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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.

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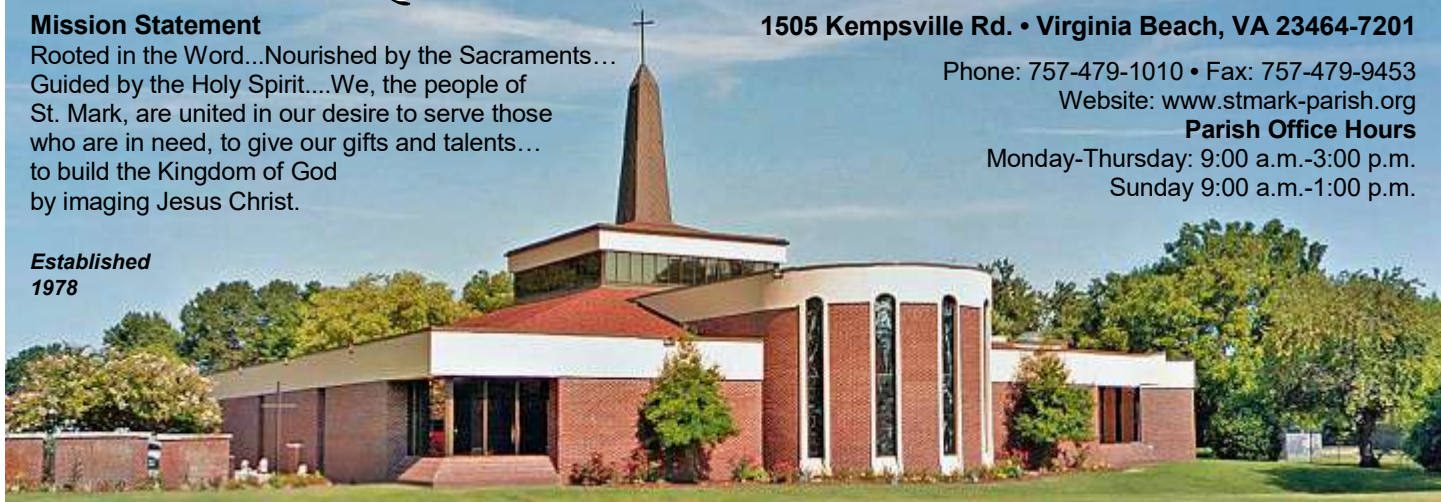
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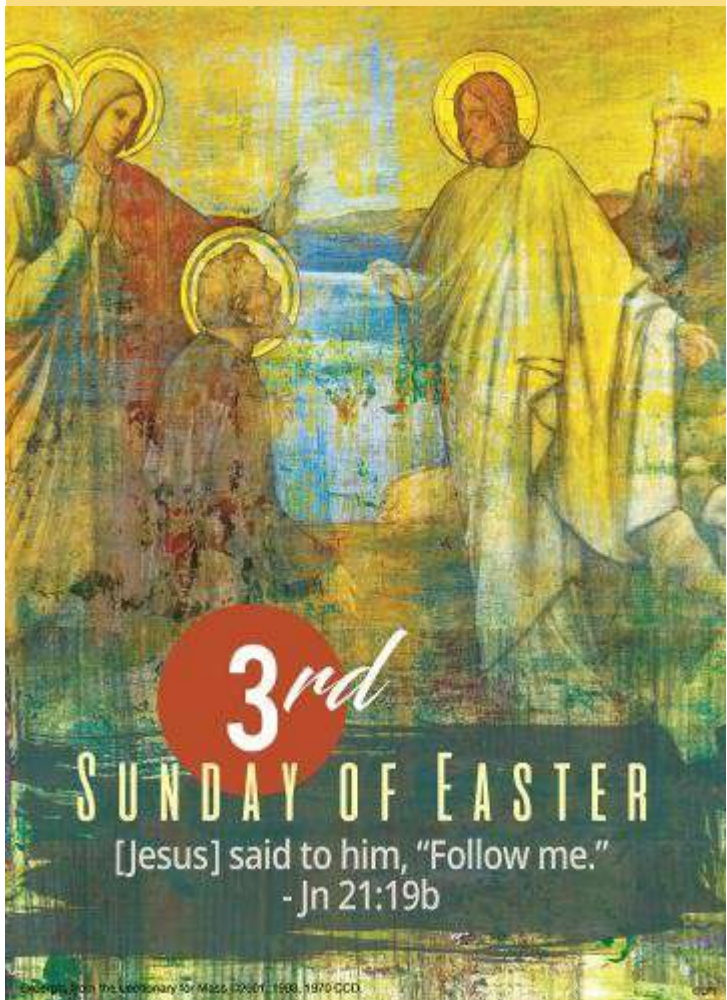
Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. • Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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



PARISH STAFF

- Rev. Anthony Mpungu.....Pastor franthony@stmark-parish.org Michael Johnson & John KrenDeacons 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 Games.....Nursery Supervisor Brian Gridley..... Maintenance/IT Coordinator Alberto Rosado.....Custodian Hank Harzold..... Parish Council Chairman William McMican..... Finance Council Chairman

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- Sharon Katzman.....Director of R.F. Fe Guzman..... Youth Minister Samantha KriegCoordinator of R.F.

