

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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Phone: 757-479-1010 • Fax: 757-479-9453 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: 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

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 MJ Sargent 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.

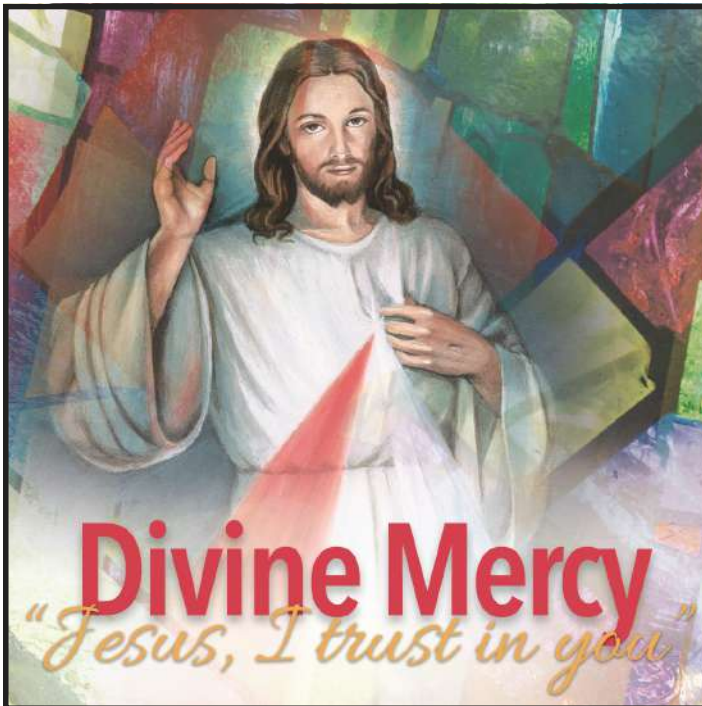
MATRIMONY: Couples required to give 6 months notice before planning a wedding in the Parish. Please do not set date before contacting the Priest.

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.





Sunday Reflection from Father Anthony

Sunday of Divine Mercy! I welcome you to this Divine Mercy Sunday! On this Sunday, the Risen Christ offers a two-fold gift of Peace and forgiveness! The Disciples were locked up and frightened and it was at that moment the Risen Lord appeared to them to relieve them of the pain and loss that they were going through. "Peace be with you" he said, and he asked Thomas, who was doubting, to touch him. "Put your fingers here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it in my side, and don't be unbelieving but believe." These words of Jesus are both of love and command! He wanted his Disciples to wake up from their slumber especially Thomas who was doubting! Jesus is a little disturbed by the unbelief of this disciple that is why Jesus offers every opportunity to the disciples to see, to touch and believe. The Disciples rejoiced when they saw the Risen Lord. We are rejoicing for having seen the glory of God in the Risen Lord and he wants us to share in this glory by taking away any doubts that we might have. Our duty is to believe him and confess our sins and be forgiven with the words "My Lord and my God!" Amen. Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

Financial Box Score

Fiscal Year July-June	March 25	Offertory Year to Date	Needed Year to Date	Excess/ Short
Offertory	\$16,066	\$617,172	\$620,400	(3,228)

Family Count: 1192
Families using envelopes: 445
Families using online donation: 78

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 baby-sitting is provided. For more information, please contact Holly Krukowski at 585-749-6941.

MASST INTENTIONS and Daily Readings

MON	4/09		IS 7:10-14;8-10; LK 1:26-38
TUES	4/10	8:30am	JOHN & DOMINADOR TORIO + MARCIANO MACONZO + ACTS 4:32-37; JN 3:7B-15
WED	4/11	7:00pm	ALVIS & MAIZA HON + MICHAEL MAGGER + ACTS 5:17-26; JN 3:16-21
THU	4/12	8:30am	REV. MR. MARSHALL BANKS + DENNIS GORDON + ACTS 5:27-33; JN 3:31-36
FRI	4/13		ACTS 5:34-42; JN 6:1-15
SAT	4/14	5:30pm	PEGGY RYBARCZYK + DANTE ACEDO + BERNICE KENCZEWICZ + ACTS 6:1-7; JN 6:16-21
SUN	4/15	8:30am	ANITA LAOANG + TEODULO AQUINO + 10:30am JANICE & DAVID WALTZ + HAROLD & CECILIA MOOREHEAD + ACTS 3:13-15,17-19 PS 4:2,4,7-8,9 1 JN 2:1-5A LK 24:35-48

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.

