



SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST PARISH

HOLY SEPULCHER CHURCH | SAINT KILIAN CHURCH



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 5, 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

CONTACT US

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www.saintmark.org

WELCOME

Welcome to Saint Mark Parish!

NEW PARISHIONERS

We are excited to welcome you into our parish family. To register, please visit saintmark.org/join

SACRAMENTS

Visit our website to learn about baptisms, weddings, and anointing of the sick.



HOLY SEPULCHER CHURCH AND PASTORAL CENTER

1304 E. Cruikshank Road, Butler, PA 16002

Mass Times:

Mon: 7:30am | Tues: 7:30am | Wed: 7:00pm
Thur: 7:30am | Fri: 9:00am
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:30am

Confession Times:

Wed: 6:00-6:30pm | Sat: 3:00-3:30pm



SAINT KILIAN CHURCH AND PASTORAL CENTER

7076 Franklin Road, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

Mass Times:

Mon: 9:00am | Tue: 7:00am | Wed: 7:00am
Thur: 7:00am | Fri: 7:00am
Saturday: 4:00pm, 5:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm

Confession Times:

Sat: 3:00-3:30pm

02 WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

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WE WELCOME THESE NEW PARISHIONERS

- John and Heather Dannhardt and Family
- Sierra Juliette and Family
- Adrienne Schwartz and Brian Lewis

May they feel the warmth of Christ in our parish community

OUR SYMPATHY

Our Sympathy is extended to:

- Gino Cordisco, at the passing of his wife, Caroline Cordisco
- May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

BAPTISMS

We welcome these children into our parish, who were baptized last weekend

- Lainey Lynn Mansfield, daughter of Mark and Shannon Mansfield
- Emerson Rose Schutte, daughter of Richard and Morgan Schutte
- Theo Joseph Peretic, son of Trevor and Jillian Peretic
- Mia Alexandra Lang, daughter of Brenden and Star Lang
- Noah John Calhoun, son of Jonathan and Emily Calhoun
- Liam Matthew Ramsden, son of Nicholas and Sarah Ramsden

Please pray for our newly baptized, their parents, and godparents.

MASS ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 27/28

Saint Kilian

Holy Sepulcher

Saturday, 4pm	694	Saturday, 4pm	358
Saturday, 5:30pm	716		
Sunday, 8am	414	Sunday, 8am	325
Sunday, 10am	275	Sunday, 10:30am	385
Sunday, 12pm	265		
Sunday, 5pm	797		
Total	3,161	Total	1,068

Parish weekend total: 4,229

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

CLEARANCES ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL WHO SERVE IN MINISTRY, WHETHER OR NOT THAT MINISTRY DIRECTLY INVOLVES CHILDREN. WE CAN HELP YOU STEP-BY-STEP, EITHER IN PERSON OR OVER THE PHONE. TO RENEW, UPDATE, OR CHECK ON THE STATUS OF YOUR CLEARANCES, PLEASE CONTACT JO SCHELLER AT JSHELLER@SAINTMARK.ORG.

CHILDLINE (to report suspected child abuse): 1-800-932-0313

*call 911 if there is imminent danger

Diocesan Hotline for adult victims of abuse: 1-888-808-1235

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

HOW LONG WILL THE CAMPAIGN LAST?

Solicitations for our Forward in Faith and Hope campaign will take place through June 2026. Donations and pledges will continue for up to five years. The campaign is designed to allow ample time to formalize our building plans, communicate those plans to the parish, and personally invite each registered household to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that is right for them.

WHEN WILL I BE ASKED TO SUPPORT FORWARD IN FAITH?

