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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.*



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

(1st Anniversary)

Req by her family

10:30 AM Mary and Bernie Sutherland

Req by the Kolofsky family

Monday January 24, 2022

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor

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

Tuesday January 25, 2022

The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

9 AM All Souls

Wednesday January 26, 2022

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

9 AM Jeff Nedoroscik

Req by family

Thursday January 27, 2022

9 AM All Souls

Friday January 28, 2022

St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor

9 AM Communion Service

Saturday January 29, 2022

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 PM Joseph Zimage and Roy Person

Req by family

Sunday January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 AM Anne Chartrand

Req by Mark Bailey and Mary Kate Doherty

10:30 AM Louis DiVirgilio

Req by Debbie and Steve Glaza

YOUTH MINISTRY



YOUTH events and Faith Formation Programs

Our plans are to meet for in-person gatherings, taking all necessary precautions of course. We continue to monitor and make decisions based on information available to us. Changes to meetings are communicated via flocknote.



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, **February 1st** at 7:00 PM



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!

RESCHEDULED

New Date Announced



RETREAT for all in Life Teen, (originally scheduled for February 5/6) has been rescheduled for March (19th & 20th) **DETAILS** to be sent via flocknote



Reflections From the Reverend

Afghan Refugee Committee Forming

Remember that last week I asked you to reply to me if you were interested in exploring further sponsoring an Afghan Refugee family. I am pleased to report that I have a committee of 14 people from the parish who have indicated a willingness to sit down and explore this endeavor. I will be setting up an initial meeting within the next week or so. I will be in touch with those who volunteered early this week. Of course, if you are interested and did not speak to me as yet, there is still time to come and see. Please speak to me or send me an email or note or give me a call.

This is just an exploratory committee and we will see where it goes; but I think it is an encouraging step that so many have so quickly volunteered!

When I was a transitional Deacon, in 1975, I was stationed at St. Mary's Parish in Jefferson (Holden), and the parish was in the middle of sponsoring a Vietnamese family who had escaped from South Viet Nam in much the same circumstances as we have seen in Afghanistan. I was involved in many aspects of the family's initial settling in Holden, and I remember it as very rewarding, both for the family we re-settled, and all of us who acted as "hosts". It was truly a wonderful experience of the bond of humanity between all peoples, especially for those far away from home and in so great a need!

And, of course, as Christians, it is where we ought to find ourselves: imitating our Lord Jesus helping those in such desperate need of establishing a new home!

Father Michael

St. Vincent de Paul Conference Winter Gear Donations

THANK YOU for so generously giving to the winter gear collection sponsored by your St. Vincent de Paul conference. More than 220 items were donated to the Coalition of Churches helping the homeless in the Milford area and St. John's Food for the Poor in Worcester.

Haiti News

Father Fred has reported that last week there were still two aftershocks measuring 4.0 in Les Cayes. These aftershocks mean that re-building the Foyer will have to wait for a little while until the aftershocks lessen in intensity. The gangs control the main road from Les Cayes to Port au Prince, the capital, and make getting construction supplies to Les Cayes difficult. Please continue to pray for our friends in Haiti. My personal opinion is that it will take a renewal of a United Nations mandate for peacekeepers to return to Haiti to have a return to some normalcy. The United Nations had the gangs under some control, but their mandate expired two years ago, and they left Haiti.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Rosalie Grenon** whose funeral Mass was celebrated this past Wednesday at St. Mark's. May the good and gracious Lord continue to bless her husband David, and their children as they mourn.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Father Michael

Prayer Partners



St Mark's is looking for volunteers to support our 21 First Communion candidates through the power of prayer. Each Prayer Partner receives the name of a child to keep in their prayers as the children prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We also ask that partners write a letter of encouragement, to be given to the child as they complete their preparation.

There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church the weekend of January 29-30, or you can email kathleen@saintmarksparish.org and offer to volunteer. Thank you!



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Monthly meetings

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

Upcoming Events

To the men of our parishes, 18 years and older, if you have been asked to join the Knights in the past but the timing was not right for you, perhaps now is the time. Consider this an invitation to join Council 12710. Just reach out to one our members or go online to kofc.org/join, we would love to have you as part of our Council.

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

Religious Education News

Children's Liturgy will be held in person, but socially distanced for the remainder of January. Drop off begins at 10:15am

Our First Communion program begins this Sunday, January 23rd at 9am. This is a parent/child session. The hall will be set up to allow for social distancing.

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. Classes begin January 30th at 9am.

Please note that 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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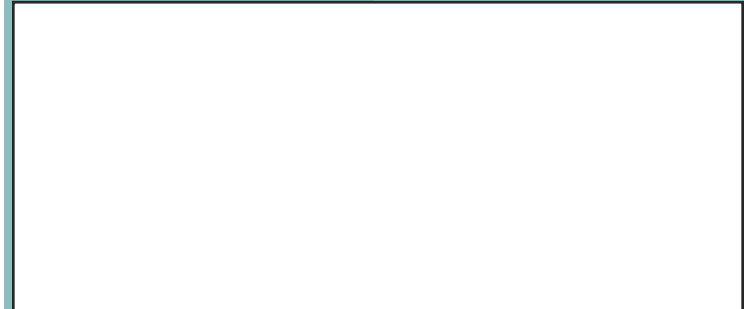
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