MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays:

8:00am, 5:00pm - Vigil

Sundays:

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon

Weekdays: 8:00am

Holy Days: 5:30pm - Vigil; 8:00am, 12:00 Noon & 7:00pm

Confession Schedule: Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **January 16, 2022**



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MATRIMONY

Arrangements must be made with one of the priests at least 8 months in advance of the date before social plans are made. If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's office has been consulted.

PREBAPTISMAL CLASS

For those anticipating the birth and subsequent Baptism of their first children, class is held on the second Tuesday every other month. January, March, May, July, September, November at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Room.

ROSARY

Daily following the 8:00 a.m. Mass/Upper Room

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION CHAPEL

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Saturday, January 15, 2022 thru Sunday, January 23, 2022 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 Jill and Frank Kurmay

RB Deacon Paul Kurmay and Family

5:00 Jim Duffy III

RB Silhavey Family

Sunday

James Rafferty, Sr. 7:30

RB Mary Gorman

9:00 Robert Zimmermann

RB Wife, Karen Zimmermann

10:30 Frances Wignall

RB Dorothy and Reginald Beers

12;00 Mary Murphy

RB Pat and Eric Vogel

Monday 8:00

Robert Kaesar, Jr.

RB Father

Tuesday

8:00 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Wednesday

Frances Augustine - 1st Anniversary 8:00

RB St. Mark Parish Family of Faith

Thursday

Gary R. Boyhen - 2nd Anniversary Bill Tomczyk 8:00

RB Boyhen and Laskowski Families

Friday

8:00 James Rafferty, Jr.

RB Mary Gorman

Saturday

Collective Mass 8:00 5:00 Robert Appleby

RB Mr. and Mrs. John Falzone

Sunday

7:30 Alexander and Edna Strollo

RB James McNally

9:00 Mary Krafcik

RB Marian Krafcik

10:30 Louise Trapasso

RB Trapasso Family

12:00 Eileen Babinski

RB Mary Ann and Bob Buckley

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 23 Listening Session Feb 4 Feb 5 First Friday Holy Hour Bottle and Cans Pickup

READER SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 22, 2022

5:00

Mike Aloi Sunday, January 23, 2022

7:30: 9:00 10::30 12:00 Angie McKelvey Patricia Nettleton Don Kikta

Readings for this Sunday may be found in the Missalette: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Page 62

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR FEBRUARY 4, 2022

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR has a new time. FFHH will now meet at 3:00 p.m. in the church, not at 5:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT: Just a reminder to write your envelope number in the memo section of your check when sending your donation by mail. And don't forget to write the new year rolls around.....everyone forgets to write the new year!!!



LUTHER KING, JR: The Annual Ecumenical Service in Honor of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held on Sunday, January 16, 2022, 3:00 p.m., in-person at: First Baptist Church of Stratford, 1301 Stratford Ave, Stratford. *MASKS REQUIRED FOR ALL* -or-Livestreamed at https://bit.ly/FBCStratford. Offering proceeds benefit our Scholarship Program. at <u>www.stratfordclergy.org/donate</u>.

COVID: With the surge in positive covid-19 and variant cases across the country, I am asking parishioners, vaccinated or not, to voluntarily resume wearing masks at Mass. This is for the safety of all of us. Thank you!

Father B

GIFT CARDS NEEDED: Deacon Paul has asked if we could collect food gift cards from Stop 'n Shop or ShopRite to help feed the needy of our community this holiday season. Most of you provide gift cards in denomination of \$25; however, any amount is most welcome! You may place the gift cards in an envelope marked "Deacon Paul" and place them in the collection baskets or drop them at the rectory office. Thank you!

Father Skip/Blessed Sacrament continue to be awed by the amount of food and sundry items that St. Mark provides each week to fill their food pantry. Father Skip constantly asks us to say "thank you, thank you, thank you" for the generosity shown by our parish. He asked that we convey how humbled he is by our continued support of his mission to feed the hungry in our our continued support of his mission to feed the hungry in our community.

