

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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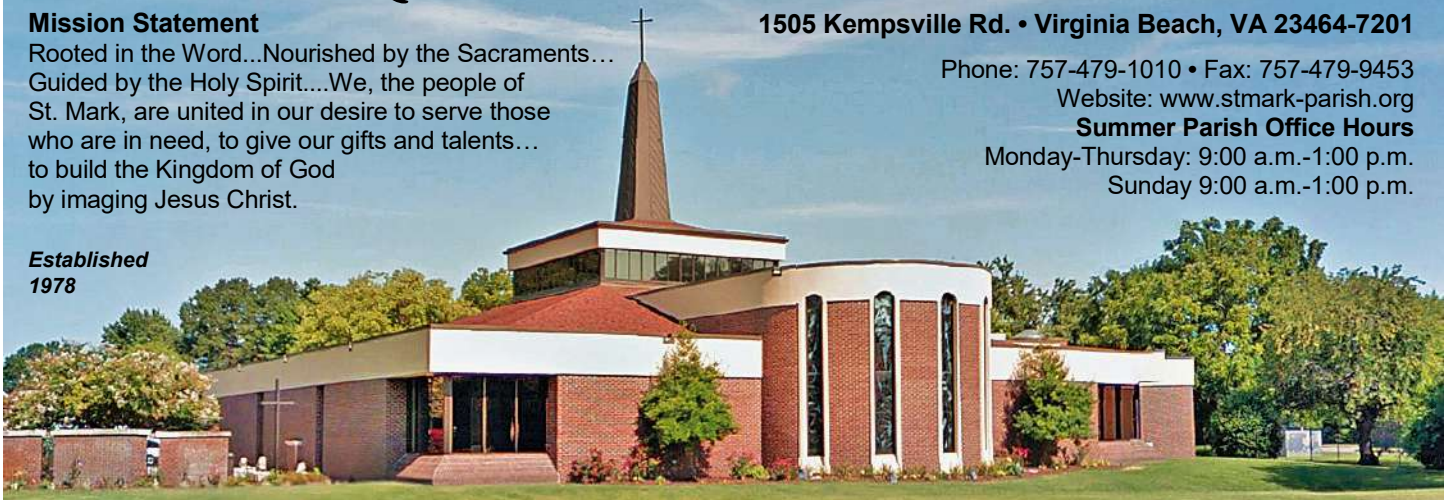
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Summer Parish Office Hours

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.

Vacation Bible School July 30th-August 3rd 9am-12pm

Ages 3-5th grade. Contact Rachel at rachel@stmark-parish.org



PARISH STAFF

- Rev. Anthony Mpungu.....Pastor franthony@stmark-parish.org
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Brian Gridley..... Maintenance/IT Coordinator
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RELIGIOUS FORMATION STAFF

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

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Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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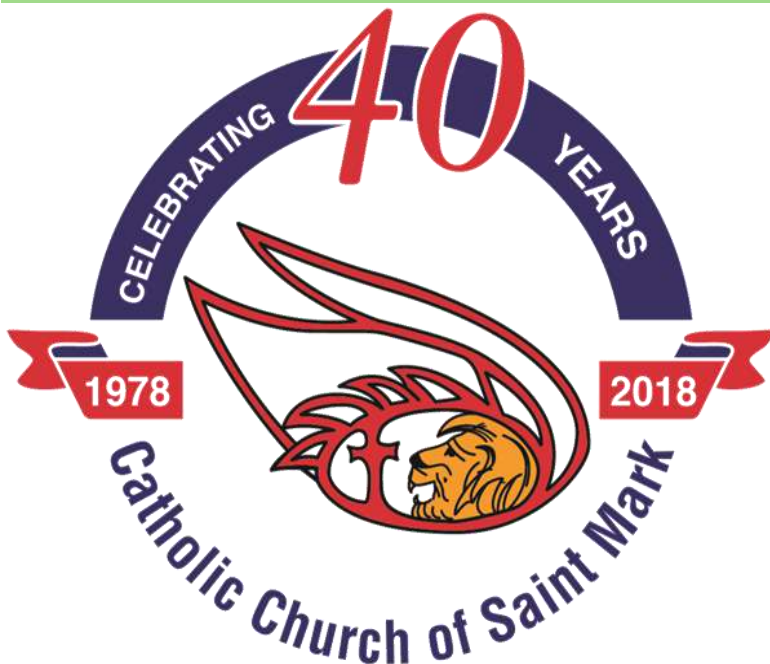
BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Lent. Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament.

