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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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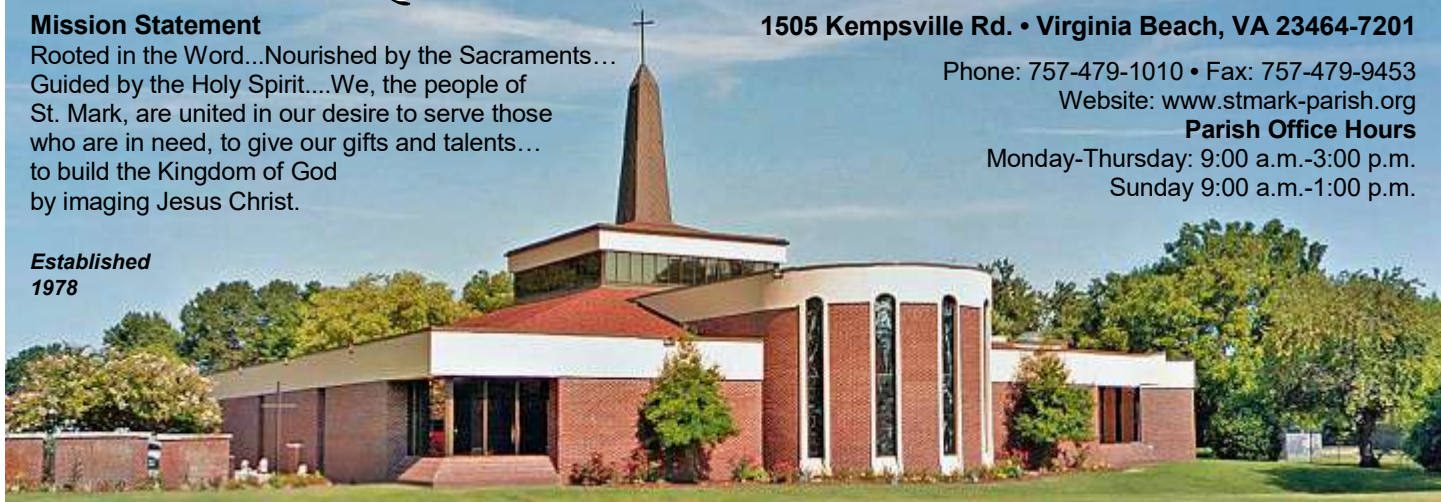
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Website: www.stmark-parish.org

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 at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:33

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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.

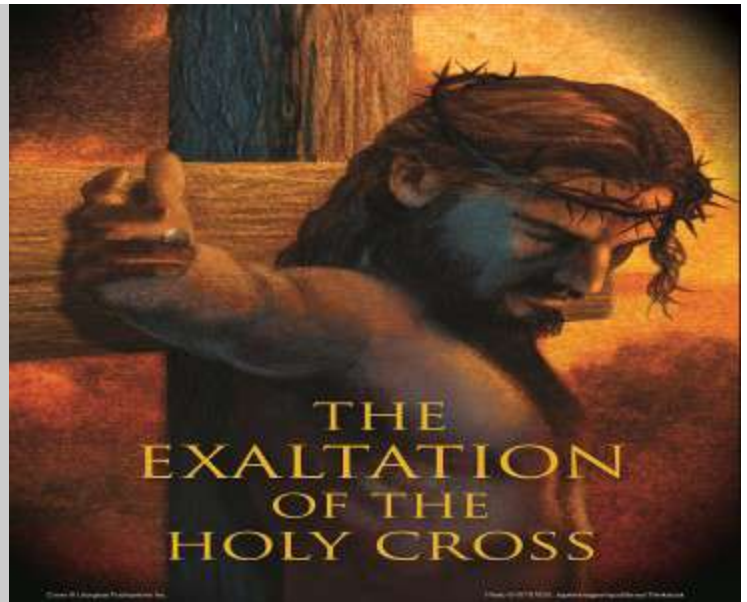
MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: If you know someone who cannot attend Mass or desires a visit or the Sacrament of Anointing, call the Office.

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.

Father Anthony's Reflection:

The invitation of the Gospel reading this Sunday is to put Christ first! The Gospel challenges all of us today to do just that. It is a radical call, not to just be a Follower, but to be a disciple! The language of Jesus is tough, especially when he talks about hating father, mother, wife, children and the extent of hating self! To hate in Jesus' sense of the word, would deeply mean "to love less." This is how important it is and what it takes to be true and committed disciples of Jesus. As Christians, we have to make our priorities very clear and if one decides to become a disciple of Christ, then Christ must be number one! And if Christ is not given the first place, then a person is not worthy to claim to be a disciple of Christ! Discipleship demands that one values Christ more than everything; even more than one's parents and siblings. Today, we have people who leave their families and friends because of the sacrifice they make for their country! Is it easy to just say goodbye? Not at all! But people do what is difficult, because of the meaning attached to it. Jesus is also demanding of us, to follow him as well as be ready to suffer for him. When we do that wholeheartedly, he will reward us. Lord, help us to love you above all things! Amen.



