

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 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



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RELIGIOUS FORMATION STAFF

Sharon Katzman.....Director of R.F.
Rachel Rudman.....Coordinator of R.F.
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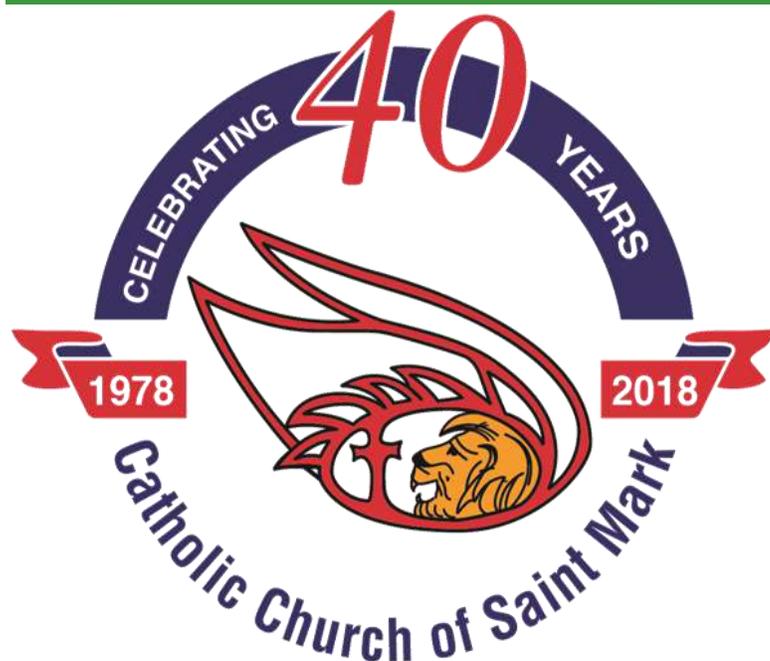
BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Lent. Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament.

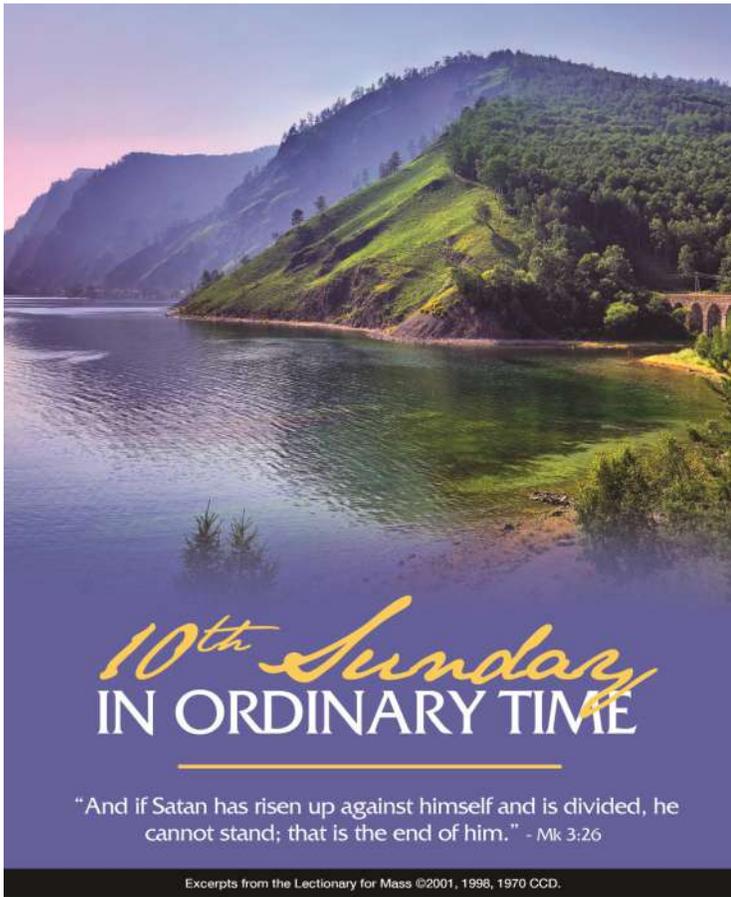
MATRIMONY: Couples required to give 6 months notice before planning a wedding in the Parish. Please do not set date before contacting the Priest.

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.





