

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.

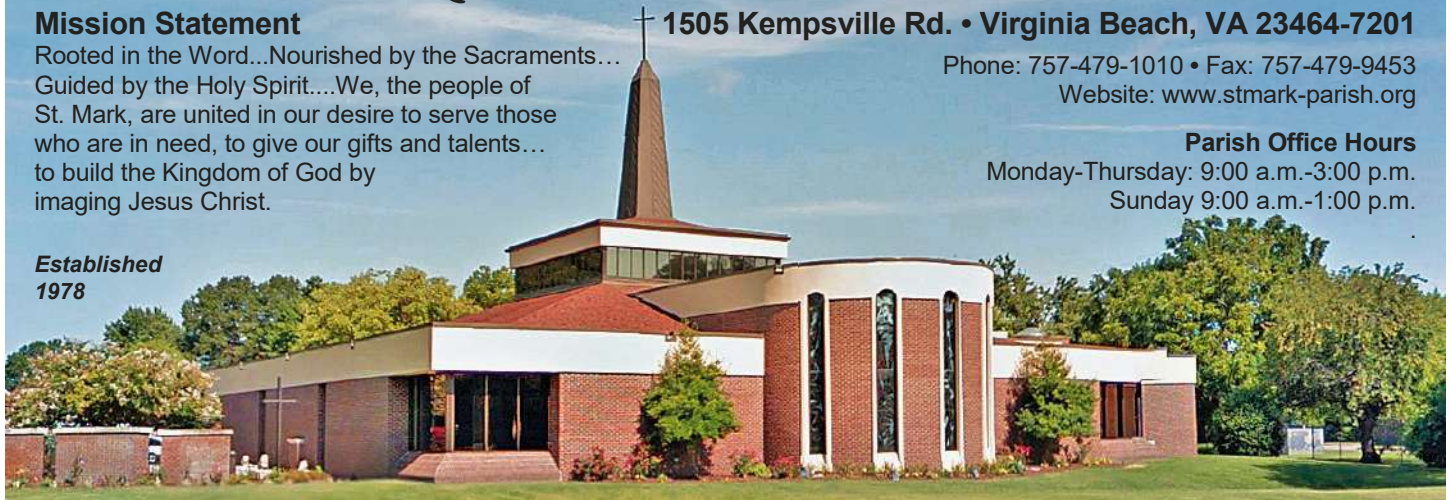
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Parish Office Hours

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 Coordinator Damien Morant..... Custodian 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

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Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sunday 9:30a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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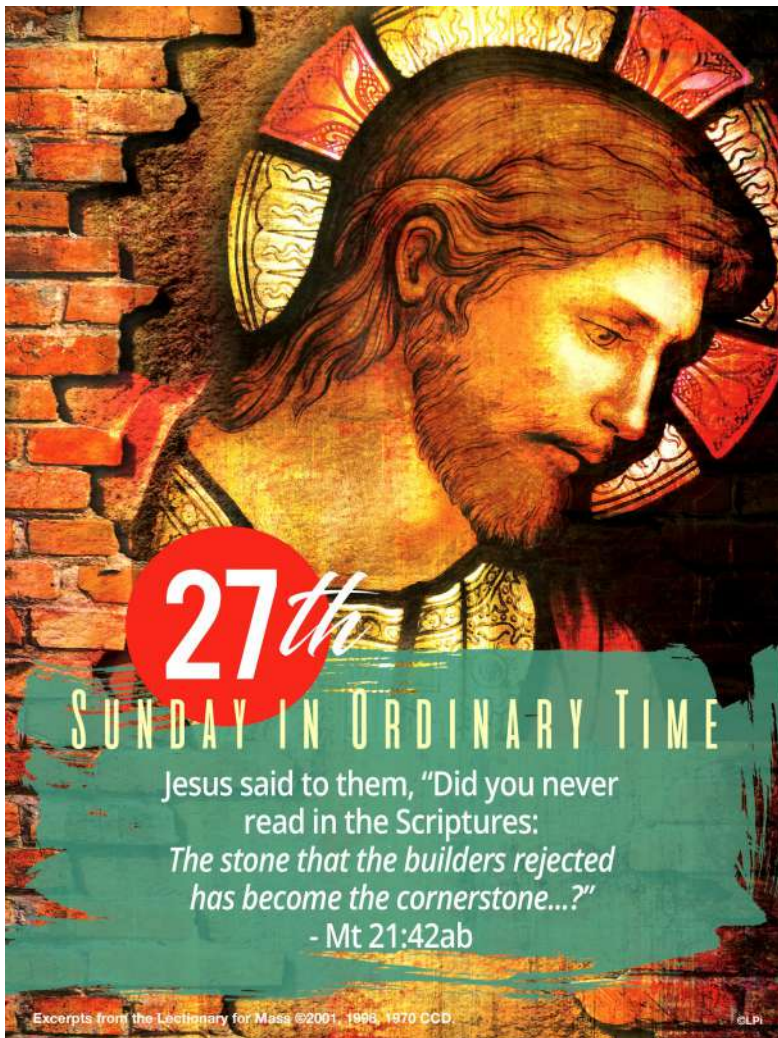
BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Lent. Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY READINGS...

