Welcome to St. Mark Parish!

MASS TIMES

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 6:30AM & 7:45 AM - Chapel
Saturday 8:00 AM - Chapel

Weekend Mass

Saturday, Vigil, 4PM - Church
Sunday , 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM - Church

RECONCILIATION

8:30 - 9:15 AM Saturday - Chapel
3:00 - 3:45 PM Saturday - Church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Friday 6:50-7:40 AM - Chapel
1st Fridays: 9AM - 6PM - Chapel
ENCOUNTER, 3rd Thursdays 7PM - Chapel
HEALING MASS, last Sundays 5PM - Church

Sunday, November 28

HAPPY NEW (LITURGICAL) YEAR!!

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. -Isaiah 43:19

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.

Thank you for joining us in worship today! May you walk forward in the solid truth of Our Lord's intimate love for you!

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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

My dear family and friends of St. Mark,

Happy New Year! Yes, today begins our new liturgical year, and as we enter this new year full of joyful expectation for all the Lord will do in and through us all, I extend to you an invitation...you are a vital part of this parish and you are needed! We need you to become engaged in the parish around which your Catholic spiritual life is centered. We need YOU to participate in these parish events to build a parish of people and families where all are united as one, the Family of St. Mark.

We are developing these parish events for YOU, to bring you closer to Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the Blessed Trinity, Saints, the Sacraments, and to each other in this parish. The intent is to build strong bonds of people in this parish for support, strengthening each other, sacrificing for each other, and looking out for each other while keeping our eyes fixed on the Eucharist. We are family. We take care of each other through our love, kindness, compassion, joys, and sorrows.

We are family… YOU are a vital member of this parish family.

Please plan to join us at Sunday Mass, daily Mass, and any of the parish events. There are many people here in this parish who would love to meet you, talk with you, listen to you, learn about you, your hobbies, your passions, your career, your faith, your family, your background, and more.

YOU have something to offer to the Community of St. Mark. YOU are special. YOU are unique. It all starts with showing up and introducing yourself to one person at Mass and each parish event. Get involved with St. Mark parish, share your God given talents with us, and allow God to grow you and show you His love in this growing and thriving parish community. I cannot build up St. Mark parish without YOU.

In the Blessed Trinity,

Fr. Santhosh George, O.SS.T.

MASS INTENTIONS 11/29-12/5

Mon, 11/29	6:30 AM	Dominic Gentile
	7:45 AM	Gayle Pickhardt
Tue, 11/30	6:30 AM	Alice M. Stinson
	7:45 AM	Mary Rose Metzel
Wed. 12/1	6:30 AM	Bob & Peggy Moan & Family
	7:45 AM	Betty Brinkley
Thu. 12/2	6:30 AM	Helen Stansbury
	7:45 AM	Helen Stansbury
Fri. 12/3	6:30 AM	Adam Geppi
	7:45 AM	Ed Slunt
Sat. 12/4	8:00 AM	Nellie & Joe Maggio
	4:00 PM	Rosa & Carlo Colella
Sun. 12/5	7:30 AM	Patrick Aiosa
	9:00 AM	George Abendschoen
	11:00 AM	Cecilia Turbe
	5:00 PM	George Abendschoen

Parish Office Hours M - F 9AM-12noon, 1PM-4PM
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Readings for the Week of November 28th

Sun:	Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32
Mon:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tue:	2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wed:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thur:	1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Fri:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10-12/ Lk 19:45-48
Sat:	1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40

PRAYER LIST

Pat Antlitz - Jerry Arnold - Sandy Barrasso
James Bruno - Dr. Christine Commerford
Henry Huber - Rita Jones - John Kaehler, Jr.
David Linantud - Peter McDevitt - Neil Middleton
Mary Beth Miller - Kathleen Murray
Michael Murray - Jessica Poleman
Nora Reiter - Todd Richardson -John Schaefer
Jim Shreve - Charlotte Stedd - Jim Sullivan
Ellen Thompson - Diane Whitehair

*To submit a prayer request visit stmarkchurch-catonsville.org or call the Parish Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

FAITH FORMATION

Coordinator: Daria Kaas - daria.kaas@archbalt.org

FIRST RECONCILIATION PENANCE SERVICE is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4 at 9AM with individual Reconciliation following the Service. Parents, siblings and family members are invited to attend.

ST. MARK YOUTH MINISTRY

Coordinator: Sally Rico - stmarkyouthministry21228@gmail.com

MIDDLE SCHOOL Sunday December 19th at 6PM in the Coakley Room

HIGH SCHOOL We will NOT MEET November 28th...our next scheduled meeting will be on December 12 at 6PM and we will gather in the Youth Ministry Room

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Our policy for cancelling classes due to inclement weather is as follows:

1. If Baltimore County Public Schools have cancelled classes any time during a particular day, our classes will also be cancelled. Our classes will not be affected if the schools have delayed openings.
2. If inclement weather begins later in the day than regular school hours, listen to WBAL radio for a cancellation announcement.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ST. MARK PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER Saturday Dec. 4
7PM Knights of Columbus Hall on Frederick Rd in Catonsville

Santa will be handing out gifts. We will have various arts/crafts games for children. Musical games with audience. We will have various musicians, bluegrass/county (Christmas), also bag piping. There is NO cost; donations are optional and all proceeds go to St. Mark.

Catering from Chef P's will include: Chicken Parmesan, Ziti, Meatballs, Sausage w/ Peppers, Chicken Fingers, Salad, Bread., Italian Cookies, Cannoli, and more! Sodas and Martinellis for the children, and for the adults, a cash bar with crushes, mojitos, trulys, tap beers and wine.