MASS
INTENTIONS
and Daily Readings

MON	9/9		Saint Peter Claver, Priest (USA) Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11
TUES	9/10	8:30am	NATIVIDAD RODRIGUEZ + Col 2:6-15; LK 6: 12-19
WED	9/11	7:00pm	LEONITA UNDERCUFFLER + Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
THU	9/12	8:30am	The Most Holy Name of Mary BARBARA AMELLA + Col 3: 12-17; Lk 6:27-38
FRI	9/13		Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
SAT	9/14		The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time 5:30pm JAMES and CONSTANCE COLLINS +
SUN	9/15	8:30am	KITTY TUCKER + 10:30am JOHN and MARLENE SKIPTUNAS + Ex 32:7-11, 13-14: 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

Financial Box Score

Fiscal Year July-June	August 25	Offertory Year to Date	Needed Year to Date	Excess/Short
Offertory	\$14,950	\$133,267	\$135,200	\$1,933

Family Count: 1067
Families using envelopes: 325
Families using online donation: 83

Please pray for the following: Nancy Tennin, Steven Barkow, Holden and Hadley Hewlett, Emma and Jeff Madrigal, Alice Volz, Don and Susan DeGroot, Bryan Mendoza, Deacon Robert Esposito, Dawn Boroden, Sherry Savage, Leonardo V. Corpez, Jan Kilb, Trinika Skiptunas, Rose Kmetz, Emy Balmaceda, Jim Thomas, Jean Morgan, Grace Hopkins, Chandler Jacob, Christian and Dana Brewer, Diane Esposito, Luz Cardenas, Connie Collins, Suzie Neely, Chantal Rose Denman, Yolanda Santiaguell, Beth Park, Susan Parr, Abelino Santiaguell, Marilyn Miller, Paula Turgeon, Sarah Harrington, Zenaida Palompo, Harry Tennin, Mike Turner, Norma Comia, Margarita Qualle, Olive Stanley, Marlene Slate, Roberta Bernardini, Betty Wemhoff, Osbaldo Toledo, Alex Cooke, Francisco Solis, Jun Cruz, Fay Harrington, Ralph Knappa, Erlinda Mariado Jack MacKenzie and John Sunderland.



Justice and Peace

Food pantry item: pancake mix

Please visit the Justice & Peace page on our St. Mark parish web site for more information and other current/upcoming Justice & Peace focus, events, and opportunities. Updates also available and posted on Justice & Peace bulletin board weekly.

www.stmark-parish.org/ministries/justice-and-peace.



Red Cross Blood Drive: Thursday, September 19th, 2PM -7PM It is not every day that we do something that has such a lifesaving impact. We still have open donation slots please schedule your donation now.
Contact: Joyce Gridley 675-6486 or

justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org



Cold Weather is coming!! For September and October our Justice & Peace Ministry is collecting winter clothing items. Items include: Gloves, Winter Hats, Men's socks, blankets, etc. Please visit the Justice & Peace Bulletin Board for complete lists of needed items and more

information.



Take a stand for life: September 25 - November 3, our community will take part in "40 Days for Life Vigil". Join us as we pray together for the end to abortion outside Planned Parenthood, Virginia Beach. St. Mark will have a group on Mondays

from 9am-10am and Tuesdays from 5pm-6pm. Contact: Joyce Gridley 675-6486.

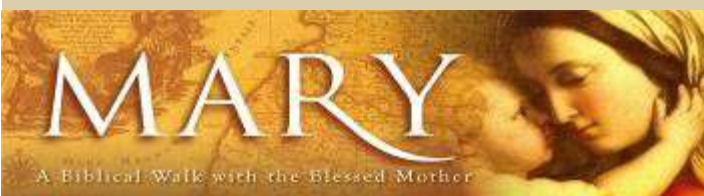


For September our Diocese is focusing on **The Dignity of Work. The basic rights of workers must be respected. These include the right to productive work, right to decent and fair wages, right to organize and/or join unions, and the right to private property and economic initiative.**



