



SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST PARISH

HOLY SEPULCHER CHURCH | SAINT KILIAN CHURCH



MARCH 8, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF
LENT

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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: 2:30-3:30pm



SAINT KILIAN CHURCH AND PASTORAL CENTER

7076 Franklin Road, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

Mass Times:

Mon: 9:00am | Tues: 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: 2:30-3:30pm

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WE WELCOME THESE NEW PARISHIONERS

- Edward and Bonita Haver
- Nicholas and Jamie Lehman and Family
- Lisa Dillon and Seamus Padraig
- Elias and Elizabeth Shaheen

May they feel the warmth of Christ in our parish community.

OUR SYMPATHY

- Marita Lehman at the passing of her father, Martin Gaynord, III

May his 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 recently baptized:

- Benjamin, son of Sonny and Maria Litwiler
- Jacob, son of Michael and Ashley Watson
- Lucas, son of Jesse Gabriel and Emily Pisula
- Sophia, daughter of Jesse Gabriel and Emily Pisula
- Maxwell, son of Michael and Alesia Bennett
- Jonathan, son of Michael and Alesia Bennett
- Gabriella, daughter of Louie and Marijana Peppas

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

MASS ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1

<u>Saint Kilian</u>		<u>Holy Sepulcher</u>	
Saturday, 4pm	482	Saturday, 4pm	388
Saturday, 5:30pm	567		
Sunday, 8am	356	Sunday, 8am	315
Sunday, 10am	430	Sunday, 10:30am	576
Sunday, 12pm	569		
Sunday, 5pm	735	Total	1,279
Total	3,139	Weekend Total	4,418

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 jscheller@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

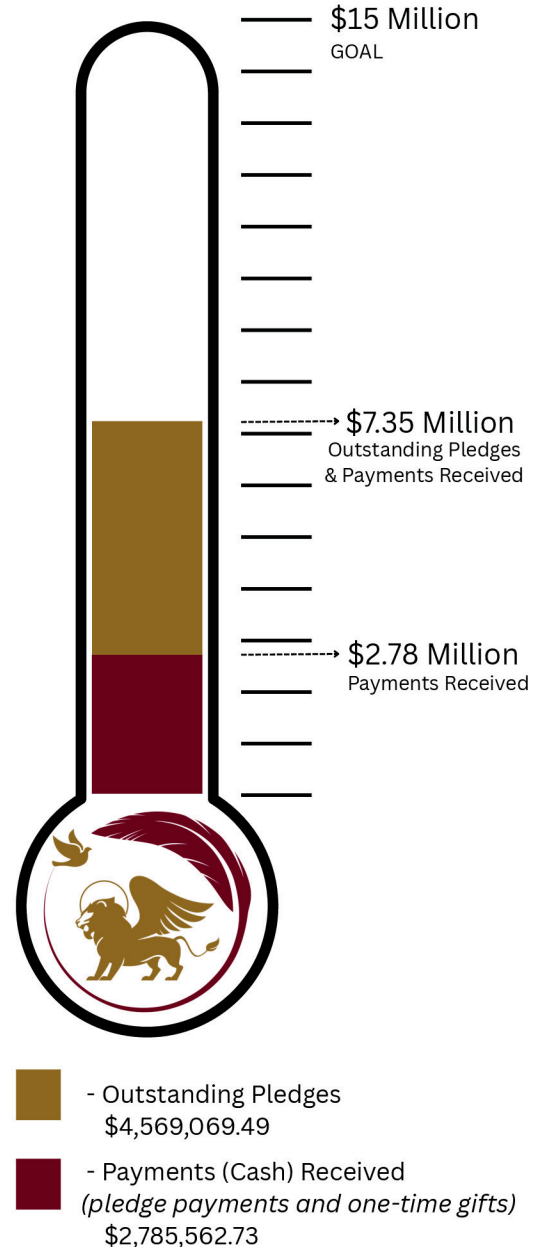
We are grateful for our Campaign Co-chairs who answered the call to serve Saint Mark in many ways. We asked them to share some thoughts about why they chose to lead and what Forward in Faith and Hope means to them. This week, we are highlighting Sandy Matson, who oversees construction planning for our campaign.

