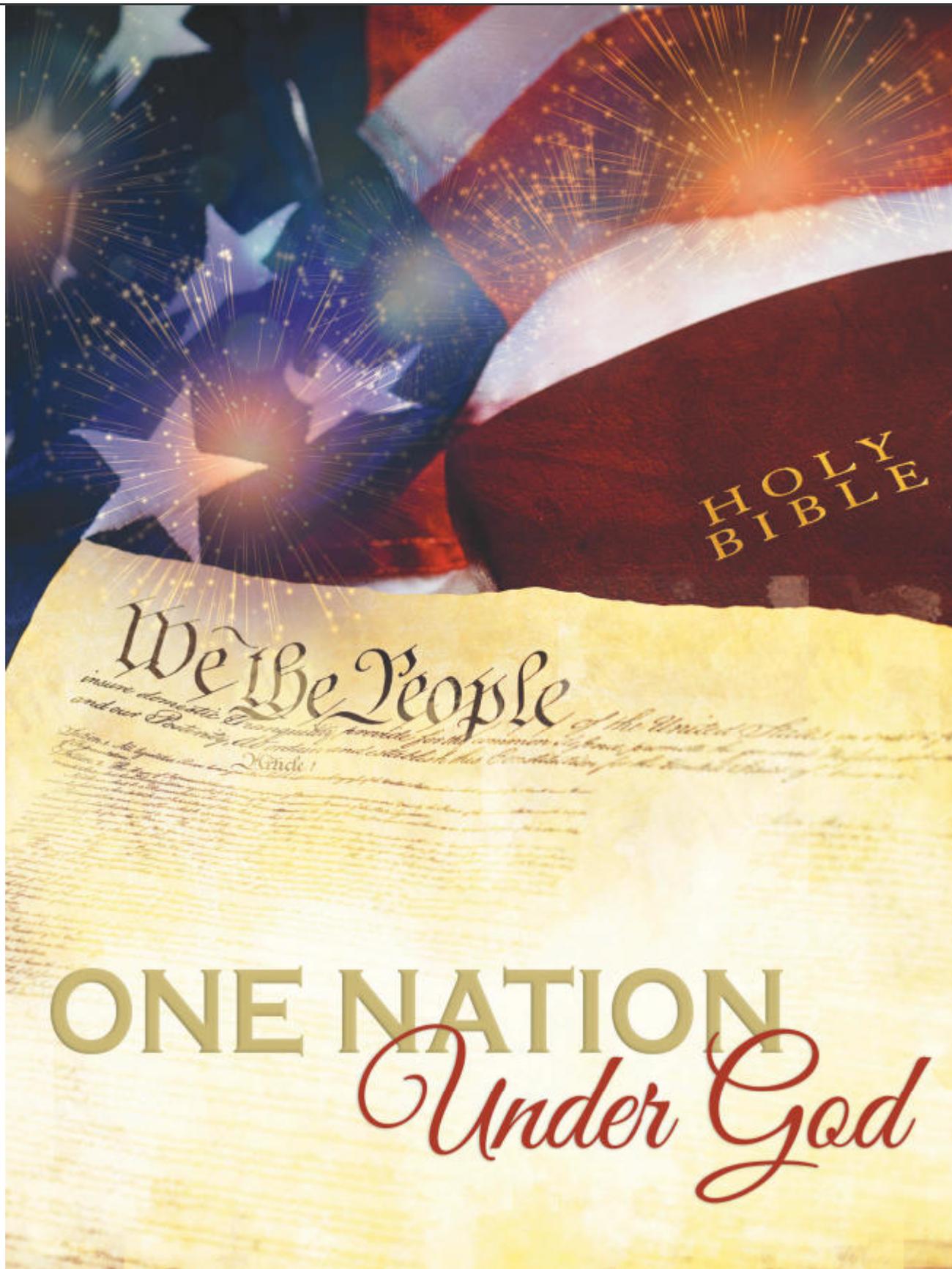


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July 4, 2021





“I would like to speak about the importance of the Eucharist and the reason for our new Tabernacle. Our most precious gift from God is the gift of Himself, and our God in the person of Jesus humbly, powerfully and compassionately offers himself for us daily in the most Holy Eucharist. Here at St. Mark Church we celebrate the beauty of this gift daily at Mass and have the opportunity to pray before Jesus’ true presence in the Sacrament of the Eucharist at our adoration chapel and in the church Tabernacle. The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is our most precious gift from God, because it is God Himself. This powerful sacrament is also one that is not always fully understood and appreciated. Many people throughout history have suffered with doubts about the Eucharist. In response to these doubts there are several miracles where the Eucharist has turned into living human flesh and blood. Scientific studies reveal that the flesh is real live human flesh and blood, consistent and matching up with the historical person of Jesus Christ. While these Eucharistic Miracles give witness to the truth that Jesus truly is present - body, blood, soul and divinity - in the form of bread and wine, there is no substitute for the personal encounter that Jesus desires for each of us while we sit before Him in adoration and prayer. The Tradition of Adoration for Catholics has been a beautiful practice for the Church, because it serves to deepen our belief in Jesus’ real presence in the Eucharistic bread. Ultimately the Eucharist makes sense because God is love and love always seeks to be with the beloved. We are the beloved of God! God loves us, so really, our faith in the Real Presence should flow logically from the statement that God is love! We live in physical reality and in order for us to truly and fully encounter God, He, who is outside of our physical reality, would need to make himself present to us - the Eucharist is Jesus’ answer to us! Just as we often renew the Eucharistic bread that we consume and that we reserve for the sick and dying, it is customary to renew the Tabernacle as well. The tabernacle is the place where we intentionally reserve leftover hosts from the celebration of our Sunday Mass, so that Jesus can be brought to our sick and dying brothers and sisters. It is also our reminder that this is the place where God chooses to remain among His people, because He loves us and wants to be truly and fully present to us. Our new Tabernacle is this reminder for us. It has been renewed to be for this Church a more fitting place for our King and Savior Jesus Christ, given the new location. In addition, my prayer is that this new Tabernacle will help to draw us near to Jesus, helping to renew our faith in the beauty and power of Jesus’ true presence in the most Holy Eucharist. ~ **Father Dallas**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 6 Hour of Praise 7-8pm in church.
- July 6 Knights of Columbus meeting 6-8.
- July 7 Prayer for Vocations, 5:30pm prior to Mass. **There will be no adoration or confession this evening.**
