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

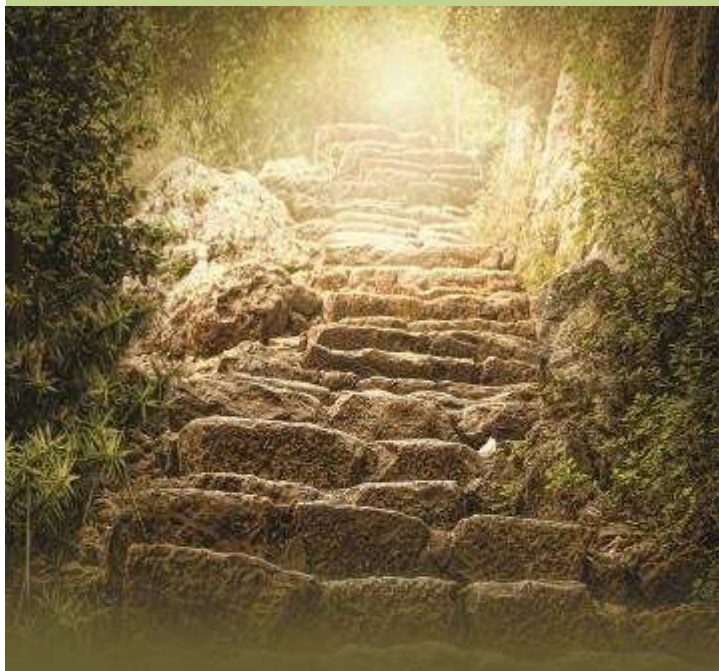
Sunday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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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.



30th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:52

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PARISH STAFF

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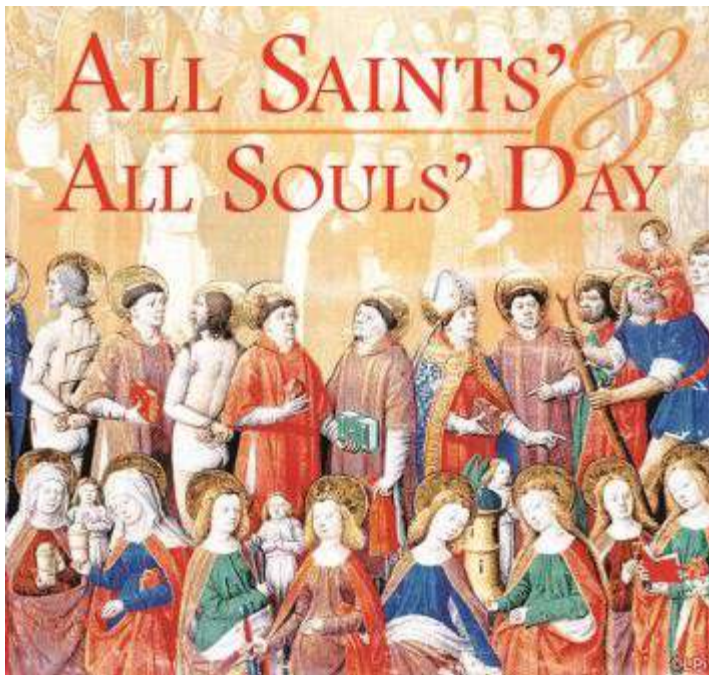
BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Lent. Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament.

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	10/29		Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13:10-17
TUES	10/30	8:30am	AUREA M. ASCERSON FRANK CISARIK + Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21
WED	10/31	7:00pm	Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30
THU	11/1	8:30am 7:00pm	All Saints DANTE ACEDO + APOLONIA SANTOS + ONOFRE AQUINO + Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Mt 5:1-12a
FRI	11/2		All Souls ' Wis 3:1-9; Jn 6:37-40
SAT	11/3		JASPER and AJ DARWIN + FRANCIS KEPPEL + JULIA MORIN +
SUN	11/4		Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
		8:30am	ERNESTO and MARIA POWLO + WILLIAM MACK +
		10:30am	MARGARET POWELL + TOMMY, RUSSELL and ENOLA RIVET + Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Sunday Reflection from Father Anthony