MASST INTENTIONS

and Daily Readings

MON	6/11		Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3; Mt 5:1-12
TUES	6/12	8:30am	SCOTT HENRY + DALISAY ST. INES LAROQUE + 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16
WED	6/13	7:00pm	EDWARD MORRISSEY + FELIPE ROSARIO + 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19
THU	6/14	8:30am	PEGGY RYBARCZYK + SCOTT HENRY + 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26
FRI	6/15		1 Kgs 19:9a,11-16; Mt 5:27-32
SAT	6/16	5:30pm	SCOTT HENRY + UNA and FRED PERINE +
SUN	6/17	8:30am	JASPER and AJ DARWIN+ ROBERT and HELEN BECKER +
		10:30am	DANTE ACEDO + FRANK KOMLJENOVICH + Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

Sunday Reflection from Father Anthony

Welcome to this Sunday's celebration! Jesus from today's Gospel reading continues with his mission and large crowds of people gathered around him. They are amazed at the things that he is doing and among these people are his friends and adversaries. His friends know that he is Lord and powerful, yet others think that he is possessed just seeing the way he drives out devils! They had never seen anyone like him and the very reason they opposed him. But Jesus overlooked their misconceptions and went ahead instead to teach them about the truth of the matter. If they thought that he was driving out devils in the name of Beelzebul, the prince of demons, then the devil is divided and will therefore not last long. The scribes' wrong mentality about Jesus, was a denial for the truth and refusal to admit their sins. For Jesus, anyone who does the will of God is his mother, father, brother and sister. Jesus wanted his relationship with his father to spread out and extend to whoever as long as they do God's will. And there is no rejection for anyone who does God's will! What a privilege Jesus has given us! May we keep a strong relationship in everything that we do.

Congratulations to our newly baptized:
Jeremiah Macaraeg, Alice O'Mara, William O'Mara, Anna O'Mara, Jordan Quitaro and Leighanne Vincent.

The Parish picnic is September 8, 2018 from 11:00am-4:00pm.

40th Anniversary Video is available on YouTube - "St Mark 40th Anniversary".

The 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.

Financial Box Score

Fiscal Year July-June	May 27	Offertory Year to Date	Needed Year to Date	Excess/ Short
Offertory	\$12,596	\$762,959	\$770,300	(\$7,341)

Family Count: 1168
Families using envelopes: 304
Families using online donation: 87



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.

ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE. What makes St. Mark special to you: a memory, a favorite ministry, a humorous anecdote, a wish for the future? Will you share that moment or feeling? We are searching for personal stories for possible submission in a magazine, revealing St. Mark, past, present and future. One or two sentences to two paragraphs would be ideal. Responses are welcome from parishioners of all ages, whether you've been here a month, a decade or 40 years. All stories have value. We are willing to edit spelling or grammar, or even write the story after an interview of you. Please submit to: Red box on the Anniversary table or Email to: bob.mccabejr@gmail.com or clivingston@verizon.net. We are also seeking sponsors for the Anniversary magazine. If you are interested in buying an ad, forms are available on the Anniversary table in the Commons.

"MEN of ST MARK, you are invited and called to a day of Spiritual Renewal!" Deacon Calvin Bailey (from the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Norfolk) will share insights on how, we as men, can improve the most important relationship in our life - the one with our God, through the person of Jesus Christ. Please mark on your calendar - Saturday, June 16th, from 9am to 4:30pm at the New Creation Charismatic Renewal Center, located in Chesapeake on the corner of Centerville and Elbow Roads. This will be followed by all attending the 5:30pm Mass at St Mark. **Start the summer by developing and/or enhancing your spiritual life!** Sign up at the Parish Council table in the Commons or email Deacon Mike at deacon_mike@stmark-parish.org. You can also sign-up using the website.

The Women's Book Club continues to seek new membership. This group is comprised of women of varied ages and diverse backgrounds. It is a compatible group with members who share an appreciation for the Catholic Church and its teachings. The group strives to learn more about our Catholic faith through the works of varied authors and genre. Every other month, for approximately 90 minutes, the ladies gather to share ideas and insights acquired from a preselected book. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 in the St. Mark Library from 6:30-8:00 PM. We will be reading the book, The Vatican Pimpernel: The World War II Exploits of the Monsignor Who Saved Over 6500 Lives, by *Fleming, Brian* (2012). Reward yourself with time for good reading, lively conversation, relaxation, camaraderie and laughter. Give us a try and consider joining the group. 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).

 Starting Monday, June 18th, summer office hours will be 9am-1pm Monday-Thursday and Sunday.

This Week at St. Mark *June 11-June 17*

MON	10:00am 7:15pm	Food Pantry RCIA I/C In Great Hall and Library
TUES	8:30 am 7:00pm	DAILY MASS Guitar Ministry
WED	10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	Food Pantry Rosary DAILY MASS
THUR	8:30am	DAILY MASS
FRI	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm	Mom's Group Food Pantry Knights of Columbus in Great Hall
SAT	4:00pm 5:30pm 9am-4pm	RECONCILIATION WEEKEND MASS Men's Retreat at New Creation
SUN	8:30am 10:30am	WEEKEND MASS WEEKEND MASS

The St Mark 2018-2019 budget was submitted on May 8, 2018 and approved by Bishop Knestout on May 22. A copy of the approved budget is on the Parish Council Table in the commons.



