

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.

Established 1978

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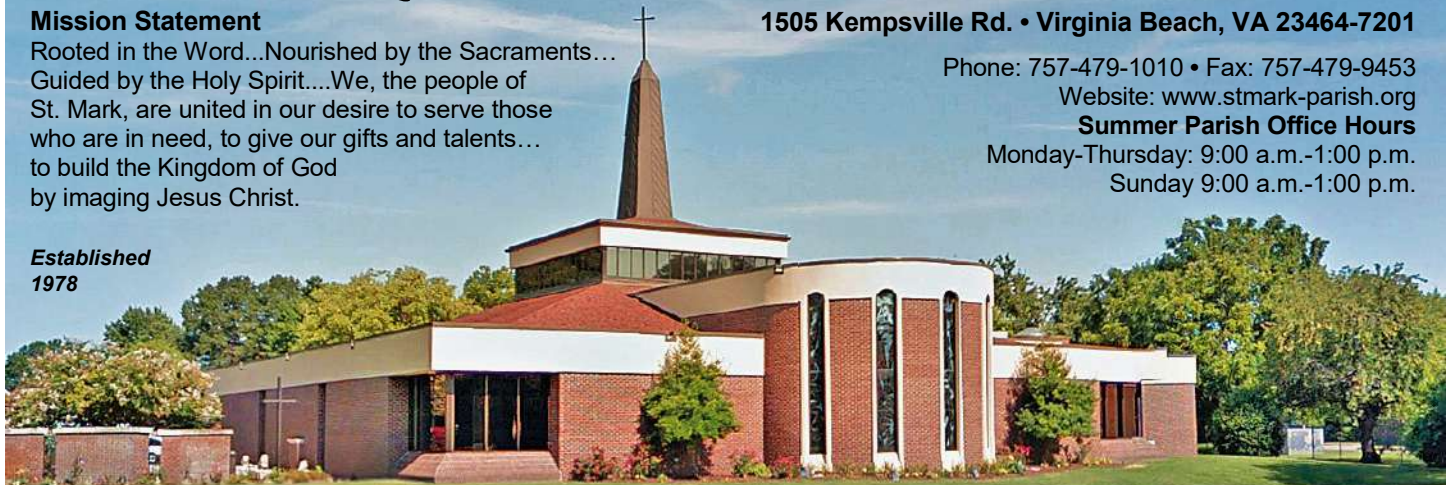
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Website: www.stmark-parish.org

Summer Parish Office Hours

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

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



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. • Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 a.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Check inside bulletin for possible changes.

Nursery available for 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

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RELIGIOUS FORMATION STAFF

- Sharon Katzman.....Director of R.F.
Rachel Rudman.....Coordinator of R.F.
Fe Guzman.....Youth Minister

RELIGIOUS FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 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.



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

MASST INTENTIONS

and Daily Readings

MON	9/10		1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
TUES	9/11	8:30am	WALTER VALLEY + REMELITO COMPUESTO + 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
WED	9/12	7:00pm	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i> MARY SWEENEY + ISABEL "Lily" BABIERA + 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
THU	9/13	8:30am	<i>Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor</i> MARY SWEENEY + MARIE TURKIEWICZ + 1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13; Lk 6:27-38
FRI	9/14		<i>The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross</i> Nm 21:4b-9; Jn 3:13-17
SAT	9/15	5:30pm	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> NORMAN ARTHUR + SUSAN DIAZ +
SUN	9/16	8:30am	<i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> BRIAN DUTCHER + PHYLLIS NOONAN +
		10:30am	JOE BAXTER + CYRILLA HODGE + Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



The Mass Intentions book is open!

Intentions for 1 January– 31 March 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 and Stan Boroden.

If you would like to include someone on our parish prayer list, please call the office at 479-1010.