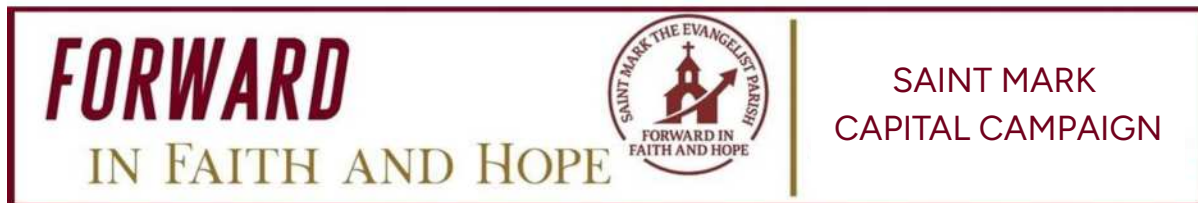
The campaign will be conducted in phases, allowing us to build momentum, recruit a sufficient number of campaign volunteers, and make our request to each parishioner as personal as possible. This means that some families will be contacted by our Campaign leadership team before the end of 2025, and that process will continue into 2026.

CAN I JUST GIVE NOW?

The short answer is yes, you can! However, it's important to share greater details about our construction plans and campaign goal before asking each of you to prayerfully consider your support. If you feel too excited to wait, please visit our website and click "Contact me about a future donation and/or pledge" or call the parish office.

ARE THERE BENEFITS TO MAKING A GIFT THIS TAX YEAR?

Depending on your situation, making a gift or initial payment before December 31 may be advantageous from a tax perspective. For example, those 70.5 years or older may wish to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) for 2025 – for those 73 or older, this may qualify as part of their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Others may find themselves exceeding the standard deduction and wish to bundle or bunch charitable giving this year. If you believe this may apply to you, we encourage you to contact your financial or tax professional to seek their guidance regarding tax-efficient giving. You can also contact the parish office to speak with a member of the campaign leadership team.



04 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 5, 2025 | Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY SEPULCHER CAMPUS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00 PM	BINGO	YYAC
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

12:30PM	THE CHOSEN	MEETING ROOM
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:00PM	CONFESSION	CHURCH
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6:00PM	ROSARY	CHURCH
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

	NO EVENTS	
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

	NO EVENTS	
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

3:00PM	CONFESSIONS	CHURCH
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:00PM	LIFETEEN	YYAC
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THE ROSARY

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We invite you to join us in prayer as we honor Our Blessed Mother and reflect on the mysteries of Christ through the Rosary. Come and be strengthened in faith and united in prayer with our parish family.

WEDNESDAY ROSARY GROUP

Join us for the Rosary every Wednesday evening 6:30pm at Holy Sepulcher Church, before the 7:00pm Mass.

FRIDAY ROSARY GROUP

Join us for the Rosary every Friday at the Fellowship Hall in Mars (next to the old church) at 10:00 am.

ROSARY VIA ZOOM

The Knights of Columbus invites all to pray the Rosary together via Zoom on Wednesday and Sunday nights, 8:00pm. The link for each night's Rosary is:

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8784928687?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8784928687?pwd=YldBdnRBZjYzOUNJVWpQOUtVYXB5Zz09)

[pwd=YldBdnRBZjYzOUNJVWpQOUtVYXB5Zz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8784928687?pwd=YldBdnRBZjYzOUNJVWpQOUtVYXB5Zz09)

Meeting ID: 878 492 8687

Password: 876797

SAINT KILIAN CAMPUS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

6:30PM	OCIA	CHURCH HALL
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:30PM	GRIEFSHARE	MEETING ROOM D
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:30AM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	CHURCH HALL
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2:30PM	FOOD PANTRY	FELLOWSHIP HALL
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2:30PM	WWMIN LITTLE ONE'S CLOSET & MOM'S BOUTIQUE	FELLOWSHIP HALL
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5:00PM	FELLOWSHIP DINNER	FELLOWSHIP HALL
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6:30PM	THE CHOSEN	CHURCH HALL
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:00AM	TMIY	CHURCH HALL
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6:30PM	CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	MEETING ROOM C
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6:30PM	WALKING WITH PURPOSE	CHURCH HALL
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6:30PM	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	FELLOWSHIP HALL
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:00AM	PRAYER GROUP	FELLOWSHIP HALL
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7:00PM	BINGO	CHURCH HALL
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

