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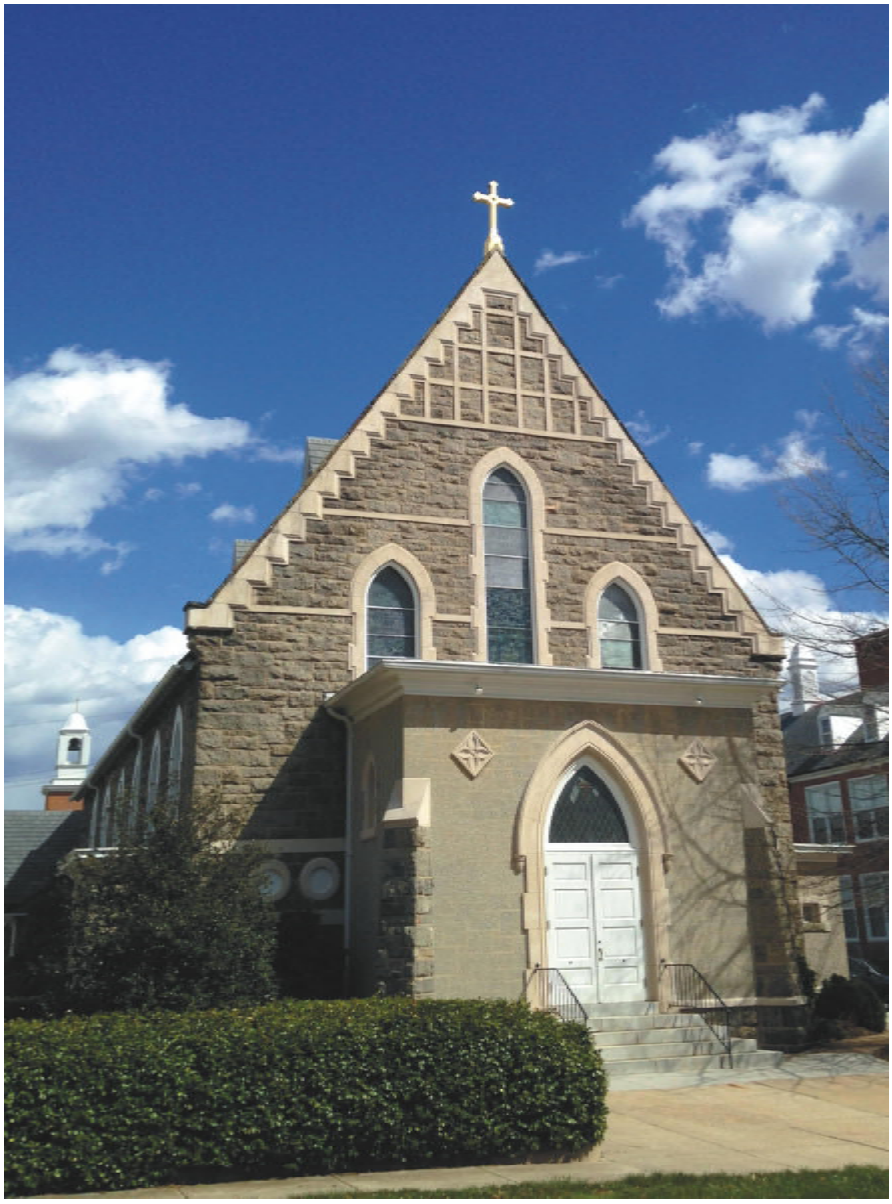

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS
Monday thru Friday 7:45 AM - Chapel
Saturday 8:00 AM - Chapel

SATURDAY:
4:00 PM - Church

SUNDAY:
7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM - Church

CONFESSIONS
3:00 PM Saturday - **Parish Center**

Rev. Christopher J. Whatley
Pastor

Rev. Hamilton Okeke
Associate Pastor

Deacon Seigfried Presberry
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Nora Coakley Reiter, CPA.
Pastoral Associate, Business Manager & Director of Religious Education Ext. 235

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MISSION STATEMENT: Grounded, fortified and nourished by the Eucharist, the members of St. Mark Church share with all the unconditional love of God through active witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ by learning, living and loving our faith.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: New Parishioners are requested to register at the Parish Center Office as soon as possible. Please notify the Parish Center of any address or phone number change as soon as possible.