OFFICE CLOSING: The rectory office will be closed Monday, January 17, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day. The office will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, January 18, at 9:00 a.m.

BOTTLES AND CANS: Next collection is February 5, in front of the Parish Center, 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

For the week of January 15, 2022 to January 22, 2022 The Sanctuary Lamp Glows for All Parishioners Living and Deceased



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ST. JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL#8:

The Brothers of Saint John Paul II Council # 8 of the Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Pro-Life Novena along with the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Mother. The Knights will be conducting the Novena from Wednesday January 19 through and including Thursday, January 27, 2022, at the following times and places:

Weeknights will start at 7:00pm in the church.

Saturday, January 22, after the 5:00pm mass at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Sunday, January 23, after the noon mass at approximately 1:00 p.m. in the church.

(If there are any baptisms on Sunday the upper room will be used instead of the church.)



WE STAND WITH CHRIST CAMPAIGN: We are two years into our *We Stand With Christ Campaign*. Below are our pledge statistics. To make a payment on your pledge please visit GiveCentral.org/WSWC or call 203-648-9050.

Saint Mark Parish	
We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption	
Total Pledged	\$1,474,570
Total Collected (as at 11/1/2021)	\$904,955
Balance Due	\$569,815

HANDS TO HEARTS: The January meeting schedule is as follows: January 5 and 19 in the Upper Room at 1:00 p.m.

SNOW BIRDS: Please notify the rectory office if you are going away for the winter and the date of your return so we may adjust the mailing of your giving envelopes appropriately.

<u>CAN YOU SHARE YOUR HOME</u>? A St. Mark parishioner, 83 years young, is seeking a room rental. Non-smoker, great company, neat and tidy, excellent conversationalist, and much, much more! If you have a room to rent, please call Elaine Gallant at 203-375-8745.

PROJECT FROM THE HEART: Many thanks to all of our St. Mark parishioners who have so faithfully donated items to the "Project From The Heart" program sponsored by our Divine Mercy Cenacle. To update you: We heard from the chairman of this endeavor that they are still collecting, and that donations are now going to Africa where there is a large contingent of our CT National Guard Troops. In addition, these troops are also stationed in Kuwait, and Kosovo. Any and all items, as listed on the bulletin boards here at church, continue to be greatly appreciated and most certainly needed. However, items specifically mentioned as needed are wipes, cold weather items such as hand warmers and foot warmers, body wash, shampoo, (in small travel sizes for ease in shipping please. They will donate large bottles to local centers but cannot ship large bottles) and tuna fish. Thank you and God Bless one and all.

Basketball Sponsorship Opportunities: St. Mark Basketball is known in the community for its long legacy of developing young people into successful athletes and leaders on and off the court. The program is open to 3rd through 8th graders within the school and parish community and runs from October through March. The season culminates with an annual month-long basketball tournament which generates proceeds to support the following year's program.

The pandemic hit during the 2020 St. Mark Basketball Tournament, forcing us to cancel the event and resulting in a significant loss of revenue. Now, 18 months later, students are actively training and competing and excited to plan this year's long-awaited tournament.

Please consider sponsoring our 2022 St. Mark Basketball Tournament which attracts hundreds of families in and around Fairfield and New Haven County. The tournament is scheduled to take place from February 22 through March 19. Your support of this fun family event will make a great impact on our community, local youth sports, and will help cross-promote your own business.



We've created exciting sponsorship packages aimed at promoting local businesses in the school gym with banners and chair-back covers, with custom-designed branding.

Please contact Athletic Director Michael Sciallo at Michael Sciallo@stmarkschool.org or 860.877.9188 for more information.

ST. MARK SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – Sunday January 30, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon, 500 Wigwam Lane, Stratford – EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE!

On Sunday, January 30, 2022, from 10 a.m. till 12:00 noon, St. Mark School will host private school tours for prospective families. Visit our classrooms, meet our teachers and school community, and hear about how we have safely welcomed students to school, in-person and 5 days a week since fall 2020. Tuition assistance available.