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.



Need to declutter? Doing your spring cleaning? Getting ready to move? The annual St Mark Yard Sale is June 30th and we will begin accepting donations Monday, June 4th. Proceeds from the yard sale benefit the children of Madison Fortune Orphanage in Hinche, Haiti. More information or questions? Email Sharon Forni sforni80@gmail.com.



Justice & Peace

Food Pantry Item: Un Sweet Cereal

To women with an unplanned pregnancy, please refer to : USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption" www.usccb.org/women-considering-adoption .

June is Diocesan Refugee Awareness Month Refugees are individuals who have fled their countries of origin and who meet the United Nations' criteria of having a 'well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion'. Each year the President of the United States authorizes the admission of a certain number of refugees into the country. In recent years, the U.S. has accepted between 50,000 to 75,000 refugees per year. Refugees often have suffered great loss such as loss of their homes, livelihoods, possessions, and oftentimes families, and they need assistance starting over in a new country. Their initial needs are many: food, clothing, shelter, employment, English language training, and orientation to a new community and culture. Jesus' early years were spent as a refugee with Mary and Joseph in Egypt, following the campaign of persecution from King Herod. Refugees, therefore, are close to our Lord's heart. *For more information and resources, visit the following sites: www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services and www.sharejourney.org*

The **St. Mark Planning** ministry has begun making tote bags from your discarded grocery bags. We hope to fill these bags with small donated toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, shampoo, soap, etc. to distribute to the homeless and others in need. Can you help us with a donation of items, please? These small/trial size toiletry items can be from hotels that you visit throughout the year or they may be purchased. You may drop off items to the Center Bin in the Great Hall next to the Food Pantry.

Mark your calendars! The **GREAT St Mark Yard Sale 2018** will be held on Saturday, June 30th, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. We are currently accepting donations. Looked for a specially marked area in the great hall. We are looking for gently used clothing, jewelry, furniture, small appliances and kitchenware. As in years past, we **cannot** accept large appliances, TVs, computers, tires or mattresses. If you would like more information or to help with the yard sale: sorting, setup, cashier, day of sale, clean up - please contact Sharon Forni sforni80@gmail.com or Joyce Gridley 675-6486
All proceeds will benefit Maison Fortune Orphanage in Hinche, Haiti.

Our Baby Bottle Drive for Hope 4 Life was a HUGE SUCCESS! We raised over \$1,300. We collected over 82 lbs. of baby clothing and diapers for Newborns In Need. A huge thank you to all who helped make this possible.



Dear Sr. Manners: Do you have any pointers to offer for etiquette in the communion line?

Gentle Christian: Sr. Manners has observed that more attention is needed when approaching the altar. She has seen those who act as though they were waiting in a cafeteria line -- socializing all the way up the aisle and grabbing their food "to go" as they head for the door. Would it surprise you, faithful believer, that Sr. Manners does not approve? Approaching the altar, the communicant should act in a manner befitting the sacredness of the action s/he is about to perform. Communing with the Risen Christ present in both the bread and wine and in the community requires attention and reverence. Greeting others, looking around, swinging arms, stuffing hands in the pockets, or holding up the line while one performs one's own acts of piety are all inappropriate behavior. Communicants should approach the sacrament joyfully, singing the communion hymn with the community, without calling attention to themselves along the way.

News Elsewhere

Don't take a vacation from your marriage! Come learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. It is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. Fill your marriage with joy! 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.

Please come out and support the **Fourth Annual TAP! TAP! Craft Beer Festival** to support the Children of Maison Fortuné! This year's event will be AUGUST 11th, 2016 from 2PM - 7 PM, at Greenbrier Farms in Chesapeake, VA. All details and tickets can be found at www.taptapfest.org. Your TAP TAP ticket includes souvenir tasting glass, unlimited tastings of over 30 craft beers and music entertainment by Vinyl Headlights and Jessie Chong Band. You may bring your own lawn chairs and snacks, but tents, tables, and outside alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted. Coolers will be subject to inspection upon arrival. Food will also be available to purchase from Festival Food Vendors. Your participation will help make our celebration an event to remember. If you'd like to volunteer at the Festival – please check out the opportunities at <http://bit.ly/2018taptapvolunteer> . We look forward to seeing you on August 11th!

Save the Date!

