

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.

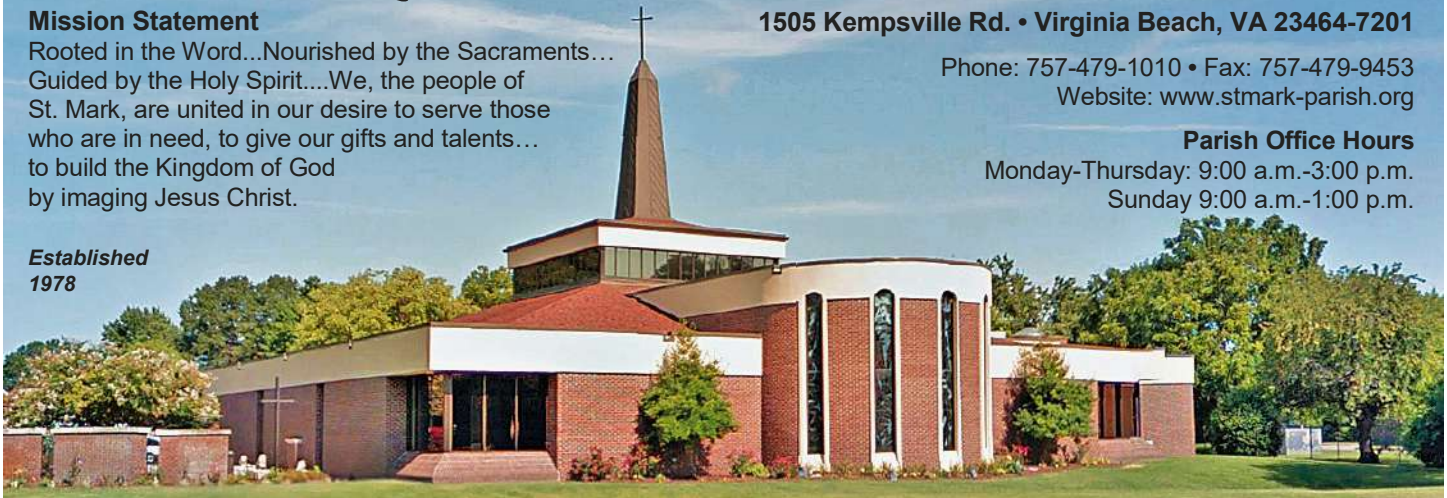
Established 1978

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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. Nursery available for 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

40th Celebration Dinner!!

LAST DAY FOR TICKETS

May 13, 2018

Dinner May 19th at 7:00 PM

Join Parish Friends past and present. Semi-formal.

Piano Stylings from William Neill

40th Commemorative wine glass.

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

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 Denise Boyce 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 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. 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.





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

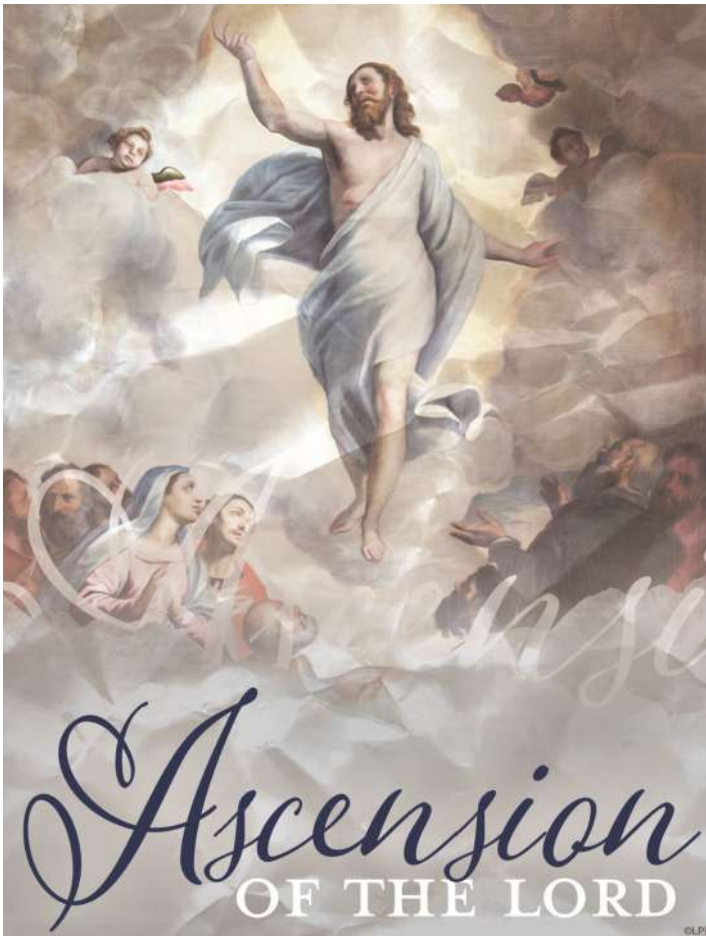
MON 5/14		ACTS 1:15-17; JN 15:9-17
TUES 5/15	8:30am	DORIS GIMBEL + ACTS 20:17-27; JN 17:1-11a
WED 5/16	7:00pm	ACTS 20:28-38; JN 17:11b-19
THU 5/17	8:30am	ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11; JN 17:20-26
FRI 5/18		ACTS 25:13b-21; JN 21:15-19
SAT 5/19	5:30pm	ESTHER & DAVID LIEBERS + PEGGY RYBARCZYK +
VIGIL OF PENTECOST/ 40TH ANNIVERSARY MASS		Jl 3: 1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22- 27 JN 7:37-39
SUN 5/20	8:30am	KATHLEEN CUSSEN + SUSAN DIAZ +
	10:30am	THOMAS TRAIL + MARGARET & ROBERT DUFFY+
		ACTS 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13 JN 20:19-23

