

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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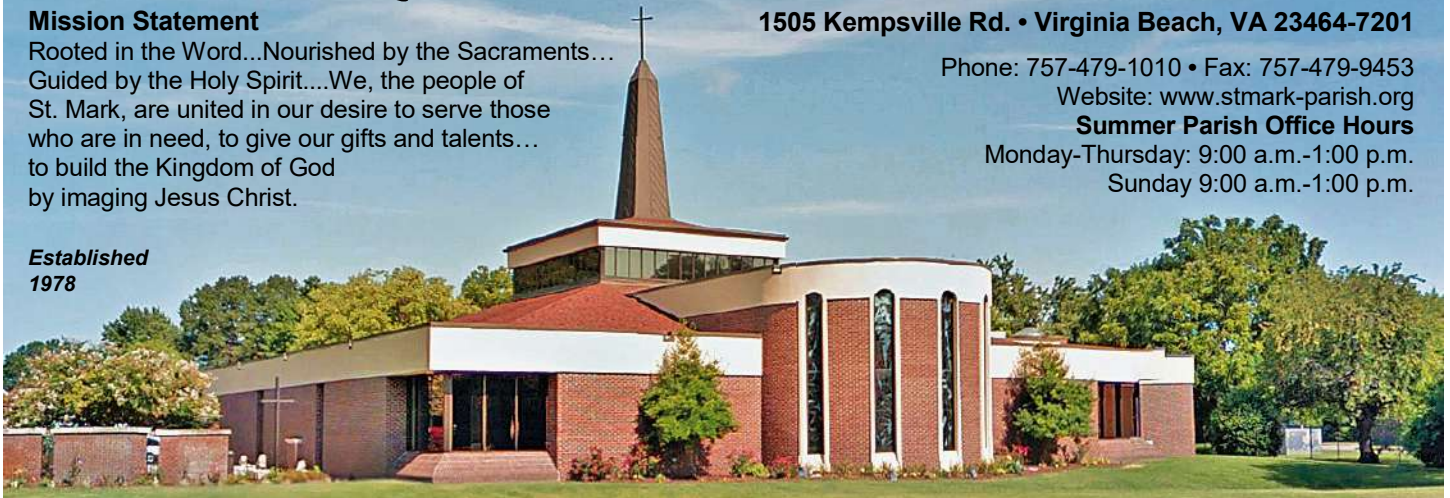
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Website: www.stmark-parish.org

Summer Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 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 and Thursday: 8:30 a.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Check inside bulletin for possible changes.

PARISH STAFF

- Rev. Anthony Mpungu.....Pastor
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- Marlene GamesNursery Supervisor
- Brian Gridley..... Maintenance/IT Coordinator
- Alberto Rosado.....Custodian
- Hank Harzold.....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.

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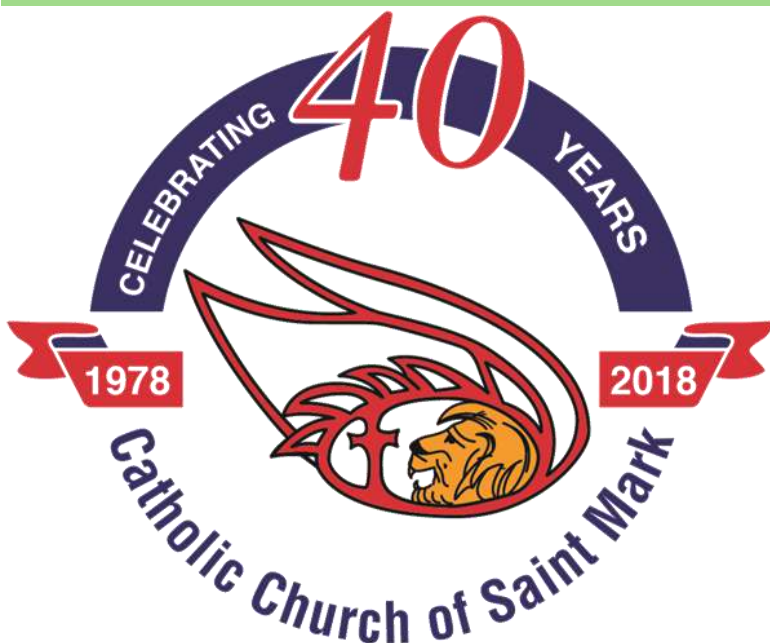
BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Lent. Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament.

