

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!!

Saturday May 19 7:00 PM (Tickets available until May 13) Menu

- Brandy Peppercorn Sirloin
Pan Seared Chicken with White Wine, Garlic and Thyme
Pasta Primavera
Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes
Southern Style Green Beans
Join Parish Friends—past and present
With the Piano Styling – William Neill
40th Commemorative Wine glass with the dinner

PARISH STAFF

- Rev. Anthony Mpungu...Pastor
Michael Johnson & John Kren...Deacons
Mike Johnson...Pastoral Associate
Mary Ellen Cussen...Parish Bookkeeper
Denise Boyce...Parish Secretary
Michael K. Williams...Director of Music
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

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. Phone: 757-479-9897 • Fax: 757-479-9453 Email: sharon@stmark-parish.org

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

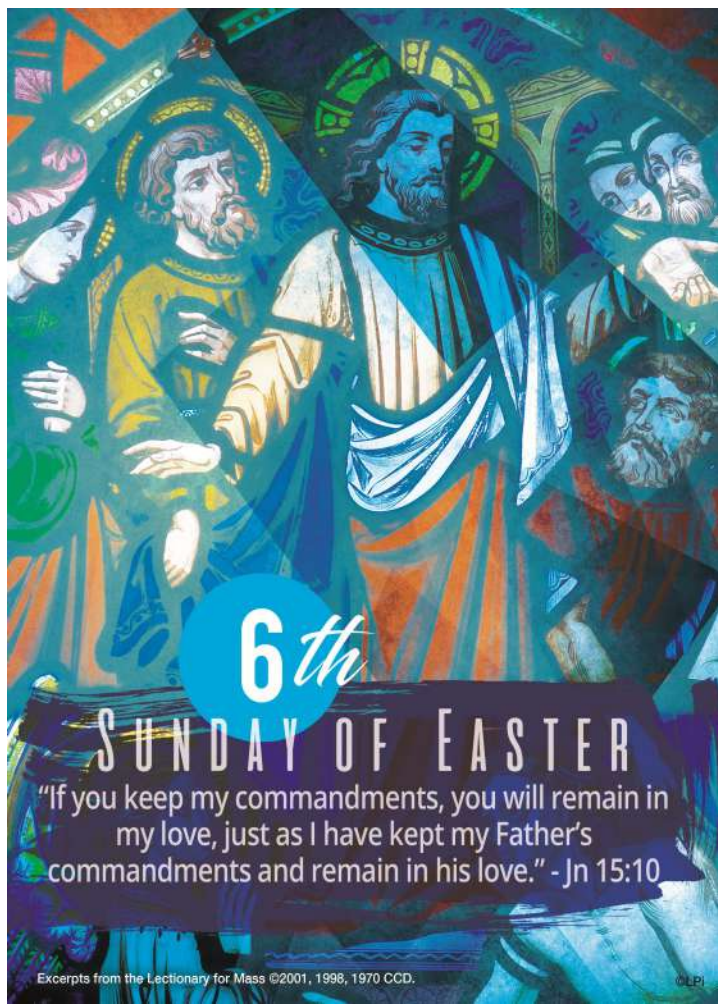
MATRIMONY: Couples required to give 6 months notice before planning a wedding in the Parish. Please do not set date before contacting the Priest.

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.





6<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." - Jn 15:10

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*Sunday Reflection  
from Father Anthony*

From today's Gospel reading, from his disciples, Jesus has two expectations. The first one is to love one another as he has loved them and the readiness to sacrifice their lives for others. Jesus is very much aware of the frailties of human beings when it comes to loving others. It is hard! That is why he is asking them to make it a commitment to that love which has to be wholesome. He gives himself as an example of that kind of love because he has experienced it from his Father. Anyone can tell what a mother's love can be for her children and some people say that there is no greater love than the love between the mother and child! True! Jesus' kind of love is the love which transcends self for it focuses not on the one who loves but on the one who is loved! The one who loves and gives all for love! This is the highest kind of love with which Jesus loved us. The second expectation of Jesus from his followers is to be able to sacrifice for others! Love is expressed through self sacrifice and Jesus did exactly that and this is what he expects from his disciples. This kind of love has a high price! This is Christian Love where someone can sacrifice something in order for the other to be happy and this is indeed very fulfilling and it gives life full meaning! May we learn to imitate Christ who loved us and through that, find the joy of being his true followers. Amen

