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Mission Statement

Rooted in the Word...Nourished by the Sacraments...
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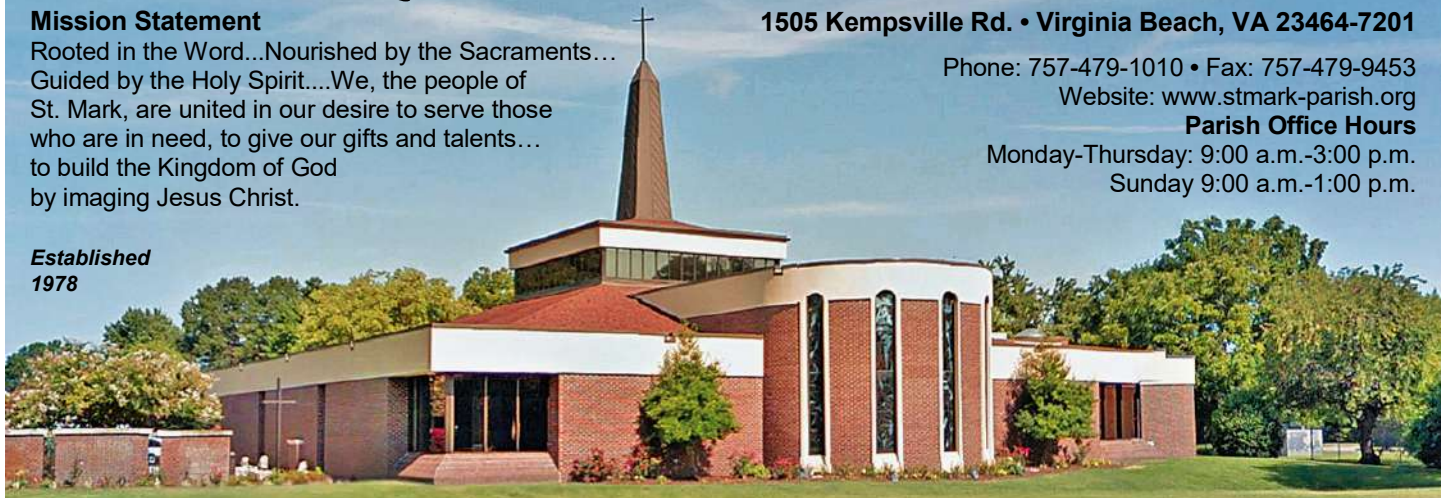
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Website: www.stmark-parish.org

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 at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

— Jn 8:6b-7



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Sunday 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

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Email: sharon@stmark-parish.org

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.

DROP YOUR STONES



MASS INTENTIONS

and Daily Readings

MON	4/8	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8:12-20
TUES	4/9	8:30am ANICIO COMIA + LEDESMA EDWARDS + Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
WED	4/10	8:30am RICHARD BURTON + DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
THU	4/11	8:30am <i>Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr</i> TODD SIMPSON + GN 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
FRI	4/12	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
SAT	4/13	<i>Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr</i> Palm Sunday 5:30pm JESUS FLORES + RUSSELL and JEN WAINWRIGHT +
SUN	4/14	8:30am MICHELLE POLLI + SHEILA MACKINNON + 10:30am JOHN and DOMINADOR + REYNALDO A. COMIA + (Procession Gospel - Lk19:28-40) Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 23:1-49

Reflections by Father Anthony

Jesus uses every available opportunity to teach and preach the good news to everyone. When people were drawn to Jesus, each one of them came for a different reason, but he accepted them anyway! This time, the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. This was not only shaming, but also very degrading to her! In the midst of all this Jesus is able to see the attitude of these scribes and Pharisees who portrayed themselves as the best examples of life, yet with little knowledge that their sins could even be worse than this woman's sin. They were testing Jesus such that they could have a charge against him. Jesus answers them through his action of writing on the ground as well as his words, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Eventually, they all walk away in shame without harming the woman. Their intentions were to destroy the life of the woman, yet Jesus' intention was to save not only the image of this woman, but also her soul. Indeed Jesus' intervention saved the woman and he gave her a new chance. May we always be slow to judge others, because of their short falls because we are sinners, too, who need forgiveness and compassion! Amen

Welcome new parishioners: Erin Franklin, The Biby Family, Madeline Earles and The Stegner Family.