**HOLINESS GROWS
SO FAST WHERE
THERE IS KINDNESS.**

—ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Sunday Reflection from Father Anthony

Jesus is a wonder-worker and his impact on the lives of the people cannot be ignored. From the Gospel reading this Sunday, Jesus happens to be passing through a pagan territory and the people were able to recognize him to the extent that they brought to him a deaf man who also had a speech impediment, and they asked him to lay his hand on him. But Jesus gave more than he had been asked when he took the man aside away from the crowds. He gave this deaf man a personal touch as he put his fingers into the man's ears and even touched his tongue with spittle! "Be opened!" Jesus said these words with confidence to the man after praying! The man's ears were opened and the speech impediment was gone! This was a moment when Jesus' messianic role was fulfilled that indeed the ears of the deaf are opened and the dumb can speak! What Jesus did in a pagan territory wasn't normal the very reason he asks them not to tell anyone about it! They were surprised to see what they saw! Jesus gave a lesson that anyone can be healed wherever they are. May our ears be opened to listen to the needs of others and always share with others the wonders of the Lord! Amen.



Annual Report

A Copy of the 2017-2018 St. Mark Church Annual Report was submitted to the Diocese in August and is available for review at the Information table in the Commons.

9/11/2018



9.14.18

7:00pm

Mass of Atonement

For Victims of Abuse

On the occasion of the Feast of the Exaltation Of the Holy Cross

Bishop Barry C. Knestout, Presider and Homilist

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

800 S. Cathedral Place

Richmond, Virginia





Thank you to everyone in our parish who worked this year to showcase, plan and execute our celebrations for the 40th Anniversary of the founding of Saint Mark.



40th Commemorative Magazine is **FREE** and available at the Anniversary Table. A crossword puzzle is inserted in it and the solution will be available next week. Hope you Enjoy! *One per family please.*



Parish Directories are available for pickup in the office.



There are several **40th commemorative items** available for sale: etched wine glasses, stickers, decals, embroidered patches and pens.



SENIORS (aka Wisdom Seekers): Our Annual Memorial Mass/Potluck Luncheon is Friday, Sept. 14th, at **NOON!** (**new time just for the September meeting!!**). Our group will meet in the Daily Chapel as we kick-off our fall session remembering our deceased members. Following Mass we will partake in our potluck luncheon in the Great Hall and catch up on summer activities and our fall schedule. Our functions and meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Should you have any questions regarding senior activities, please free to call Sandy Barczak at 963-8598.



Religious Formation 2018-2019
Registration is open on-line. Visit www.stmark-parish.org.

1st – 5th grade: Sundays from 12:30 – 2pm
6th – 10th grade: Sundays from 6-8pm.



Children's Liturgy Ministry: Salt Lamp 8:30 or 10:30am Mass. We are seeking ministers to assist with our Salt Lamp Children's Church. Volunteer based on your availability. Contact Sharon Katzman at (sharon@stmark-parish.org) for the on-line sign-up link.

This Week at St. Mark
September 10th- September 16th

MON	10:00am 7:00pm	Food Pantry in the Great Hall RCIA/IC In the Great Hall and Library
TUES	8:30am 9:30am 6:30pm	DAILY MASS Bible Study in the Conference Room Women's Book Club in the Library
WED	10:00am 7:00pm 7:30pm 6:30pm	Food Pantry in the Great Hall DAILY MASS Choir Practice in the Sanctuary Knights of Columbus Officer Planning Meeting in the Conference Room
THUR	8:30am 9:30am 6:00pm	DAILY MASS Plann Ministry in the Great Hall Rebuilt Meeting in the Library
FRI		THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
	8:30am 9:30am 10:00am 12:00pm	MASS Moms Group in the Conference Room Food Pantry in the Great Hall Wisdom Seekers mass followed by a Luncheon in the Great Hall
SAT		CATECHIST WEEKEND
	4:00pm 5:30pm	RECONCILIATION WEEKEND MASS
SUN		WEEKEND MASS
	8:30am 10:30am 11:45 12:30-2pm 6-8pm	WEEKEND MASS Youth Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary Religious Formation Classes Teen Formation



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.

Justice & Peace

Food Pantry Item this Week is Strawberry Jam. Thank you!

"Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord." -USCCB Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection, "Promise to Protect" Bookmark.

**THANK
YOU!**

A **HUGE thank you** to all who donated School Supplies!! We will be distributing these items to parishioners in need, our Migrant Worker Ministry, Treakle Elementary, Tallwood Elementary, Parkway Elementary, College Park Elementary, Brandon Middle, and Green Run High. THANK YOU!!!



