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

PARISH STAFF

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

RELIGIOUS FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

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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.



31st SUNDAY in ordinary time

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34-36

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 62001, 1198, 1770 CCD.



# MASST INTENTIONS

## and Daily Readings

MON	11/5		Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14
TUES	11/6	8:30am	AUREA M. ASERCION + Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24
WED	11/7	7:00pm	RIZALINA FERNANDO + Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
THU	11/8	8:30am	Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
FRI	11/9		<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> Ez 47: 1-2,8-9,12; Jn 2:13-22
SAT	11/10		<i>Saint Leo the Great Pope, Doctor of the Church</i> SUSIE DIAZ + WILFREDO PAULO +
SUN	11/11		<i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		8:30am	SANTIAGO and GENAROSA FERNANDO + MICHAEL KMETZ +
		10:30am	JANICE and DAVID WALTZ HAROLD and CECILIA MOORHEAD +
			1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12: 38-44

## Sunday Reflection from Father Anthony

Welcome everyone to this Sunday! In today's Gospel reading, one of the scribes asked Jesus what was the greatest commandment. As a scribe, he must read through the laws which were too many and found it difficult to keep up with and know which one of all the laws was the greatest! To his question, Jesus answers not by just one but by two important aspects of the scripture in the Old Testament: loving God with one's whole being and loving one's neighbor as oneself. For Jesus, love of God and love of neighbor go together! They are inseparable like two sides of the same person; the right hand side and the left hand side. When one loves God, this leads him or her to the love of neighbor. As God's creations, we have a strong relationship with God as our source or we ought to have that relationship and this the same relationship that should be transferred to our brothers and sisters! Jesus emphasizes the fact that this kind of love should be with all our everything which means that nothing is left out. With all our strength, mind and heart we should love God and our neighbor! Having heard from Jesus, the Scribe gave Jesus a compliment, "Well spoken, Master..." This meant that the Scribe understood what he should do. May we also strive to love God and our neighbor with all our everything. Amen!

## Financial Box Score

Fiscal Year July-	October 21	Offertory Year to Date	Needed Year to Date	Excess/ Short
Offertory	\$11,752	\$252,605	\$269,000	(\$16,395)

Family Count: 1180  
Families using envelopes: 384  
Families using online donations: 84  
Filipino Night contribution: \$4,100

**Welcome new parishioners:** The Tugade Family, The Danley Family, Paula Jester, The Denosta Family, Cristina Rosario-Gandara, Sabrina Aguiar and Brandon -Rey Jumaos.

**Congratulations newly baptized:** Micaela Grace Catabay and Milena Rae C. Dalipe.

Parish Directories will soon be available to all parishioners (regardless of whether your picture is in them), on a first come, first serve basis. Please pickup your directories. Thank you.

### The Mass Intentions book is open!

Intentions for 1 January- 30 June 2019 can be requested at this time. Please stop by the office to request mass intentions.

Please pray for the following: Nancy Tennin, Steven Barkow, Holden and Hadley Hewlett, Emma and Jeff Madrigal, Alice Volz, Don 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 and Emy Balmaceda.

**\$**Saint Mark just received a check from the Living Our Mission Appeal in the amount of \$3,671.25, which will be a great help in our future classroom updates Thank you for participating! Thanks to the generosity of 29 parishioner households, we have received a check for \$152.79 from Kroger. Please consider linking your Kroger Rewards Card to Saint Mark Church. The Kroger number for Saint Mark is 88553.



We will observe **Veteran's Day** at all the Masses the weekend of November 10th. We would like to share an invitation of encouragement to all military service members (current and retired) along with first responders (police, firefighters, doctors and nurses) to wear their uniforms and then come forward to have a blessing at the end of Mass.



**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](mailto:deacon_mike@stmark-parish.org).



**LECTOR FORMATION AND TRAINING:**

All lectors and those discerning to be lectors will meet at 7:00 PM on November 8th in the Sanctuary for Prayer and the **Quarterly Formation**. New lectors called to proclaim God's Word will also be trained and familiarized with their role as ministers in the Liturgy. Contact Deacon John, Lector Coordinator, if unable to attend. [deacon\\_john@stmark-parish.org](mailto:deacon_john@stmark-parish.org).