- July 9 Father Dallas’ 6th Anniversary at St. Mark and 4th year as our Pastor!
- July 17 Covid Community Commemoration Event 11-2pm

HOOR OF PRAISE

Please join us for an hour of praise at St. Mark Church,
Tuesday, July 6, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Our God loves us, pardons our transgressions and He is always near us, ready to listen. Do you wish you could spend more time recognizing Him for all that He is and all that He does? Come spend time in adoration, with prayers and songs of praise offered to our loving and gracious God. All are welcome! There is plenty of space to spread out in the church!

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

Tabernacle: For Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bergeron, a very special intention.

Blessed Mother: For Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bergeron, a very special intention.

St. Joseph: For the unity of families.

Divine Mercy: Personal healing

Adoration Chapel: Open

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the safety of our service men and women throughout the world, and for the sick: Patrick Fay, Emily Shea, Barbara Jewett, Gabrielle Celeste, Monica Hahn, Jed Marcelino, Hilda Carrier, Bobby Santor, Lonnie Atkins, Cara Cook, Carolyn Sheehan, Douglas White, Vanessa Hyde, James Smith, Jeffrey Claude Danis, Kenneth Smith, Lori Carron, Paul Baer, Krista Bora, Hin Biznu, Richard Kochanski, Joe Ward, Thomas Hibbs, Connor Burke, Joseph Gilbert, Maureen Piontek, Ed & Mim Maxfield, Joan Halpin, Emma, Katherine Schumpff, Gene Clowers, Roger Donaldson, Trudy Bardwell, Margaret Redfield, Karen Paquette.

To have someone enrolled on this list, call 864-7686.

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LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK!

We recently added new titles to our Lighthouse kiosk. Take a moment to check out the great new books and booklets available. Deepen your faith and be inspired in living the Christian life!

- **Booklets include:** "Prayer", "Saint Joseph: Our Father in Faith"
- **Books include:** *The Imitation of Christ*, *More Christianity*, *Arise From Darkness*, *7 Big Myths about the Catholic Church*

NEW DIOCESAN LAY FORMATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Diocesan Lay Formation Leadership Program is designed to form laity to assist in leadership roles in their parishes, with a particular focus on evangelization and missionary discipleship. Applications are now being accepted for the next 2-Year class, which begins in August. For more information visit: vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/evangelization-catechesis/lay-formation

or call Dcn. Phil Lawson, (802) 658-6110 x1453



PARISH PRO-LIFE LIAISON NEEDED

Are you concerned for the voiceless, the underserved, and the hopeless? We are looking for a pro-life point person in our parish. This volunteer is a liaison between the parish and the diocese and someone who promotes the pro-life cause, including being part of a new initiative for moms in need. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the parish office.