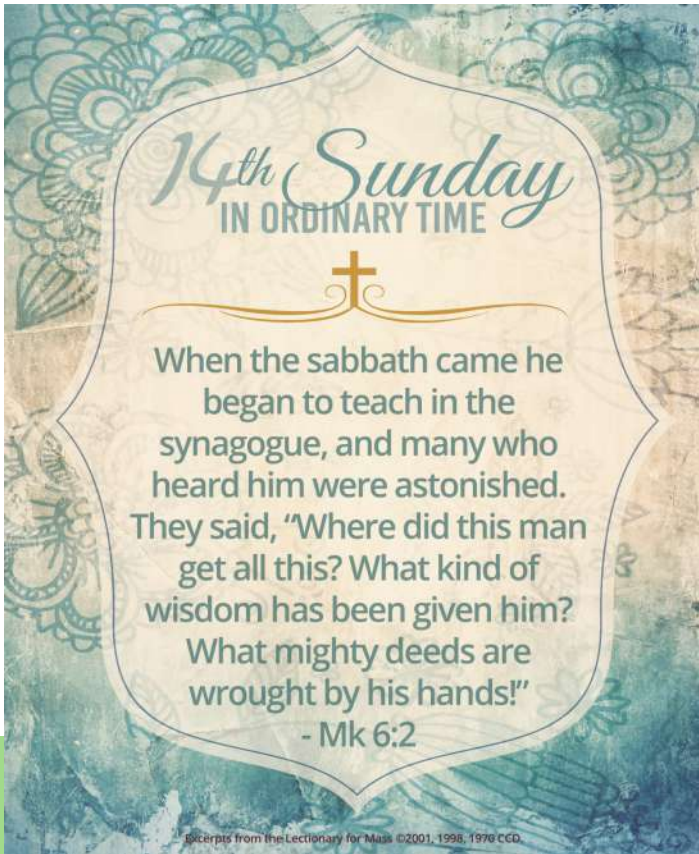
MATRIMONY: Couples required to give 6 months notice before planning a wedding in the Parish. Please do not set date before contacting the Priest.

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.





Sunday Reflection from Father Anthony

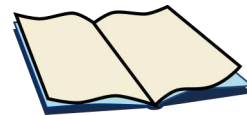
It is another wonderful blessing to celebrate this Sunday! We continue our journey of faith as a community rooted in the word of God and nourished by the sacraments! And from today's Gospel reading, we see Jesus being rejected having chosen to go against the wishes of his relatives and village mates. They wanted him to conform to their traditions and cultural beliefs and his refusal to do so caused him rejection. Jesus must have felt very sad and disappointed and he could not even hide his frustration when he said, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and his own house." Jesus did not perform as many miracles as he should have done in his own town. They were more preoccupied with the humble childhood of Jesus and his upbringing and were not able to appreciate the prophet raised among them! Their eyes were closed that Jesus could hardly open them other than let them be in their blindness. This tells us that rejection is real! If Jesus suffered this kind of treatment, we his followers too have to accept it when it happens but ask for strength to overcome it! Happy Sunday!

MASST INTENTIONS

and Daily Readings

MON	7/9		Hos 2:16,17b-18,21-22; Mt 9:18-26
TUES	7/10	8:30am	Hos 8:4-7,11-13; Mt 9: 32-38
WED	7/11	8:30am	VJEKO FRANCESCHI + Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12; Mt 10:1-7
THU	7/12	8:30am	WALTER VALLEY + VICTORIA and SANTUS RAMIN + Hos 11:1-4,8c-9; Mt 10:7-15
FRI	7/13		Hos 14:2-10;Mt 10:16-23
SAT	7/14	5:30pm	JOHN POWELL + FRANK BOYLE +
SUN	7/15	8:30am	DOLORES QUINTOS + PHYLLIS NOONAN +
		10:30am	SHERRI SCIULLI + JOHN SKIPTUNAS + Am 7:12-15;Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

The Mass Intentions book will open on Monday, July 16th. Mass 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.