“God blessed me with many gifts that I utilized throughout my life and especially during a long and very rewarding career. When Father Bober asked me to serve as Co-chair of this critical parish campaign, I immediately recognized that the Holy Spirit was providing an excellent opportunity to “give back” by using those same gifts to help lead this campaign. He was asking me to contribute my time, talents, and financial support through sacrificial giving and to convince others to do the same. But before I could ask others to give generously, I had to prayerfully discern what I was willing to pledge—off the top instead of out of my surplus as I normally would do. The Holy Spirit didn’t disappoint and guided me to a decision.

This Campaign is a wonderful evangelization opportunity for us all to attract new members, but also to retain the members in our current flock. All parishioners will benefit from the debt elimination and the expanded facilities, but I am most excited about the strong emphasis on families and our youth. A successful campaign will help provide a strong parish foundation for generations to come, and I am absolutely convinced that the Holy Spirit will bless us with priestly and other religious vocations through a spiritually enhanced, family environment. I pray that you will join me in leaving a legacy for our future parishioners.”

Thank you for your continued prayers, thoughtful questions, and generous support as we move together Forward in Faith and Hope.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the parish office at 724-625-1665 x3302.



FORWARD

IN FAITH AND HOPE

SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST PARISH
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

04 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HOLY SEPULCHER CAMPUS

MONDAY, MARCH 9

7:00pm | Bingo by Knights of Columbus | YYAC

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

12:30pm | Revelation Bible Study | Church Mtg Room

6:30pm | Catholic Women's Fellowship | Church Mtg Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

6:00pm | Confessions | Church

6:30pm | Rosary | Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

No Events

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

6:00pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | Church

7:00pm | Stations of the Cross | Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

2:30pm | Confessions | Church

Before & After Mass | Hoagie Sales by Patzun | Vestibule

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Before & After Mass | Hoagie Sales by Patzun | Vestibule

SAINT KILIAN CAMPUS

MONDAY, MARCH 9

10:00am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | Church

6:30pm | OCIA | Church Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

6:30pm | GriefShare | Mtg Room D

6:30pm | Jr. Ladies of Charity | Fellowship Hall

7:00pm | Book Club | Mtg Room C

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

9:30am | Women's Bible Study | Church Hall

2:30pm | Food Pantry | Fellowship Hall

2:30pm | WWMIN Little One's Closet and Mom's Boutique | Fellowship Hall

5:00pm | Fellowship Dinner | Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

6:00am | That Man Is You! | Church Hall

6:30pm | Catholic Men's Fellowship | Mtg Room C

6:30pm | Walking with Purpose | Church Hall

7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal | Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

10:00am | Prayer Group | Fellowship Hall

2:00pm | Stations of the Cross | Church

4:00pm-7:30pm | Fish Fry Dine In | Church Hall

4:00pm-7:30pm | Fish Fry Take Out | School Cafeteria

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

2:30pm | Confessions | Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

No Events



**JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS — WE
LOOK FORWARD TO SPENDING TIME TOGETHER IN FAITH
AND FELLOWSHIP!**

LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED AT THE PARISH

We welcome you to get involved in the parish. You can volunteer for a ministry or committee, join a small group, participate in worship activities like the choir, teach Faith Formation, assist with church events, or engage in outreach programs within the community.

Visit our website: www.saintmark.org or email: parish@saintmark.org.



MASS INTENTIONS

HOLY SEPULCHER CHURCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

4:00pm Nancy and Chuck Kaczmarek
Wedding Anniversary (Family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:00am † Joe Wojciechowski
(Ubinger Family)
10:30am † Chuck and Melva Marshall
(Friends)

MONDAY, MARCH 9

7:30am † The Deceased Members of
the Majcher Family (Majcher Family)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

7:30am † Margie Wertz
(David and Jamie Smith)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

7:00pm † Dave Parsons
(Albensi Family)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

7:30am † James and Barbara Fiscus
(David and Jamie Smith)

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

9:00am † Erminia Perri (Perri Family)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

4:00pm † Sigmund Pehel (Pehel Family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

8:00am † Ann Somple and Daniel J.
McLaughlin (Don and Cathie Kern)
10:30am † Living and Deceased Members
of Saint Mark Parish

SAINT KILIAN CHURCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

4:00pm † Joan Ostrozny (Lori Hunter)
5:30pm † Mildred Palajsa
(Bob and Judy Nicklas)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:00am † Grace M Lyon
(daughter, Kathleen Lyon)
10:00am † Ron Socash (Wife and Family)
12:00pm Jeanne Bachner, 90th birthday
(Deacon Ralph and Susan Bachner)
5:00pm † Daniel Powell (Mary Powell)