Prayer REQUESTS

Jim Thomas, Joan Borden, Scott Henry, Martin "Woody" Wood, Joan Coleman, John Salz., Bobby MacDonald, Efrén Salinas, Evelyn Harzold, Mary Petrucci, Kathy Rivet, Jeane Dughi, Dediosa Dimalanta,

Carrie Reynolds, Ray and Sharon Abdun-Nur, Holden Hewlett.

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.



Sunday Reflection from Father Anthony

Welcome to this Sunday when we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord! What does this day mean? Anyone would say it is when Jesus ascended to heaven and his return to the Father! After Jesus had accomplished his mission of saving humanity and preaching the Gospel, he ascended into heaven. It was not just a vertical parting from his friends but also a horizontal commissioning of the disciples to continue his mission on earth with words "Go therefore!" He left them work to do, after he had done his part and his ascending into heaven, while they were looking up is an act to show them direction of where they should be focused. Jesus did not just say farewell to his disciples, but he also promised them divine assistance as they continue his legacy and mission of spreading the Good News! He asked them to take his message to all nations. We are called to be the new disciples of our time as we take Jesus to everyone we meet. This is a daunting task, indeed very demanding, but it has to be done and that is why Jesus promised to send us the Holy Spirit as a guide. We have to commit ourselves and this begins from our knees in prayer. As we celebrate Ascension Sunday, let us also take the words Jesus shared with us and go and make disciples wherever we are! Amen

Justice & Peace

FOOD OF THE WEEK: This week the Food Pantry is in need of Peanut Butter

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 at sforni80@gmail.com.

Our next Justice & Peace meeting is Monday, May 21st at 7pm. Please bring a friend and join us as we pray and work together to help build the Kingdom of God here on earth!

May is Respect ALL Life month for our Justice & Peace Outreach. Be sure to stop by our Bulletin Board in the Great Hall for other "Respecting ALL Life" activities this month!

"We can all help encourage our government and other institutions to support life. They must always aid and support mothers and children, and never offer to pay for the destruction of life as a 'solution' to the challenges women face. The call to uphold women's dignity and well-being, and that of their unborn children, is one and the same." - USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Poverty and Abortion: A Vicious Cycle," www.bit.ly/poverty-abortion

Baby Shower: We will be collecting baby items/diapers (sizes Newborn to 3months) to benefit "Newborns in Need" beginning this weekend May 12/13. All new baby clothing items accepted and specific wish lists can be found on the Justice & Peace bulletin board in the Great Hall. Please bring in donated items to the play pen located in Great Hall next to bulletin board by June 2nd/3rd

Prison Ministry Reflection: Deerfield Correctional Center, Capron VA. "My name is Mike and I'm a member of our parishes Prison Ministry team. We travel to Capron VA, a 90-minute drive every other month. Why do I go,? I get to hang out, pray, celebrate mass, or participate in a communion service with my friends, the residents. What do my friends get? Well they get us, a group of faithful St. Mark parishioners wanting to share our faith, to expand our flock. I can't explain why I started going, it truly just happened, and I'm better for it. I've seen Baptisms, Confirmations, residents leave, and sadly residents return. The most significant by product of the ministry is the relationship formed with the inmates. You will surely see them as brothers, husbands, uncles, dads, but most of all humans".



