

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.

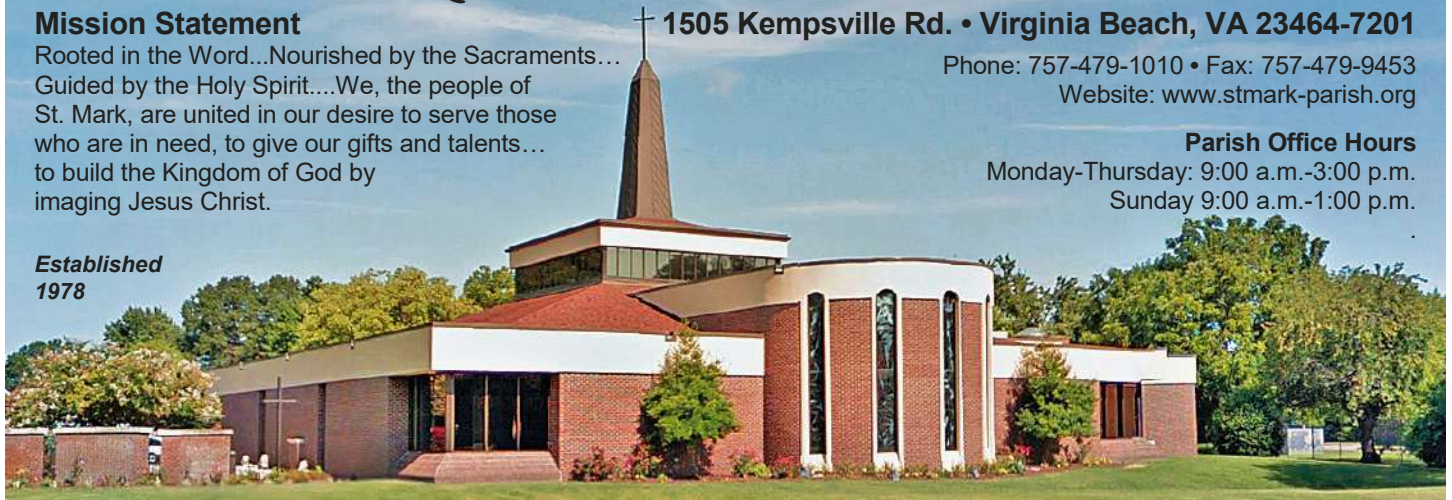
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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Established 1978



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. • Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Check inside bulletin for possible changes. Nursery available for 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

PARISH STAFF

- Rev. Anthony Mpungu..... Pastor franthony@stmark-parish.org Michael Johnson & John Kren..... Deacons Mike Johnson ..... Pastoral Associate Mary Ellen Cussen ..... Parish Bookkeeper MJ Sargent..... Parish Secretary secretary@stmark-parish.org Michael K. Williams ..... Director of Music musicdirector@cox.net Laura Ishmael..... Pianist Marlene Games..... Nursery Supervisor Brian Gridley..... Maintenance / I.T. Coordinator William McMican ..... Finance Council Chairman

RELIGIOUS FORMATION STAFF

- Sharon Katzman..... Director of Religious Formation Rachel Rudman..... Coordinator of Religious Formation Fe Guzman..... Youth Minister Arleen Spenceley ..... Administrative Assistant

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.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" - Mt 25:34



# MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY READINGS...

<b>MON</b>	<b>11/27</b>		DN 1:1-6,8-20; LK 21:1-4
<b>TUES</b>	<b>11/28</b>	8:30am	KAREN CANON + MARY EDDY +  DN 2:31-45; LK 21:5-11
<b>WED</b>	<b>11/29</b>	7:00pm	REGIDOR T. ASUELO + APOLONIA SANTOS +  DN 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; LK 21:12-19
<b>THU</b>	<b>11/30</b>	8:30am	KENNETH POWELL + JOHN GIBSON +  ROM 10:9-18; MT 4:18-22
<b>FRI</b>	<b>12/01</b>		DN 7:2-14; LK 21:29-33
<b>SAT</b>	<b>12/02</b>	5:30pm	ATILOMENA CALABRESE + VJEKO FRANCESCHI +  DN 7:15-27; LK 21:34-36
<b>SUN</b>	<b>12/03</b>	8:30am	SHERRI SCIULLI + ROGER ROMERO +
		10:30am	REYNALDO COMIA + SHERRI SCIULLI +  IS 63:16B-17,19B;64:2-7 PS 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 1 COR 1:3-9 MK 13:33-37