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Sunday 9:00a.m.-2:00p.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.

MASST INTENTIONS

and Daily Readings

MON	5/6		Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
TUES	5/7	8:30am	DEACON ROBERT BAKER + Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
WED	5/8	7:00pm	FIDEL MENDOZA + SARAH CASAOL + Acts 8:1b-8; Jn :35-40
THU	5/9	8:30am	JASPER and AJ DARWIN + ISAAC QUINTOS + Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
FRI	5/10		<i>Saint Damian, de Veuster, Priest</i> Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
SAT	5/11		<i>Fourth Sunday Of Easter</i>
		5:30pm	ROSENDO GUTIERREZ+ MARY SWEENEY +
SUN	5/12	8:30am	JASPER and AJ DARWIN + ROGER ROMERO +
		10:30am	JOHN SKIPTUNAS + MARIE LANGLOIS + Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Reflections by Father Anthony

The events of Jesus' crucifixion and death were so disheartening to the disciples to the extent that their lives were so distorted. They returned to their old lives to the lake where Jesus found them and resorted to their previous lives as fishermen. They tried to stay together under the leadership of Peter who said he was going fishing! Peter was discouraged and he didn't know what to do other than what he knew before Jesus called him. This was all because of the despair and uncertainty about life. In such a situation when their lives touched the bottom and everything seems lost and time wasted, the only option was to start all over ! This is when Jesus appeared to them and he invites them to return to their first love for him: "Do you love me?" Jesus asked Peter not once or twice but three times! After Peter's answer, Jesus gave him the responsibility over the others and reassures him that even when things might later be difficult, God's love will be glorified in him. The resurrection was proof of God's love for humanity. Jesus is also asking us the same question and if our answer is yes, then we shall be able to overcome everything. Amen



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Jim Parke, former pastor of Church of the Ascension. May he rest in Eternal Peace. Amen.



Easter flowers were donated in remembrance of Teresita and Leo Tecson.



Please pray for the following: Nancy Tennin, Steven Barkow, Holden and Hadley Hewlett, Emma and Jeff Madrigal, Alice Volz, Don and Susan DeGroot, Ruby Steele, Bryan Mendoza, Deacon Robert Esposito, Delores Valley, Dawn Boroden, Sherry Savage, Barbara Amella, Leonardo V. Corpez, Jan Kilb, Trinika Skiptunas, Rose Kmetz, Emy Balmaceda, Jim Thomas, Jean Morgan, Grace Hopkins, Chandler Jacob, Christian and Dana Brewer, Diane Esposito, Luz Cardenas, Connie Collins, Suzie Neely, Chantal Rose Denman, Yolanda Santiaguél, Beth Park, Susan Parr, Abelino Santiaguél, Marilyn Miller, Paula Turgeon, Sarah Harrington, Zenaida Palompo, Harry Tennin, Mike Turner, Norma Comia, Margarita Qualle, Olive Stanley, Marlene Slate, Roberta Bernardini and Betty Wemhoff.

WELCOME new parishioners: The Gomez and Ishak Families.

Blessed are
the meek...
for they will
inherit the earth



Kempsville Council, Knights of Columbus, would like to thank the parishioners of St Mark for their generosity April 28-29. \$1,100 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, please contact John Cochran, KOVAR Board of Directors Secretary, at jcochran10515@gmail.com.



Bible Study

Tuesday mornings from 9:30am-11:00am

Tuesday nights from 7:30pm- 9:00pm

For more information contact Florence Gaffrey at fgaffrey@outlook.com or 467-5683.

Women's Book Club

Broken Mary: A Journey of Hope by Kevin Matthews. optional addition to read, The Tomb by Stephanie Landsem. This is one of three books in The Living Waters Series.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, 2019, from 6:30 -8:00 pm in the St. Mark Library. For more information contact Bernadette Michalak at thehobbygirl@aol.com.

New members are welcome!

This Week at Saint Mark May 6th- May 12th

MON	10:00am 7:15pm	Food Pantry in the Great Hall RCIA/IC in the Great Hall and the Library
TUES	8:30am 9:30am 7:00pm 7:30pm	MASS Bible Study in the Conference Room Liturgy Meeting in the Conference Room Bible Study in the Great Hall
WED	10:00am 7:00pm 7:30pm	Food Pantry in the Great Hall MASS Full Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
THURS	8:30am 9:30am 6:00pm 6:30pm	MASS Plann Ministry in the Great Hall Safety Committee Meeting in Library Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting in the Conference Room.
FRI	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm	Moms Group in the Conference Room Food Pantry in the Great Hall Wisdom Seekers Luncheon / Potluck in the Great Hall
SAT		Baby Bottle Drive Weekend 9am-12pm Baptism Class 5:30pm WEEKEND MASS
SUN		Mothers Day 8:30am WEEKEND MASS 10:30am WEEKEND MASS 11:45am Youth Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

Send a prayer to that special mother in your life on Mother's Day

*Mothers come in all forms
(sisters, aunts, friends and so forth)
To remember them in prayer is to offer them a special grace.*

Each spiritual bouquet comes in the form of a lovely card to be given to the mother(s) you wish to honor.