Limited school tours are available by reservation only. Visit www.stmarkschool.org to reserve your tour today!

We follow social distancing best practices. Prior, throughout, and after the event, surfaces will be sanitized, and masks are required. For more information, contact us at (203) 375-4291 or contactus@stmarkschool.org or www.stmarkschool.org.

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This February 4-6, gather with others at St. Pius X in Fairfield, CT for SEEK22. This conference draws in 25,000+ attendees and this year it can be attended locally! Encounter the Source of all your heart's desires and find the true place of the Gospel in your everyday life. You will be empowered, encouraged, and equipped to experience the hope of Jesus Christ. Dive deep into the heart of the Gospel message with some of the world's best speakers!

Pray, share meals, hear inspiring talks, partake in relevant discussions, and enjoy holy leisure together. What if you said yes?

For details, schedule, and registration visit www.bit.ly/spx-seek2022

Contact Person: Paola Peña ppena@st-pius.org



Ladies, do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you longing for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity? Join us for the **Undone Women's Conference** where you will experience a weekend of truth, beauty and transformation, as the knots of Eve's disobedience are "undone" through Mary's model of radical receptivity.

Bring yourself, your mother, your sister, your adult daughters and friends. This is a weekend you won't want to miss!

Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart will be held at St. Pius X Parish in Fairfield, CT March 31 – April 2, 2022. This event is being offered in person OR virtually via livestream! Register online for either experience at www.jpiihealingcenter.org. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts available. Contact JPIIRetreatFairfieldCT@gmail.com for more information.



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Solemnity of Mary Weekly Offering Weekly Offering Jan 1: Jan 2: Jan 9 Jan 9 Extraordinary Expenses Weekly Offering Weekly Offering Weekly Offering Jan 16: Jan 23 Jan 30 Support Church in Latin America Jan 30

Week ending January 9, 2022

Friday/Saturday/Sunday Mass Offerings: \$ 3,339.00 Mass offerings mailed to the Office: \$ 4,202.00 2,408.00 On-Line Giving: Extraordinary expenses: \$ 1,277.00

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the life God has planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.



Pray for: Marilyn Bedford, Stephanie Leko, Ava Christine Gallant, Peter Kiman, Jr., Jim Orlowe, Linda Bates, Janet Onze, Robert Haborak, Lillian Butler, Jason Swarbrick, John Hoffman, Eleanor Somma, Abigail Feehan, Lillian Koegler, Michael Petro, Rose Kovach, Christopher Rascoll, Mark Klizas, Jenna Strickland, Julia, Leo, JoAnn Battistoni, Amanda LaPrade, Glenn Derbyshire, Helen Elias, Theresa Mollica, Liana Lowman, Richard Smith, Maurizio Marchese, Thomas and Loretta Foley, Kina Silva, Nicholas Genga, Robert Noonan, Will McKelvey, Samuel Mulford, Bill and Carolyn Novotny, Blaise Vitale, Dayna Reed, Ethan Ortega, Debbie Smelaglno, John Hagus, Shirley Burr, Dolores Larracuente, Richard Silva, Robert Ligouri, Rosalina Staltaro, Carolyn Purchowicz, Christopher Hayes, Mike Nemeth, Margaret Wynne, John Pacheco, Danny, Antonia, Joe Vecsey, Mark Casagrande, Jr., Stephanie Galaburri, Ray Majsa, Roselyn Bagley, Paul Bortnick, Daniel Krekoska, Robin Florio, Sandra Carpenter, Dorothy Moscato, Catherine Hmurcik, Audrey Pepin, Ronnie Christiano, Jimmy Bortnick, David Goldstein, Kristen Broedlin, Michael Hostetter, Jr., Eileen Kreutz, Ana Bordieri, Michael Rotunno, Cassie Roux, Barbara Hansing, Jay Sutay, Julie Bellitto, Ramon Garcia, Carol Roosevelt, Daniel O'Brien, the Golchin Family, Joseph Senigla, Joe Lurosso, Stephen Colleran, Marian Rabel, Janet Roberts, Lorie Boveroux, Joe Crudo, Ralph DeLuca, Carlos Rosado, John Henchy, Margaret Mohyde, Elaine Kera, Jo Peschell, Robbie Carpenter, Katie Macauly, Dennis Festa, Shawn Rice, Caragh Dougherty.