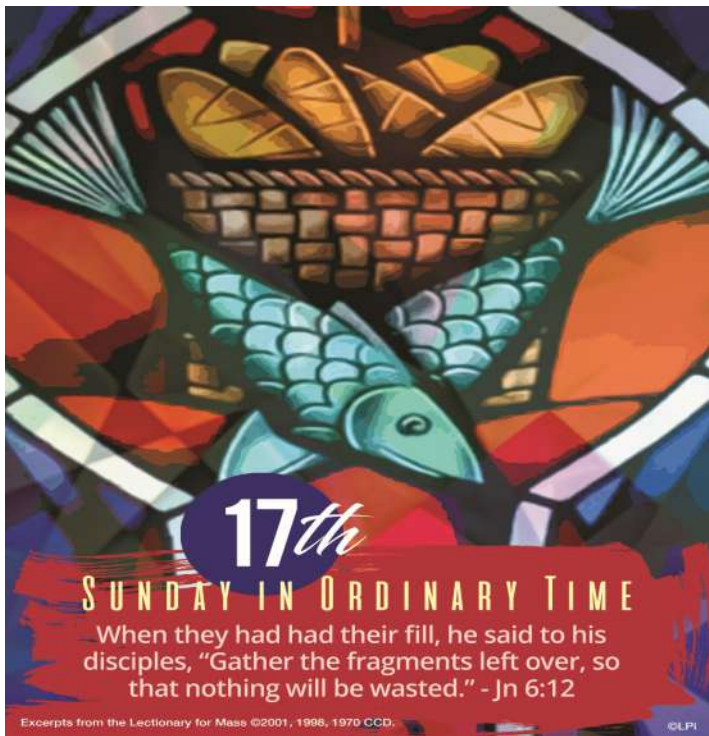
MATRIMONY: Couples required to give 6 months notice before planning a wedding in the Parish. Please do not set date before contacting the Priest.

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

and Daily Readings

MON	7/30		Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
TUES	7/31	8:30am	DANTE ACEDO + Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
WED	8/1	7:00pm	Jer 15:10,16-21; Mt 13:44-46
THU	8/2	8:30am	NESTOR BLANCO + ANGEL LUIS JIMENEZ + Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
FRI	8/3		Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
SAT	8/4	5:30pm	JOE BAXTER + ROBERT WEIDMAN +
SUN	8/5	8:30am	GERALD LAVANDOSKY + JOSEPH DIULUS +
		10:30am	CORNELIO TANEGA + MARGARITA and ALFONSO TANEGA + Ex 16:2-4,12-15; Eph 4:17,20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Sunday Reflection from Father Anthony



Jesus' ministry was characterized by miracles! These were signs through which God's power and love was manifested. In today's Gospel reading, we read about the miracle of the multiplication of loaves. The crowds were coming to Jesus in big numbers because they were impressed by the signs he had done. Jesus in this situation challenged his disciples to find something to feed the people. He gave them a test hoping that they would pass it! Jesus knew that if they were ready to sacrifice, something great would happen. He wanted them not to focus at what they don't have but instead focus at what they have! That is why Andrew said, "Here is a boy with five barley loaves and two fish: but what is that among so many?" He almost gave the solution but in the same sentence doubts the possibility of great things happening! Jesus wanted his disciples to know that God uses ordinary things to show his extra-ordinary love. So after feeding so many people in this miracle, there was some more food remaining which proves that God's power is unlimited and his love is boundless! May we remember that we have gifts to offer and there is nothing small! And when everyone does their best, it makes such a big difference!



The Mass Intentions book is open!
Intentions for 1 January– 31 March 2019 can be requested at this time. Please stop by the office to request mass intentions.