MONDAY, MARCH 9

9:00am † Jim Batchen (Celine)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

7:00am † Michael Alberico
(Bob and Linda Gariano)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

7:00am † Lois Lessner
(Friends at Saint Mark Parish)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

7:00am † Veronica Grejda
(Elizabeth Cerra and Family)

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

7:00am † Margaret Joyce (Ann Hodak)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

4:00pm † Colin Scott (Ron and Loreen Witt)
5:30pm † Patricia Ferrante (Family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

8:00am † Frank and Wynona Gashie
(Greg and Michelle Bellich)
10:00am † Frances Minno (Marlee Flaherty)
12:00pm † Marlene Fitzpatrick
(Jim and Terri Sacco)
5:00pm † Joan Smith (Tony and Lori)

2026 MASS INTENTIONS

We are now scheduling Mass Intentions for 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 (Checks can be made payable to Saint Mark Parish).

We kindly ask that requests be limited to three intentions per household (one weekend Mass and two weekday Masses), as we want to give all parish families the opportunity to schedule Masses for their loved ones and recently deceased.

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



06 PRAYER

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8



Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

ST FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

Feast Day: March 9

Frances' life combines aspects of secular and religious life. A devoted and loving wife, she longed for a lifestyle of prayer and service, so she organized a group of women to minister to the needs of Rome's poor.

Born into a wealthy family, Saint Frances of Rome was drawn to the religious life in her youth. But her parents objected, and a young nobleman was selected as her husband.

As she became acquainted with her new relatives, Frances soon discovered that the wife of her husband's brother also wished to live a life of service and prayer. So the two, Frances and Vannoza, set out together—with their husbands' blessings—to help the poor.

Saint Frances of Rome became more and more convinced that this way of life was so necessary for the world, and it was not long before she requested and was given permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Once the society was established, Frances chose not to live at the community residence, but rather at home with her husband. She did this for seven years, until her husband passed away, and then came to live the remainder of her life with the society, serving the poorest of the poor.

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8

Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Lent Daylight Saving Time begins
Monday:	St. Frances of Rome, Religious
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Lent

INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK

Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.



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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT 07

Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish

FEBRUARY OFFERTORY

Children's Online Giving:	\$ 79.30
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 89,343.33
Offertory Loose:	\$ 26,541.45
Offertory Online Giving:	\$ 95,163.96
Total:	\$211,128.04
Weekly Average:	\$ 52,782.01

PARISH APPEAL 2026

Donations through 1/31:	\$ 23,892.75
Contributed in February:	\$ 61,500.40
Total Contributed:	\$ 85,393.15
2026 Parish Appeal Goal:	\$408,444.00
Need:	\$323,050.85

Due to the Forward in Faith & Hope Capital Campaign, all donations given to New Construction and Debt Reduction will go towards the campaign.

THANK YOU

Your generous gifts make it possible for our parish to continue its mission of faith, service, and community.

Through your support, we are able to celebrate the sacraments, offer meaningful programs and ministries, care for those in need, and maintain a welcoming space for worship.

Every contribution—big or small—helps to strengthen our parish family and ensures that we can carry Christ's love into the world.

Thank you for sharing your blessings and being an essential part of the life of our parish.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
-2 Corinthians 9:7



GIVING AT SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST PARISH

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is the best and most convenient way to give to the parish. It is a great way to be consistent with your giving and helps the parish with budgeting efforts. Signing up for online giving through Our Sunday Visitor is easy. Go to osvhub.com/saintmark.

TRADITIONAL GIVING

You can request donation envelopes from the parish office. Collection baskets are at the entrance of each church.

ESTATE PLANNING

Including our parish in your estate planning is a meaningful way to leave a lasting legacy of faith. By remembering the parish in your will or trust, you help ensure that future generations will continue to experience the sacraments, grow in faith, and find a spiritual home here. This type of gift reflects your values and commitment to the Church, extending your impact well beyond your lifetime. We invite you to prayerfully consider this special way of supporting the mission of our parish for years to come.

GIVING THROUGH DAF & QCD

You may choose to give through Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) or Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). If you have a Donor-Advised Fund you know that it is simple, efficient, and tax-smart solution for Charitable giving. Qualified Charitable Distributions are a direct transfer of funds from your IRA to the parish and can be applied to your required minimum distributions and is excluded from taxable income. If you would like to know more about giving through DAF or QCD, you may contact our business manager Gregory Callaghan or your financial advisor.