40th Anniversary News:

"The Largest Parish Picnic Ever" is Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 11:00am-4:00pm.

Our 40th Anniversary Video is available on YouTube - "St Mark 40th Anniversary", link is on our parish website.



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 OF THE WEEK: This week the Food Pantry is in need of Spaghetti.

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”—Pope Francis, “Day for Life Greeting.” © 2013 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

For the month of July we will be focusing to help raise awareness and educate ourselves on Maison Fortune Orphanage- 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: 85% of 6th graders at Maison Fortune Orphanage pass state exam to enter high school (an average Haitian, 25 years or older, has less than five years of schooling, USAID, Jan 2016)

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

Social Justice concerns the social, political, and economic aspects and above all the structural dimension of problems and their respective solutions. (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 201). Social Justice is the second foot of the “Two Feet of Love in Action” spelled out by U.S. Bishops, and it is a form of charity which considers the root causes of problems. Throughout Scripture and Church Tradition, we are mandated to seek the good and well-being of all, especially the poor and the vulnerable. This call is not a passive one, but one that should actively seek to support and strengthen social institutions making sure they are just and care for the common good.

Building and Grounds Saturday July 21st from 8 AM to 12 PM. Getting ready for the “LARGEST PICNIC EVER”. Picnic area clean up. Many different projects for all ages and skill levels needed. Painting! Sanding! Bush & Brush Clearing! Contact Deacon John for more information:

deacon_john@stmark-parish.org .



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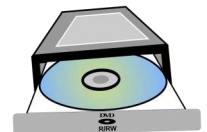
This Week at St. Mark July 7th - July 15th

MON	10:00am 6:00pm 7:15pm	Food Pantry VBS Adult Volunteer Meeting in the Great Hall RCIA /IC in the Great Hall and Library
TUES	8:30 am 6:30pm	DAILY MASS Women’s Book Club in the Library
WED	7:00pm	DAILY MASS
THUR	7:30pm	Magazine Committee Meeting in the Conference Room
FRI	9:30am 10:00am	Mom’s Group Food Pantry
SAT	5:30pm	WEEKEND MASS
SUN	8:30am 10:30am 1-5pm	WEEKEND MASS WEEKEND MASS Knights Of Columbus Grand Knight Installation in the Sanctuary and Great Hall

The new parish directories are available in the office for all parishioners that participated in the recent photography event. Please be willing to update all contact information when picking up your directory. Thank you!



First Eucharist picture DVDs and banners are available in the Great Hall for pickup.



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.



Justice & Peace



A Big Thank You! The Annual Yard Sale on June 30, raised \$4,375 to help provide education and a better life for the children at Maison Fortune Orphanage in Haiti. Many thanks to the generous parishioners who donated items for us to sell and the amazing volunteers who helped sort, set up, sell, and pack after the sale. It was truly a **team effort**. A special thank you to Sharon Forni, our Leader/Coordinator, and Agnes Chavez, our quality control/ item organizer, both who worked many hours to ensure the success of the sale. After the sale, we were able to make donations of clothing and other needed items to the Eastern Shore Migrant Ministry, Catholic Worker, Habitat for Humanity, parish ministries and the Salvation Army. *Mesi anpil* to all involved!!

The Parish Picnic scheduled for September 8th is the third event in a series of events celebrating 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 and more information on that will be forthcoming. Signup sheets for the event are located at the 40th Anniversary table in the commons. If you have any questions please contact Jim Waltz at JWaltzFAM@outlook.com or call 757-754-9235. We are looking forward to breaking bread with you!!!

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. Our next meeting will be July 8, 2018 after the 10:30 mass in the great hall. If you are interested and have any questions, please contact: Marilou Huling Tel. # (757) 482-5848 and Ellen Mones Tel. # (757) 618-4642.