3:00PM	CONFESSIONS	CHURCH
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

	NO EVENTS	
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MASS INTENTIONS

HOLY SEPULCHER CHURCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

4:00pm † Living and Deceased
Members of Saint Mark Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00am † Wayne Conley
(Barbara Conley)
10:30am † Edward and Theresa Kelly
(Janet Juras)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:30am † Mary Ann Kovach
(Arnie Penksa Family)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:30am † Lee Foster
(Vicky and Joe Hoffman)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00pm † John Longo
(Angie and Margie Longo)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:30am † Barbara Turcovsky
(Jim Turcovsky and Carol Scott)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00am † Rita and Lou Rizzo
(Susan and David Albensi)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

4:00pm † Mary Lou O'Cilka
(John O'Cilka)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00am † Ron and Kathleen Castello
(Castello Family)
10:30am † Margie Wertz
(Wertz Family)

SAINT KILIAN CHURCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

4:00pm † Robert Pharis (Duane Lukitsh)
5:30pm † Barb Tomchik (Engel Family)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00am † Barbara Tomchik
(husband, Rick Tomchik)
10:00am † Vera Poland
(Rosemarie Chojnowski)
12:00pm Mary Masa, on her 90th Birthday
(Family)
5:00pm † Norma Ford (Joan Beatty)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00am † Charles J. Torrez (Torrez Family)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:00am † Richard Finley (wife, Carol)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00am † Walter and Mirna de Valenzuela
Vaca (daughter)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00am † Ralph Pearson (Pat DiFiore)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:00am † Terry Ford
(Paul and Mary Jane Ford)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

4:00pm † Living and Deceased Members
of Saint Mark Parish
5:30pm † Leonard Wisniewski
(Mary Ann and Joe Bisceglia)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00am † Albert Seebacher
(wife, Ruth Ann)
10:00am † Katherine and Louis DeLucia
(Family)
12:00pm Fragomeni Family (Sisters)
5:00pm † Ray Piaggese
(The Family of John Foody)

2026 MASS INTENTIONS

We are now scheduling Mass Intentions for the year 2026. To request a Mass, please contact Jessica at the Pastoral Center at 724-625-1665 x2108 or by email at jkontul@saintmark.org.

The suggested offering is \$10 per Mass Intention. Because we want to give as many parish families as possible the opportunity to schedule Masses for their loved ones, we kindly ask that requests be limited to three intentions per household (one weekend Mass and two weekday Masses).

Thank you for understanding and your cooperation as we work together to honor the many prayer requests of our parish community.



06 PRAYER

October 5, 2025 | Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

ST. JOHN XXIII

OCTOBER 11

On October 11th, we celebrate John XXIII, the pope who was first a pastor. Born in Italy at the turn of the 19th century, he was ordained in 1904. His priestly assignments brought him in close contact with the faithful time and time again. He served as a seminary professor, an assistant to the bishop leading pilgrimages and social programs, and a medic and chaplain during World War I. After his ordination as a bishop, he served in Bulgaria, Turkey, and Greece to assist the Church there in her dialogue with Muslims and other Christian communities. John XXIII would bring this concern for personal dialogue into his papacy. He convened the Second Vatican Council to promote renewal in the Church as it faced the challenges of the modern world. St. John XXIII, pray for us!

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday
Monday: St. Bruno, Priest;
Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Tuesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs
St. John Leonardi, Priest
Saturday: St. John XXIII, Pope
Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?



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ONLINE GIVING

Our Parish is transitioning our online giving platform from Faith Direct to Our Sunday Visitor. We sent out emails and reminder emails for current online givers to set up an account with Our Sunday Visitor. We ask that you make the transition from Faith Direct to Our Sunday Visitor as soon as possible. Here is a link to sign up for an Our Sunday Visitor account for our parish: <https://www.osvhub.com/saintmark>. If you are having trouble signing up, you may reach out to Our Sunday Visitor at 800-348-2886 Option 2.