Justice & Peace

FOOD OF THE WEEK: This week the Food Pantry is in need of **PORK & BEANS.**

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



"While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin." Learn how you can become an instrument of mercy at www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing"

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

The Church's way of addressing climate change is primarily focused on the "lifestyles, industries and consumption habits of industrialized nations." Industrialized nations are the primary drivers of climate change. As an example, the "average American's energy use leaves a carbon footprint that is 2,000 times larger and deeper than a person living in poverty in Africa." 80% of the world's emissions come from 20% of the world's population. The environmental challenge we face has a moral dimension which involves respect and care for God's creatures and for the environment we entrust to future generations. 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 9 - 15

MON	8:30am	DAILY MASS – Annunciation of the Lord
	10:00am	Food Pantry
TUE	8:30am	DAILY MASS
	9:30am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
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WED	10:00am	Food Pantry
	6:30pm	Rosary
	7:00pm	DAILY MASS
	7:30pm	St. Mark Chorale Rehearsal
THUR	8:30am	DAILY MASS
	6:00pm	Confirmation Prep
		Knights of Columbus
FRI	9:30am	Mom's Group
	10:00am	Food Pantry

Youth Group Fundraiser After All Masses!

SAT	5:30pm	WEEKEND MASS
SUN	8:30am	WEEKEND MASS
	9:30am	Religious Formation 1
	10:30am	WEEKEND MASS
	12:30am	Religious Formation 2
		Sacramental Prep
	6:00pm	Y3S & Teen Formation 2

PLEASE NOTE! The Parish & Religious Formation Offices will be closed April 16th & 17th for an out-of-town staff retreat.



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.

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 marthajones@cox.net). Remember, photos and memorabilia are still being accepted in the office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION...it's a ministry, too! If you are a young family looking for a ministry that is vital and interactive and allows you to profess your faith, Baptism Prep may be for you! Contact Sharon Katzman for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN The Knights of Columbus council congratulates the men who just became CATHOLIC during the Easter celebration. We would like to invite you to an information meeting so we can explain the benefits of joining our order. We have this meeting scheduled in the church library at 7:00 on Tue Apr 10.

KOVAR DRIVE WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 14-15 The Knights of Columbus will be collecting money and handing out tootsie rolls after all masses April 14-15. 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.

40TH ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK To mark (excuse the pun!) St. Mark's 40th anniversary, we're putting together a yearbook and need your help. Please send us your memories/anecdotes/vignettes/slices of life that capture your experience of our parish. Photos old or new are welcome, too. Please keep written comments short — no more than 250 words, subject to editing — and include a phone number where you can be reached. Send to: bob.mccabejr@gmail.com. Thanks!

THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB is always eager to welcome new members. We con-vene 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 in-sights, 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)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS... It is with sadness that a fellow parishioner, Gerald Lavandosky, passed on to eternal life on Easter Sunday. Please keep his wife, Carol, along with his 5 children and multiple grandchildren in your prayers. May perpetual light shine upon Gerald, may he rest in peace!



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

1 Peter 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.



ST. MARK
CATHOLIC
YOUTH GROUP

For more information,
contact the
Religious Formation Office
757-479-9897
fe@stmark-parish.org

APRIL

#BOOKED #BUSY #BLESSED



Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 30 –
Friday, August 3rd

Registration
begins April
7th and 8th



Confirmation

Friday, April 27, 2018
7 PM

Catholic Church of St. Mark
Hosting

Church of the Ascension & St. Matthew
With

His Excellency Bishop Barry C. Knestout
Celebrant and Homilist

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

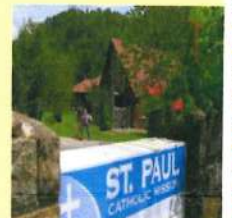
**Support Youth Group fundraisers
after Masses on April 14/15, 21/22, 28/29**

Plants * Catholic T-shirts * Catholic Jewelries * Bake Sale

**\$50 = 40th Anniversary Shirt + your choice of t-shirt or jewelry
from our collection + awesome gratitude and appreciation**



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



KEEP
CALM
AND
GO TO
YOUTH GROUP