Please pray for the following: Nancy Tennin, Steven Barkow, Holden and Hadley Hewlett, Emma and Jeff Madrigal, Alice Volz and Don DeGroot.

Welcome

to our parish the Collinsworth and Vidintha Families.



"Calling all young people to serve our Lord at Holy Mass!" If you ever thought about becoming an Altar Server, or are interested in learning about this wonderful liturgical ministry of serving at the "altar of our Lord", please contact our Altar Server Coordinator - Jeff Paras at jeff.paras@gmail.com or Deacon Mike at deacon_mike@stmark-parish.org. We will then schedule a training session to give you an overview of this ministry and to answer all your questions. For a boy or girl to be an Altar Server - they should be at least 9 years old and have received their First Communion.



INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH OR BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA is a process to learn and grow in the Catholic Christian faith. It begins with Inquiry where you come to ask questions and determine if this is right for you. It is open to those who have never been Baptized or are coming from a different Christian faith experience or not fully formed in the Catholic faith. Formation sessions are conducted on Monday evenings, starting at 7:15pm. If you are interested please contact Deacon Mike Johnson at 479-1010 or deacon_mike@stmark-parish.org.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

St Mark Church is scheduled to conduct a second collection at all masses this weekend to benefit our Mission Co-op assigned parish, **the Holy Trinity Parish Cluster of Jonesville, Big Stone Gap, Clintwood and Norton, VA.** Pastoral Associate Brad Mathisen will speak at all masses about the parishes he serves. Please be generous. Checks should be made out to St. Mark. Thank you!



Cybercrime is hitting dioceses nationwide. If/when you receive an email that shows the parish's pastor or a parish priest as the sender requesting you to purchase a gift card, rest assured it is a scam. Parishioners can and should contact the parish to verify the legitimacy of any suspicious request received through email. All cybercrime should be reported to the FBI at <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>. It is up to the victim of cyber-crimes to file complaints.

Sr. Manners



Dear Sr. Manners:

Can you expound on how I might determine my weekly donation amount?

Gentle Christian: Certainly. Sr. desires nothing more than to tell you what you should be doing with your hard earned money! While she cannot mention specific amounts, Sr. can ask you to think about the cost of living today and self sacrifice. Sr. feels that if you are spending more on cups of fancy coffee or HBO than on your weekly donation, you may want to re-prioritize your life a bit. **Other Christian faiths** send invoices based on annual income. A family with an annual gross income of \$75,000 per year would be invoiced \$7,500 annually or \$625 per month from such a church. **The Catholic Church** in America has left this choice up to each parishioner, and I am sure you are thankful for this. She asks that you think about what you are earning, what your Protestant neighbor is giving to their church and donate according to your conscience. A little sacrifice is a good thing. We are all called to give of our time talent and treasure.

Financial Box Score

Fiscal Year July-June	July 15	Offerory Year to Date	Needed Year to Date	Excess/Short
Offerory	\$14,113	\$42,095	\$42,200	\$105

Family Count: 1170
Family using envelopes: 304
Family using online donation: 79

This Week at St. Mark *July 30th-August 5th*

MON	9am-12pm	Vacation Bible School in the Great Hall
TUES	9am-12pm 8:30 am	Vacation Bible School in the Great Hall DAILY MASS
WED	9am-12pm 7:00pm	Vacation Bible School in the Great Hall DAILY MASS
THUR	9am-12pm 8:30am 9am-10am 6:30pm 6:00pm-7:00pm	Vacation Bible School in the Great Hall DAILY MASS ADORATION ROSARY BENEDICTION
FRI	9am-12pm 11:00am 6:30pm	Vacation Bible School in the Great Hall Mass for Vacation Bible School First Friday Rosary
SAT	4:00pm 5:30pm	RECONCILIATION WEEKEND MASS
SUN	8:30am 10:30am	WEEKEND MASS WEEKEND MASS

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ADORATION AND BENEDICTION TIMES



Our gardens at St. Mark

Flowers and shrubs welcome everyone who comes to St. Mark. They are kept by us as a labor of love. Plants, shrubs, and trees only need a few hours a month to remain beautiful and inviting. All ages and abilities are welcomed to learn and assist. Contact Terri Zanchi at 757-339-9602 or tzanchi@live.com. God thanks you!