AFTER SIGNING UP WITH OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, PLEASE REMEMBER TO CANCEL YOUR FAITH DIRECT ACCOUNT. Here is a link to cancel your Faith Direct account: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/>. If you are having trouble canceling your account, here are some useful aids:

- Email Faith Direct info@faithdirect.net
- Call Faith Direct 866-507-8757
- Logging into your account and clicking "Cancel my eGiving account" in the last section box to the right (image below).
- **Call Joan Tosto in the business office at 724-625-1665 x3302**

We are deeply grateful to all who have made the switch to OSV, our new online giving platform! Your willingness to adapt helps our parish continue its mission with stability and ease. Online giving provides a secure, convenient way to support our parish ministries. Thank you for your generosity and for embracing this new tool that strengthens our faith community. If you have any questions, you may contact Greg Callaghan at the parish (724) 625-1665 x2105 gcallaghan@saintmark.org.

FUNDRAISING

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

The Knights of Columbus are hosting Bingo on Monday, October 6 in the Holy Sepulcher Youth and Young Adult Center (YYAC). Doors open at 6pm. Bingo starts at 7pm. This is open to all, ages 18 & up. Proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus charities. Refreshments are available. Any question, reach out to Bob at (724) 777-7271.



SOUP SALE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling homemade soup (wedding, chicken noodle, and stuffed pepper) before and after Masses at both churches on Oct. 18th and 19th. \$7 per quart or 3 for \$20



SAINT MARK PARISH BINGO

OCTOBER 10

Saint Mark Parish BINGO is on October 10 in the Saint Kilian Church Hall. Doors for BINGO open at 5:00pm, and the games start at 7:00pm

Registration includes 20 regular Bingo games (12 cards per game) with \$100 payouts and 4 "special" games (6 cards per game) with payout of \$250 each. The coverall is included (6 cards) with a payout of \$500+. Early Bird and Night Owl games are available, too.



Must be 18 years old to play. Register early online and save – saintmark.org/bingo or scan the QR code. Any questions, contact us at bingo@saintmark.org or 724-625-1665 x2136. Hope to see you there!



08 PARISH MINISTRIES

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CLEARANCES FOR VOLUNTEERS

IMPORTANT: ALL PARISH/SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

We are truly grateful for you and the gifts of time and talent you share with our parishes. It is vital that all become compliant with the requirements for clearances as soon as possible. We are blessed with a large parish and many volunteers – please respond promptly, as you will be contacted by Jo Scheller (parish Safe Environment Coordinator) with details. To inquire on status or for help with clearances, email JO at jscheller@saintmark.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We have an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish every month. This is a great opportunity for us to spend some personal time with Our Lord during this special day. Sign-up is available on our website: www.saintmark.org.

Holy Sepulcher Church
Wed., November 5, 9:00am-6:00pm

Saint Kilian Church
Mon., October 13, 10:00am-6:00pm



WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED - OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to celebrate our Walking with Moms in Need Ministry on Saturday, October 18, 12:00pm-2:00pm. (Fellowship Hall, 205 Clark Street, Mars)

Bring new or gently used maternity clothes or children's clothes (size newborn-5), fill blessing bags with essentials for expectant moms, and tour the boutique. For more information: saintmark.org/walking-with-moms-in-need

BOOK CLUB

Please join us for a discussion of the book *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*, by Lisa See, on Tuesday, October 14th, in Meeting Room C (lower level of Saint Kilian Church) at 7:00pm.

PATZÚN SCHOOL MISSION MEETING

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Patzún School Mission will be held on October 13 at 7:00 pm in St. Kilian's meeting Room 'C'. After a brief business discussion, Fr. Dan Waruszewski will present his report of this summer's mission trip by St. Martha and Mary Parish to the Franciscan Missions in Patzún, Guatemala. Fr. Dan conducted student interviews at the San Bernardino School on our behalf and will discuss including Saint Mark the Evangelist parishioners in future trips. All are invited to attend.

