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Parish Mission Statement

As a parish family guided by the Holy Spirit, the faith community of St. Mark is committed to Jesus Christ and His Church. We are called to proclaim the Gospel through the celebration of Life, the Sacraments, and Liturgy. To glorify God and love one another we will strive to carry out this mission by sharing our talents and resources, serving all those in need, nurturing God's gift of hope in our community and welcoming all to grow in the Catholic faith.

MASSES

Mon - Thurs: 9:00 AM

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Holy Days: 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

COMMUNION SERVICE - Friday: 9:00 AM

PENANCE Saturdays: 3-3:30 PM

ADORATION - First Wednesday of Every Month

Sunday Mass Livestream

10:30AM on our website

and available afterward



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*New Parishioners please use our website (SaintMarksParish.org)
or contact the Rectory to register.*



DMASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 15, 2022

Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 PM Earl B. Finne

Req by Deb and Steve Glaza

Sunday January 16, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 AM Frances Shugrue

Req by St. Mark's Haiti Ministry

10:30 AM Lou DiVirgilio

Req by Mark Bailey and Mary Kate Doherty

Monday January 17, 2022

St. Anthony, Abbot

9 AM For the people of St. Mark's Parish

Tuesday January 18, 2022

9 AM Eugene Curran

Req by Carl Licopoli

Wednesday January 19, 2022

9 AM William Swallow, Jr.

Req by Joseph Donko family

Thursday January 20, 2022

9 AM Leslie Largess

(Month's Mind)

Friday January 21, 2022

9 AM Communion Service

Saturday January 22, 2022

Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 PM Robert Fisher

Req by Jim and Ruby LeClaire

Sunday January 23, 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 AM Patricia Macjewski

(1 st Anniversary)

Req by her family

10:30 AM Mary and Bernie Sutherland

Req by the Kolofsky family

YOUTH MINISTRY



YOUTH events and Faith Formation Programs

Week off ! This weekend (MLK Jr holiday weekend) we will not meet for middle or high school faith formation. See you at Mass !



LIFE TEEN

We continue **DOWNSIDE-UP**
on Sunday January 23rd, Winning Last Place



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

for PARENTS & TEENS

Kickoff meeting for those in the 2nd year of Life Teen (10th grade) and their parents will be Tuesday evening, January 25th at 7:00 PM



EDGE

Our EDGE group will meet next on Sunday January 30th

Our next several gatherings will be a series on the Bible.



As we learn how to navigate our way, we will **deepen our understanding of God's Word**, and how it is relevant to our modern life. When we better understand Scripture, we find it easier to pray more with the Bible and share God's Word with those we encounter!



RETREAT for all in Life Teen,
1st weekend in February
DETAILS to be sent via flocknote



Reflections ~~Reflections~~ From the Reverend

Afghan Refugee Assistance
Are you interested in helping to
Re-settle a refugee family?

I am exploring your interest in setting up a committee to aid in welcoming an Afghan Refugee family to our area. Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference has researched with several agencies in Worcester who are working with these refugees. In Worcester, Ascentria Care Alliance has partnered with Welcome NST to form groups to help. The structure to help is to form a "Neighborhood Support Team" of about 20-30 people who would work together to provide all services needed for an incoming Afghan family to adjust to the new environment. This includes preparations for the family's arrival, getting housing set up and furnished, meeting the family at the airport, providing food, transportation, clothing, child care, helping with school enrollment, preparing for job search and new workplace environment, and providing many other refugee resettlement needs. *In the next couple of weeks I would like to convene a group of interested people to see if we could move forward with this. Please contact me if you are interested and we can talk further.*

Saturday January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Each year we join the church in the United States as we pray for legal protection to be extended to unborn children. Please spend some time in prayer for this intention on Saturday, by offering a Rosary, or offering your Communion at Mass, or by your own prayers. We as Christians are pro-life from conception to natural death; let's try to form our lives always to support the dignity of human life in all its stages by supporting the basic human rights to life, food, shelter, the opportunity for dignified work, and the opportunity to live in security.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

This is a day to remember the ideals of Dr. King as he led the civil rights movement in our nation. Prejudice and discrimination still raise their ugly head in our nation as some judge and evaluate others only by the color of their skin. We have had a recent example of this in the Ahmaud Arbery murder trial when Mr. Arbery was ambushed, prejudged and murdered because of the color of his skin. Let's remember that respecting and seeking to understand others who are "different" from us is part of our pro-life call as Christians.

Covid and the Surge

While we do not have a mask mandate for church attendance here in the Diocese of Worcester as yet, I would ask that you use your common sense when you attend Mass. Those who are unvaccinated should definitely attend wearing a mask; those who have children unvaccinated should also be masked up; and anyone vulnerable, even though vaccinated should also wear a mask for their protection. Please be conscious of the people around you, and your responsibility to them as friend and neighbor! Father Michael

Finance Committee will meet this Tuesday January 18 at 7 PM in the rectory.

Father Michael



Do you recognize any faces on our photo page?

Soon some of our parish children will begin preparing to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. During our first lesson, we will take some time to talk about how they started their faith journey. Please enjoy the photos of a few of our First Communion candidates on their baptism days on the next page.

If you have any pictures of when you received sacraments during your faith journey to share with us, please send them to: kathleen@saintmarksparish.org

Let us celebrate the memories of these special moments!

Religious Education News

St Mark's children's programs have temporarily moved to a virtual format.

Children's Liturgy is being held on Zoom at 9:30am on Sundays. Contact Kathy if you need meeting code and password.

It's not too late to **register for our First Grade or Elementary Programs!** If you didn't sign up at the start of the year, but feel more comfortable now that your child has had the opportunity to be vaccinated, you are *welcome to join us for the second half of the year.*

Please note that once we return to in person masks will need to be worn by all adults and children attending religious education or family ministry programs, regardless of vaccination status. We follow the same quarantine protocols as the schools, so if your child is allowed to attend school, they are welcome to join us at St Marks.

If you have questions on any of our children's programs please contact;

kathleen@saintmarksparish.org



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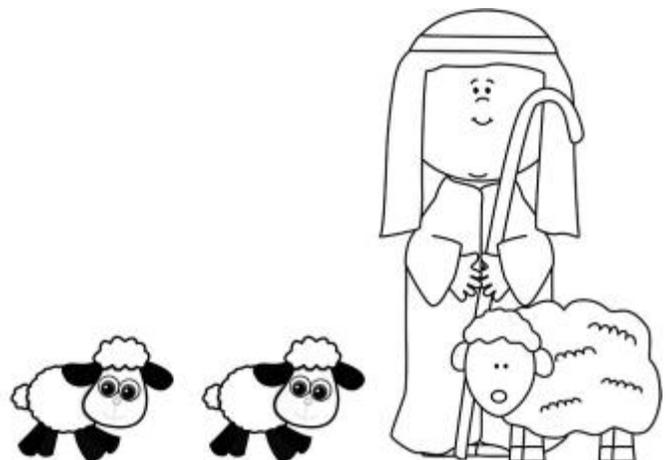
Business (members only) First Wednesday-7pm @ St.Mark's Church
Social (all invited) Third Wednesday-7pm @ St.Brigid Church Hall

We welcome new members, and now you can join online by visiting KofC.org/joinus (Council 12710)

Upcoming Events

Please join us in praying the "9 Days For Life" Novena January 19-27. Go to RespectLife.org/9daysforlife to download or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email.

Mark your calendars, our Lenten fish fry begins March 4th





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