# SUNDAY REFLECTION from Father Anthony...



**WELCOME TO THIS SUNDAY!** Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the universe, and we are invited to focus our attention on Him! During recent Sundays, Jesus' teachings have called our attention toward the coming of God's kingdom. The kingdom of truth and life, the kingdom of holiness and grace, the kingdom of justice, love and peace. All these are the gifts that come to those who long to see and be with the King. When Jesus promises his followers that the kingdom of God will be theirs and to whomever adheres to his teachings, this is what he meant. So on this day, we crown the liturgical year with this celebration of him who rules the whole universe: our Lord Jesus Christ. The gospel reading today has painted a picture of what the day will be like when the King comes. "Come you who blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." And whoever lived a life of service and gave to those in need will be rewarded. Every little gift matters and no gift is unimportant – not even little actions and words. May we continue to serve our King with sure hope that we too will be rewarded in his kingdom. Amen. Happy Sunday!

## Prayer REQUESTS

Joe Vico, Gene Behrends, Alex Cooke, Alberto Duque, Judy Kiplinger, Nancy Tennin, Mark Larson, Evelyn Malana, Katie Sluder, Micah Pulvermacher, Kayla Soccio, Paula Silvia, Florabel Larson, Shawn Perine, Brian Sunderland, Patty and Alton Russell

*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.*



### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

For a deepening understanding among those discerning their vocations that the One who calls them is Jesus Christ the king, we pray to the Lord.

"I was hungry and you have me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink." Is Christ calling you to serve him in others as a priest? Call Father Michael G. Boehling, Delegate for Vocations, at (804)359-5661 or email [mboehling@richmondadiocese.org](mailto:mboehling@richmondadiocese.org)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 3

<b>MON</b>	10:00am 7:00pm	Food Pantry RCIA Team Meeting
<b>TUE</b>	8:30am 9:30am 7:30pm	<b>DAILY MASS</b> Bible Study Bible Study
<b>WED</b>	6:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Rosary <b>DAILY MASS</b> St. Mark Chorale
<b>THU</b>	8:30am	<b>DAILY MASS</b>
<b>FRI</b>	9:30am 10:00am 6:30pm	Mom's Group Food Pantry First Friday Rosary
<b>SAT</b>	9:00am 2:00pm 4:00pm 5:30pm	Advent Decorating Wedding Reconciliation <b>WEEKEND MASS</b>
<b>SUN</b>	8:30am 10:30am 12:00pm 6:00pm	<b>WEEKEND MASS</b> <b>WEEKEND MASS</b> St. Mark Angels Rehearsal CAST Meeting One Starry Night

# Justice & Peace

**FOOD PANTRY:** This week the Food Pantry is in need of **RAMEN NOODLES**.

*"We are called, then, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty in itself."*

– June 13, 2017 FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR  
Pope Francis

**PLARN** Join us Thursday mornings at 9:30am to 11:00am as we turn unwanted plastic bags into bedding for the homeless. No crocheting experience needed! For more information contact Chris McGrath at mcgrathcm24@gmail.com or 757-233-0790.



Do you have extra plastic bags and don't know what to do with them? Justice and Peace can help! **We are in need of plastic bags for both PLARN and for the Food Pantry!** You can drop them off in the Great Hall in the food pantry bin.

**FAIR TRADE FESTIVAL** The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Trade Festival will be held at O'Connor Brewery, 211, W. 24<sup>th</sup> St. in Norfolk, VA on December 2nd, 12-8pm and December 3rd, 12-5pm. Their theme this year is "Gifts CAN make a difference!". Handmade gifts of all kinds, chocolate, coffee, and beer are available for purchase! For more information please visit <https://www.facebook.com/FairTradeFestival/>



## LESSONS and CAROLS

**DECEMBER 10TH, 2017 AT 7PM**

Come together in prayer this Advent Season to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas through song and scripture. Our community celebrates an evening of Lessons and Carols. The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 6-8PM**

Travel back to ancient Bethlehem to taste, see and smell what daily life was like when Jesus was born!

For more information, please contact the Religious Formation Office at 757-479-9897 or you can email at [Rachel@stmark-parish.org](mailto:Rachel@stmark-parish.org).

# ST. MARK PARISH NEWS



**CHRISTMAS TREE LOT** As you heard Fr Anthony this past weekend, we are in need of volunteers to help with the selling of the trees. This beneficial fundraiser helps immensely with our budget each year. Please take a look and see if there is at least one day you can be there to assist. It is also a great way to spread the good cheer of our upcoming Advent Season and what Christmas is all about - as well as showing the great spirit of our St Mark family to the community!

You can go to our parish website and either click on the Tree Lot slide or the volunteer sign-up box below it, to pick the best day and time that fits your schedule.

Thank you as always for your great help!

