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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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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.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00a.m.-1:00pm.

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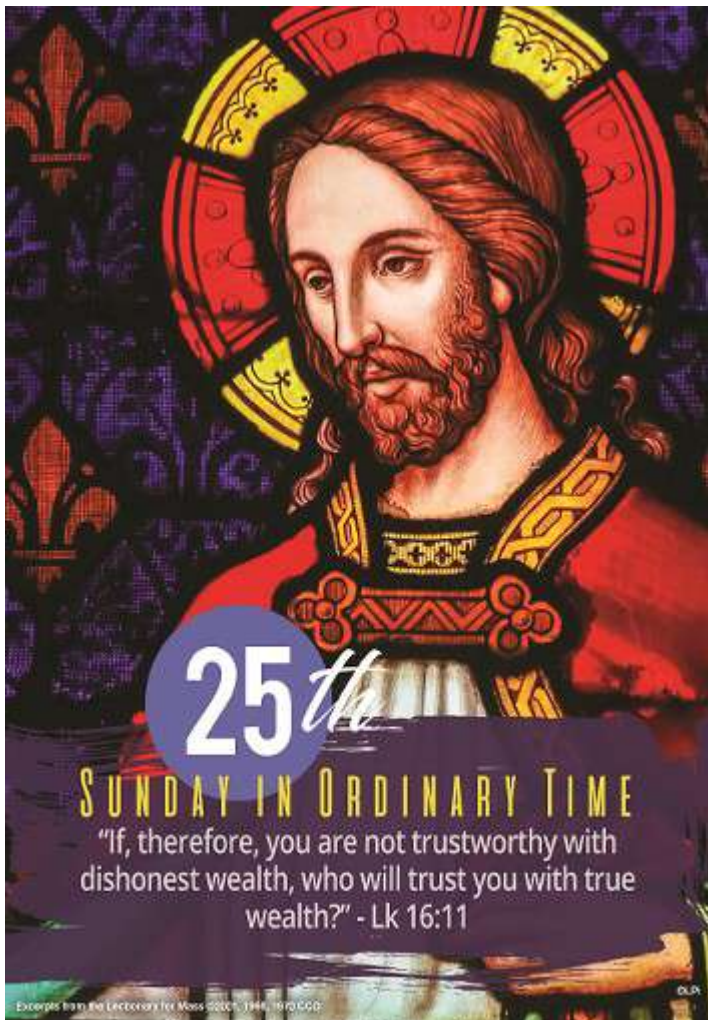
BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Lent. Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament.

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

I welcome you to this 25th Sunday in the Ordinary Time! Jesus, in the Gospel reading today, is teaching us about how we need to take care of what we have been entrusted with. We have to remember that God has entrusted us with so much, including money and other resources. We are not the owners, instead, we are to be stewards who must use these riches for the good of others. Jesus wants us to understand that being trustworthy with all that we have been given can be rewarding. Money, as itself, is not bad as such as long as we can use it as a means to facilitate the needs of those around us and our own needs. It must add another value to our lives when we use it well other than causing others to suffer. The steward who was dismissed from his job for being dishonest to his master, paid the price for his behavior. In this parable, Jesus is reminding all of us that the Church is like a steward entrusted with God's riches, which are more than money and property, but more so the richness in love, hope, faithfulness and compassion for God's people. We must therefore create a difference in this world and be examples to others. This is the true treasure of God that cannot pass away and this can only be attained in heaven! If we have been blessed with money, let us not forget God is greater than the money, and continue to be faithful to God. Amen



With Offerings And Intentions

MONDAY
9/19

SAINT JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR
Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

TUESDAY
9/20

KOREAN MARTYRS
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
Filipe Rosario (†)

WEDNESDAY
9/21

SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

THURSDAY
9/22

Ecc 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
Martin Artemio Gammad (†)

FRIDAY
9/23

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST
Ecc 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

SATURDAY
9/24

Ecc 11:9-12:12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
Anna & Joseph Wargo (†)

SUNDAY
9/25

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
Jessica Lee (†)
Guillermo Temelo (†)

(†) Deceased
(!) Intentions

OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY



Not all of us can do great things But we can do small things with great love." - Saint Mother Teresa

Being trustworthy in faith means being willing to bring Jesus' love into the world. Most of us will not be Saint Mother Teresa – she is even quoted as saying the world doesn't need another Mother Teresa. Yet, the world needs to know the love of Jesus Christ. And, as the quote above indicates, the everyday way of loving is in small ways.

Action: This week practice sharing your faith in small ways: a note, a kind word, holding a door, washing dishes, cleaning up a mess which may or may not be yours (so many ways). The more you practice, the easier it becomes; the more Christ-like you become!

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults become full, participating members of the Catholic Church. Participants, known as catechumens go through a process of studying the Gospel, nurturing their relationship with God, becoming familiar with the Catholic teachings and practices, professing their faith in Jesus and the Church, and receiving the sacraments of initiation: **Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.**

For more information on how to start your journey, contact Dcn. Mike Johnson at 757-479-1010 or deacon_mike@stmark-parish.org.