The Knights of Columbus St. Benedict Council #9056 hosts its annual Italian Fest at 5:00 PM on 28 July at St. Gregory the Great Catholic School. Your favorite Italian dishes cooked on site and served buffet style. Homemade desserts including cannoli, drinks including beer and wine. Dance to the sounds of renowned Frank Sings Frank! \$17 Advance Sale tickets (\$10 age 7-13) available at the St. Gregory the Great Parish Office (757) 497-8330. Credit Card sales (757) 472-4380.

Job Opportunities:

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Norfolk, VA is seeking an Administrative Assistant to provide clerical, administrative and managerial support to the pastor and other staff members and provide reception services for the parish. This position will also maintain parishioner records and mailing lists via the parish database, record Mass intentions using Excel, and coordinate with the Director of Religious Education to prepare and collect sacramental paperwork, among other duties and responsibilities. Familiarity with the Mission of the Catholic Church is required, along with a minimum of three years of relevant experience in a secretarial or office management role. Must possess computer competency with Microsoft Office proficiency. Database and social networking experience required. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume and Diocesan Application to Fr. Paul Muyimbwa at frpaul@sacredheartnorfolk.org.

The Virginia Catholic Conference, the public-policy agency of Virginia's Catholic bishops and their two dioceses, seeks applicants for the position of Associate Director. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: Advocacy of Conference positions to lawmakers, development and delivery of presentations (e.g., testimony at public hearings, speeches, panel remarks and media interviews), policy analysis, research and development, and drafting of alerts and updates. Qualified candidates will demonstrate knowledge of and commitment to Catholic social teaching, interest in legislative advocacy and outstanding written and oral communication skills. A practicing Catholic in good standing is required, as well as an understanding of the operations of the Catholic Church at the parish, diocesan and national levels. Previous advocacy experience is preferable but not required. The position will require some evening and weekend hours. Full benefits available. For consideration, **please send cover letter and resume no later than June 29** to: Jeff Caruso, Executive Director at jeff@vacatholic.org. For a more complete listing of responsibilities, please visit <https://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-human-resources/>.

What Is Ordinary Time?

Kristopher W. Seaman

One of my former professors, in anticipation for the next class session, said we would begin to look at the liturgical calendar—the way the Church tells time. The first topic would be Ordinary Time. Then he said something that would change the way I view, celebrate, and prepare for Ordinary Time. With excitement, he exclaimed, “There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time!” At the time, I was quite perplexed. What does he mean that Ordinary Time isn’t ordinary? Then why call it ordinary? This confused undergraduate walked back to his dorm room and began feverishly reading for the next class on Ordinary Time.

When we hear the word “ordinary,” we tend to think, “common,” everyday, or mundane. In other words, if something is ordinary it isn’t special. Ordinary from its Latin root means “order.” When we order something, we arrange in a sequence. That is, it is numbered. It is ordinal. This same professor suggested that Ordinary Time is Ordinal Time. It is counted time. We now know why it is called Ordinary Time, but how is it differentiated from other liturgical seasons and feasts?

The liturgical year is the calendar the Church uses for seasons, feasts, and solemnities. Various calendars are used for various reasons: civil, school year, lunar (for example, for calculating Chinese New Year or Jewish holy days), etc. The liturgical year basically celebrates one thing: The Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery is Jesus Christ’s birth, life, Passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension, and subsequent sending of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus to the apostles, is the One who brings us into relationship—into communion—with Christ’s death and Resurrection. This death and Resurrection is the saving event that frees us from sin and death. The Father’s raising of Jesus from the dead transcends all time, because the Spirit—whom Jesus said the Father would send—invites us into this saving Paschal Mystery.



That means, we are always invited by our Triune God to enter into the depths of the Paschal Mystery. What does the Paschal Mystery have to do with Ordinary Time?

The Paschal Mystery is so big, so deep, so vast, that we journey through this mystery for a whole year: the liturgical year. Sundays in Ordinary Time, as the official document on the liturgical year the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* states, “are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects” (43). Other liturgical seasons focus on one aspect. For instance, during Lent we focus on turning away from sin in order for our Triune God to transform us into more faithful disciples. Feasts for saints celebrate the exemplary life of a saint who witnessed to

Christ’s Paschal Mystery in his or her very life, sometimes unto death. The 33 or 34 weeks in Ordinary Time then celebrate the whole Paschal Mystery on each Sunday. According to the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, “Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the Sunday following 6 January and continues until Tuesday before Ash Wednesday inclusive. It begins again on Monday after Pentecost and ends before evening prayer I of the First Sunday of Advent” (44). Therefore, Ordinary Time is segmented into two parts, with Lent-Holy Week-Easter-Pentecost being in the middle.

My former professor was indeed right; there is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time. Rather, we count the Sundays and the weeks as we celebrate the mystery of Jesus Christ who calls us into communion with himself as he leads us through the power of the Holy Spirit to the Father.

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