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR PARISHONERS.

This Week at St. Mark May 14-May 20

MON	10:00am 7:15PM	Food Pantry RCIA I/C
TUES	8:30 am 9:30am 6:30pm 7:30pm	DAILY MASS Bible Study in Conference Room Women's Book Club in the Library Bible Study in Conference Room
WED	10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Food Pantry Rosary DAILY MASS Chorale Practice
THUR	8:30am 7:00pm 7:30pm	DAILY MASS Finance Council in Conference Room Knights of Columbus Business Meeting in Great Hall
FRI	9:30am 10:00am	Mom's Group Food Pantry
SAT	4:00pm 5:30pm 7:00pm	RECONCILIATION WEEKEND MASS 40th Anniversary Dinner in Great Hall
SUN	8:30am 10:30am	WEEKEND MASS WEEKEND MASS Feed our Neighbor at Judeo Christian Outreach

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact the Religious Formation Office:
757-497-9897 or
rachel@stmark-parish.org

Financial Box Score

Fiscal Year July-June	April 29	Offertory Year to Date	Needed Year to Date	Excess/ Short
Offertory	\$15,028	\$707,272	\$707,100	\$172

Family Count: 1192
Family using envelopes: 342
Family using online donation: 81

St. Mark Parish News

May 13, 2018

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECRUITING WEEKEND The Knights of Columbus council will have a recruiting drive this weekend. We will be available in RED shirts in the commons area after all masses to answer any questions from those who might be interested in learning more about joining our order. Kempsville Council would like to thank the parishioners of St Mark for their generosity April 14-15. \$1,700 was donated to KOVAR, a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity that provides grants and interest free home loans to charitable organizations that support persons with intellectual disabilities. If you weren't able to donate, but would still like to make a contribution, or if you have questions about KOVAR, contact John Cochran, KOVAR Board of Directors Secretary, at jcochran10515@gmail.com .

THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB is always eager to welcome new members. We convene 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) .

FEED OUR NEIGHBOR St. Mark will be serving dinner at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center on Sunday, May 20th. 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 this weekend. PLEASE NOTE: Due to the 40th Anniversary Dinner in the great hall on Saturday evening, we ask that you RETURN THE FOOD ITEMS with the tags to the kitchen ON SUNDAY, MAY 20th BEFORE 11:30AM. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal from 1:00-3:30 pm on Sunday, May 20, at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center. Please call or text DJ Bradley (390-7064) or Bobbi Drewiske (749-0107) to volunteer.

May is the Diocesan Migration Advocacy Month - "*When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt*" - Leviticus 19: 33-34

The Social teaching of the Church reminds us that we ought to treat those who flee their countries for various reasons with mercy and dignity. Three basic principles of catholic social teaching on immigration (from USCCB):

First Principle: People have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families.

"Every person has an equal right to receive from the earth what is necessary for life— food, clothing, shelter. In Luke's Gospel, the rich man was condemned for living well while the poor man starved at his doorstep (Lk 16:19-31)." (USCCB)

Second Principle: A country has the right to regulate its borders and to control immigration. "Those who work to enforce our nation's immigration laws often do so out of a sense of loyalty to the common good and compassion for poor people seeking a better life. The overriding principle of all Catholic social teaching is that individuals must make economic, political, and social decisions not out of shortsighted self-interest, but with regard for the common good." (USCCB)

Third Principle: A country must regulate its borders with justice and mercy. "A country's regulation of borders and control of immigration must be governed by concern for all people and by mercy and justice." (USCCB)

Building and Grounds (B&G) In April we prepared for Confirmation painting the parking lot light poles, working the gardens and the grounds. Thank you to all who came out to help. We also installed a couple of our new banners. Our NEXT MEETING is Saturday, May 19 and we will work in support of the 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner set-up. Contact Deacon John or Linda Major at 479-1010.

40th Anniversary

Dinner Tickets: Will be available until May 13. Dinner, music, an etched 40th Anniversary Glass. Shirts can be ordered at the 40th Anniversary Table. Prayer Cards, stickers, decals are also available.

Best Picnic Ever --- Saturday, September 8 from 12pm-3pm at St. Mark pavilion.

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: "Memories & Dreams" form at Anniversary table or Email to: bob.mccabejr@gmail.com or clivington@verizon.net

WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

Why is red the color of Pentecost?