HALLOW PRAYER CHALLENGE

Are you searching for a deeper sense of peace in your daily life?

Starting Monday, October 6th, we invite you to join us for a new Prayer Challenge on our parish community page in the Hallow app, titled "Searching for Peace."

Sr. Miriam James, SOLT, leads this inspiring series as she reads and reflects on the modern spiritual classic by Fr. Jacques Philippe. With short, powerful reflections each day, this challenge will help you discover peace of heart and grow in trust as you learn to surrender more fully to God in everyday life.

Whether you're a regular on Hallow or just getting started, this is a beautiful way to deepen your prayer life and walk with fellow parishioners in faith.

Join us by visiting the Saint Mark Parish community page on the Hallow app at: www.saintmark.org/hallow Let's take this journey of prayer and peace together.

Hallow





FAITH ON FIRE

All young adults ages 21-39 are welcome to join Faith on Fire on Thursday, October 30th, for an All Hallows Eve Party, at North Park Parish Hill Barn (10301 Walter Rd, Wexford, PA 15090). Join us for food, music, a speaker, and a costume contest! For more information: faithonfirepgh.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Join Catholic Women's Fellowship as we dive into "Virtues: Your Christian Legacy" by Susan Muto. This book stands as an invitation and challenge to change your behavior and allow your Christian Legacy to enrich our world, which is so crushed by vice and hatred. We will encounter masters of the spiritual life, ancient, medieval and modern, who show us the way. The book is available on Amazon. Contact Linda Prather, snipefarn2020@verizon.net to sign up or ask questions. Sessions will begin on October 14, in Holy Sepulcher's Meeting Room, and continue on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to the Taizé Prayer Service, "a quiet reflective time of sung prayer," to be held on Tuesday, October 21, at 7:00 pm at Saint Kilian Church.

Join us for 60 minutes of ecumenical, peaceful, and meditative music, prayer, and Scripture readings. You are welcome to quiet the challenges of your day, the concerns of your heart, and center your thoughts on God.

CANCER MINISTRY

The Ladies of Charity Center Ministry has an active prayer chain to pray for individuals living with cancer. The ministry also sends St. Peregrine prayer cards and medals to cancer patients, letting them know that we are praying for them. If you know an individual diagnosed with cancer, we would like to pray for them. Contact us at cancerministry@saintmark.org

YOUNG ADULT NIGHTS

Young Adults (ages 18-39), join us for volleyball night on October 7th, October 21st, and November 4th. For the location and more information, contact Steve Hartle at shartle@saintmark.org.



BULLETIN ADS - AVAILABLE NOW



Sue Novosel from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our parish in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our parish thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your parish; in turn, parishioners will support you.

10 FAITH FORMATION

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FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION FAMILIES

Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish Faith Formation families, Holy Sepulcher Catholic School families, and Saint Kilian Catholic School families, if your child is currently enrolled in Grade 2 or 8, you will begin to receive information about parent meetings and spring sacraments later during the month of October. If your child attends a different Catholic School, reach out to Mary French right away to get on that contact list. Currently, we do not have our official dates for all sacraments. We appreciate your patience and understanding, and we want you to rest assured that you will be updated as we are able to share that information with you. Keep an eye on your inbox!

SACRAMENT YEAR FAMILIES

Sacrament Year Families whose children attend other Catholic Schools: Parents who have children enrolled in Catholic Schools not associated with our parish (schools other than Holy Sepulcher and Saint Kilian) who anticipate receiving sacraments this school year (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation) – we need to know that you are out there! Please reach out to Mary French immediately so that we can include you on our information contact lists for those sacraments. Email mfrench@saintmark.org or call 724.625.1665 x 2122 ASAP to ensure you receive all information in a timely manner. This request is both time-sensitive and urgent!

HOMESCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

Families Enrolled for Homeschool Faith Formation: Parents, please be advised that we are underway, and you should be immersed in planning and preparing lessons for your children. We have benchmarks throughout the year to ensure that no family falls behind, and the first will come early in October. If you haven't started your homeschool lessons yet, please pull those materials. Take a moment to do so now.



LIFE TEEN AND SKY: X-DAY

Attention all 6th-12th graders. Join us for a day of fun at XDay at Teen Quest in Somerset, PA.

When: Saturday, October 18, 10:30 am-7 pm.

Cost: \$65 per person, includes transportation, food, and all activities.

Have fun with corn maze, hayrides, rock wall climbing, trampoline, archery, laser tag, paintball, horseback riding, gaga ball, 9 square, human foosball, and so much more.

Register online at saintmark.org/x-day. Or contact Steve at shartle@saintmark.org



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, SAVE THE DATE

RAINFOREST FALLS VBS: Save the Date! JUNE 22-JUNE 26, 2026, preschool-6th grades. Save any summer décor – palm trees, leaves, birds and butterflies...it will be full of color and joy! Questions? Email jo at jscheller@saintmark.org



HELPING THOSE IN NEED 11

Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish



FELLOWSHIP DINNERS COME ONE, COME ALL

Fellowship Dinners are offered each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall, on the corner of Clark and Cherry Streets in Mars borough. Doors open at 4:00pm. Dinner is served at 5:00pm.

Upcoming Dinner Hosts:
October 8: SALT Group
October 15: Fellowship Leadership Team

Please consider hosting a Fellowship Dinner in 2026. Our 2026 calendar will be available online in October. More details will be in upcoming bulletins. Questions? reach out to: fellowship@saintmark.org

Thank you:
Bread is donated each week by DiBella's Subs, Rte 228, Cranberry Twp

Desserts are supplied by the Saint Mark Baking Ministry

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Saint Mark Parish

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Exciting news is coming with WWMIN! We will be offering a community event where YOU get to help participate in offering a "blessing" for new Moms in Need and their babies. In the meantime, we are offering this QR code to start collecting the items that we will need to fill the bags. Please share it with anyone who may want to help. Details on the event are coming!

We will still be accepting new or gently used items for baby, pregnant and nursing Moms and clothing for 0-5-year-olds.



It is preferred to have items brought to the old St Kilian Church in Mars at 205 Clark St. on Wednesdays from 2:30-5:00. If this is not possible, items can be dropped off on the food pantry shelves at St. Kilian's or at the side entrance of Holy Sepulcher church. Questions? Email mominneed@saintmark.org or call Trish at 412-951-5574

FOOD PANTRY MISSION AT GLADE RUN

Thank you for your support of the Food Bank Mission at Glade Run Church. The items donated continue to serve those in need in our community. At this time, the Glade Run Food Bank needs the following items:

- Sugar
- Canned soup (any kind)
- Canned Vegetables
- Coffee
- Crackers (ritz & saltine)
- Canned Fruit

Donations can be placed in the tote marked food bank (In Holy Sepulcher Church coat room).

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "When you have done all you have been commanded, say: We are unprofitable servants; we have only done what we were obliged to do." This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned, for indeed we are only doing "what we are obliged to do". If you are in need or know of someone in need, please call the Parish office at (724) 625 - 1655. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who continue to support the food pantry. Donations can be put on the cart inside Saint Kilian Church or dropped off at the pantry on Wednesdays. All non-perishable and/or personal care items are appreciated, but please no expired items.

This week, we are most in need of:

- 8 Pack Boxes of Oatmeal
- Cereal
- Saltines
- Cake Mixes and Icing
- Canned Chicken
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Sauerkraut
- Canned Tomatoes
- Boxed Thin Spaghetti
- Beef Ramen Noodles

If you can benefit from the pantry, please just come to the pantry between 2:30-5pm on Wednesdays. We will need your name, address, and number in the household. You can shop for specific items in the various sections, i.e., breakfast, snacks, sauces/soups, etc. You are welcome to shop weekly!