Cold Weather is coming!! Our Justice & Peace Committee will be collecting winter clothing items for the months of September and October. We are asking for: gloves, winter hats (knit caps), scarves, sweatshirts or winter jackets, and socks for men, women and children as well as blankets. Items may be dropped off in the bin next to the Justice & Peace bulletin board in the Great Hall. These items will be

distributed to Catholic Worker House Breakfast Line, Onesimus Ministries, Migrant Worker Ministry and Blankets for the Homeless. *Please only new or clean/gently used items*. For more information and item lists please visit the Justice & Peace Bulletin Board in the Great Hall or contact Joyce Gridley 675-6486 or justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org.



The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it- Genesis 2:15. For the month of **September** our Diocese will be focusing on **The Dignity of Work**; with the corresponding Catholic Social Teaching "the Dignity of work and the rights of workers". Catholic social teaching indicates that man derives his dignity from his Creator in whose image he is created. With his participation in the work of his Creator, man finds dignity in that work. **Did you Know?** As of July

2017, 3.8% of Virginians were unemployed. These numbers are reflective of only people who are actively looking for jobs. Those who are unemployed and have stopped looking for work are no longer counted among that number.



Take a stand for life -Rain, heat, and even cold. This month, we'll experience all three as we launch the largest 40 Days for Life campaign in more than 400 cities! From September 26 to November 4, our community of Virginia Beach will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end

of abortion in our city — and beyond. Join us as we pray together for the end to abortion. Where: public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood 515 Newtown Road Virginia Beach. For more information please visit: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/virginia-beach/>.



This fall, the Eastern Region of the Diocese of Richmond will host its eleventh annual **Eastern Regional Haiti Gathering** on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at St. Gregory's Catholic School in Virginia Beach. We will begin with registration and light breakfast refreshments at 8:30 AM and our program begins at 9:00 AM. We will share information from the Diocese as well as from all participating parishes, and we are honored to have as our featured guest and speaker, Fr Jacques Volcius, the Director of CARITAS Hinche. CARITAS is involved in accompanying communities so that they can play a key role in their own development. Fr Jacques is also the pastor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Village Kreyol, Haiti. We enjoy a casual lunch together and conclude around 1:30 PM. A nominal registration fee of \$10 will be collected at the door to help defray expenses. For more information or to register please contact: maryann_collins@verizon.net.



Great Bridge Presbyterian Church presents "The Pastor Passed" Dinner Theater on Saturday, October 6th at 6pm. There will be dinner, a play, silent auction, raffle baskets, and a photo booth. Tickets are \$20 each. For tickets or information please contact Paula at 757-482-2460.



Filipino Night: sharing cultures and traditions.....Saturday, September 29th from 7-11pm in the Great Hall. Admission : \$12 for ages 11 and up, \$6 for ages 7-10 and free for ages 6 and below.

COME ENJOY THIS SPECIAL NIGHT!



The Women's Book Club is seeking more members. The group is comprised of women of varied ages and diverse backgrounds. Please consider joining us. We meet every other month from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the St. Mark library. Each book we read is chosen by the group members and focuses on some aspect of our Catholic faith. Won't you come learn with us and share your insights? It would be wonderful to have you as part of the discussions. The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2018. We will be discussing the book, Scandalous Mercy by Sr. Emmanuelle Maillard. For further questions, you can contact Genevieve Eirich at geirich1@verizon.net or sign up online at www.stmarkparish.org (Religious Formation-Adult Formation-Women's Ministry- Women's Book Club).



Bible Study classes resume Tuesday, September 11th 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 TBD. 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!



Soccer Challenge. Knights of Columbus Council 10515 will be hosting a Soccer Challenge for young people, ages 9-14 as of 1 September 2018, at Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School. The event will happen on Saturday September 22nd starting at 9 AM and ending at 4 PM. If you know a 9-14 year old youth who would like to participate you or they can sign up at http://stmarkhelps.ivolunteer.com/knights_event or contact tobyhrobillard@gmail.com (757) 339-1376 or Bert Yates: Herbert.yates1@gmail.com (757) 537-3792. Rules and Information can be obtained at <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/programming/soccer-challenge4576.pdf>.



