

Sunday, February 28, 2021

# Saint Mark's Church

Diocese of Syracuse



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*“This is my  
beloved Son.  
Listen to Him.”*

*~Mark 9:7*

## PASTORAL MINISTRIES

**Administrator:** Rev. Fr. Mark P. Kaminski, PhD, DMin  
St. Mark's 315-724-1645 ~ St. Anthony/St. Agnes 315-732-1177  
**Deacon & Music Director:** Rev. Dc. Richard Prusko, 315-527-1710  
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**Faith Formation Catechetical Leaders:**  
○ PreK-5: Mary Carville [mcarville@syrdio.org](mailto:mcarville@syrdio.org)  
○ Gr.6-10: Teale LaBarbera [tlabarbera@syrdio.org](mailto:tlabarbera@syrdio.org)  
**Maintenance:** Richard DiBouno  
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**Children's Choir Director:** Jennifer Tebsherany  
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Fred Valenti, 315-534-4605  
**Parish Council:** Todd Carville, President  
**Altar-Rosary Society:** Jo Ginnity, President, 315-735-8253  
**Altar Servers:** Todd Carville, 315-733-1669  
**Church Decoration:** Dominick Trotta: 315-749-8793  
**Extra Ordinary Ministers:** Fran Connors, 315-725-4914  
**Lectors:** Gloria Kasprowicz, 315-735-1364  
**Men's Club:** Dominick Trotta, Fred Valenti  
**Pastoral Care:** Jo Ginnity, 315-735-8253  
**Ushers / Hospitality:** Joe Madeira, 315-240-1092

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil** 4:00 pm  
**Sunday Mass** 10:00 am  
**Weekday Mass — Mondays at 10:00 am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:30 pm  
*Children:* “Growing Room” is at left entrance.

## OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are modified at this time. Usually someone is available Monday and Thursday from 9-12. Requests can be made any day via phone or email which is checked regularly.  
**Mass requests** can be emailed, phoned in, or placed in collection.  
**Bulletin announcements in by Monday please.**  
Email: [kacee@syrdio.org](mailto:kacee@syrdio.org) | Phone: 315-724-1645

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Please make arrangements for Baptism by contacting the Priest, Deacon or Parish Office at least two weeks prior. A baptismal session is suggested of new parents.  
**Marriage:** Please make arrangements with the Priest or Deacon at least 6 months in advance.  
**Penance**—Saturdays at 3:30pm  
**Anointing of the Sick:** Please inform us if you or a family member of our parish are sick and which facility they are in.

## NEWCOMERS & PARISHIONER UPDATES

St. Mark's welcomes visitors and new parishioners! Please introduce yourself to the Priest or Deacon after Mass. To register or update information, including requesting envelopes please contact the office by phone or email. **Thank You!**

*“Daily daily sing  
praise to Mary.  
Sing my soul her  
praises due!”  
~ St. Casimir  
Feast Day: Thur. Mar. 4*



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 27, *Lenten Weekday***

**4:00pm**-Pro Populo -For the intentions of St. Mark's Parishioners  
+Walter F. Solan Jr. - Leanne Jardine

**Sunday, February 28, *Second Sunday of Lent***

**10:00am** +Rev. Mark Pasik - Glen Lazarek  
- Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and  
Religious Life - Vocations Committee

**Monday, March 1, *Lenten Weekday***

**10:00 am** +Eric & Monica King - Maria Czulak

**Tuesday, March 2, *Lenten Weekday***

**Wednesday, March 3, *St. Katherine Drexel,  
Virgin***

**Thursday, March 4, *St. Casimir***

**Friday, March 5, *Lenten Weekday***

**5:00 pm** Stations of the Cross followed by Liturgy of  
the Word with Holy Communion

**Saturday, March 6, *Lenten Weekday***

**4:00 pm** +Rev. Mark Pasik - Billy Leary  
+Judy Klimek - Wellenstein & Smith Families

**Sunday, March 7, *Third Sunday of Lent***

**10:00 am** +Rev. Gregory Zyzik & Parents - Maria Czulak  
+Tony Rosati - Maria Crocilla & Family  
-Trycinski Relatives and Friends - Pat & Zeke  
Zaleski

## Stewardship

	Total for Feb 6/7	Total for Feb 13/14
Regular Collection	\$1661.00	\$1726.00
Special Collection	\$383.00	\$425.00
Candles	\$12.00	\$12.00
Mail - In	\$985.00	\$640.00
Other	\$20.00	\$73.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3061.00</b>	<b>\$2876.00</b>

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mark's Parish! We greatly appreciate your commitment, especially during these challenging days. God Bless You!



## Lay Minister Schedule

	2/27-2/28	3/6-3/7
<b>4:00 PM Saturday</b>	Lisa Spina	Gloria Kasprovicz
<b>10:00 AM Sunday</b>	Teale LaBarbera	Mike Valenti

**Sanctuary Lamp in memory of:**

Robert Champion  
~Caitlin Cieri

**St. Marianne Cope Candle in memory of:**

Fr. Mark Pasik  
~Joyce Haka



**Votive Candles in memory of:**

Helen & Cindi Salerno

**Votive Candles in prayer for:**

Healing for Ryan B.  
Healing for Andrew Pogar

## Hope Appeal Gratitude

We would like to thank you for your generosity with the recent Hope Appeal campaign. St. Mark's parishioners collectively donated \$15,120 towards the many programs that the Hope Appeal contributes to. May God Bless you for your kindness shown to so many others!

