

JANUARY 4, 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

WELCOME

Church Staff

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, *Pastor*
 Sr. Frances Therese Matia, SSJ, *Pastoral Minister*
 Jennifer Abriatis, *Faith Formation Facilitator*
 Joseph DeSio, *Financial Council Moderator*
 Dan Martuccio, *Pastoral Council President*
 Don Fapore, *St. Mark Cemetery 486-1119*
 Kimberly McFall, *Office Manager*

Contact Information

Rectory Office: 814-486-0569
 Monday through Thurs. 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
 Friday, 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Faith Formation Center: 814-486-0784
 St. Mark Community Day Care Center:
 814-486-2399

Sacrament of the Reconciliation

Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Saturday at 3:15 pm
 Anytime by appointment

Baptisms

At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after
 9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must
 attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the
 rectory for arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the rectory for arrangements six
 months prior to the wedding.

Prayer Requests

Margaret Burnside, 814-486-0344 or online @
www.stmarkemporium.org or
oursmprayers@gmail.com



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JAN. 5

8:15 AM FR. JOHN SANTOR

(Fr. Paul Siebert)
 (1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)

TUESDAY, JAN. 6

8:15 AM JULIA CLEARY

(Jim & Mary)
 (1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7

8:15 AM PATRICIA PEARSON

(MONTHS MIND)
 (Bernie Oswald)
 (1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-525)

THURSDAY, JAN. 8

8:15 AM VERLA GAVLOCK

(Tom Gavlock)
 (1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22)

FRIDAY, JAN. 9

NO MASS

(1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)

SATURDAY, JAN. 10

4:00 PM DECEASED HUSBANDS OF

W.O.A. MEMBERS
 (Wives of Angels)

SUNDAY JAN. 11

9:00 AM PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)
 (Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17)

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS:****SATURDAY, JAN. 10**L. Summerson, M. Fragale
& C. Dankesreiter**LECTORS:****4:00 PM**

Stephanie Petty

ALTAR SERVERS:Addison McAulay &
Mitchell Copp**SUNDAY, JAN. 11**L. Purcell, L. Lion
& Volunteer**9:00 AM**

Dennis Fapore

Dominic & Beau Fragale

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	(4th)	9:00 AM - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD No EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSIONS
MONDAY	(5th)	6:30 PM - OCIA SESSION
TUESDAY	(6th)	6:30 PM - LECTOR MEETING
WEDNESDAY	(7th)	3:30-5:00 PM - FAITH FORMATION Gr. 1-5 6:00 PM - HOLY HOUR <i>Adoration Intention: Well Being of Local Economy & Felt Manor</i> 7:00 PM - BENEDICTION
THURSDAY	(8th)	6:30 PM - Rosary
SATURDAY	(10th)	3:15 PM - CONFESSION 4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK
SUNDAY	(11th)	9:00 AM - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 10:00-11:30 AM - EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSIONS


**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE
ENVIRONMENTS:
3 WAYS FOR TEENS TO REBOOT**

Sending and receiving messages late at night can make it hard to fall asleep or interrupt sleep. Teens want to stay connected to friends, but the lack of sleep or interrupted sleep can affect everything from their mood to their sports performance. Here are 3 tips to follow at night that will help boost energy and focus in the morning.

- 1) Log off your messaging apps, social media and email at bedtime.
- 2) Turn off your phone when it's time for bed don't just set it to vibrate.
- 3) Get in the habit of powering off your devices – especially if they are in your room. Turn off all electronics, like laptops, tablets, TVs, and video game consoles. Blinking lights and glowing screens can make it harder to fall and stay asleep. Sticking to a cut-off curfew each night for your devices will give your brain some much needed tech-free downtime. For additional resources visit:

www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

Donations
Accepted

COLLECTION FOR HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Northern Tier Community Action is looking for supplies for homeless or those facing homelessness and their needs. Some of the items include, but not limited to, are:

Blankets, hats, gloves, deodorant, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste, flavored water packets, backpacks, reusable water bottles, laundry pods, Ziploc bags, etc.

**There is a table in the back of the church
where items can be left.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12****THE VISIT OF THE MAGI****Question of the week:**

Adult: Share a moment of wonder and awe during Christmas season.

Youth: What made you happy this Christmas season?

2025

**END-OF-YEAR
GIVING
STATEMENTS**

All parishioners are encouraged to print their own end-of-year giving statements. Parishioners can access their giving history through the Diocese of Erie website using the Ministry Platform portal.