*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*

<b>MON</b>	<b>5/7</b>		ACTS 16:11-15; JN 15:26-16:4a
<b>TUES</b>	<b>5/8</b>	8:30am	LEONOR ASCERCION + MARY O'RAVITZ + ACTS 16:22-34; JN 16:5-11
<b>WED</b>	<b>5/9</b>	7:00pm	ACTS 17:15,22-18:1; JN 16:12-15
<b>THU</b>	<b>5/10</b>	8:30am	ISAAC QUINTOS + DANTE IGNACIO + ACTS 18:1-8; JN 16:16-20
<b>FRI</b>	<b>5/11</b>		ACTS 18:9-18; JN 16:20-23a
<b>SAT</b>	<b>5/12</b>	5:30pm	DANTE ACEDO + PEGGY RYBARCZYK +
<b>SUN</b>	<b>5/13</b>	8:30am	MICHAEL KMETZ + CAROLINA OLLER +
		10:30am	JANICE and DAVID WALTZ + HAROLD and CECILIA MOOREHEAD +  ACTS 1:15-17; 1JN 4:11-16 JN 17:11b-19

*Prayer*  
**REQUESTS**

Jeane Dughi, Dediosa Dimalanta, Abdun-Nur.

Jim Thomas, Joan Borden, Scott Henry, Martin "Woody" Wood, Joan Coleman, John Salz., Bobby MacDonald, Efren Salinas, Evelyn Harzold, Mary Petrucci, Kathy Rivet, Carrie Reynolds, Ray and Sharon

*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.*

# Justice & Peace

**FOOD OF THE WEEK:** This week the Food Pantry is in need of Un Sweetened Cereal

Our next Justice & Peace meeting is Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

*"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](http://www.usccb.org/culture-of-life)

Beginning this weekend May 5th/6th We will be hosting a Baby Bottle Drive to benefit "Hope4Life" organization and their 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 2nd/3rd **Your change...changes lives!!!**

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

## May is also the Diocesan Migration Advocacy Month -


*"When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. <sup>34</sup> 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. A migrant is a person who leave their land and travels to another country for a variety of reasons. Some of the causes that drive people to migrate include; persecution and war, lack of jobs or resources capable of sustaining one's family, famine or natural disasters, family separation or limited opportunities. These are just a few of many reasons which cause people to migrate. As a response, the Catholic Church has decided to advocate for justice for immigrants, and continues to remind us how we ought to treat those who out of desperation or while seeking the betterment of their families find themselves in our nation. During this month, we bring attention to the issues of migration and immigration, and seek to inform and educate parishioners on the plight of the immigrants, as well as constructive steps which we can take to address the rights and needs of migrants in the U.S. To learn more please visit USCCB's Justice for Immigrants website at [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org).

Did you know: "The Israelites' experience of living as homeless aliens was so painful and frightening that God ordered his people for all time to have special care for the alien." -USCCB

## This Week at St. Mark May 7 - May 14

<b>MON</b>	10:00am 7:00pm	Food Pantry RCIA Formation (I/C)
<b>TUES</b>	8:30 am 9:30am 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	<b>DAILY MASS</b> Bible Study in Conference Room Women's Book Club in the Library Guitar Ministry Bible Study in Conference Room
<b>WED</b>	10:00am 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Food Pantry Rosary Knights Of Columbus in Conference Room <b>DAILY MASS</b> Chorale Practice
<b>THUR</b>	8:30am	<b>DAILY MASS</b>
<b>FRI</b>	9:30am 10:00am 6:30pm	Mom's Group Food Pantry Knights of Columbus Altar Server Appreciation Dinner in Great Hall
<b>Knights of Columbus Recruiting Weekend/Mother's Day</b>		
<b>SAT</b>	9:00am-12pm 9:00am-12pm 12-2pm 5:30pm	Baptismal Prep Linen Committee Training Mother's Day Tea Party <b>WEEKEND MASS</b>
<b>SUN</b>	8:30am 10:30am	<b>WEEKEND MASS</b> <b>WEEKEND MASS</b>