Directories for FIRST COME FIRST SERVE at the Info Desk and the Office.



Mass Intentions for 2019 can be requested by visiting the office.
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rose Marie Sullivan, Mother of Brigitte Espinosa.

Please pray for the following: Nancy Tennin, Steven Barkow, Holden and Hadley Hewlett, Emma and Jeff Madrigal, Alice Volz, Don and Susan DeGroot, Ruby Steele, Bryan Mendoza, Deacon Robert Esposito, Delores Valley, Dawn Boroden, Sherry Savage, Barbara Amella Leonardo V. Corpez, Jan Kilb, Trinika Skiptunas, Rose Kmetz, Emy Balmaceda, Jim Thomas, Jean Morgan, Grace Hopkins, Chandler Jacob, Christian and Dana Brewer, Diane Esposito, Luz Cardenas, Connie Collins, Suzie Neely, Chantal Rose Denman, Yolanda Santiagué, Beth Park, Susan Parr, Abelino Santiagué, Marilyn Miller, Paula Turgeon, Sarah Harrington, Zenaida Palompo and Bill Poellnitz.

Please return Pyxes to the office . Thank you and God Bless.

Please note: approval from the office needs to occur before anything is hung throughout the church, specifically on bulletin boards. Thank you.

**Would you like to make a pilgrimage to The Holy Land and Jordan with Father Anthony?
TRIP 3-12 OCTOBER 2019.**

If interested, please contact Bellie Guerrero at 757-403-2376 or belleegue@cox.net.

Financial Box Score

Fiscal Year July-June	March 24	Offertory Year to Date	Needed Year to Date	Excess/ Short
Offertory	\$15,723	\$679,271	\$633,500	\$45,771

Family Count: 1117
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Bible Study

Currently we are studying
"The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy"
Tuesday nights from 7:30 - 9:00pm

Small group **The Mass** will be during Lent on Tuesday
mornings from 9:30-11am.

For more information contact
Florence Gaffrey at
fgaffrey@outlook.com or 467-5683.

Women's Book Club

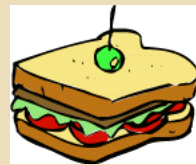
Broken Mary: A Journey of Hope by Kevin Matthews.
optional addition to read,
The Tomb by Stephanie Landsem. This is one of three
books in The Living Waters Series.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, 2019, from
6:30 -8:00 pm in the St. Mark Library.
For more information contact
Bernadette Michalak at thehobbygirl@aol.com.

New members are welcome!

This Week at St. Mark April 8th - April 14th

MON	10:00am 10:30am 7:15pm	Food Pantry in the Great Hall The Mass (small group) RCIA /IC Meeting in the Great Hall and the Library
TUES	8:30am 9:30am 7:30pm	MASS The Mass (small group) Bible Study in the Conference Room
WED	8:30am 10:00am 6:00pm 6-8pm 7:30pm	MASS Food Pantry in the Great Hall The Mass (small group) Teen Formation (2) Full Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
THURS	8:30am 9:30am 10:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	MASS Plann Ministry in the Great Hall The Mass (small group) Safety Committee Meeting in the Library Knights of Columbus Officer Planning Meeting in the Conference Room Richard Burton Memorial Service The Mass (small group) x2
FRI	9:30am 10:00am 10:00am 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Moms Group in the Conference Room Food Pantry in the Great Hall The Mass (small group) Wisdom Seekers Potluck Luncheon in the Great Hall Lenten Dinner in the Great Hall Stations of the Cross, followed by Taize Prayer in the Sanctuary
SAT	Knights of Columbus KOVAR after Masses 10:30am-12pm 5:30pm	Easter Egg Hunt WEEKEND MASS
SUN	Palm Sunday 8:30am 10:30am 11:45am 12:45pm	WEEKEND MASS WEEKEND MASS Youth Choir Rehearsal The Mass (small group)



Wisdom Seekers Potluck luncheon and Bingo

12:30 pm Friday, April 12th, in the
Great Hall.

We are **turning our generosity to
senior citizens at Marian Manor and Chesapeake
Place**. Please drop items off in the laundry basket on
the table in the Great Hall. For a suggestion of donated
items, please contact Sandy Barczak at
sbarczak@cox.net.

