

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



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"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with
 dishonest wealth, who will trust you with
 true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

**8:15 AM STEPHEN & DELORES
 BRECK**
 (Jeff Valenti & Family)
 (Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

8:15 AM JUDY HORVATH
 (Rosalie Ives & Family)
 (Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

8:15 AM CALVIN & EUNICE HUGAR
 (Marie Hugar)
 (Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

8:15 AM ROSE BOGART
 (Bogart Family)
 (Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

NO MASS
 (Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

ST. MARK 4:00 PM
SAMUEL GENTILE
 (Carol & Bob Ives)

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM
PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES
 (The Pastor)

SUNDAY SEPT. 28 9:00 AM

MR. & MRS. PAUL MOORE
 (Fr. Paul S. Siebert)
 (Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13)



**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS:****LECTORS:****ALTAR SERVERS:****SATURDAY, SEPT. 27****4:00 PM****ST. MARK**V. Fragale, A. DeMatz &
A. Aikens

Dave Malize

Mitchell Copp &
Addison McAulay**ST. JAMES****5:30 PM**

Bob Dayton

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28**9:00 AM**T. Dresser, F. Manginell
& Volunteer

Mary Meisel

Cambree Stuart &
Jody Reid**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

SUNDAY (21st) 9:00 AM ~ 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY (22nd) 6:00 PM ~ SYNOD LISTENING SESSION

TUESDAY (23rd) 4:30 PM ~ PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY (24th) 6:00 PM ~ Holy Hour *Adoration Intention:*Confession *Vocations to Priesthood
and Religious Life*

THURSDAY (25th) 7:00 PM ~ Benediction

SATURDAY (27th) 6:30 PM ~ Rosary

3:15 PM ~ Confession

4:00 PM ~ VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK

5:30 PM ~ MASS @ ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD

SUNDAY (28th) 9:00 AM ~ 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13**THE DISHONEST STEWARD****Question of the week:****Adult:** How can you use more wisely,
the things of this world, for God?**Youth:** If someone treats you unfairly,
do you have the right to do the same to
them?**APARTMENT
FOR RENT:****AVAILABLE NOW!**

Two story, two bedroom apartment,
available, across parking lot from
the church, facing East Third Street.
Non-smoking—no pets, utilities not
included in rent. Ideal for single/
retired person. Includes Stove, new
Refrigerator, Washer/Dryer,
Dishwasher, one window A/C &
wall-to-wall carpet.

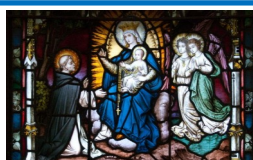
Inquiries please call: Joe DeSio
(814)486-1968 or the rectory
(814)486-0569.

**ST. MARK PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING****TUESDAY, SEPT. 23rd****@ 4:30 PM in
O'Connell Hall.**

*This is the first meeting
since summer break. Many important
items will be discussed.
Please plan on attending.*

**HAPPENING IN
OCTOBER**

The month of
October each year
is dedicated to the



Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to
the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady
of the Rosary is celebrated annually on
October 7th. It was instituted to honor the
Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the
protection that she gives the Church in
answer to the praying of the Rosary by the
faithful.

The Rosary will be prayed every weekday
@ 4:15 PM in October.

(Exception... Wed. Rosary will be prayed
@ 6:30 PM)

ST. MARK MASS**ATTENDANCE**

SAT. SEPT. 13 4:00 PM ~ 100

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM ~ 25

SUN. SEPT. 14 9:00 AM ~ 113

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(9/13-14/2025)

ST. MARK: \$4,726.00

ST. JAMES: \$344.00

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
MARCH FOR LIFE IN
HARRISBURG, PA

Monday, Sept. 22, 2025**ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD**

*Last Mass at St. James
for 2025*

*will take place on
SATURDAY, OCT. 18th
@ 5:30 PM.*

Weekly Mass at St. James will
resume in Spring of 2026.

**ON-LINE GIVING PLATFORM**

Effective immediately, we will be using a new on-line
giving platform **MP eGiving**. {We are no longer using VANCO}

The link to the new **MP eGiving** is:

<https://onrealm.org/StMarkParish/give/now>.