MON 10/09 JON 1:1-2:1-2,11; LK 10:25-37

TUES 10/10 8:30am DIONISIO CALIGAYAHAN JR. +
WALTER VALLEY +
JON 3:1-10; LK 10:38-42

WED 10/11 7:00pm MARY BENNETT +
PAULINE SOKALSKI WINNER +
JON 4:1-11; LK 11:1-4

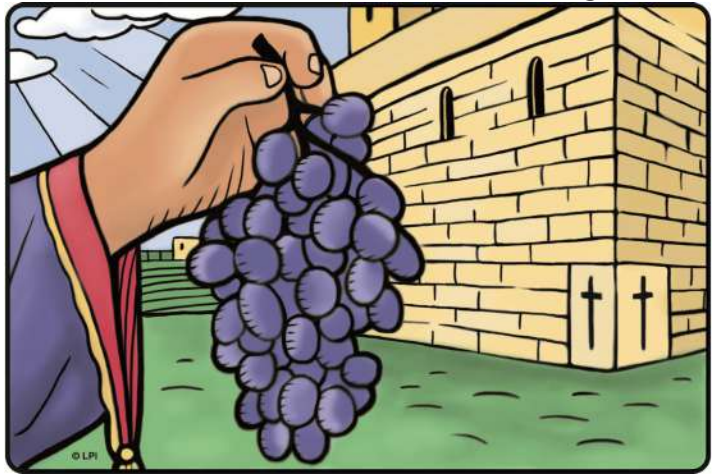
THU 10/12 8:30am ADRIANA STEVE AGUSTIN +
CARLOS CARONAN JR. +
MAL 3:13-20B; LK 11:5-13

FRI 10/13 JL 1:13-15;2:1-2; LK 11:15-26

SAT 10/14 5:30pm ANTHONY SELESTOW +
JASPER & AJ DARWIN +
JL 4:12-21; LK 11:27-28

SUN 10/15 8:30am MARY BLANCO +
SIMPLICIO & MARTA GINESS +
10:30am REYNALDO COMIA +
MARGARET & ROBERT DUFFY +
IS 25:6-10A
PS 23:1-3A,3B-4,5,6
PHIL 4:12-14,19-20
MT 22:1-14

SUNDAY REFLECTION from Father Anthony...



WELCOME TO THIS SUNDAY! I welcome you to this Sunday! Today, Jesus tells us about the parable of the land owner and the tenants he had put in his vineyard. When the time for harvesting came, the land owner sent his servants, who were seized, beaten and rejected. He finally sent his own son, who was killed. This parable explains exactly how God's love came to the people. They rejected God's son and even killed him. The parable is Christ's foretelling of what would happen to him. It is a horrible act to be rejected and no one would ever wish to experience that at all. But when Jesus told this parable, he was about to enter Jerusalem, where he would be rejected by the very people who once welcomed him. This happened to the prophets as well -- many were stoned and others killed. Are there moments in our lives when we reject the voice of God? By so doing, we reject his love and mercy and forget what he did for us on the cross, that he laid down his life for us! Let us look around our world today and see how God is ignored and forgotten. It is our duty as believers in God to be champions of God's presence in a world that seems to ignore and reject God. And may God give us the strength to overcome all kinds of rejection and remember always that God will never abandon or reject us. Amen. Happy Sunday!