St. Mark Music Ministry
presents
A Lenten Evening of Prayer, Song and Meditation



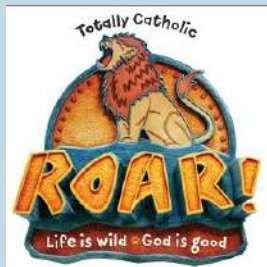
Friday April 12, 7:15 pm
Following Soup Dinner and Stations of the Cross
St. Mark's Taize Prayer Service feeds your soul with a
repetition of Spoken Prayer, Sung Reflection and
Quiet and Silence

Reconciliation



Local Lenten Penance Services
All at 7p.m.

April 9 Holy Family
April 10 Saint Luke
April 11 Saint John the Apostle



Vacation Bible School

Registration for Vacation Bible School volunteers
and participants is now open on the St. Mark
website!

VBS dates: July 29-August 2.

We are looking for adult and teen volunteers.
All volunteers must be background checked and
all adult volunteers **VIRTUS** trained.

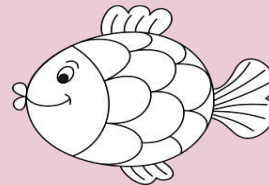
Parish Life News

POC: Linda Major at 757-615-0763

Our last **Lenten Supper** will be on Friday, April 12, at
6:00 pm. Please sign up at the info desk if you plan to
attend and please specify your meal. The choices are:
pizza, provided by St. Mark, OR soup or seafood pot
luck, provided by the parishioner.

If you plan to attend the **Easter Vigil**, please sign up
at the info desk AND choose a dish-to-bring from the
magnetic board near the Easter table in front of the
office. This format will help us have the quantity and
variety needed to feed our parish family during this
most celebratory time of year!

FISH FRY



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Religious Formation News

**We need Catechists/Teachers and Salt Lamps
Children's volunteers**

Next year, we are hoping to expand the 1st-5th grade
program to have classes on Sunday 12:30-2 and
Wednesday 5pm-6:30pm. **Catechists** will have their child's
Religious formation fee reimbursed at the end of the
school year.

Salt Lamps Children's Liturgy is available for children 4 -8
years of age, at the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. The
Diocese requires **two** VIRTUS trained adults per Mass for
children's liturgy. In order to continue this ministry for
our children, **we need more volunteers.**

Please call the Religious Formation office @ 479-9897

Justice and Peace

Food Pantry item this week: Pancake Syrup and Brown Paper Bags. Thank You!



Our last date to stand with the "40 Days for Life Vigil" outside Planned Parenthood is

Tuesday, April 9th from 5-6pm; please join us. **Thank you** to all who took time out of their day each week to stand vigil for the most innocent of life.

Our **April** Diocesan focus is "**Care for God's Creation**" As we enjoy the signs of this spring and the renewal of life, let us join all creation in praising God. 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 human beings and the whole community of life that God created and loves.

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 volunteer activities in the community). We will visit area 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 3rd annual Wine & Cheese Appreciation Reception on **Saturday, April 27th** in conjunction with welcoming new parishioners immediately following 5:30 Mass to thank all those in 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 join us as we visit organizations please contact Joyce Gridley @675-6486 or justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org.



A night to celebrate
volunteers, new members &
baptism families!

Join us for Mass on
Saturday, April 27 th
Light Fare for adults & children
Afterward
Nursery Provided

Sponsored by Parish Life
Questions? Contact Sharon@stmark-parish.org



Building and Grounds
Saturday April 13th
8:00am to 12:00pm

LENT

HAPPENINGS

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| April 7 | The Mass small faith group - 12:45pm |
| April 8 | The Mass small faith group - 10:30am |
| April 9 | The Mass small faith group - 9:30am |
| April 10 | The Mass small faith group - 6pm |
| April 11 | The Mass small faith group - 10am |
| April 11 | The Mass small faith group - 7pm x 2 |
| April 12 | The Mass small faith group - 9:30am
Family Lenten Soup Supper - 6pm
Stations of the Cross, followed by
Taize Prayer - 7pm |
| April 14 | The Mass small faith group-12:45pm |



Journey through Lent with Dr Tim Gray using FORMED (link on our website).

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