*For each person you remember an offering is requested. **

Cards will be available today

*\$5 minimum suggested

ST MARK MEN'S RETREAT - May 18th, from 9am to 4pm. St Mark Men - you are invited to a day of spiritual renewal during this Easter Season! Join us here at St Mark, as Deacon Christ Morash, shares with us the Emmaus Experience; when just like the two disciples on that first day of the week had a profound experience of the Lord through prayer, reflection and discussion - so that our "hearts might also burn" with the experience of Christ's presence in our life. Please sign up at the Parish Information Kiosk or email Deacon Mike at deacon_mike@stmar-parish.org.

ALTAR SERVER AND PARENT GATHERING - June 9th, at 12:30pm. For our current altar servers, those that would like to be altar servers, and our retired altar servers along with your parents. Please come to grow in our ministry of serving at the altar. Please sign up at the Parish Information Kiosk or email our Altar Server Coordinator, Jeff Paras, at jeff.paras@gmail.com.



Vacation Bible School

Registration for Vacation Bible School volunteers and participants is now open on the St. Mark website!

VBS dates: July 29-August 2.

We are looking for adult and teen volunteers. All volunteers must be background checked and all adult volunteers **VIRTUS** trained.

Expectant to experienced MOMS Fellowship, Faith and Fun
Conference room every Friday morning
9:30-11:30 am
Nursery provided.

POC: Holly Krukowski @ 585-749-6941.

Parish Life News

Mother's Day Raffle Tickets are available for \$5 each on the table in front of the office. This year's bag has lots of goodies for all women. Winners will be announced after the 10:30 mass on Mother's Day. You need not be present to win!

The Ladies and Little Ladies Tea will be on Saturday, May 18th from 11:30-1:00. This year's theme is "Tea of Life". We will be making copper and bead Tree of Life necklaces. If you plan to attend, please sign up by May 12th at the table in front of the office. There is no cost for this even but space is limited!



Youth Group Fundraiser

Help Send The Youth Group To Retreats And Conferences This Summer

Plant Sale

Jewelry Sale

BBQ Sandwich Plate \$8
(With Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Bag Of Chips, And Water)

Bake Sale (With Duck Donuts)

After Mass May 4th and 5th

Items for sale until stock is depleted!

Justice and Peace

Food Pantry item this week: Ramen Noodles. Thank You!

Our next Justice & Peace meeting is Monday, May 20th at 6:30pm. 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.

"Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads." - USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life,"

www.usccb.org/culture-of-life.

Baby Bottle Drive to benefit "Hope4Life" Pregnancy Mobile Ultrasound Center. Be sure to pick up your Baby Bottle - place it on your counter or your dresser and let it serve as a reminder to continue to fill your bottle with change and pray that the Lord will change the hearts and minds of women, leading them to a life-affirming decision. Remember to return your filled baby bottle the weekend of June 1st/2nd **Your change...changes lives!!!**

Be sure to stop by our Bulletin Board in the Great Hall for other "Respecting ALL Life" activities this month!

Our **May** Diocesan focus is "**Migration Awareness**"
"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 Catholic approach to migration is rooted in the Gospel and the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching. To learn more please visit the USCCB website

www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

It's that time of year again! Migrant Workers will be coming to work the fields on Eastern Shore; most who come have almost nothing in the way of basic necessities. From May 4th-12th we will collect some basic items to help them through the summer as they work to support their families. Needed items are: Men's T-Shirts (long & short sleeve), Men's socks & underwear, fans, and towels. Please drop off to bin next to Justice & Peace table in the Great Hall. ****We ask you only donate the listed items**

Financial Box Score

Fiscal Year July-June	April 21	Offertory Year to Date	Needed Year to Date	Excess/ Short
Offertory	\$29,672	\$761,688	\$706,400	\$55,288

Family Count : 1085

Families using envelopes: 585

Families using online donation: 92

IN THE LIFE OF EVERY
CHRISTIAN THERE ARE
COUNTLESS RESURRECTIONS.

CARYLL HOUSELANDER



Mayday, Mayday

Wisdom Seekers change to schedule

May 10th at 12:30 pm

potluck luncheon meeting in the Great Hall
guest speaker, Father Charles Breindel

All are welcome!

Questions, please call Sandy Barczak, 757-963-8598

Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday, May 11th

9am-12pm

Sign up at the Information Desk

Contact Sharon at Sharon@stmark-parish.org



What can YOU do to support a Culture of Life? Participate in **Hope 4 Life** Baby Bottle Campaign! Pick up your baby bottle soon and fill it with change, cash or checks. Your change will enable **Hope 4 Life** to assist women and families facing crisis-related pregnancies by providing medical and counseling

services, baby supplies and other support through our pregnancy mobile unit. For more information about Hope 4 Life Baby Bottle Campaign, contact Liz Danley at 757-548-7049 or liz.danley@gmail.com.

Please return your **CRS** Rice Bowls this weekend by placing them in the large CRS labeled box in the Commons. **Thank you** for your support of Catholic Relief Services!

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