I welcome you again to this Sunday's celebration of the Eucharist! In the Gospel reading this Sunday, as Jesus was leaving Jericho together with his disciples surrounded by the sizeable crowd, he encounters a blind man Bartimaeus! This man was able to hear and indeed his ears didn't lie to him for he knew it was Jesus he had heard about doing great things! With a loud voice he cried out "Jesus Son of David have pity on me." Even as many people tried to silence him, he cried out even the more "Son of David have pity on me." He was loud enough that he captured the attention of Jesus. To his surprise, Jesus stopped and asked the people to call him! The very people who were telling him to be quiet, are the very people that are asked to call the blind man to come closer to Jesus! "Take courage, get up Jesus is calling you." He steals the show! The cry of this blind man was answered and this became a turning point of his life for the better. He who was on the road side and neglected, turns out to be the centre of attention right close dialoguing with Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man answered "Master I want to see." He knew what he wanted! At that point, Jesus is not dismissing a blind man any more but someone different from when he came! He was blind but now he can see! That is what faith does in our lives! May we always have the desire to see! Amen



A **Men's Club** breakfast meeting is scheduled for November 10th at 9am in the Great Hall. Please RSVP to Roy Balli at meballi@att.net or 757-227-3343, if you would like to attend and be an integral part of this newly formed ministry.
The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. -Matthew 9:37

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.

Financial Box Score

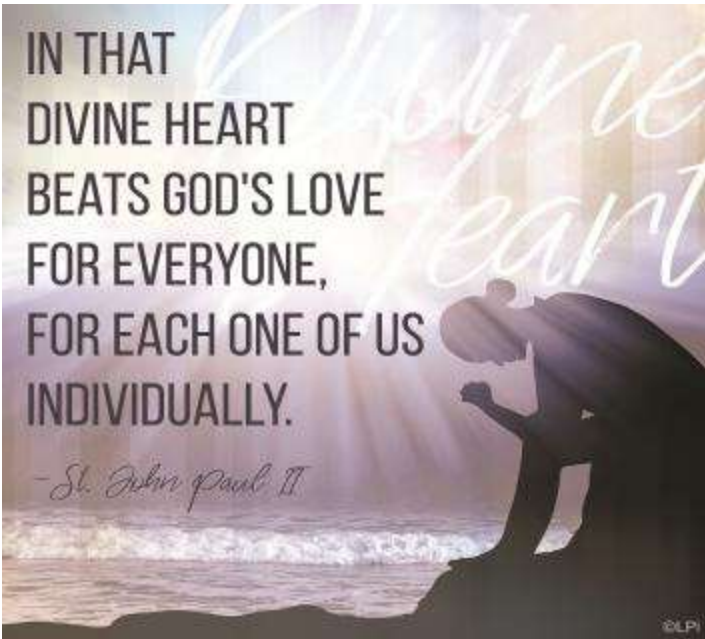
Fiscal Year	October	Offertory Year to Date	Needed Year to Date	Excess/ Short
July-June	14			
Offertory	\$12,260	\$240,853	\$252,800	(\$11,947)

Family Count: 1185
Families using envelopes: 316
Families using online donations: 122
Hurricane relief: \$5,512. Thank you for your generosity.



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 and Rose Kmetz.



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.



Eucharistic Ministers are needed for **All Saints and All Souls Day Masses**. Masses will be at 8:30am and 7pm, both days. Please sign up at the information Kiosk if you can serve or call Deacon Mike at 479-1010. Thank you, in advance.



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

ministrars in the Liturgy. Contact Deacon John, Lector Coordinator, if unable to attend. deacon_john@stmark-parish.org.



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.

*This Week at St. Mark
October 29th - November 4th*

MON	10:00am 7:00pm	Food Pantry in the Great Hall RCIA/IC in the Great Hall and Library
TUES	8:30am	DAILY MASS
WED	<i>Happy Halloween</i>	
	10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Food Pantry in the Great Hall Guitar Ministry DAILY MASS Choir Practice in the Sanctuary
THUR	All Saints Day	
	8:30am 9:30am 6-8pm 7:00pm	MASS Plann Ministry in the Great Hall Confirmation Meeting in the Great Hall MASS
FRI	All Souls' Day	
	8:30am 9:30am 10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	MASS Moms Group in the Conference Room Food Pantry in the Great Hall First Friday Rosary MASS
SAT	Baptism Weekend	
	9am-3pm 4:00pm 5:30pm	Sacramental Prep and Reconciliation Retreat #1 RECONCILIATION WEEKEND MASS
SUN	8:30am 10:30am 11:45am 12:30-2pm 6-8pm	WEEKEND MASS WEEKEND MASS Youth Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary Religious Formation Classes Teen Formation (1)