The Parish Picnic is scheduled for September 8th. We are continuing to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of St Mark's founding. This picnic is a pot luck party. The food categories for the dishes are vegetable, bean dishes, salad or slaw, macaroni dishes, veggie or fruit tray, deviled eggs, lumpia or pancit, and desserts. Meats will be handled separately. Signup sheets for the event are located at the 40th Anniversary table in the commons. Any questions? Please contact Jim Waltz at JWaltzFAM@outlook.com or call 757-754-9235.



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.

Justice & Peace**Food Pantry Item this Week is Pork and Beans. Thank you!**

During the month of July our **Diocese will focus** on working for **Justice Through Advocacy**.

One of the ways that Catholics in the Diocese of Richmond exercise this role of seeking justice through advocacy is by bringing important issues and advocating for public policy that is in line with Catholic values. This is primarily done through the Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC), which is the public policy agency representing Virginia's Catholic bishops and their two dioceses. Some of the issues that the VCC advocates for include: upholding the dignity of all human life, religious freedom, family life, and social justice. As Catholic Christians, we are called to engage in the public square where, after forming our consciences, we should exercise our civil duties as citizens, bringing about the Kingdom of God.

You can find more information on how to influence legislation through the Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) which is the public policy agency representing Virginia's Catholic bishops and their two dioceses. Please join the VCC action alert network at www.vacatholic.org.

For the month of July we will be focusing to help raise awareness and educate ourselves on Maison Fortune Orphanage (MFO) - from the beginning in 2002 to where they are now. The successes, the needs, the growth..... Please watch the bulletin and visit the Justice and Peace bulletin board in the Great Hall for updates, info and hand outs on the orphanage and how you can be involved and help. You may also visit the foundation website at <http://www.mfofoundation.org/> to learn more about the orphanage and children.

DID YOU KNOW: MFO was founded in 2000 by Lefort Jean Louis. He started with a one room house and four orphans, then quickly expanded to 30. In 2002 as a newly formed Foundation, we purchased the property on Rue de Veronique, which formed the property we now refer to as the Boys Campus. In 2004 MFO was able to expand rapidly and in 2005 the orphanage grew to include its own primary school serving both residents and children from the community. In 2008 our first 20 girls took up residence and today they occupy the Girls Campus in the Village Creole section of Hinche. Jean Louis remains on staff as Founder and MFO Executive Director.

"An unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew possible!" — [10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting](#) USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, RespectLife Program



SCHOOL SUPPLIES: During the month of August we will be collecting school supplies for area schools and children in need. Please watch the bulletin and our Justice & Peace bulletin board for more information on how you can help.



Thank you to all who donated plastic bags for our Food Pantry and PLARN group. We are overflowing and have nowhere to store bags at this time. We will keep you posted when we are able to begin collecting again!



FEED OUR NEIGHBOR: St. Mark will be serving dinner at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center on Sunday, August 12th. As always, we need your help with food donations. Please take a tag or two from the "Feed Our Neighbor" bulletin board in the Commons on August 4th & 5th. Return the food items with the tags to the kitchen when you come to Mass on August 11th or 12th. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal from

1:00-3:30 on Sunday, August 12th, at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center. Please text DJ Bradley @ 390-7064 or call or text Bobbi Drewiske @749-0107 to volunteer.



Please Join Us! Greater Hampton Roads **Cursillo Ultreya**. SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, August 11th at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. @150 Cunningham Drive, Hampton, VA 23666. All Cursillistas are welcome! Holy Mass begins at 5:30 PM. Potluck Dinner to Follow (Bring your favorite side dish). Questions? Contact Lisa Ranellone at lhran75@aol.com.

Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ.