Healing After Abortion

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Call 802-658-4118 to speak to someone who will listen and help.

Join St. Mark Prayer Group!

St. Mark's parish has a prayer group that meets once a week on Thursday mornings at 9:30, after morning Mass in the Multi-Purpose room in back of the sacristy. The group prays the Rosary, builds community and also helps Deacon Tim with some of his easy ministry projects. Have a cup of coffee or tea and join us! All are welcome, no reservations needed! For more information, please call Pat Burke at 863-4297.

ST. MARK PARKING LOT

Our parking lot and driveway will be getting sealed and lined from July 6, 7, 8 and 9. Please park in front of the church or on Shore Rd. We apologize for this inconvenience.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS!

Dismas House Meals

St. Mark Church has signed up to do a monthly dinner at the Burlington Dismas House. Dismas of Vermont provides shelter and support to men and women making the difficult transition from incarceration to new lives in society. We are looking for interested families to prepare a meal for 10 people. Our meals will be on the first Tuesday of each month. If interested, in preparing a meal, please contact Deacon Tim at 802-862-3616. Thank you!

Family Room Gardens

St. Mark Parish is sponsoring gardening assistance for the Family Room Gardens in Burlington, located at the Ethan Allen Homestead. There will be weeding, planting and more to do. If you would like to help, please call Deacon Tim on any Friday so that he can let the Homestead know you will be going to help.

This is a Saturday opportunity to garden throughout the summer. Please contact Deacon Tim at 802-862-3616. Thank you!

AGAPE FOOD PANTRY

We now have an ongoing free food pantry at St. Marks Church. Located by the door of the Family Center. Please let your neighbors know about it. We will be looking for non-Perishable items to keep it stocked. Any questions please contact Deacon Tim or Tina Gibbo at 802-862-3616. As always thank you for your continued generosity.

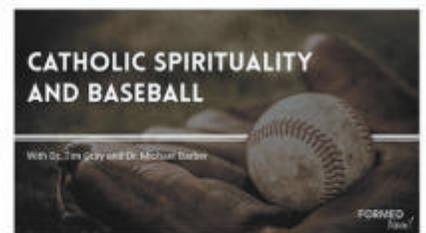
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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 4, 2021

FORMED NOW! CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY AND BASEBALL

What better time to discuss America's favorite pastime than the week of July 4? Believe it or not, baseball can shed much light on our spiritual lives through its familiar images. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber discuss how these seemingly opposite topics relate to one another. After watching this, you'll be reminded of your mission: to be safe at home!



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June 27 Offertory and online	\$3,556
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Submit Your Prayer Requests Online

Our online Prayer Request Form may be found at: <https://www.stmarksvt.com/prayer-requests>. In the top menu bar, click on "Welcome," then "Prayer Requests." Fill in the form with your name, e-mail address, and prayer intentions, then hit "Submit." To pray for posted intentions, click on "Prayer Intentions" to the left of the request form.



VOCATION CORNER

"WHY Should I Pray for Vocations?"

Why? Because if there is no priest, there are no sacraments and no Eucharist! The nationwide decline in the number of vocations has resulted in the closing of some churches, and others have no priest of their own. We see that happening in our own Diocese. Due to retirements and changes in immigration policies, some of our priests are serving two to four churches, and five will be temporarily without a priest.

Today, more than ever, we need vibrant and committed priests, religious, married couples, and laity to bring the light and love of Jesus Christ to a dark and hurting world.

To effect positive change in our communities, our country, and our world, we can't complacently sit in our pews and in our homes. We must pray, and then live our faith in the world so that others can see, by our lives, the difference between our secular culture and lives lived according to the teachings of our faith. In order for us to receive the grace we need to do that, we need the sacraments and the priests to administer them.

Pray for priests who are faithfully living their vocations, and pray for the Lord to raise up vocations from among our young people. Encourage them to answer God's call.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, FATHER DALLAS!

July 9 is Father Dallas's 6th anniversary at St. Mark, and 4th anniversary as our pastor. Please let him know how much you appreciate his service to our parish, and perhaps offer a holy hour, Rosary, novena, or other devotional prayer in support of his priesthood.

