome to join us for fellowship, support, adult conversation, and prayer. We meet in the conference room every Friday morning from 9:30-11:30 am. Come for all or part of the time. The Nursery is open, and babysitting is provided. For more information, please contact Holly Krukowski at 585-749-6941.

MASST INTENTIONS

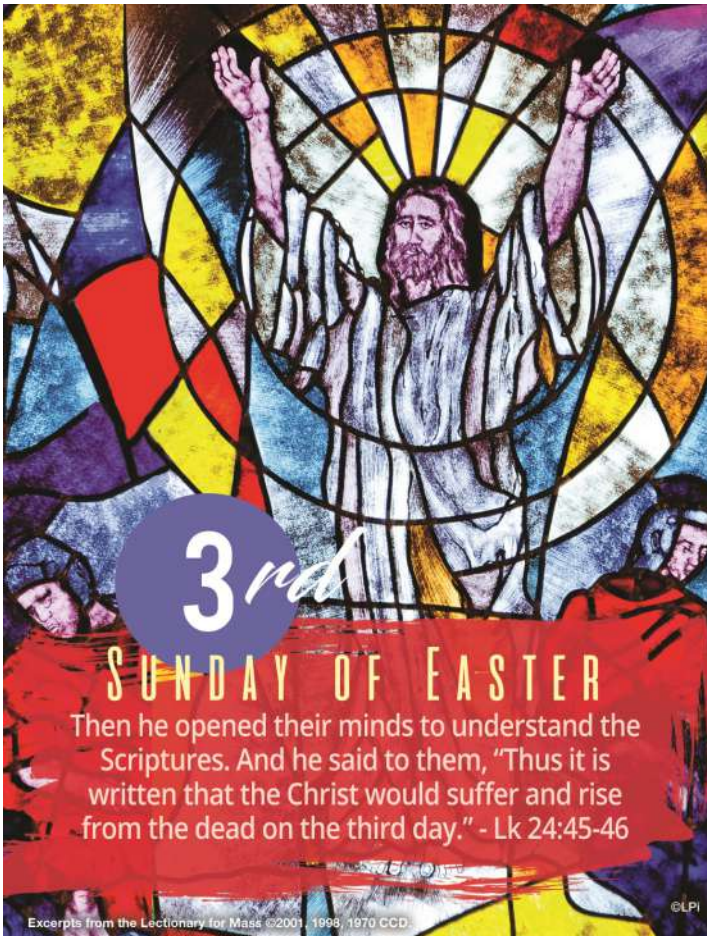
and Daily Readings

MON	4/16		ACTS 6:8-15; JN 6:22-29
TUES	4/17		ACTS 7:51-8:1A; JN 6:30-35
WED	4/18	7:00pm	ACTS 8:1B-8; JN 6:35-40
THU	4/19	8:30am	NICK RAFENSTEIN + AGAPITA & ANTONIO BARRETTO + ACTS 8:26-40; JN 6:44-51
FRI	4/20		ACTS 9:1-20; JN 6:52-59
SAT	4/21	5:30pm	PEGGY RYBARCZYK + PABLO & JULIETA GATCHALIAN + ACTS 9:31-42; JN 6:60-69
SUN	4/22	8:30am	NICHOLAS BLANCO + JASPER & AJ DARWIN + CARMELITA MORALES +
		10:30am	LYNDA WILLIAMS + JOHN SKIPTUNAS + ACTS 4:8-12 PS 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29 1 JN 3:1-2 JN 10:11-18

Prayer REQUESTS

Jim Thomas, Joan Borden, Scott Henry, Martin "Woody" Wood, Joan Coleman, John Salz, Saturnino P. Dolor, Bobby MacDonald, Efrén Salinas, Evelyn Harzold, Mary Petrucci, Kathy Rivet, Jeane Dughi, Dediosa Dimalanta, Carrie Reynolds

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 weekend during all the Masses.



Sunday Reflection

from Father Anthony

I welcome you to this 3rd Sunday of Easter! We continue to say, "Alleluia-Christ is Risen!" Today's gospel reading is about sharing the good news of the risen Lord. The two disciples could not stop to recount what they had witnessed on the way when they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread! They were joyful as well as still in wonder! And again Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." Jesus kept appearing to his disciples because he wanted them to be his witnesses. He wanted them to get over the fear in their hearts and minds. That is why he asks them "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?..." The disciples thought that Jesus was a ghost! And because Jesus knew what they were thinking, that is why he asked them; "Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself..." Jesus is inviting them to have a closer experience of him and doubt no longer! Like the disciples, we are also invited to be witnesses of Christ. And in order to come to that level, we are called to first have a personal experience of Christ and then share that experience with others! Jesus offers himself for us to see him and touch him that he may drive away all our doubts. May we feel the risen Lord in our midst everyday especially whenever we partake of the Eucharist! Amen Happy Sunday!