## Upcoming Events

***Holy Cross Academy Open House!***  
***Sunday, March 7, 1-3:30pm***

Registration now open for 2021. Come visit during the open house or by appointment. Call 315-363-1669 for more information. Holy Cross Academy is an independent, co-educational, junior-senior high school teaching in the Catholic gradation and faithful to the Magisterium. Bussing is available from 10 districts. *Holy Cross Academy is located at 4020 Barrington Rd, Oneida, NY 13421.*

***IGNITE 2021 Catholic Men's Conference:***  
***Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30am-12:00noon***

Attention all men of the parish! Please consider joining us for the 13th Annual IGNITE Men's Conference entitled ***Take Refuge in the Lord***. IGNITE will be running a "hybrid" conference this year. Attend in person at a local satellite site or participate at home.

***NOTE: The Ignite team will be sending out a Program Booklet to participants (either to their home or satellite site) prior to the conference. To ensure you receive your copy in time please register soon.***

Register at [www.ignitecatholicmen.org](http://www.ignitecatholicmen.org) or contact your parish captain: **Fred Valenti at 315-534-4605**

~St. Mark's is a host site and is open to others in our community. If you are interested and want to participate here, please register online soon!  
**Cost is only \$10 this year!**

## Faith Formation

### CLASSES RESUME IN PERSON!

#### February 28:

Grades K-5 11:00-11:30

Grades 6-8 11:40-12:10

Grades 2, 9, & 10 11:00-12:00

#### March 7, 14, 21

Grades K-5 11:00-11:30

Grades 6-8 11:40-12:10

Grades 2, 9, & 10 11:00-12:00



Teale LaBarbera at [tlabarbera@syrdio.org](mailto:tlabarbera@syrdio.org)

Mary Carville at [mcarville@notredameutica.org](mailto:mcarville@notredameutica.org).

## Sweets Drive—Sharing the love of Christ

Mrs. Militano's 6th grade Faith Formation class is holding a **SWEETS DRIVE** over the next few weeks for Willow Park—an assisted living facility in Utica.

The students have made cards to give to the residents that reside there who may not have seen loved ones and friends for some time. The students are sharing a central message of the Gospels—love of neighbor—by letting the residents know they have been thought of and prayed for.

Please consider bringing a pre-packaged sweet treat for the residents to enjoy. Due to Covid—home made treats cannot be acceptable. However, any store bought, pre-packaged cookie, cupcake or other treat will be welcomed. A collection box will be out in the main entrance for the next 3 weekends, until March 14th. **Thank you for your support!**



## Stations of the Cross

St. Mark's will be praying the Stations of the Cross every **Friday at 5pm**. The Stations will be followed by Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

*Francis says...* A bus full of ugly people had a head on collision with a truck. When they died, God granted all of them one wish. The first person said, "I want to be gorgeous." God snapped his fingers and it happened. The second person said the same thing and God did the same thing. This went on and on throughout the group. God noticed the last man in line was laughing hysterically. By the time God got to the last ten people, the last man was laughing and rolling on the ground. When the man's turn came, he laughed and said, "I wish they were all ugly again."



## Vocations Corner—Local Inspiration!

### Local Utica Mom of 8 becomes Sister!

Mother of eight, grandmother of six and great grandmother of 15, **Sister Patricia Schofield, OSF**, is affectionately called "Sister Mom."

Sister Pat took a roundabout path to become a Franciscan nun, but she believes God was preparing her all along.

"The Lord was bringing me along – through the life of the Spirit and through the Franciscan Sisters," says Sister Pat, a chaplain at St. Francis Hospice, Hawaii. "This has always been my love – caring for the sick and the elderly. I had the Franciscan heart. He was leading me right that way all along. It worked out beautifully."

When she turned 16, Sister Pat volunteered at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Utica, which was founded by Saint Marianne. Here Sister Pat was first introduced to caring for the sick. At 17, she entered the Daughters of Charity convent.

But her time with the religious order was short-lived. After pursuing a teaching degree she eventually married and raised a family. Her family attended several parishes where the Sisters of St. Francis served. Drawn to the Franciscan way of life, she joined the Secular Franciscan Order, a community of laity who pattern their lives after Christ in the spirit of St. Francis.

Eventually Sister Pat divorced and with her 30 years of teaching in Utica public schools behind her and her 8 children raised, Sister Pat decided to enter the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities at 53 years of age.

As part of her religious formation, she served as pastoral minister at St. Joseph Hospital Health System in Syracuse. She also attended the Franciscan Church of the Assumption, where Saint Marianne professed her final vows.

Three years after, Sister Pat was asked to serve in Honolulu. Like Saint Marianne, who more than 130 years ago responded to God's call to Hawaii, Sister Pat also said "yes."

"It didn't even dawn on me how much Saint Marianne was a part of my life. She certainly is a great model."

Sister Pat has been serving as a Chaplain with St. Francis Healthcare System in Hawaii since February 2006. As a Chaplain, she devotes her time to hospice patients and their families. She noted that her life experiences have given her an ability to empathize with others. And while hospice ministry can be daunting, 'Sister Mom' shares her thought: "It is a hard task. You need time for prayer and time to get away. So, there were times that I would stop and take a breather and come back. You're meeting death all the time. So, you have to have a good prayer life, and you have to be able to have a time out. God has provided that. I'm very fortunate that I'm here being able to do the ministry that I do." When asked to share advice for others, Sister Patricia looks back at the model we have in Saint Marianne. "We have a great legacy with Saint Marianne. Part of it is that she was in relationship with others. She always tried to help others. If we can love one another and care for one another, we will be in a far better place.

~[www.stfranchawaii.org](http://www.stfranchawaii.org)





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