Note: Bread and bakery items are donated by Giant Eagle, Seven Fields.

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JUBILEE MASS FOR CHILDREN

All children and families throughout the Diocese are invited to a special Mass celebrating children in the Jubilee Year! Bishop Emeritus Zubik will celebrate the liturgy, held at noon on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at Saint Paul Cathedral. Please consider wearing green as a sign of hope! There will be a cookie and craft reception immediately following the liturgy, downstairs in the Saint Paul Cathedral Social Hall

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From Sept. 24th through Nov. 2nd, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh. If you'd like more information, please contact: Nikki Bruni, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com

ART OF ACCOMPANIMENT WORKSHOP

Discover how to grow closer to Christ while learning to walk with others in faith at the Art of Accompaniment Workshop on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 9 AM–3 PM in the Cardinal DiNardo Center at the Saints John & Paul Campus of Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish. Led by Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB, this workshop will provide practical tools for compassionate listening, building trust, fostering healing, and guiding others in their spiritual journey. Whether you already serve in ministry or simply want to grow as a missionary disciple, this day will deepen your faith and strengthen your ability to share it. To register, visit saintluke.net/accompaniment.

DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH SPEAKER SERIES

The Diocese of Pittsburgh Speaker Series is a special opportunity to grow in faith and draw closer to God. All baptized Catholics are warmly invited. Lay ministers serving in any capacity within our parishes will find this series a chance to reflect, deepen their understanding of their unique calling, and strengthen their relationship with God and His Church. Each gathering begins with food and fellowship, followed by prayer, a presentation, and discussion.

These sessions include lunch.

There is no cost to attend.

All sessions take place in:

O'Connor Hall,
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November 6, 12-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.
The Dignity of Work
Jacob Williamson, Diocesan director of Social Concerns

December 4, 12-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.
Prayer...an endless mystery to our inner journey with God
Laetitia Bridges, Diocesan consultant

Contact Angela Gaughan, Director of Lay Ministry, with questions at agaughan@diopitt.org

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025? Come to honor this tremendous milestone and to thank God for the gift of your marriage at the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass. Reception to follow. Register online at diopitt.org/GWA25. Registration deadline Oct.5.

RED MASS AND DINNER

All are invited to attend the 2025 Red Mass, offered annually to invoke God's blessing upon all judges, lawyers, legislators and government officials. The Mass will commence at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at the Duquesne University Chapel. Dinner will follow immediately at the Duquesne University Power Center Ballroom. The Red Mass and Dinner is sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society of Pittsburgh, the association of Catholic lawyers. All are welcome to attend Mass. Dinner is by reservation only at \$95.00/person, \$700.00 per table of 8. Make reservations and mail check to Molly E. Meacham, Esq. at 1210 Inverness Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. For questions, email Molly E. Meacham, Esq. at molly.meacham@gmail.com.

ROSARY

Join the Spirit Refill Team, of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, at St. Teresa of Avila Church, in Ross Township on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. for recitation of the Rosary and a presentation by Father Christopher Mannerino, on "Purgatory." All are invited to attend.

ST. LUKE WINGS

SThe Women in God's Spirit (WINGS) group at St. Luke Parish (Saints John & Paul Church) invites you to join us for a talk by Fr. Kevin Barret on Saturday October 18th from 10:00am – 11:30am. The upper floor of the Cardinal DiNardo Center (across from the church) of Sts. John and Paul, 2586 Wexford Bayne Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

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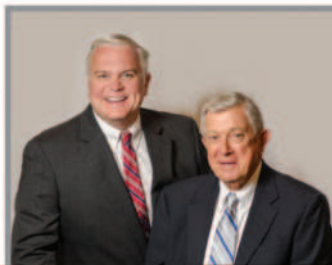
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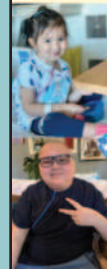
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