*Baptismal Preparation*

Sign-up sheet on the information table in the Commons  
Questions?

Contact Sharon Katzman  
[Sharon@stmark-parish.org](mailto:Sharon@stmark-parish.org)  
November 10, 2018 9am-noon

*This Week at St. Mark  
November 5-November 11*

<b>MON</b>	10:00am 7:00pm	Food Pantry in the Great Hall RCIA/IC in the Great Hall and Library
<b>TUES</b>	8:30am 9:30am 7:00pm 7:30pm	<b>DAILY MASS</b> Bible Study in the Conference Room Liturgy Ministry Meeting in the Conference Room Bible Study in the Great Hall
<b>WED</b>	10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Food Pantry in the Great Hall Guitar Ministry <b>DAILY MASS</b> Parish Life Meeting in the Conference Room Choir Practice in the Sanctuary
<b>THUR</b>	8:30am 9:30am 6:30pm 7:00pm	<b>DAILY MASS</b> Plann Ministry in the Great Hall Knights of Columbus Officer Planning Meeting in the Conference Room Lector Training in the Sanctuary
<b>FRI</b>	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Moms Group in the Conference Room Food Pantry in the Great Hall Wisdom Seekers Thanksgiving Feast in the Great Hall Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass In the Small Chapel
<b>SAT</b>	Food Bag Handout Weekend 9:00am 5:30pm	Men's Club Breakfast in the Great Hall <b>WEEKEND MASS</b>
<b>SUN</b>	Veterans Day 8:30am 10:30am 11:45am	<b>WEEKEND MASS</b> <b>WEEKEND MASS</b> Youth Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary



Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.

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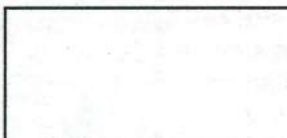
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# The News @ St. Mark's Parish

## Justice & Peace

Food Pantry Item this Week is **Chicken Noodle Soup and Empty Egg Cartons.**



**Thank you!**



Members of the Justice and Peace Committee will be passing out brown grocery bags after all masses next weekend, November 10th/11th. It is our hope that most parishioners will be able to take a bag or two, fill it with requested items and return it the following weekend before your regular Mass on November 17th/18th. We will distribute over 180 filled food bags on Sunday, November 18th beginning at 11am. Thank you in advance for your support of this outreach ministry!



"Unique from Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science." The 46th annual March for Life, the world's largest annual human rights demonstration, will be held on January 18, 2019 in Washington D.C.. Our Justice & Peace Committee and Knights of Columbus are working together to gather a group of St. Mark parishioners interested in attending the 2019 March for Life. If you are interested in attending or would like more information please contact Joyce Gridley at [justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org](mailto:justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org) or 675-6486.



For the month of November we will focus on **Ethical Trade**. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) offers an Ethical Trade program to celebrate "the dignity of work" by engaging in fair trade. Ethical trade promotes the principle of solidarity that seeks the well-being of all people. "Fair trade" means we recognize and respect the hard work that farmers and artisans do. There will be a Fair Trade Festival at O'Connor Brewing Company (Norfolk) on December 1st from Noon-8pm and December 2nd from Noon-5pm. Please watch the bulletin and Justice & Peace bulletin board table for other opportunities to participate in Fair Trade this holiday season.



**From St. Pius X Migrant Ministry:** Please accept our deepest appreciation for all you have done for our brothers and sisters in Christ on the Eastern Shore this past summer. Many of you sacrificed your time, talent, and resources to help us complete the following: make seven trips to four different camps, delivering the following donations: 500+ gently used athletic shoes and over 1,000 pairs of new socks, over 100 bags of men's, women's, and children's clothing, 20 sets of sheets and dozens of towels, household items including pots, pans, dozens of boxes of diapers and three new born layettes, conducted 7 raffles with prizes including 35 new fans, 15 new coolers, soccer balls, watches, etc., Over 400 blessed Rosaries and other Religious items. **THANK YOU!**

The NEW Virginia **Expanded Medicaid Health Insurance** will be available starting January, 2019. Eligibility requirements for adults 19 -64 are income based only. Applications being accepted beginning November 1st. For more information on eligibility and how to apply please visit <http://www.coverva.org/>.