After opening the site, click on **'Sign In'** (top right of screen) then click
'Create Account' bottom right of screen and follow prompts.

If you have any questions or concerns about this new on-line giving system,
please call the rectory at 814-486-0569 to speak with Kim.





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Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

The wily servant has concern only for his immediate future and uses underhanded means to assure that his needs are met. He will only be welcomed into the homes of those whose favor he bought dishonestly with his master's wealth. By serving himself, the wily servant ultimately limits his world of possibilities. By contrast, disciples are to serve in such a way that they open their future to unending possibilities. Faithful disciples first choose not themselves nor the things of this world, but to serve God and others. This choice leads to an eternal future.



~ SYNOD ~ LISTENING SESSION

Come pray and share where God is guiding us in the church. The results will be sent to National Catholic Bishops and eventually to Pope Leo. Monday, Sept. 22nd @ 6:00 PM.

This is a one time event.

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. We are very interested in your thoughts. All synod results will be forwarded to Pope Leo in Rome. Here is an example of the four questions you'll be asked to discuss:

- *How does your baptism affect your life?*
- *How can we be missionaries in our own way?*
- *How does the Holy Spirit guide you?*
- *What would you like to see in the future?*

Special invite to anyone in these St. Mark groups:

Small Groups, K of C, Pastoral Council, Rosary Society, Lectors, Musicians, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION SECOND

COLLECTION

The 2025 Catholic Education Collection will take place **Sept. 20-21-2025.**

This year's theme is:

"Faithful Hearts, Bright Futures"

This weekend is the 2025 Catholic Education Second Collection. Please give generously. One half of this collection stays here at St. Mark. Please remember in your prayers all who are involved in educational ministries in our parish and throughout our diocese. **THANK YOU for your support!**

ST. MARK CATECHISTS

Grade 1: Mary Gelnett

Grade 2: Lea Purcell

Grade 3: Joe DiBello

Grades 4 & 5:

Sr. Therese

Edge: Jen Dixon &

Mary Dixon

Confirmation: Laure Richnafsky & Audra Reid

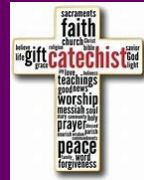
Children Music Ministry:

Lea Purcell

Children's Sunday Liturgy:

Elizabeth Vicio

*Thank you for your gift of
Time, Talent and Treasure!*



FIRST INQUIRY SESSION

On Monday, OCT. 6th @ 6:30 PM a gathering will occur, for less than one hour, for adults 18 yrs. of age or older, for those who have questions like:

*Can you help me be a better person?
I want to find a safe place to belong?
I wonder where is God?*

If you or someone you know, have these or similar questions, please come to O'Connell Hall (basement of St. Mark Church). There we can help you start beginning to answer questions about these matters. No religious affiliation is required. Refreshments will be served following this first inquiry session. For more information call Jen @ 486-0569.



FAITH FORMATION

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KICK-OFF:

TODAY, SUNDAY,

SEPT. 21ST @ 9:00 AM

with a Family Mass, followed by Outdoor Activities & Food **FOR THE ENTIRE PARISH, youth and adults alike!**

CONFIRMATION: Grade 9 and

EDGE SESSIONS: Grades 6-8

will be held on Sundays from 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

FAITH FORMATION:

Grades 1-5: begins

Wednesdays, starting Oct 1st, 3:30-5:00 PM

Please return your child's registration form if you haven't already done so. If you have any questions, or need to register a child, please contact: Mrs. Jen Abriatis at the Faith Formation office: 814-486-0569



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week

IN LOVING MEMORY of:

Daniel Malizia & Marc English

From: John & Pat English



Thanks to all our First Responders who came to worship with us on the Feast of the Holy Cross.

It was a very nice Mass of prayer and reflection about Jesus saving us, mindful of the 'Steel Cross' at Ground Zero on this 24th Anniversary. It's nice to know Christ is there to give hope and His abiding presence. Thanks to all who made the mass beautiful as well as all who baked amazing goodies for the outdoor reception. Thank you all Local First Responders!

Fr. Paul