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 cybercrimes to file complaints.

Financial Box Score For End of Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	June	Offertory Year to Date	Needed Year to Date	Excess/Short
July-June	24			
Offertory	\$12,808	\$822,767	\$817,700	(\$10,733)

Family Count: 1170

Families using envelopes: 30

Families using online donation: 82



Like to feel the sparks of love again in your marriage? Come receive the tools to keep your marriage full of love and passion! The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends are: Aug 3-5, 2018 in Chapel Hill, NC and Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.



COMMUNITY REWARDS UPDATE!!!!

Kroger will be sending St Mark a check in the amount of \$140.75 from their Community Rewards program. If you haven't already linked your card, our St Mark organization number is: 88553

CORRECTION TO THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN concerning Building and Grounds Cleanups are **SATURDAY, JULY 21st and AUGUST 18 th** from 8 AM to 12 PM, not July 18th. We are sorry for this error.

GOOD NEWS FROM ST MARK!

On June 16th - 12 men from St Mark gathered at the New Creation Catholic Charismatic Center in Chesapeake for a one day retreat, facilitated by Deacon Calvin Bailey from the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on Norfolk.

Deacon Calvin shared his spiritual journey with the Lord and challenged us to share and reflect on our own and how we can grow in this most important relationship. It was truly a moment when we could spend time with God - a "ridiculous God", as Deacon Calvin shared, because of God's abundant love for us and the challenge our God calls us to - as we live our lives of faith. God will indeed take you places you never thought you would go and we need to learn to say yes - as our Blessed Mother gave her "fiat" to God and the life He challenged her to live - as the Mother of God. We were called to "open our minds, hearts and souls" to what God has in mind for us. Below are a few reflections of the experience - we hope to grow our retreat from 12 to many more at our next retreat!

Reflections from - "The Twelve in the Upper Room" as we were called that day.

"I am eager to share my experience of Saturday's men's Retreat. Like many things in these last 5 months, Saturday was a first for me. I signed up only knowing that I wanted the fellowship and NOT knowing what to really expect. As we gathered I was feeling just a tad apprehensive but that feeling disappeared as soon as Deacon Calvin Bailey started speaking. He made me realize, we were not there by accident, but each one of us had been LED! What a Great Blessing it was to be a part of this retreat! I could feel the presence of The Holy Spirit throughout the day! Deacon Calvin is very humble and down-to-earth while speaking of things heavenly and Godly. a Great Setting, A Great group of Guys, A Great Host/Speaker, a Great Lunch (in the shade of Large Pines),Great Camaraderie, Great Discussions , a Great reinforcement of Faith! I could go on but I think people get the message. I may be at just the early stage of my Catholic faith, but I know a blessing when I receive one. Thanks, Peace," FROM A RCIA Inquirer!

"This was truly an amazing day that I would recommend to all the men at St Mark. A full day reflecting on God's presence in our lives and how we can and should relate to his blessings made for a wonderful personal experience. We also talked about the differences that God's grace can make in our daily lives. Our retreat was led by Deacon Calvin Bailey. Deacon Calvin had a unique way of sharing his life experiences to make his teaching real and meaningful to our group. I am waiting for the next men's retreat to make sure I'm there. It was a true blessing to be part of this distinguished group." FROM A RCIA Catechumen!

"The retreat reflection that most affected me was the reminder that we should expect to encounter the Lord every day. While it is in a different way physically than how he was with his original apostles in the upper room after his resurrection ,and before his Ascension, it is just as real. Another reflection from the retreat that stayed with me is that Christ sends us into the world as he did his first disciples to spread the good news, and expand his kingdom, and that he sometimes sends us to do things that we never thought we could do."

FROM A Long Time Parishioner!



ST. MARK VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Dates: Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 3

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ages 3 - Rising 5th Grade

Space is still available! Registration forms are located at the Information Desk in the Commons!

Contact Rachel Rudman, rachel@stmark-parish.org or 757-479-9897, for more information or questions.