EUCHARISTIC FAST: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine." "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour." (Canon 919 1&3)

BAPTISMS: Parish policy requires that families must be registered parishioners for at least six months prior to having a child Baptized. The Sacrament is celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. A parent must register with the Parish Office at least one month prior to the requested date; new parents must also attend a Baptismal Preparation session.

SACRAMENTAL PREP: The Archdiocese requires that children registered as candidates for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation must be regularly participating in an approved religious education program during the sacramental year, as well as one year prior.

CARE OF THE SICK: If a member of your household is seriously ill or hospitalized, please contact the Parish Office Ext. #1. In case of a true life/death emergency, please call (410) 744-6560 Ext. 302 so a priest might respond.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above where Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father." (Col 3:1-4) We are beings who look to a future which can be described as our fulfillment, the goal of our existence. The Resurrection of Christ quickly turned the early members of the Church from terrified skeptics into men and women of faith. As they shared their various experiences (discovery of the empty tomb, mistaking Jesus for the gardener, encountering Him on the road to Emmaus, the entry through locked doors), they developed a profound testimony to the Resurrection which became a kernel for our Faith. If we desire to understand the true meaning of life, let us walk each day with the Risen Christ and recognize Him in the 'Breaking of the Bread'. St. Mark Parish Staff and the Faculty of St. Mark School extend to all of you our prayerful wishes for a Joyful Easter and for a richer understanding of the love of Christ in your lives!

Your faithful stewardship has enabled our parish to surpass its goal for the Annual Appeal. Data, posted on March 23, indicates that your pledges and gifts surpassed our goal by 26%. We will be able to assist our two urban parishes (St. Thomas Aquinas & St. Thomas More) by offering to each of them 25% of our rebate from the Appeal. May God bless you for your goodness to others!

In Our Lord,

Fr. Whatley

Readings for the Week of April 4, 2021

Sun:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9
Mon:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15
Tue:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wed:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thu:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
Fri:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14
Sat:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Thank you to all who have continued to support St. Mark through charitable giving during these difficult times! Your generosity makes it possible for us to offer daily and weekend Masses indoors in a safe, sanitized space, and to continue operations in the parish office.

If you're unable to attend Mass, please consider mailing your church envelopes or monetary gifts to the parish office. Or, for an easy alternative, please take a moment to check out Faith Direct, the company that processes our online giving. You can support your parish without even leaving your home!

And, please continue to pray for all who have been affected by COVID-19 & for delivery from the virus and its effects on people, businesses, our country and the world.

FAITH DIRECT: ON-LINE GIVING

To contribute to St. Mark's weekly offertory via direct debit or credit card, please visit www.faithdirect.net and enter parish code **MD532**. Or, call toll free: 1-866-507-8757.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon, Apr 5	7:45 AM	Virginia & Walter Stairiker
Tues, Apr 6	7:45 AM	Tom Carter
Wed, Apr 7	7:45 AM	Barbara Ann Lair
Thu, Apr 8	7:45 AM	Priests of St. Mark Parish
Fri, Apr 9	7:45 AM	Lynda Willing
Sat., Apr 10	8:00 AM	Joseph 'Chip' Deignan
	4:00 PM	Carol Fleddermann
Sun, Apr 11	7:30 AM	Colleen Fitzsimmons
	9:00 AM	Al Cashour
	11:00 AM	Trish Wondoloski Robey
	5:00 PM	Paul Schiaffino

In Loving Memory

Please pray for all deceased members of our community.