Prayer REQUESTS

Alden Rivera, Ryan Clark, Michael Anderson, Benjamin Bradley IV, Liam Bradley, Chelsea Hancock, Jessica Clark, Billie Ishmael, Sherry Savage, Pam Magda, Joan Coleman, Caryl MacDonald, Patty MacDonald, Pasquale Savarese, Joe Vico, Gene Behrends, Alex Cooke, Alberto Duque, Judy Kiplinger, Nancy Tennin, Mark Larson

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 week-end during all the Masses.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

That men and women will be open to the voice of the Lord, asking the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help them recognize and answer His call to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

"This is the Lord's doing and it is amazing in our eyes." Being chosen to serve as a priest or in the consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Call Father Michael G. Boehling, Vicar for Vocations, at (804) 359-5661 or email mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.

Justice & Peace

FOOD PANTRY: This week the Food Pantry is in need of 1 LB BAGS OF WHITE RICE.

"Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those people throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands, this day, their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give them peace and joy."
- Mother Teresa

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE Our Justice & Peace Committee is continuing to collect winter clothing items throughout the month of October for those in need. We will be distributing collected items to the Catholic Worker Breakfast Line, Migrant Worker Ministry and families via the Samaritan House at the end of the month. **Our most urgent needs are for socks, winter hats, gloves, scarves and warm jackets for men, women, and children ages 5 through teen years. ****Please only new or clean/gently used items****** Visit the Justice & Peace bulletin board in the Great Hall for more information on how you can help our brothers and sisters stay warm this winter.

"PLARN" MATS Leftover plastic bags can be easily cut and joined to form plastic yarn also known as "PLARN". Mats made from PLARN are very comfortable and offer a barrier between the ground and the body to help retain body heat while sleeping. Bugs don't like them and when dirty, they can be easily hosed off, shaken out and be good to go again. Both lightweight and can easily be carried over a homeless person's shoulder. Free to make and each mat will keep 500-700 plastic bags out of the landfill. FMI on how you can participate in this ministry contact Christine McGrath at 233-0790 mcgrathcm24@gmail.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: From Sept. 27 through Nov. 5, please join Christians worldwide for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion. You're invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil 7am-7pm for an hour in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood, 515 Newtown Rd, Virginia Beach and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Parking is along Lake Edward Dr. (the street immediately after the 7-11 on Newtown Rd.) For more information, please contact Cheri Britt at 757-334-6149, ourhope4life@gmail.com or go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com/viriniabeach>. If you would like to gather as a group from St. Mark please contact justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org

THE ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE in Washington DC is January 18, 2018. Our Knights of Columbus and Justice & Peace ministry are looking to see if there are any of our fellow St. Mark parishioners who have an interest in scheduling a bus and attending this important event as a group. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Dave Michalak dmich15@yahoo.com or Joyce Gridley justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK OCTOBER 9 - 15

MON	10:00am	Food Pantry
	7:00pm	Eucharistic Minister Training
	7:15pm	RCIA
TUE	8:30am	DAILY MASS
	9:30am	Bible Study
	7:30pm	Bible Study
WED	10:00am	Food Pantry
	6:00pm	CHRP & One Starry Night Mtg.
	6:30pm	Rosary
	7:00pm	DAILY MASS
	7:30pm	St. Mark Chorale Rehearsal
THU	8:30am	DAILY MASS
	6:30pm	K of C Officer Meeting
FRI	8:30am	DAILY MASS
	9:30am	Mom's Group
	10:00am	Food Pantry
SAT	5:00pm	Rosary
	5:30pm	WEEKEND MASS
	6:45pm	Filipino Night
SUN	8:00am	Rosary
	8:30am	WEEKEND MASS
	9:30am	RF 1/RCIC
	10:00am	Rosary
	10:30am	WEEKEND MASS
	12:00pm	St. Mark Angels Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Teen Formation 1	

ST. MARK PARISH NEWS

40th ANNIVERSARY: ST. MARK'S MEMORABILIA SOUGHT As we prepare to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our parish's founding, we've begun to collect St. Mark's memorabilia – photos, newspaper clippings or other tokens that remind us of earlier years at St. Mark's. For information about contributing to our memorabilia collection, send Deacon John an email at Deaconjohn@stmark-parish.org or 757-479-1010.