Violet Spada Michael J. Peluso William Jack

Readings for the Week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/ Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor

12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Adoration Chapel Schedule

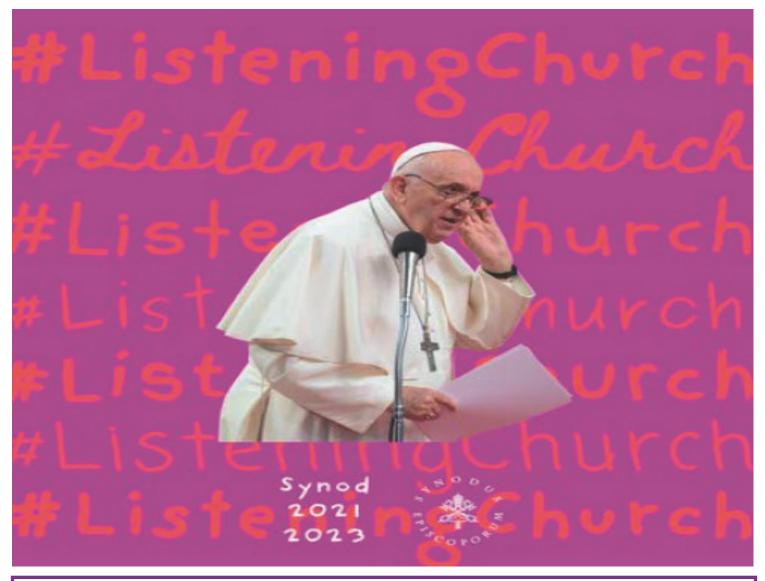
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2am	0	0	0	0	0	0	С
3am	0	0	0	0	0	0	С
4am	0	0	0	0	0	0	С
5am	1	0	0	0	0	1	С
6am	1	1	1	1	1	1	С
7am	1	1	1	1	1	1	С
8am	0	0	0	0	2	1	С
9am	1	0	0	1	1	1	С
10am	1	0	0	0	1	С	С
11am	0	0	0	0	1	С	С
12pm	1	1	0	0	0	С	С
1pm	0	0	0	0	0	С	С
2pm	0	0	0	0	0	С	C
3pm	0	1	0	0	1	С	С
4pm	2	1	0	1	2	С	С
5pm	0	0	1	0	1	С	С
6pm	1	0	1	1	0	С	0
7pm	1	1	1	1	0	С	1
8pm	2	0	1	1	1	С	1
9pm	1	1	0	1	0	С	0
10pm	0	0	0	0	0	С	0
11pm	0	0	0	0	0	С	0

ADORERS NEEDED FOR ALL "O" HOURS! O = Chapel Open, NO Adores Scheduled (1 = One Adorer Scheduled) (2 = 2 scheduled) C = Chapel CLOSED (for now) PLEASE call Scott Goodfellow @ 203-394-2248 or

Email rscottgoodfellow@aol.com if you wish to

Volunteer, change your hour, see errors, or have any Questions or concerns.

Partial Update: Nov 18, 2021



LISTENING SESSION: Pope Francis wants to know what's on your mind! As part of the global Catholic church, YOU are invited to a listening session to gather input for the 2021-2023 Synod on Synodality. A team from St. Mark will be compiling comments from our community into a report to be submitted to the Diocese. If you know of Catholics who are no longer practicing, please spread the word and let them know they are invited to the listening session as well. Our listening session will take place on Sunday, January 23, 2022, at 1:00pm in the Church. We hope to see you there!



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