These self-service statements are secure, easy to use, and help reduce printing and mailing costs for the parish.

To link directly to the diocese portal, use:

www.eriercd.org/portal.html.

If you've not already used this portal, it's easy to sign up and view your information.

As always, if you do not have access to the internet, we will happily print your giving report for you. If you have any questions, please call Kim at the rectory, 814-486-0569.

**ST. MARK MASS
ATTENDANCE**

SAT. DEC. 20 4:00 PM 96

SUN. DEC. 21 9:00 AM 155

**OFFERTORY
COLLECTION**

(12/20-21/2025)

ST. MARK: \$3,805.00

ST. JAMES: \$110.00

*Thank you For returning
some of God's gift to you
back to His church!*





THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today, January 4th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Epiphany takes its name from a Greek word meaning: an appearance or a revelation. This feast day celebrates the revelation of the Son of God as a human being. The Epiphany represents three themes: divine manifestation, royal kingship, and light. What the Church reveals today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Like the wise men, all Christians should have the courage to follow the light of our faith; recognize our Lord as Ruler, in whatever unexpected way He may present Himself to us; and bow down and adore Him, offering Him our total loyalty. This feast day is an affirmation of universal salvation.



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week
IN LOVING MEMORY of:
MARY LOU CALLAWAY
BY: Mary Dixon



~ LECTOR MEETING ~



TUES. JAN. 6th at 6:30 PM

The annual get-together for prayer and instruction. Fr. Paul will give an inspirational special message for our new lectors. Please come, welcome them to feel a part of our amazing Lector Team!



ST. MARK PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JAN. 13th @ 4:30 PM in O'Connell Hall



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

There's still time to give to the **2025 Catholic Service Appeal!** **2025 CSA gifts can be dropped off in the collection basket or at the rectory until JANUARY 25, 2026**

We appreciate any gift, pledge, one-time payment or gold envelopes. Many thanks to everyone who has donated through CSA this year!



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

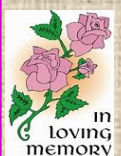
Thank you to all who made our Christmas Liturgies so beautiful. To St. Mark Choir, Folk Choir and Lea Purcell & the Children's Choir for making such lovely music and to Mary Gelnett for stepping up to fill in for organ, keyboard and everything musical! To Bernie Oswald and her crew for the beautiful decorations and flowers. What an amazing touch of beauty! To Sister Therese for her special children's message, to the Ushers, Lectors and Altar Servers, Livestream volunteers and computer Monitor volunteers, I appreciate you all taking extra turns as the Holy Days demand. It's so great to see more and more people come to join us to make such a meaningful worship experience. Emmanuel, God is with us! Also, a special thank you to Barnett's Funeral Home for the beautiful 2026 Feasts & Saints Calendars!

Fr. Paul



ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIAL:

In Memory of:
Bernie & Rose Brennan,
Mike & Kathy Brennan, Pat &
Don Benedict, Jack Guisto and
James (Nick) Guisto



ST. MARK MEMORIAL FUND

St. Mark Memorial Fund received a generous donation in loving memory of **HELEN NEWTON**
From: Steve & Marge Summerson & Family



We lost our oldest parishioner, **JEAN DUNKELBERGER** at the age of 101! She loved life, was happy and joyful. She served as an officer of St. Mark C.D. of A. and was active in the Rosary Society. I remember most especially her strong dedication to taking Holy Communion to our shut-ins. How beautiful to take our Lord in the Eucharist to the sick! Her secret to a long life; "walking is the secret to longevity. The best medicine is fresh air and walking!"
Eternal rest to her,
O Lord!



Fr. Paul



ST. MARK ANNUAL CHILI & MAC-N-CHEESE COOK OFF

We are planning our upcoming Chili & Mac-n-Cheese Cook-off for **Sat. Feb. 7, 2026.**

We need your help.

If you could help us with organizing and assisting on the day of or help in any way, please let us know, a.s.a.p.it'll be here before you know it! Please call the rectory at 486-0569 to let us know how you can help.



OUTDOOR NATIVITY ~ Thank you very much to the K of C men who set up our nativity on a cold December morning. This year we had an able bodied crew from teenagers, young adults, middle agers to retired folks, all joining in for the cause of Christ, the New born king! We are grateful!



Many thanks and blessings to all for the gifts, cards, Spiritual bouquets, goodies and other food items sent

to me and the staff for Christmas! It helps me feel loved and a part of the family that we call St. Mark's! Blessings and love for 2026!

Fr. Paul