Council 10515 Fraternal **Benefit Night** . Knights of Columbus Council 10515 will be conducting their annual Fraternal Benefit Night on Friday, September 28th in the Saint Mark's Great Hall. This is a Benefits informational night of what the Knights of Columbus does as a fraternal charitable organization, their insurance programs, and estate planning. There will be an estate planning lawyer present to talk to you if you're interested in those services. If any of these topics interest you, please join us. The program starts at 6:30 PM and should last until 9:00 PM. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Waltz at (757) 754-9235.



Council 10515 **Football Frenzy Ticket Sales.** Knights of Columbus Council 10515 will be offering Football Frenzy tickets after the Sunday Masses on the 16th and 23rd of September in the Great Hall. This annual fund raiser is for both the Virginia Knights of Columbus and Council 10515. This is an opportunity for you to have a chance of winning some money if the teams on your card win or lose. If you're interested in purchasing a ticket see Brother Don Gordon after the Sunday Masses in the Great Hall.

The Knights of Columbus Officer Planning Meeting listed in This Week's Activities in the Bulletin has been changed from Thursday, September 13th to Wednesday, September 12th at 6:30pm in the Conference Room.



For those who cannot attend the Mass in Richmond with Bishop Knestout, Church of the Ascension, 4853 Princess Anne Road, Va. Beach, VA 23462 would like to extend an invitation to our neighboring Catholic Churches on Friday, September 14 at 9:15am. Please join Fr. Daniel Malingumu and Fr. John Baab for a **Mass of Atonement** for victims of abuse on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.



Catholic Campus Ministry at ODU. Are you a student at Old Dominion University or Tidewater Community College? If yes, then we would love to meet you! Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) at ODU , is a student organization that promotes living the Catholic Faith through college. Check out our website at odu.cdrcm.org . If you have any questions, please email our CCM Director, Marissa O'Neil, at

Church Life



CORRECTIONS:

Please note corrections to our This Week at Saint Mark in the bulletin for activities from September 10th to September 16th:

There is an additional Bible Study at 7:30pm in the Conference Room on Tuesday, September 11th.

There is NO mass at 8:30am on Saturday, September 15th.

The Knights of Columbus meeting has been changed from Thursday, September 13th to Wednesday, September 12th at 6:30pm in the Conference room.

Thank You.



“Calling all young people to serve our Lord at Holy Mass!” If you ever thought about becoming an Altar Server, or are interested in learning about this wonderful liturgical ministry of serving at the "altar of our Lord", please contact our Altar Server Coordinator - Jeff Paras at jeff.paras@gmail.com or Deacon Mike at deacon_mike@stmark-parish.org. We will then schedule a training session to give you an overview of this ministry and to answer all your questions. For a boy or girl to be an Altar Server - they should be at least 9 years old and have received their First Communion.



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.



Want to share your time and talent?

Looking for **Catechists** to assist with Religious Formation for this coming year. Contact Sharon at sharon@stmark-parish.org.



Do you know? We have a **nursery** available during Sunday masses for children crawling until four years old. Come stop by and visit our wonderful caretakers. The nursery is next to the kitchen in the Great Hall. This service is free to all. Why not **enjoy mass** while your little ones are lovingly cared for?



Our Religious Formation Classes and Justice & Peace Ministry are teaming up to help the homeless and those in need this winter.

For the months of September and October we will be collecting winter items to distribute to the Catholic Worker Breakfast Line, Onesimus Ministries, Migrant Worker Ministry and Blankets for the Homeless.



Please help us we are asking for:

Gloves/Mittens, Winter Hats (knit caps), Scarves, Winter jackets, Socks for Men and Women.
Hats, Gloves/Mittens, Winter Coats, Scarves for Children.
Blankets (prefer twin or full sized)

****Please only new or clean/gently used items****

Please place donated items in the collection bin in the Great Hall next to Justice & Peace Bulletin Board

For more information and complete item lists visit the Justice & Peace Bulletin Board in the Great Hall or email justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org