**SAVE THE DATE for CAST at St. Mark's:** Our church will host CAST (Chesapeake Area Shelter Team), an overnight shelter for the homeless, for one week in the winter: **February 20-27th, 2019.** Volunteer sign-ups will begin in January. Please check the bulletin and website for more information as we get closer to the date. Thank you to all of you that have supported this ministry in the past. We need your help again! We welcome new volunteers. If you would like more information on any aspect of this Ministry, please email us at [stmarkcast@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkcast@gmail.com) or call Karen Wetzel at 479-0003.

## Other Happenings in our Parish.....



**Bible Study** classes each Tuesday at 9:30am and 7:30pm. All are welcome. Our studies cover overviews of the Bible. There is no fee to join, although there is an optional book fee. This group is led by Florence Gaffrey. Contact her at 467-5683, [fgaffrey@outlook.com](mailto:fgaffrey@outlook.com) or just show up if interested in joining.

**We hope to see you there!**



A **Men's Club breakfast meeting** is scheduled for November 10th at 9am in the Great Hall. Please RSVP to Roy Balli at rneballi@att.net or 757-227-3343 (leave a voicemail), if you would like to attend and be an integral part of this newly formed ministry. Saint Mark currently does not have a Men's Club, therefore let us see if we can start one after this initial kick off! We will meet in the Great Hall and together we will prepare a breakfast and get acquainted. The breakfast will consist of bacon, eggs, hash browns and biscuits. Assistance with breakfast will be greatly appreciated! Hope to see you there!

***The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. -Matthew 9:37***



Saint Mark Trunk or Treat was a **HUGE** success! Father Anthony presented the Truax family with an award for their creation called "Candyland". Sandra Barczyk's grandson, Carson won the jar of candy corns because he guessed the closest (265), to the jar total. **Parish Life's** next meeting is Wednesday, November 7th at 7:30pm in the Conference Room. We will be planning and discussing the 2019 year and new events . All are welcome!



**Building & Grounds** Our next meeting is Saturday November 17th from 8:00am to 12:00pm. We will get ready for the new Church year that begins the first week in December with Advent, in addition to tending to our gardens. Come for all, or even part of the time! See [stmarkhelps.ivolunteer.com](http://stmarkhelps.ivolunteer.com) for more information.



**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is drawing to a close. Thank you to all who gave their time and talents with the celebration! For those of you who loaned us your personal items and mementos, you can pick them up in the office along with commemorative magazines, stickers, patches and pens.



The Knights of Columbus Council 10515 will commence their annual **"Keeping Christ in Christmas"** Christmas card sales on Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 AM Mass. The sale of the card, a K of C fund raiser, will take place after each weekend Mass through the first weekend of November. The sales will be located in the St. Mark Great Hall. The Council 10515 Point of Contact for the card sales is Joe Lessick whose cell phone number is 724-454-0727.



**ATTENTION SENIORS (AKA WISDOM SEEKERS):** Our Annual Thanksgiving Feast followed by Fun Bingo will be Friday, November 9th, at 12:30 pm in the Great Hall. Our tradition of turkey and ham will be provided and served with mashed potatoes, gravy and stuffing, Please bring the other traditional side dishes and, of course, desserts to compliment this once-a-year meal. After lunch we will relax and play a few games of bingo. Come join us for this meal and fun and maybe even win a prize! As always, all of our functions and meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Questions? Call Sandy Barczak, 963-8598.



**The St. Mark's Women's Book Club** is currently reading the following titles: **Pope Francis- Our Brother, Our Friend: Personal Recollections about the Man Who Became Pope** - by Alejandro Bermudez and/or Francis: **Pope of a New World** - by Andrea Torielli. We will meet on Tuesday evening, November 13, 2018, from 6:30 -8:00 PM in the St. Mark Library, to share our insights and questions about these works. Please consider joining us for a lively and informative discussion. New members are always welcome! Feel free to contact Bernadette Michalak at [thehobbygirl@aol.com](mailto:thehobbygirl@aol.com) for more information.



**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.

Remember, there is always something to be *Thankful* for.....