**NO RF** There is no religious formation or children's ministry this Sunday, Nov. 26th. Happy Thanksgiving!

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES** Ready... set... GIVE! Yes! The Christmas giving Trees will be going up soon! Our gift distributions will take place a week earlier than usual— on the third Sunday of Advent. We have done this to better serve the organizations we partner with: Catholic Charities, Refugee Resettlement, Community Services Board and Samaritan House.

Please select that perfect angel and return your gift offering by the weekend of December 16th and 17th. Each has a little instruction label. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Berneir at 757-523-6169.

Thank you for your generosity again this Thanksgiving and may you all enjoy this blessed season.

**ATTENTION SENIORS** (aka Wisdom Seekers) Our catered Christmas Luncheon w/high energy entertainment will be Friday, December 8th, at 12:30 pm in the Great Hall. **SIGN-UP FOR THIS CATERED EVENT IS A MUST AS WE HAVE TO TURN IN THE HEAD COUNT AHEAD OF TIME.** The drop-dead deadline for signing up is Thursday, November 30th. Please call Annette Welch, 757-495-1445 to add your name to the list.

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB** Ladies, if you would like to try something new and challenging for this upcoming year, why not consider joining our book club? We meet once every other month. Each member pre-reads a group selected book in preparation for the meetings. Being a member, you are guaranteed to experience a relaxing atmosphere as well as the camaraderie of many wonderful women who bring great ideas and laughter to the group. Our first meeting for the new year will be held on January 9, 2018. We will meet from 6:30-8 PM in St. Mark's library. Let this be your first New Year's resolution: **Plan on partaking in the Women's Book Club for the 2018 year.** If you have any questions you can contact Genevieve Eirich at geirich1@verizon.net. To sign up for the Book Club please visit the St. Mark website at

**8TH GRADE STUDENTS** Join Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School for a special day just for you- A fun & informative way to learn about our Catholic community! Spend the day, November 30, 2017, 9am-2pm, finding out about what it means to be a Crusader! Register at chsvb.org or call 757-467-2679.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS** Please be our guests on November 30, 2017 for our Parent Informational Evening from 6pm-8pm. Find out why Bishop Sullivan CHS could be the faith-filled, Christ-centered, college prep high school choice for you family! Scholarship and Financial aid info available! No registration necessary.



**SANTUARY MANNERS REQUEST** Each week as we prepare our church spaces for the next weekend's liturgies, we continue to find an amazing amount of food items - from cheerios, to hard candy and gum on the floor and in the pews. PLEASE - out of respect for what we are celebrating with the Eucharist, do not leave a mess for others to clean up. Thank you so much!



The Knights of Columbus, Council 10515 would like to invite boys and girls from age 5 through 14 to participate in "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. We look to encourage their creativity and imaginations in developing a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas. Posters will be judged on December 3, 2016 at 6:00PM as part of the "One Starry Night" Celebration in the Great Hall. During the judging, children with their families can partake in "One Starry Night" Activities while listening to Christmas stories from some of St Mark's parishioners. If for some reason your child can not make the judging on the 3<sup>th</sup> of December they may still participate by submitting their poster, prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, to the contest chairman, Lyndon Remais. Winners in each age group (ages 5-7, 8-10, 11-14) will receive an award of \$50 from Council 10515 and have their posters forwarded to District and State Competitions. For any questions about the contest please contact Lyndon Remais at [lremais@yahoo.com](mailto:lremais@yahoo.com) or call 757-630-6102.

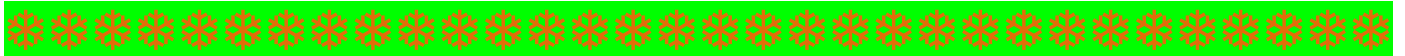
On Sunday December 3, from 6 to 8 p.m., St. Mark's will travel back to ancient Bethlehem, where we will taste, see, and smell what daily life was like when Jesus was born. We'll roam through the town and see artists and musicians at work and interact with locals while they live their daily life. We'll also spend time with the Holy Family. While we prepare for this family Christmas event, we ask that all parishioners pick a specific arrival time so Bethlehem doesn't get too crowded. After mass, you'll find a sign-up sheet on the Parish Council table in the Commons. You can also sign up online under Religious Formation registration on the St. Mark's website. We look forward to seeing you in Bethlehem! Thank you.



# Y3S

## St. Mark Youth Ministry

Saturday, December 9 \* 5 PM - 9 PM



**It's the most wonderful time of the year!**

**It's the season of giving!**

**Share your time spreading cheers while helping out in selling  
Christmas trees!**

**Sign up for an hour or two of Youth Group shift!**

Please RSVP to [fe@stmark-parish.org](mailto:fe@stmark-parish.org)

Sign-up sheet is also located at the commons table.