WORD OF THE WEEK



"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15)."

To serve God is to love him with all that we are, obeying, and enjoying him forever.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mike Turner, John Chomas, Connie Blanco, Rose Delds Santos, Mae Pearson, Ida Payne, Maria Still, Kerry Allen, Rose Marie Branier, Ryan Steele, Jan Johnston, Paul Caddies, Molly Kibble, Abelino Santiguel, Janet Wright, Pat Byrne, Brittany Cochran Yokley, Dawn Boroden, McBride Family, Patricia MacCartney, LaDonya Bradley, Trish Simpson, David McElhenny, Evelyn Harzold, Billie Dudley, Antonio & Gloria Fernando, Rose Sunderland, Rose Fisher, and Kenneth Delorenzo

JUSTICE & PEACE

For more information on our ministries and current focus, Visit the Justice & Peace page on our website at www.stmark-parish.org/ministries/justice-and-peace or email us at justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org.

**Foods of the Month
For September:**
9-15oz. boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes/
15-18 oz. Creamy Peanut Butter/Individual Fruit Cups



Our Knights of Columbus and Justice & Peace Ministry are partnering with the American Red Cross on Thursday, September 22nd from 11am-5pm to host a blood drive here at St. Mark. If you have not signed up yet, please visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter: **CCSM** to schedule an appointment! **Remember each donation we collect can save up to three lives.**



Our Justice & Peace Ministry is reaching out to help those in need as the chilly weather approaches in need this winter. We are collecting listed items through the end of October. Requested items are Men's and Women's: Gloves/Mittens, Winter Hats (knit caps), Scarves and Socks. We will distribute them to the P.I.N. Ministry, and Catholic Worker Breakfast Line. ***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 contact justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org.



Migrant Ministry: THANK YOU to all who donated the much-needed items for our migrant brothers on Eastern Shore. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. For more information on our Migrant Ministry contact Lita Razon (757) 467-4936.



Human Trafficking: Labor Trafficking: Consumers provide the demand and profit incentive for traffickers. Human trafficking victims make an alarmingly high number of consumer goods and food products, imported to the United States, and produced domestically. More often than we realize, elements of forced labor may be present within the supply chain of products we buy or the services we pay for. These consumers can include companies that subcontract certain types of services, end-consumers who buy cheap goods produced by trafficking victims, or individuals who use the services of trafficking victims. Research brands before you buy. (Polaris, 2021).

Please join us for a night and learn how we serve people in need.
PIN
Perseus Initiative Network
October 13, 2022
From 5 to 7:30 pm
1164 Millers Lane
Virginia Beach VA 23451



Our parish recently joined two wonderful efforts: one via US Catholic Conference of Bishops **Walking with Moms in Need (WWMN)** and the other through partnering with our Knights of Columbus **Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)**. These efforts will help us increase outreach and support for pregnant and parenting mothers, fathers, and babies in need. This month members of our parish community will begin the process of inventorying pregnancy and life assistance resources in our area. Once completed, the results of the inventory will be shared with our parish community. Join us in praying that our efforts will help ensure pregnant women, fathers and babies in need know that they can turn to our parish for support and assistance. **INTERESTED?** If you would like to be part of this effort justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org.



September 19th - 25th Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 9am - 3pm
Sunday 9am - 1pm

MONDAY

7pm RCIA Team Meeting in the Conference Room

TUESDAY

830am **WEEKDAY MASS** in the Daily Chapel

WEDNESDAY

10am-1pm Food Pantry in the Great Hall
630pm Rosary in the Daily Chapel
7pm **WEEKDAY MASS** in the Daily Chapel

THURSDAY

6am Men of St Joseph in the Great Hall
830am **WEEKDAY MASS** in the Daily Chapel
10am - 6pm Red Cross Blood Drive in Great Hall
6pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Conference Room

FRIDAY

7-830pm KofC Exemplification Rehearsal in the Great Hall

SATURDAY

8am - 12pm Buildings & Grounds
5pm Rosary in the Sanctuary in the Sanctuary
530pm **WEEKEND MASS** in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY

8am Child Care in the Nursery
8am Rosary in the Sanctuary
830am **WEEKEND MASS** in the Sanctuary
10am Child Care in the Nursery
10am Rosary in the Sanctuary
1030am **WEEKEND MASS** in the Sanctuary
with Facebook Live Stream
12pm Eucharistic Minister Formation in the Sanctuary
1230 - 2pm Children's Formation in the Great Hall Classrooms
6 - 8pm Youth Formation in the Great Hall



**Collections for the week
of 9/11/2022: \$18,058**

Fiscal Year July-June	Needed Year to Date	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/ Short
Offertory	\$193,000	\$ 186,199	(\$6,801)

Family Count: 880 Envelopes: 158 Online: 169

Online Donations

If you currently do not give online, but would like to, please sign up at:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stmarkvb>.



**1st – 12th Grade
Registration is Open
On-line**

**Family Mass/Meet the
Catechist: September 18
@ 1 p.m.**

Grades 1st – 5th Sunday 12:30–2 pm

Grades 6th – 12th Sunday 6–8 p.m.