The Women's Book Club is seeking more members. The group is comprised of women of varied ages and diverse backgrounds. Please consider joining us. We meet every other month from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the St. Mark library. Each book we read is chosen by the group members and focuses on some aspect of our Catholic faith. Won't you come learn with us and share your insights? It would be wonderful to have you as part of the discussions. The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2018. We will be discussing the book, *Scandalous Mercy* by Sr. Emmanuelle Maillard. For further questions, you can contact Genevieve Eirich at geirich1@verizon.net or sign up online at www.stmarkparish.org (Religious Formation-Adult Formation-Women's Ministry- Women's Book Club).



St. Mark's Filipino Night Theme: Sharing Filipino Culture and Traditions. Date: September 29, 2018 @ 7pm. We are planning a fun night with great food, culture sharing, Filipino dances, and music. To make this happen, we need volunteers on different committees. Additionally, we need children (ages 5-16) who are willing to learn and perform some of the dances, songs, and games we will teach them. . If you are interested and have any questions, please contact: Marilou Huling Tel. # (757) 482-5848 and Ellen Mones Tel. # (757) 618-4642.



ADVANCE NOTICE ON TRAFFIC RECONSTRUCTION. If you pass through the intersection of Indian River Road and Kempsville Road you may have seen signs leading to the beginning of a major construction renovation of the crossing. For the next 18 months or so you may want to avoid the intersection all together. The City has begun constructing what is called a "Continuous Flow Intersection" or "CFI" at the crossing. This will be the only intersection of its kind in South East VA. To see how the traffic will flow when complete you can go to "YouTube - "Indian River Road, Kempsville Road CFI" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxcCkXiGL_0. The construction will be slow and very disruptive to current traffic with numerous lane closures, which start this weekend. For your own sanity it would be wise to find an alternate route around the intersection during the construction process.



Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia's (CCEVA) Post Adoption program needs your help!

CCEVA is looking for volunteers to be "buddies" for a 7 week camp for children who have been adopted with a background of trauma. This is an amazing opportunity to make an impact on a child from a hard place. The camp runs on Thursday nights from October 4th through November 15th from 5:45 until 8:00. Training will be provided prior to the camp. For more information on being a buddy, or if your family is looking for post-adoption education or support, please contact Rebekah Hall at 757-533-5217 x1019 or by e-mail at rhall@cceva.org.

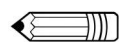


Catholic Charities Offers Vital Counseling Services. CCEVA offers Individual Counseling for Children and Adults, Marriage and Couples Counseling, Family Counseling & Depression Screenings. Counseling helps support individuals through life's most difficult circumstances & supports the growth of personal strengths and helps empower individuals to make healthy choices for positive change.

Our staff consists of Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Eligible Resident Counselors, and Interns. Day and evening hours are available by appointment. Please call 757-467-7707 on the Southside and 757-875-0060 on the Peninsula. For those who qualify for financial assistance, a sliding fee scale is offered.



St. Gregory the Great Catholic School is seeking certified teachers for the following full-time positions for the upcoming 2018-19 School Year: PreK, 4th grade, Band Director, Middle Grades Social Studies and Religion. Practicing Catholics with at least two years of teaching experience preferred. Please complete a Diocesan Application and submit along with a resume and a copy of your current Virginia teaching license (except for Religion). Email all documents to principal@sggsvb.org.



The Catholic Diocese of Richmond in Richmond, VA is seeking an **Administrative Assistant** in the Office of Finance, to perform administrative assistant duties associated for the Director of Real Estate. The AA will maintain and oversee diocesan parish, school and diocesan building files pertaining to physical plant and real estate. Responsibilities include processing contracts and legal documents for property sales, leases and contractual services, as well as answering phones and routing calls. A minimum of a H.S. diploma is required, with a minimum of five years' experience in an administrative assistant-type role. Must have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office 365 and familiarity with coordinating and scheduling travel arrangements. A familiarity with Catholic Church structures and teachings is desired. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and completed Diocesan Application to Sara Board, HR Coordinator, at sboard@richmonddiocese.org.