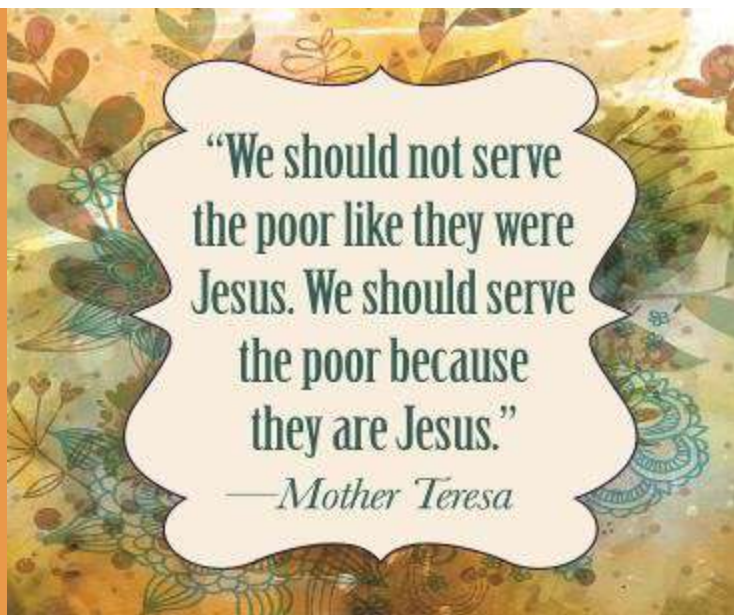
DID YOU KNOW: Our Migrant Ministry was presented by Bishop Barry Knestout a presidential recognition certificate from President Trump for our work with the migrant ministry. Congratulations to Lita and Pert Razon our Migrant Ministry Coordinators and all our Migrant Ministry

volunteers for their hard work and dedication. Watch for the Certificate to be displayed by Justice & Peace bulletin board.



A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Small groups forming soon
Look for sign-ups
beginning this weekend



Week at Saint Mark September 9th—September 15th

MON	10:00am	Food Pantry in the Great Hall
	7:00pm	Building Committee Meeting in the Conference Room
	7:15pm	RCIA/IC in the Great Hall and the Library
TUES	8:30am	MASS
	6:30pm	Women's Book Club in the Library
WED	10:00am	Food Pantry in the Great
	7:00pm	MASS
	7:30pm	Pilgrimage Meeting in the Conference Room
	7:30pm	Adult Choir Practice
	9:00pm	Cantor Practice
THURS	8:30am	MASS
	9:30am	Plann Ministry in the Great Hall
	6:00pm	Safety Committee Meeting in the Library
	6:30pm	Knights Of Columbus Officer Planning Meeting in the Conference Room
FRI	9:30am	Moms Group in Conference Room
	10:00am	Food Pantry in the Great Hall
	12:30pm	Wisdom Seekers Memorial Mass and Potluck in the Small Chapel and Great Hall
SAT	5:30pm	WEEKEND MASS
SUN	8:30am	WEEKEND MASS
	10:30am	WEEKEND MASS
	12:30pm	Religious Formation Begins
	11:45pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal



**Saint Mark Lenten Pilgrimage: Museum of the Bible Washington, DC
February 29**

(the first Saturday after Ash Wednesday)

\$40 per person/per seat

includes chartered bus & museum ticket*. Museum will open an hour early for our group. The purchases of food, guided tours and/or gift shop trinkets are up to each participant's discretion.

Depart from Saint Mark 4:30 a.m.

Depart from D.C. at 5 p.m.

*registration opens October 6/7. No refunds!

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC led by Bishop Knestout:

Join Bishop Knestout as he kicks off the 200th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond with a spiritual pilgrimage to the Basilica in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The day begins at the Basilica at 10:00 am and concludes following the Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:15 pm. Registration is required. For more information including registration, transportation options, and meals, visit 2020.richmonddiocese.org OR contact 2020@richmonddiocese.org OR 804-622-5200.

St Mark will be planning to coordinate our own parish bus, if interested please sign up at the Parish Information Kiosk.

From the Bookkeeper: ATTENTION ONLINE DONORS

We are in the process of migrating to a new online donation service so that we may consolidate all of our accounting programs under one umbrella. The new service also accepts credit cards as well as the direct debit choice we currently use. Our new online donation website is:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stmarkvb> (this link is also on our website in a box titled Online Giving)

If you are currently an online donor, it would be a great help if you would sign up for online donation at our new site. I can cancel your donation on the older site once I see your name in the new one. Any trouble with this feature? If so, please call the office at 479-1010.

Tickets are now available this weekend, after all masses.

POC: Marilou Huling at 757-553-7385



Women's Book Club News!

Currently we are reading *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother* by Kate Hennessy. Our next meeting will be Tuesday,

September 10, 2019, from 6:30-8:00 PM in the St. Mark Library. Please consider joining us for a lively and informative discussion. New members are always welcome! For more information, please contact Bernadette Michalak at thehobbygirl@aol.com.