Fr. Whatley, Fr. Hamilton and the staffs of St. Mark parish and school extend our best wishes to our parishioners and guests for a blessed and joy-filled Easter!

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear. And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide. Amen.

OUR DAILY BREAD CASSEROLES — DELIVERY DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 9!

St. Mark Church is pleased to report that Our Daily Bread is again accepting casseroles to provide a hot midday meal for their clients. As the number of meals served has decreased due to COVID-19 concerns and Baltimore City Health Department guidelines, St. Mark is scheduled for the second Friday of every *other* month. **Our delivery is scheduled for Friday, April 9**. Pans with the recipe and drop-off instructions are available in the Church vestibule this weekend.

CONTACTLESS CASSEROLE DROP-OFF will be available on **Fri, Apr 9** from **7:30-8:45AM** in the **Melvin Ave parking lot directly across from St. Mark School only**. There are no current plans to resume Thursday evening drop off; **please do not bring your casserole(s) to the school or Parish Center**.

Please be certain your casserole is frozen solid before drop off; Our Daily Bread will not accept it otherwise.

Thank you for helping to feed the hungry! Our next opportunity is June 11. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 410-744-6560, ext. 1.

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

ST. MARK LIVE-STREAMS SUNDAY MASS

We will continue to **live-stream** our **11:00AM Mass** on **YouTube**. Search for **St. Mark's Parish – Catonsville** or use this direct link:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_8dEMqt6jH_z69Eqe0seXA/videos

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

ST. MARK SCHOOL NEWS

410-744-6560, x 2 ● www.stmark-school.org

St. Mark School has been providing quality Catholic education in the heart of Catonsville since 1889! We continue that proud tradition today for students in PreK 3 – Grade 8. Please visit our website where you can take a virtual photo tour, schedule a Zoom Q&A session with our admissions team and review the most up-to-date COVID-19 guidelines from the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Broadening Options & Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program: Applications Available!
Deadline to Apply: April 30, 2021

BOOST provides scholarships for some students who are eligible for the free or reduced–price school meals program (FARMS) to attend eligible nonpublic schools. Awards are granted based on household income, with the lowest income served first. For more information and to begin the application process, visit http://marylandpublicschools.org/boost. Please apply as early as possible!

CAREER DAY! April 16, 2021

We invite you to come virtually to the classroom this year to speak about your career to the students. Even though we cannot meet in person, it is important for the children to experience Career Day. **We need you to make this day successful!** Please consider volunteering for this event.

Please contact Laura Kuhl at laurakuhl4@gmail.com if you are interested in speaking or have any questions.

Learn and Bring Christ to the World!

HELP OUR MARRIAGE

www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1,000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for an upcoming program, call (443) 400-7017 or email: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org .

THE ANNUAL APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

When you support the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries, you are supporting St. Mark plus a myriad of ministries that strengthen our community of faith. Now more than ever, your gift offers material comfort and the blessing of hope to those who need it most. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Annual Appeal. For more information about the Appeal & to donate online, please visit https://www.archbalt.org/appeal/.

GRIEF MINISTRY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are troubled by the tragic loss of life in Baltimore City & wondering how you can help, please consider volunteering for a newly-created Archdiocesan ministry that offers support & healing to families in Baltimore City who have lost loved ones to violence. In conjunction with other agencies & nonprofits, the Grief Ministry program helps parish communities provide assistance, such as prayers, sympathy notes, food, baby items & other support as needed. Volunteer training will be provided. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Russell at mrussell@archbalt.org or visit www.archbalt.org/grief-ministry

HOLY INNOCENTS MINISTRY

This Archdiocesan program provides ministry to families who have lost children to miscarriage. If you would like information about burial and memorial options and/or spiritual and emotional support, please call the helpline at 410-547-3142 or email holyinnocents@archbalt.org. For more information, please visit www.holyinnocentsbaltimore.org.