This is geared to be a family children centric event! Limited seating is available; please call the Parish Office ASAP!

ST. MARK PARISH MISSION
with the Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R.
Enter In: Waiting for Jesus with the Holy Family

On Sunday December 12th and Monday, December 13th, come and join the T.O.R. Sisters as they share reflections on St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother, and how by drawing close to them, we can draw closer to Jesus as we prepare to welcome Him again this Christmas. We will begin on Sunday, immediately following the 5pm Mass in the Chapel. There will be Adoration and a guided meditation led by a Sister, with the opportunity to go to confession beginning at 7PM.

Then on Monday evening we continue to dive into and reflect upon the Advent season in the Church from 6-7pm, followed by a time of fellowship in the Coakley Room.

MONTHLY EVENTS

EVENING ROSARY AT ST. MARK: NOVEMBER 29
Monday Evening ● 6:00pm in the Chapel

Please join us for prayer and fellowship as we pray the Rosary and lift our voices in prayer & song.

This Monday we pray for the unbelievers and an end to radical Islamic terrorism which is destabilizing the world and slaughtering Christians.

EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD

ENCOUNTER November 18th - 7pm in the Chapel
Eucharistic Adoration and prayer
through praise & worship music.
Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM.

HEALING MASS November 28th - 5pm
Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
begin at 4:30pm in the Church. Contemporary worship.
Every last Sunday of the month at 5PM.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration December 3rd
9am-6pm in the Chapel
A time for silent, private prayer.

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? Visit the **Social Justice Committee page** at **stmarkchurch-catonsville.org .**

Almighty and eternal God, may Your grace enkindle in all persons a love of the many unfortunate people whom poverty and misery reduce to a condition of life unworthy of human beings. Arouse in the hearts of those who call You Father, a hunger and thirst for social justice and for fraternal charity in deeds, words and in truth. Grant, O Lord, peace in our days, peace to souls, peace to our community and peace among nations. Amen

NON-PERISHABLE HOLIDAY FOOD: Last weekend the collection bins were overflowing with donations; HOW AMAZING YOU ARE! Thank you for your continued generosity in donatining each weekend. We are also collecting toiletries for people experiencing homelessness. Look for the special bins for them and again, thank you! Your love for our brothers, sisters and families in need is a blessing, especially during this Holiday Season. You are a living witness of Christ's love!

Dear St. Mark Parish,
Thank you so much for your generosity and willingness of heart to help the young women and babies of our community. The "Baby Shower" that you generously gave us will provide for many of the young women that we serve. We cannot do it without your support! Together we are all in the fight for the lives of our unborn. Thank you for partnering with us! God bless you all!
-Terrie McDade, Women's Center West

Thanksgiving left overs? Not really...they are tags waiting to be selected, gifts purchased and given! You know when you select a tag, you are giving more than a present-you are gifting smiles, warmth, Christmas Joy! The **GIVING TREE** is a St. Mark tradition and we thank you in advance for your generosity! Your gifts and prayers help ensure that those with the most need can celebrate Christmas! This year we're supporting Spring Grove Hospital; Westside Men's Shelter; Mosaic/Catonsville; The Children's Home; Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA); and St. Veronica's Parish/Cherry Hill. Please pay close attention to instructions on the tag as some agencies request the gifts not be gift wrapped to assist them in the sorting and distribution to their clients. **Santa's Helpers will collect all gifts from you in the Church vestibule before all Masses.** Christmas trees will be in the vestibule of the Church and in the Sanctuary of the Chapel to be decorated with ornaments by those returning gifts. ***Gifts must be returned by Dec 19 at noon*! Please remember to attach the tag securely to the gift so that it can be sorted by the elves.**

Period-Perfect *Messiah* Sunday December 12, 2021 3PM

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Reduced ticket price available on season subscription concerts.

IMPORTANT MASS ANNOUNCEMENT
5PM Mass & our Parish Mission on Dec 12
WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE CHAPEL

INDIVIDUAL UNBOUND MINISTRY PRAYER

Many of us are fighting invisible battles with anxieties, negative thoughts, sins, unhealthy relationships, destructive habits, resentments and bitter wounds that never seem to heal. You can reach out and experience God's merciful love, healing and freedom! Unbound Ministry releases the power of Jesus into wounded lives. On **Saturday Dec 4th** there will be trained teams available to provide individual prayer using the Unbound Model of prayer at **The Church of the Resurrection's School** in Ellicott City.

Unbound Prayer is based on 5 scriptural keys that help you unlock those areas of your life where you want to receive greater freedom, healing & spiritual growth.

If you would like **to schedule an appointment or want more information please contact us by Monday Nov 29th** at unboundministrymaryland@gmail.com. We ask that you read at least the first 7 chapters of the book *Unbound* by Neal Lozano prior to scheduling an appointment. Books can be found on amazon.com or heartofthefather.com

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Calling all Knights of Columbus - we are in need of Brother Knights who are able to help with several on-campus projects at St. Mark. Regardless of skill-set as many things are simple clean up, etc.; many hands make light work. If you are interested and able to volunteer or want to be a KofC member, please contact John Hart johnvhartiii@gmail.com.

The Patapsco Council of the Knights of Columbus needs your help in supporting the St. Mark Parish community. We are Catholic men who lead and serve, whether we are giving out Coats for Kids, heling those in need in the parish or community, or supporting local pregnancy centers by donating ultrasound machines. Find out more about what we do at www.kofc1960.org/join-our-council/.

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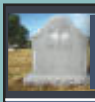

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