St. John Vianney, please pray for us and our priests.

(Questions? Comments? Email Donna at stmarkvocationministry@gmail.com)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

is OPEN at ST. MARK PARISH

Our Adoration Chapel is open!

All are invited to participate in this opportunity for prayer in the presence of our Lord.

- Every day from 7:00 a.m-9:00 p.m.

Please sign up at the below website or call the parish office if you would like to come at a particular time.

To sign up for an hour of adoration, please go to stmarksvt.weadorehim.com For more information, contact the parish office at 864-7686 or stmark@vermontcatholic.org

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE!

The Knights Of Columbus Council 279 will be doing a Tootsie Roll Drive to collect money for people with Developmental Disabilities the weekend of July 10 and 11, 2021 after all the Masses.



St. Mark 300 Club Tickets!

Tickets are on sale now and continue through **August 15th**. The goal is to raise \$8,000 to continue work on St. Mark Revitalization Campaign. One weekly prize of \$500 will be drawn from September 14th through December 14th. **If you win once, your ticket will be put back in for another chance!**

TICKETS LEFT as of 6/28/21: 99 Get your tickets Now!

Ticket price of \$50/per ticket will remain the same as last year. **Tickets will be on sale after all Masses and at the parish office on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1-3pm.**

COVID COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION

St. Mark is hosting a Covid Community Commemoration on **Saturday, July 17th** from 11am to 2pm on the campus grounds of the church. We invite all first responders, front line and essential workers, community support organizations, and families and individuals who have been affected in any way by the Coronavirus to attend this event. Our invitation extends beyond the New North End to our neighbors in the greater Burlington area. This free community event includes a commemoration ceremony with guest speakers and a bagpiper, followed by lunch with music by the Burlington Concert Band, and the planting of a tree of hope. **All are welcome!** For more information, please call the parish office.

St. Mark Communication

If you would like to receive email notifications of St. Mark events, information, and the weekly bulletin, please send us an email at: stmark@vermontcatholic.org so we can place you on the list.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY - July 3

9:00 a.m. Joanne King Keough
4:00 p.m. Denise King

SUNDAY - July 4

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Mark
10:30 a.m. For the intentions of Deacon Tim Gibbo

MONDAY - July 5

9:00 a.m. John and Esther Doran

TUESDAY - July 6

9:00 a.m. Ernest and Cordelia Gilbert

WEDNESDAY - July 7

6:00 p.m. Carroll and Cecile Fuller
No Holy Hour or Confessions

THURSDAY - July 8

9:00 a.m. Richard and Grace McClintock

FRIDAY - July 9

9:00 a.m. Well being of Lori Carron

SATURDAY - July 10

4:00 p.m. Franz Pichler

SUNDAY - July 11

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Mark
10:30 a.m. Estrellia Estacio and Forgotten Souls

CHALLENGES TO GROW IN YOUR FAMILY

Independence Day!

Celebrate the freedoms we have in America, by going to Mass together to give thanks to God. Go for a picnic, make banners, and have a parade in your neighborhood.

<https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/marriage-family/marriage-enrichment/>

CHALLENGES TO GROW IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Marriage challenges

After attending Mass together, go on a picnic and create a new memory as you celebrate this day together. Remember to pray together with the *Glory Be*.

<https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/marriage-family/marriage-enrichment/>

Respect Life Opportunity

For decades the Hyde Amendment has kept your tax dollars from going to abortion. This has saved millions of lives and billions of taxpayer dollars. Now there is an attempt by some in the government to change this. Our Catholic Bishops are organizing an effort to prevent this change with a goal to get millions of signatures. Our voices together can make an impact. To learn how you can take action, please go to notaxpayerabortion.com or visit our website respectlife.org.

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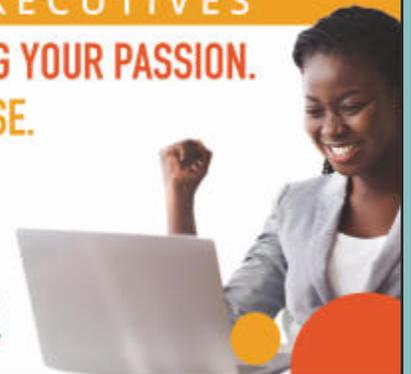
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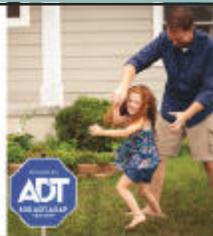
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