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS



Baptismal Preparation
Sign-up sheet on the Information table in the Commons
Questions?
Contact Sharon Katzman
sharon@stmark-parish.org
November 10, 2018 9am-noon

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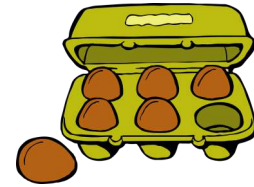
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The News @ St. Mark's Parish

Justice & Peace

Food Pantry Item this Week is Unsweet Cereal and Empty Egg Cartons.
Thank you!



During the month of October, the Diocese celebrates and highlights **Respect Life Month/Prison Ministry**. The Diocesan Center for Marriage, Family, and Life (CMFL) posts several resources on their website at www.cdrcmfl.org. Please stop by the Justice & Peace table in the Great Hall this weekend through November 2nd for information sheets on **Respecting ALL Life** from birth to natural death. We also have "40 Days For Life" bookmarks, bracelets and bumper stickers. On Monday, October 22nd, a **group from St. Mark participated in the "40 Days For Life" vigil** outside Planned Parenthood. Together we stood in solidarity with others for **LIFE**. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond.

"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 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.



Annual Winter Clothing Drive- We are **wrapping up** our Winter Clothing Drive and **no longer** accepting donations. **THANK YOU** to All who donated items. Our hearts are filled with joy at the love and care given to the quality of wonderful handmade, handpicked-store bought, and freshly washed winter items we have received- We are truly overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. We are sorting, packing, and delivering your donations to our organizations; Catholic Worker House Breakfast Line, Onesimus Ministries, Migrant Worker Ministry and Blankets for the Homeless. **THANK YOU** again to all who donated items. For more information contact Joyce Gridley 675-6486 or justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org.

"To the survivors of abuse and the families who have lost a loved one to abuse, I am sorry. You are no longer alone." – Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, President of the USCCB ". The President of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Renews Commitment for Greater Effectiveness and Transparency in Disciplining Bishops," August 27, 2018 <http://bit.ly/2NkMNzd>.

Thank you to the wonderful parishioners of St. Mark who generously provided 25 lbs. of ground beef, 40 lbs. of potatoes, plenty of salad, green beans, cherry cobbler dessert, lemonade and 70 sandwiches-to-go for our neighbors in need.

A **special thanks** to the volunteers from the **Knights of Columbus, Kempsville Council**, for preparing and serving the meal to our neighbors in need.



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 or call Karen Wetzel at 479-0003.



The month of November is the month of Remembrance of those who have gone before us to eternal life. During November we will have the Book of Remembrance in the Commons for names to be added. On each Sunday and Holyday Liturgy it will be processed in and will be included in the Prayers of the Faithful as we do with our Parish Book of Intentions.

November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints and one of the few Holy days of Obligation that we celebrate each year. We will celebrate Mass at both 8:30am and 7pm in the main church. From the ORDO - "Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord, who celebrate the heavenly liturgy. They stand in God's holy place and sing of the love the Father has bestowed upon them through the blood of the Lamb."

November 2nd is the Commemoration of THE Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) which is not a holyday, but it is a special day when we remember "the souls of the just are in God's hands. Christ, the Good Shepherd, died for us while we were still sinners. He is the resurrection and the life." We will celebrate Mass at both 8:30am and 7pm. After each Mass we will process to the Columbarium and remember in prayer all who have been "commended" to this place of rest.



St. Mark's Trunk or Treat is Today in the designated parking lot behind the church. In case of inclement weather, we will not have this event.

Trunk or Treat is a fun, safe family event. Designed like a tailgate party, signed-up parishioners park their decorated trunks and give out candy. Vehicle set up is 4:45-5:25pm. Costumed children, 12 years and under, are welcome at 5:30 for trick-or-treat, games and a Halloween photo op. Hot dogs and popcorn will be sold to support the youth group. Each attendee will receive a ticket to vote for their favorite trunk. Please be sure to sign up for "trunk space" at the Information Kiosk. Sign up is not required for trick-or-treaters. Please call Linda Major at 615-0763 or email at majormail@verizon.net with any questions.