**SENIORS
(aka Wisdom Seekers)**

Our Annual Memorial Mass/Potluck Luncheon is Friday, September 13th, at 12:30. Our group will meet in the Daily Chapel as we begin our fall session remembering our deceased members. Following mass we will enjoy our potluck luncheon in the Great Hall and catch up on activities and our fall schedule. Our functions and meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Should you have any questions, please call Sandy Barczak, 963-8598.



Drone Photograph St Mark is revamping our web page and would like to have photography of the Church and the property. We are looking for someone with experience, the

equipment and the willingness to help. Contact Deacon John at: deacon_john@stmark-parish.org

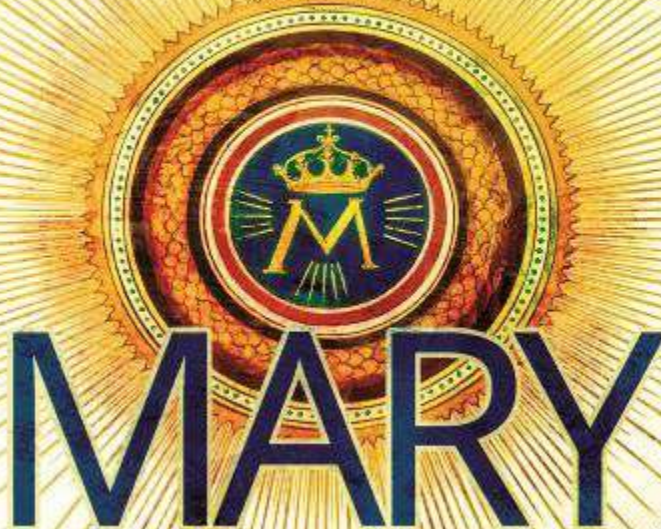
Jobs

The Catholic Church of St Mark in Virginia Beach is seeking a Parish Secretary (26 hours per week - Sun & Mon (9am to 1pm) Tues to Thurs (9am to 3pm). A successful candidate who enjoys working with people and possesses the ability to work collaboratively with parish staff, parishioners and guests to the parish. Provides clerical and administrative support to the pastor and other staff members. Additionally, this position will assist with maintenance of parishioner data, prepare the weekly bulletin and submit for publishing, maintain parish Sacramental Records, and manage an online calendar for the parish.

Strong phone and computer skills, including Microsoft Office and MS Publisher, are required for this position. Familiarity with Parish Soft Database is a plus. A bachelor's degree is desired, however, significant work experience in a secretarial role will be considered in lieu of education. Interested candidates should send a resume to Deacon Mike Johnson, Pastoral Associate, Catholic Church of St Mark, 1505 Kempsville Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23464 or deacon_mike@stmark-parish.org.

Wanted: Custodian for the Catholic Church of St Mark: This is a 25 hour a week daytime position, Monday to Thursday and on Sunday. It requires experience in commercial cleaning. This position assures the Church complex (worship space, commons, social hall, meeting rooms, kitchen, nursery, bathrooms and chapels) is maintained in a clean and orderly manner. This is a physically demanding position which requires familiarity with proper cleaning procedures using commercial cleaning materials. Works closely with our Maintenance Coordinator. Background check is required. Please submit resumes to Deacon Mike Johnson at deacon_mike@stmark-parish.org. For additional information please contact Deacon Mike at St Mark - 479-1010 or by mail at 1505 Kempsville Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23464.

MOST HOLY NAME OF



Thursday, September 12th

Expectant to experienced MOMS



**Fellowship, Faith and Fun in the Conference room every Friday morning 9:30-11:30 am
Nursery provided**



Building and Grounds

Plan on helping! [Getting ready for Autumn](#)

B&G will gather Saturday, September 28 starting about 8:00 am and finishing at 12:00 pm.

Painting, Yard Work and Gardening – a project for everyone!
Check <https://stmarkhelps.ivolunteer.com>



The Knights of Columbus are selling their annual "Football Frenzy" tickets as a fund raiser to support the charitable efforts of both our Council and the State organization. Tickets are \$10 each. If you purchase 2, a 3rd ticket will be emailed to you upon registration of the cards. Each ticket has the chance to win from \$20 to \$400 in each of 10 weeks of the football season beginning October 27. Please see one of our Brothers for more information and to purchase your tickets.



As you prepare to welcome your child into the world,
join us to explore
the beauty, history and grace
of this sacrament

Sign-up at the Welcome Kiosk

**Baptism Preparation Class
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9am-noon
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