## Baptismal Preparation

**May 12<sup>th</sup> (this is a change) 9am - noon**

**Sign-up sheet on table in Commons**

**Questions? Contact Sharon Katzman**  
[sharon@stmark-parish.org](mailto:sharon@stmark-parish.org)

## Financial Box Score

Fiscal Year July-June	April 22	Offertory Year to Date	Needed Year to Date	Excess/ Short
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$16,033</b>	<b>\$692,244</b>	<b>\$691,300</b>	<b>\$944.00</b>

Family Count: 1191  
Family using envelopes: 322  
Family using online donation: 86

May 6, 2018

# St. Mark Parish News

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECRUITING WEEKEND** The Knights of Columbus council will have a recruiting drive next weekend 12/13 May. 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](mailto:jcochran10515@gmail.com) .

**VBS 2018!** Vacation Bible School will begin Monday, July 30th through Friday, August 3rd. Registration is available after all Masses in the Great Hall.

**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](mailto:geirich1@verizon.net) or sign up online at [www.st.markparish.org](http://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 on May 12 & 13. PLEASE NOTE: Due to the 40<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

The **May Wisdom Seekers** will have a Potluck Luncheon in the Great Hall Friday, May 11th, at 12:30 p.m. Come join us and learn how this redhead from Texas, Sharon Katzman, joined the Catholic Church as an adult and is now the Director of Religious Education at St. Mark's Church. Anyone is invited to join our luncheons/meetings.

If you have any questions, please call Sandy Barczak, 757-963-8598.

**Parish Life** is organizing a Ladies and Little Ladies Under the Sea and Island Tea on Saturday, May 12th from 12 noon to 2PM. This will be for ages 7-107. There is no cost but please sign up NLT May 9th at the Parish Council table. Wear your favorite island outfit!

**Mother's Day Beach Bag Raffle** - Our Mother's Day Raffle this year is a Beach Bag filled with relaxing items for the busy Mom. Please buy your \$5 raffle ticket at the 40th table in the commons. The winner will be announced in the Great Hall on Mother's Day after the 10:30 mass. You do not have to be present to win!

**LITURGICAL SMALL LINEN COMMITTEE** will be meeting on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am to review and improve the methods we use to care for the sacred alter linen. **New members are always welcome. Come by and see what this ministry is all about!"**

**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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner set-up. Contact Deacon John or Linda Major at 479-1010.

### **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Dinner Tickets: Will be available until May 13. Dinner, music, an etched 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Glass. Shirts can be ordered at the 40<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bob.mccabejr@gmail.com) or [clivingston@verizon.net](mailto:clivingston@verizon.net)

## *News Elsewhere*

### ***Saint Matthews***

***DRIVEN TO GIVE - LEAVE YOUR WALLET AT HOME, BUT BRING YOUR VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE*** - Our friends at ***Lincoln Motor Company and Cavalier Auto Group*** are allowing us to have a "***Driven to Give***" event. Please make plans to ***test drive two cars*** on ***Tuesday, May 8th from 2:30pm-6pm*** at ***3316 Sandra Lane, VA Beach*** so SMS can receive \$30 from Lincoln Motor Company. ***Tell your neighbors, relatives, and friends who are 18 and over to please drive for us.*** We made \$6,250 in August. ***With your help,*** we want to hit our goal of \$8,000 this time. ***This fundraiser to benefit the students and school doesn't cost you a dime. We just need a little of your time.***

### ***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](mailto: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](http://www.chsvb.org) or call 757-467-2679 for more information.