Justice & Peace

FOOD OF THE WEEK: This week the Food Pantry is in need of **SPAGHETTI NOODLES.**

Our next Justice & Peace meeting is Monday, April 16th at 7pm. Please bring a friend and join us as we work together to reach out to those in need.

April is Volunteer Month and our Justice & Peace Committee is working to recognize, celebrate and thank volunteers both within our church walls (all volunteers Liturgical, Formation, J&P Outreach, Parish Life....) and outside of them (any and all volunteer activities in the community). We will go two by two to area schools, EMS/Firehouses, hospitals and other volunteer organizations to share treats and express our appreciation to those in our community who give of their time and talent. We will host our 2nd annual Wine & Cheese Appreciation Reception on Saturday, April 21st immediately following 5:30 Mass to thank all within our Parish Community who volunteer both within and outside our walls. If you would like more information, know of an organization with volunteers in our area, or to help provide baked goods and/or pair up and join us as we visit organizations please contact Joyce Gridley 675-6486 or justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org

"A model of care has been developed specifically for families whose infant is likely to die before or after birth. Often called 'perinatal hospice,' it's a way of caring for both the baby and the baby's family before, as well as after, birth." - USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis" www.usccb.org/prenatal-diagnosis

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION- *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein" -Psalm 24:1*


April 22, 2018 is EARTH DAY- During the World Environment Day in 2013, Pope Francis noted that "we are losing the attitude of wonder, contemplation, listening to creation. The implications of living in a horizontal manner [is that] we have moved away from God, we no longer read His signs." As many communities and groups celebrate Earth Day the week of April 22nd, may we reflect deeply on our moral and religious responsibility to care for the environment. As we enjoy all the signs of this spring of the renewal of life, let us join all creation in praising God. Then let us live out our gratitude for the gifts of the earth by engaging in actions, habits, and public policies that preserve the fruitfulness of the earth, to better protect both human beings and the whole community of life that God created and loves.

We encourage our parishioners to recycle and reuse. Additional information can be found by visiting www.catholicclimatecovenant.org

The Ecumenical Working Community, a program under the Sowers of Justice, invites you to join them to celebrate Earth Day. Thursday, April 19th, 7 to 8:30p.m. at St. Nicholas Catholic Church at 712 Little Neck Rd. in Va. Beach 23452 Program Theme : "Beyond a Culture of Waste: Reduce Waste and Grow Community" Light refreshments available.

This Week at St. Mark April 16-22

MON	OFFICES CLOSED FOR STAFF RETREAT 10:00am Food Pantry 7:00pm Justice & Peace Meeting
TUE	OFFICES CLOSED FOR STAFF RETREAT 9:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Guitar Ministry 7:30pm Bible Study
WED	10:00am Food Pantry 6:00pm Teen Formation 2 6:30pm Rosary 7:00pm DAILY MASS 7:30pm St. Mark Chorale Rehearsal
THUR	8:30am DAILY MASS 7:00pm Finance Council
FRI	9:30am Mom's Group 10:00am Food Pantry 6:00pm Confirmation Class 7-8:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal 7:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
<u>Youth Group Fundraiser After All Masses!</u>	
SAT	9-12pm Building & Grounds 4:00pm Reconciliation 5:30pm WEEKEND MASS 6:30pm Justice & Peace Volunteer Reception
SUN	8:30am WEEKEND MASS 9:30am Religious Formation 1 10:30am WEEKEND MASS 12:30pm Sacramental Prep 7:00pm Regional Youth Event at BSCHS



Baptismal Preparation

May 12th (this is a change) 9am - noon
Sign-up sheet on table in Commons
Questions? Contact Sharon Katzman
sharon@stmark-parish.org

Financial Box Score

Fiscal Year	April 1	Offertory Year to Date	Needed Year to Date	Excess/Short
July-June				
Offertory	\$31,428	\$648,600	\$643,900	\$4,700

Family Count: 1193
 Families using envelopes: 644
 Families using online donation: 119

St. Mark Parish News

40TH ANNIVERSARY VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHERS are needed to document the special events during St. Mark's anniversary year. Multiple volunteers could divide the occasions, lessening the demand on any one person. If you can help, or want more information, please contact Connie Livingston (615-8515 or clivingston@verizon.net) or Martha Jones (495-6053 or marthacjones@cox.net). Remember, photos and memorabilia are still being accepted in the office.

KOVAR The Knights of Columbus will be collecting money and handing out tootsie rolls after all masses this weekend. All money collected will go to KOVAR, a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity supporting persons with intellectually disabled. Established in 1971, KOVAR provides financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations providing training and assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities. KOVAR donates \$50,000 each year to support the Special Olympics summer and fall games, and locally has provided grants to Holiday House in Portsmouth for playground equipment, Hearts and Homes in VA Beach to redo flooring in a group home, and Little Sisters of St Francis in Williamsburg to replace a septic system for a group home. Donations to KOVAR are tax-deductible, so if you write a check, make it out to KOVAR. Thanking you in advance for your generous support.

THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB is always eager to welcome new members. We convene every other month to discuss a shared reading chosen by the group. Our next meeting will be held in the St. Mark library on Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 PM. Our book selection for May is entitled, *The Well*, by Stephanie Landsem. Please consider joining us for 90 minutes of camaraderie, thought provoking conversation, great insights, and guaranteed laughter. If you have any questions please contact Genevieve Eirich at geirich1@verizon.net or sign up online at www.st.markparish.org. (Religious Formation- Adult Formation-Women's Ministry)

IRISH TENOR CONCERT

â Celtic Thunderâ sâ principal singer Emmet Cahill, one of Irelandâ s most exciting young tenors, stops off Sat., April 21 at 7:30 pm at Church of the Holy Family, 1279 N. Great Neck Road, VA Beach, as part of his spring solo concert tour. Check it out at <https://www.emmetcahill.com/> to see videos and to purchase tickets with a 10% online discount code IRELAND2018. You may also purchase tickets at the parish office on weekdays or after masses April 14/15 (5:30 Sat. 8:15 & 11 a.m. Sun.) Youâ ll hear Irish favorites, show tunes, and American standards along with Irish charm and humor! Questions?

Email music@holymfamilyvb.org or call 757-481-5702, ext. 116

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year our Vacation Bible School will take us to a tropical island with *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*. VBS will begin Monday, July 30 – Friday, August 3. Registration for Vacation Bible School will be this weekend. There will be a table in the commons with Registration materials for participants and volunteers.

Building and Grounds (B&G) Next meeting is Saturday, April 21 from 8 AM–12 PM. With the warmer weather our focus is outside. Lots of GREAT PROJECTS for **ALL AGES**. 1) Continue to clear the Meditation Path: clear brush, pick up fallen limbs, clear some trees. 2) Paint the trim on the Pavilion. 3) Paint the parking lot light poles. Install banner poles. Hang NEW banners. 4) Paint exterior doors. Prepare and paint the vent pipe by the kitchen door. Looking for an electrician and a plumber to help out. Contact Deacon John deacon_john@stmark-parish.org

Dear St. Mark Family,

It is with sadness that Barbara Ingargiola has passed on to eternal life. She is the mother of parishioner, Diane Hruska and mother in law of Frank Hruska. Please keep the family in your prayers. May perpetual light shine upon Barbara, may she rest in eternal peace.

Need Confirmation, First Eucharist and Mother`s Day gifts?



Support Youth Group fundraisers after Masses

April 14/15: Plants * Catholic T-shirts & Jewelries * Bake Sale

April 21/22: Catholic T-shirts & Jewelries * BBQ plate

April 28/29: Catholic T-shirts & Jewelries

SPECIAL SALE:


Your donation of \$50 could get you a St. Mark 40th Anniversary shirt AND your choice of shirt or jewelry from our collection!

\$10 raffle ticket for a gift basket: Catholic shirt, jewelry, giftcards.

Proceeds to benefit youth participating in One Bread One Cup Liturgical Conference in St. Meinrad, IN on June 21-25, and in St. Paul Work Camp in McKee, KY on **July 7-14**.

Dear Sr. Manners: Is it required to remain for the entire closing hymn at Mass, or is it the sign to begin leaving?

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Christian: In this eat-and-run society, Sr. Manners supposes it to be inevitable that people would be applying the same behavior to the Eucharistic banquet. Sadly, the practice of family meals with gracious conversation is being replaced by "fast food." Sadly, our liturgical habits tend to mirror our daily practices. Well-mannered people, however, are still expected to remain at the table until the conversation has concluded. Likewise, well-mannered Christians remain for the entire closing hymn. Another phenomenon of today`s fast pace is the "drive-through," where one does not even need to leave one`s car to eat. Catholics have developed a version of this as well — those folks who grab the Eucharist and exit the church all in one motion. This practice is disrespectful both to the Eucharist and to the community, and should be avoided at all costs.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

1Peter 4:10 *As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

This includes all those who volunteer within our Parish Community (all volunteer activities here at St Mark no matter how small or large); as well as parishioners who volunteer outside our walls in our schools, hospitals, EMS services, Nursing homes, Care givers, etc. etc.

If you give of your time and talent we want to publicly

THANK YOU!

On **Saturday, April 21st following the 5:30 Mass** until 7:30PM members of the Justice & Peace Committee will host a Volunteer Appreciation Social Gathering. We will serve wine, cheese/cracker trays, sweets and a huge helping of

"Thank you" for all you do to serve others.

Please stop by the Great Hall and allow us to recognize your efforts.

APRIL 21ST 2018

DEACON
HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS

Mass Appeal

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

5:30-8PM

MASS & WINE & CHEESE AFTER



REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT

APRIL 22ND 2018 DEACON
HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS

Mass Appeal

BISHOP SULLIVAN CATHOLIC HIGH

7:00-9PM



**OPEN TO ALL
YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS**

*Starts with a Mass followed with the talk
Wine and Cheese after*