Burying the Ashes of Those Cremated

Do you have ashes of loved ones at home and need an economical way to lay them to rest? The Archdiocese is initiating the *Ministry of the 14th Station: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb* to bury ashes in sacred ground. The cost of each burial is $300. For details, contact the Office of Cemetery Management at 410-547-5375 or cemetery@archbalt.org.

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For a complete list of events, more information or to register, visit the retreat house website or contact Alice Case: 301-392-0819; alice.case@loyolaretreat.org.

RADIO MASS OF BALTIMORE

Radio Mass is broadcast live on Sundays at 9:00am on Q-1370 AM; the Liturgy is then rebroadcast at 6:00pm on WCBM-680 AM. WCBM also streams their broadcast on the internet, so Radio Mass can be heard anywhere with internet access! Stay tuned for 68 more years of broadcast excellence. Visit http://radiomass.org for details.

ST. MARK SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS

Do you have an idea for how the St. Mark Social Justice Committee can help people in need in our community, especially during the pandemic? We would love to get feedback from our fellow St. Mark parishioners! Please contact Committee Chair, Ellen Draper, at **stmarksocialjusticecommittee@gmail.com**. To learn more about how to help families who are unable to afford basic necessities, please visit the **Social Justice Committee page** on the St. Mark Church website**: stmarkchurch-catonsville.org.**

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER is in need of individual sized packages of Sun Chips, pretzels and cookies to include in their take-away lunch bags. Items may be dropped off between 9 AM--3 PM on weekdays or purchased and shipped directly to: My Brother's Keeper, Attn: Mr. Kevin Mason, 4207 Frederick Ave., Baltimore, MD 21229.

HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED: FOOD DROP-OFF

We are most grateful for the kind assistance of Chef Paolino's Café and State Fare Restaurant in accepting non-perishable food donations for the pantries at Grace AME Church and Catonsville Emergency Assistance. **The collection bin at State Fare is located outside, at the rear of the building, behind the large white tent; the bin at Chef Paolino's is located just inside the front door.**

If you are able, please consider signing up to check one of the bins and deliver any food you pick up to the appropriate food pantry. Instructions for picking up and dropping off food donations is included on the Sign -Up Genius page: **https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A9AF28ABFD0-catonsville1**

MEAT MADNESS! — NOW THROUGH APRIL 15

The Westside Shelter & My Brother's Keeper provide take-away lunch bags for each of their clients daily. They need our help supplying meats & cheeses for sandwiches. Chef Paolino's Café has generously offered to provide ham, turkey, chicken, and cheeses weekly! Your donation of $15 can make that happen! Mail a check for $15 payable to Chef Paolino to **Chef Paolino Café, 726 Frederick Rd, 21228 & indicate "Meat Madness" on the memo line. Checks are the only form of payment accepted.** Thank you for helping to feed the poor and unsheltered!

Thank you for your ongoing, generous support!

RESPECT LIFE

Pregnant? Need help?

Hotline/resources: **800-712-HELP /** www.optionline.org.

Gabriel Network ministers to families challenged with a crisis pregnancy. **800-ANGEL-OK,** www.gabrielnetwork.org.

Women's Center West is our local resource for women experiencing crisis pregnancies. Please call **410-788-4433** or visit https://www.womenscenterwest.com/.

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COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

For the safety of all congregants, please follow these guidelines when attending Mass:

- Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose before entering the building
- Use the provided hand sanitizer as needed
- Follow the marks on the floor to help maintain social distancing of 6 feet
- Refrain from sitting in any cordoned-off pews
- Refrain from conversing in groups, especially when inside
- Use the blue receptacle at each exit to recycle the Mass guides only (no trash, please)
- Use the black receptacle at each exit to leave offertory envelopes or gifts only (no trash, please)

Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe!

MEMBERSHIP: New parishioners are encouraged to visit our website www.stmarkchurch-catonsville.org to download a parish registration form. For address updates, please call 410-744-6560, ext 1 or mail this notice to the parish office.

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