Confirmation

2023

**ORIENTATION & DISCERNMENT SESSION
FOR ALL RISING 10TH GRADERS (& ABOVE)
AND PARENTS**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 * 6–8 PM

for more information, contact Fe Guzman
at 757-479-9897 or fe@stmark-parish.org

**THE CASE
FOR JESUS**



Dr. Brant Pitre, Scripture scholar and bestselling author, uses biblical and historical evidence to bolster the "case for Jesus" by exposing the problems with the many false theories that have been

introduced over the past hundred years, resulting in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christian Faith. He tackles head-on questions like: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah? and many more.

Adult Formation Sessions Begin October 11
9:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Registration opens September 18 (Commons)

Upcoming Events

*Who Do You
Say I Am?*



Guest Speaker - Oscar Rivera

Join us Sunday, September 25th for our
Fall Regional Youth Ministry Event
6:30 to 8 PM - Doors open at 6 PM
St. Nicholas Catholic Church, VA Beach

Virginia Catholic Day at Busch Gardens

Saturday, October 1, 2022

Open to families, youth ministries, and young adults from around the Diocese of Richmond. Join us for a day of fun and fellowship. The day includes admission to the park, Sunday Vigil Mass @ 3:30pm, and dinner as a Diocese.

\$65 (admission + dinner buffet) * \$50 (admission only) * \$20 (dinner only)

Register before September 18.
Contact fe@stmark-parish.org



(B&G) gathers Saturday, September 24, from 8:00 to 12:00. Inside and outside tasks for all skill levels and experience. Contact Deacon John for more information.



LITURGY CORNER

Helping Children Speak to God

This Sunday we begin the Religious Formation Year with our Family Mass and meeting with catechists. Parents remain the primary teachers of the faith and the first to teach their children how to pray.

"Imagine never connecting with a friend. No phone calls. No texts. No walks with interesting conversation. No communication at all. Would you feel close to that person? Would you feel free to turn to the person when in need or to share good news?"

Now think of your relationship with God. How good would that relationship be if it was void of communication? Prayer is simply talking to God and listening for God's response. And when we make time for communication with God, our relationship with God grows. We can help our children understand this in many ways. Of course, we will want to incorporate structured times of prayer into their day. We can make sure to include grace before meals. We can use the traditional table blessing "Bless us, O Lord." We can sing the refrain of one of our Communion songs, such as "Dona Nobis Pacem," "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name," "I am the Bread of Life," or any familiar hymn from Mass.

Another time for scripted prayer is bedtime. Many families teach their children a special prayer that they say as they get ready to sleep, such as the prayers of the Rosary. This is also a good time for children to learn to pray extemporaneously. Encourage them to present their needs to God. At bedtime, we can ask, "For whom and for what would we like to pray tonight?" These spontaneous prayers can be funny, tender, and meaningful. Praying for the Church, for the world and its leaders, for special issues such as the care of creation, for the people we love, and more, can be part of this prayer time.

Help children understand that prayers to God are no more limited to certain times or words than any relationship is. Saying, "God, help me with my test" or "Help Grandpa get better" are prayers. When afraid, we can pray to God for help. When we see someone in need, we can pray that God will be there for them through other people. Model this for your children. When passing an accident site, ask the children to join you in praying for the people involved, their families, and the rescue workers. Is a youngster struggling with behavior? At naptime, pray together that God will be there to help with good choices. Remind them that God is always present and is embracing them. Help children see that prayer is also praise and thanks[1]giving. Do they see something amazing in nature? "Wow, God! That's awesome" is a prayer. Are you wrapping a gift? "Thank you, God, for Aunt Sheila" is a prayer.

Of course, we have to "practice what we preach!" See if encouraging this loving connection with God for your children deepens your prayer life."

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Please welcome Maegan Valmeo, our new Coordinator of Religious Formation. We thank her for accepting our offer to join "Team St. Mark!"

To all our parishioners, please stop by the office to say - Hello!"

Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus will operate a **Pumpkin Patch** from **15 thru 31 October** to raise funds for their Family Programs supporting charities and ministries like the St. Mark Food Pantry and Holiday Food Baskets, and our Keep Christ in Christmas programs. The Pumpkin Patch will be open **Noon to 8pm - Monday thru Friday, and 9am to 8pm - Saturday & Sunday** and includes over 1,400 pumpkins of different varieties. Come by and pick out those special pumpkins for your home. The Knights invite parishioners to volunteer at the Pumpkin Patch. All are welcome to participate! Teenage volunteers 17 & under must be accompanied by a parent. **Volunteer registrations are made through the iVolunteer website at: http://stmarkhelps.ivolunteer.com/pumpkin_2022**

Please join us for our first Holy Family

"Chillin' on the Church Lawn"

Saturday, October 15th immediately following 5:30pm mass
Enjoy food and beverages while listening to live entertainment and chilling with fellow parishioners.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on the ground.

We will also have a "mini" Granny's Attic to browse and shop for some early Christmas gifts.

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