40th ANNIVERSARY: PARISH DIRECTORY – SIGNUP NOW! In 1978, Bishop Sullivan established the Catholic Church of St. Mark. To mark the occasion, Lifetouch Photography will be taking pictures to create a parish directory starting November 3. When you get a picture taken you receive a complimentary Parish Directory and an 8" by 10" picture. You can register for an appointment by 1) going to the St. Mark Website, 2) going to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y6n0ny3k/>, 3) going to Parish Office.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER? We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, *especially at the 10:30am Mass*. We strongly encourage all confirmed men and women in good standing with the Church to consider joining this important ministry. There will be a training session this coming Monday, October 9th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. FMI, please contact Roberta Bernardini at 757-424-9725.

ST. MARK'S LADIES' BOOK CLUB is eager to welcome new members. The group meets once every other month for approximately 90 minutes. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the St. Mark Library. Please contact Genevieve Eirich at geirich1@verizon.net or sign up on the St. Mark website www.stmark-parish.org/religious-formation/adult-formation/womens-ministry

ATTENTION SENIORS (AKA Wisdom Seekers) Our October monthly luncheon is Friday, October 13th, 12:30pm at Athens Pizza, 1929 Centerville Turnpike, Virginia Beach (located across from Woods Center Shopping Center) 757-479-9873. Please RSVP to Annette Welch, 757-495-1445 by Friday, Oct. 6th to join us. All St. Mark's parishioners are welcome to participate.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS will be available after all masses in October and for the 1st two weekends in November. Please support our Knights of Columbus' efforts to **"Keep Christ In Christmas"** by sending religious cards to your friends and family. A beautiful evangelization message from all of us will help remind others that Christ's birth brought us the greatest gift of all. The Knights of Columbus are selling these religious Christmas cards to raise money for the many charities they support. We appreciate your support!

COMING SOON... THE SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE This year there are 12 prizes: a grand prize of \$10,000 and smaller prizes totaling \$17,500. Early Bird tickets go on sale after all Masses between October 14 - 29. A bonus drawing for three \$50 gift cards to Carrabba's Italian Grill, Wawa, and Home Depot will be held for tickets purchased during the early bird period. Raffle tickets officially go on sale in mid-November.

2017 COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN For Military Personnel or Federal Employees who are currently Maison Fortuné Orphanage Foundation donors or for those new potential donors looking for a place to generously donate to a good cause, the Federal Government is starting its 2017 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The Maison Fortuné Orphanage Foundation is an approved charitable organization by the CFC governing board. Your federal organization, command, or unit has the necessary information to donate through the campaign, all you need bring is the CFC number for Maison Fortuné Orphanage Foundation, 12234. Your generous tax deductible donation will go directly to the operating budget of Maison Fortuné to provide food, clothing, education, and a solid roof over the 200 children, living in one of the poorest regions in the world. The Maison Fortuné Orphanage Foundation is on a campaign to bring in 1,500 new donors into our giving family. Your consistent donation would allow the Foundation to meet its monthly budgetary needs for those children. Thank you for your support.

BISHOP SULLIVAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL has an immediate opening for a bus driver. Candidate must have a Class B with Passenger Endorsement. This will be for morning runs 6:30-7:30 a.m. with day, afternoon, and evening trips also available. If interested, please email Lyndsey Boyce at boycel@chsvb.org or 757-467-2768.

Catholic Church Of St. Mark

2nd Annual Christmas Raffle

For the benefit of St. Mark's Catholic Church

12 Prizes – 12 Chances to win -- \$17,500 in Prizes

Grand Prize \$10,000

Second Prize \$2,500

Two Prizes \$1,000

Four Prizes \$500

Four Prizes \$250

Only 350 Tickets will be Sold · \$100 per Ticket
Cash or Checks made payable to St Mark Church

All tickets are eligible for all prizes

Drawing will start with the 12th prize and work up to the Grand Prizes

Drawing will take place at a reception with light fare and refreshments on
Sunday, December 17th 2017 after 10:30 Mass in the Great Hall

Winner does not need to be present to win.

If 350 tickets are NOT sold then 50% of the total collected will be awarded
with prizes adjusted accordingly



Early Bird Drawing

Tickets will be available for Sale after all Masses
between Oct 14th and Oct 29th. All Tickets sold
before the 29th will be eligible for an Early Bird
Drawing for three gift cards on October 29:

Carrabba's Italian Grill \$50.00

Wawa \$50.00

Home Depot \$50.00

Raffle Tickets will be sold again starting in Mid-November