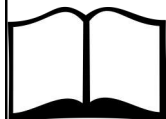
The Knights of Columbus Council 10515 will commence their annual "**Keeping Christ in Christmas**" Christmas card sales on Sunday September 30th after the 8:30 AM Mass. The sale of the card, a K of C fund raiser, will take place after each weekend Mass through the first weekend of November. The sales 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.



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 or just show up if interested in joining. We hope to see you there!



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 Tornielli. 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 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.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING!!

THE JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMITTEE 2018

The holiday season is almost here!! The Justice and Peace Committee is making our plans to reach out and help those in need. This year we will continue to support our four organizations (Catholic Charities, Samaritan House, Refugee Resettlement, and VB Department of Human Services), 25-30 of our own parishioners and 70 of our Food Pantry Clients. PLEASE if you are able give to help those in need this holiday season!

OUR PLAN IS:

Thanksgiving bags will be distributed, after all masses on November 10^h and 11th. You may choose to fill a vegetable bag or a turkey bag. The turkey bag consists of a \$20.00 - \$25.00 gift card for a turkey and 2 boxes of stuffing. PLEASE MARK YOUR GIFT CARD WITH IT'S VALUE. If you would like to donate a vegetable bag, the following items are requested: 2 to 4 cans of a vegetable, 1-2 boxes of mashed potatoes, 2 to 4 cans of fruit, packaged cookies, 2 to 3 cans or pkgs of gravy, 2 cans of cranberry sauce and 2 to 3 pkgs of rolls. Thanksgiving bags are to be returned on the 17th and 18th of NOVEMBER. They will be distributed to individuals and organizations on Sunday, November 18th.

The same procedure will be followed for Christmas. Food Bags will be distributed after all masses on December 8th and 9th. The Christmas food items and gifts from Giving Tree will be collected on December 15th and 16th. More news to come concerning our Christmas Giving Tree.

If you are a parishioner and your family is in need of a Holiday Food basket or Christmas gifts, please contact justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org or Fr. Anthony at 479-1010. All requests are kept strictly confidential.

This Ministry provides a wonderful opportunity to live out our Mission Statement that says, "*We, the people of St. Mark, are united in our desire to serve those who are in need*". Please help us make this a "Happy Holiday Season" for those in need. For more information or to volunteer please contact **Nancy Hewlett** at hnhewlett@aol.com or (703) 201-1381 or **Pat Bernier** at bernier.pat@gmail.com or (757)523-6169.



Annual Christmas Tree Sale Fund Raiser



It's time for **St. Mark's Annual Christmas Tree Fund Raiser**. Proceeds from the Christmas tree sales help fund St. Mark's ministries such as our Food Pantry and CAST Outreach programs. This is our **only** parish wide fund raiser directly supporting our ministries, and **we need your active support in order to make it a success!** There are many opportunities for you to help. We need volunteers to set up the lot, unload the trucks, stock the lot with trees, and of course to sell the trees. Come out and join us! Bring your family members and friends, meet your fellow parishioners, and experience the joy that comes from working together towards a common goal.

Volunteering online is easy! We're using the same volunteer website as our CAST program, with the event "[treelot2018](https://stmarkhelps.ivolunteer.com/treelot)". Simply type the following link into your browser, scroll down and view the activities, and then select your event and volunteer slot. Remember you must include an email address and a good contact phone number.

https://stmarkhelps.ivolunteer.com/treelot_2018

Lot Set Up	Saturday	Nov 17 th	9am – 1pm
Tree Delivery	Wednesday	Nov 21 st	TBD
	Friday	Nov 23 rd	9am – 1pm (<i>Exact Time TBD</i>)
Lot Take Down	Sunday	Dec 16 th	1pm – 4pm
Lots Sales	Start on Saturday 24 November and run through Saturday 15 December		
1 Shift	Monday thru Friday		5pm – 9pm
3 Shifts	Saturday & Sunday		9am - 1pm / 1pm – 5pm / 5pm – 9pm

A Sign Up poster will also be available in the Great Hall. Please provide your first and last name, email address if you have one, and a good contact phone number.

All are encourage to participate! Teenage volunteers 17 & under must be accompanied by a parent.

Questions can be emailed to Dan Wood at dan9663@gmail.com or call: 757-647-2135 (M)

Volunteer today at https://stmarkhelps.ivolunteer.com/treelot_2017