Red, for Catholics, is typically associated with the blood of the martyrs. It is also used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday for us to reflect on Jesus' blood spilled for our salvation. So, why is it used at Pentecost? Well, it has to do with the fire and burning; the fire and burning of the Holy Spirit in the apostles and in us: In Luke 24:32, after meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus, the disciples say "were our hearts not burning within us?" On Pentecost, Acts 2:3, "tongues as of fire" hovered above the disciples heads. Red "is the language of fire... indicat[ing] burning charity (love)".

So, wear red on Pentecost to show your conviction of Christ's unrelenting, burning love.



News Elsewhere

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School invites you to join our family of Saints! Financial aid is available. Call for a personal tour with Amy Driscoll, Director of Admissions, at 757-497-1811 or email adriscoll@sggsvb.org. Visit our website at www.sggsvb.org for more information.

St. Pius X Parish Norfolk is seeking a bookkeeper experienced in accounts receivable, payable, bank reconciliation and payroll processing. Must have a working knowledge of Excel and Word, have good verbal and written communication skills, and the ability to learn Parish Soft Ledger and Family Suite programs used by the parishes of the Richmond Diocese. This position is 20 hours per week; salary is based on diocesan scale. If interested, please submit your resume, a completed diocesan application and cover letter to jmurphy@piusxparish.org or leave them at the Parish Office.

Bishop Sullivan High School

JOIN US! This year, we will hit the links on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, for the annual Crusader Classic Golf Tournament at Honey Bee Golf Club. All proceeds benefit the students at Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School. Register at www.chsvb.org or call 757-467-2679 for more information.

Church of the Holy Family Fair!

Church of the Holy Family on 1279 Great Neck Rd. in Virginia Beach will be hosting their 38th annual fair May 31st to June 3rd. The fair features live music, carnival rides, great food & drink, games, grandma's attic, bake sale and a raffle with \$3000 in cash prizes - something for everyone! Visit our website for more information: www.holyfamilyvb.org/fair

Fair hours are: Thursday 6-10pm, Friday 5-11pm, Saturday 4-11pm and Sunday 12-6pm.

We hope you can attend. This is a great time for fellowship with all proceeds benefiting the charitable works of the church.

The Office for Black Catholics and the Office of Social Ministries invites the faithful of the Diocese to join us in a yearlong prayer for racial harmony hosted every 1st Friday of the month. Please join us on Friday, June 1, 2:00pm as we pray the Glorious Mysteries. Call in number is (844) 572-5683, ext. 4828689. Follow us on Twitter, @cdrobc and @CDROSM. For more information please contact obc@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5262.

Are you ready to be inspired, informed and invigorated? Then come and see what the Office for Black Catholics Evangelization Conference can do for you and your ministry Saturday, July 21, 2018 at the Basilica of St. Mary of the IC in Norfolk. This one day event is designed to empower and equip the faithful in all aspects of evangelization; personal and public. It is a follow up to the National Black Catholic Congress gathering in 2018. Our dynamic speakers will cover topics that include youth and young adult ministry, marriage and family life, adult formation, life and dignity of the human person and spirituality. Bishop Martin D. Holley, keynote speaker and main celebrant. Cost: Clergy and Religious-free; General \$50; 55+ \$25; \$60 on site. Includes materials and meals. Lodging available at a discounted rate at Norfolk Marriott Waterside. Reservations will be made at time of registration. www.regonline.com/cdrobcec18. Full list of presenters and workshops will be available shortly. Please contact the Office for Black Catholics for more information, obc@richmonddiocese.org or (804) 622-5262.

Birthright

Our Catholic faith calls us to respect life at all stages. **Birthright** invites you to live your faith by helping pregnant women choose life. Become a **Birthright volunteer** today. No experience necessary-just a loving heart and 3 hours per week to devote to women in crisis. Training and guidance provided. Call Stephanie Checcia at (757) 270-7925.

MEN OF ST MARK

How often have you spent time on the most Important relationship in your life?

Spend just one day reflecting on developing or enhancing your spiritual life!



**Facilitated by:
Deacon Calvin Bailey ,
Deacon at the
Basilica of the Immaculate
Conception in Norfolk**

When:

Saturday, June 16th

Time:

**9am to 4:30pm, followed by
5:30pm Mass at St Mark**

Where:

**New Creation Charismatic
Renewal Center
on Elbow and Centerville in
Chesapeake**