08 PARISH FISH FRY

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MARCH 13, 20 & 27 - 4:00PM - 7:30PM

Dine-In: Saint Kilian Church Hall

Takeout: Saint Kilian School Cafeteria

Adults \$17 / Seniors (65+) \$15

Meal includes: Entrée, 2 Sides, Soup & Dessert

Entrées:

Fish Sandwich, Fried Shrimp, Fried Cod, Baked Cod

Side Dish #1

French Fries, Baked Potato, Pierogies, Mac & Cheese

Side Dish #2

Coleslaw, Applesauce

À La Carte:

Fried Fish \$12	Soup \$3	Mac & Cheese \$3
Baked Fish \$12	French Fries \$3	Coleslaw \$2
Fish Sandwich \$12	Pierogies \$3	Applesauce \$2
Fried Shrimp (8) \$12	Baked Potato \$3	Personal Pizza \$3

TAKE OUT ORDERS ONLINE

ORDER ONLINE AT: SAINTMARK.ORG/FISHFRY

Orders can be placed up to 6 days in advance

ATTENTION BAKERS

Desserts are needed each week. We ask you to donate desserts as often as you are able.

Friday Dessert Drop Off:

- Saint Kilian Church Hall: 7am-2:30pm
- Holy Sepulcher Church Office: 8am-10am

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS PARISH FISH FRY SPONSORS!



Alyssa Policella Team of Berkshire Hathaway
Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh
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Walnut Grill

LENT

Lent is a sacred season of prayer, repentance, and renewal as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for the many Lenten opportunities offered at our parish—including prayer, worship, service, and reflection—as we journey together toward deeper conversion. Through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, this holy time calls us to draw closer to Christ and to one another as a parish family. Let us embrace Lent with open hearts, trusting that God will do great work in us during these forty days.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Join us for a quiet, reflective time of prayer, song, and Scripture at the Taize Prayer Service on Tuesday, March 17, 7:00pm in Saint Kilian Church



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

THE SCHEDULE WILL BE UPDATED EACH WEEK

Wednesday, March 11 Holy Sepulcher Church: 6:00-6:30pm

Saturday, March 14 Holy Sepulcher Church: 2:30-3:30pm
Saint Kilian Church: 2:30-3:30pm

Wednesday, March 18 Holy Sepulcher Church: 6:00-6:30pm

Saturday, March 21 Holy Sepulcher Church: 2:30-3:30pm
Saint Kilian Church: 2:30-3:30pm



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THE SCHEDULE WILL BE UPDATED EACH WEEK

This Lent, make time for Eucharistic Adoration. Join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and allow the Lord to renew your heart.

Monday, March 9, Saint Kilian Church, 10:00am-6:00pm

Friday, March 13, Holy Sepulcher Church, 6:00-6:50pm

Friday, March 20, Holy Sepulcher Church, 6:00-6:50pm

Friday, March 27, Holy Sepulcher Church, 6:00-6:50pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are welcome to join us each Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross, a meaningful opportunity to pause, pray, and walk with our Lord on the way of the Cross.

Saint Kilian Church - 2:00pm
Holy Sepulcher Church - 7:00pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more, and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for Him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with His eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.

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YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Volleyball:

(Adults ages 18-39 are welcome!)

Join us for a great time with a welcoming group of young adults. These are great nights filled with fun and laughter. It's a great place to build good friendships. We always have a faith discussion and prayer as well. Hope to see you there! For location, please contact Stephen Hartle: shartle@saintmark.org

Upcoming Dates: March 10th and March 24th.



LIFE TEEN TRIPS

Spring Retreat - April 17-19

All current 8th-12th graders are invited to an unforgettable weekend at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Camp in Volant, PA, joining teens from at least two other parishes.

Experience a powerful blend of faith-filled talks, small groups, games, free time, Mass, praise, adoration, and more.

Mission Trip 2026 - Montague, Michigan

Join Catholic Heart Work Camp for a life-changing week of service with 300 other teens from across the country.

Open to all current 8th-12th graders, this trip offers the chance to serve those in need, deepen your faith, and build incredible friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

Space is limited for both of these opportunities, so don't wait to sign up!

Please email Steve Hartle at shartle@saintmark.org for more information and to register for either of these amazing opportunities.

CANDY FOR EGG HUNT

Egg Hunt Candy Donations Needed!

We have 5,000 eggs to fill for our upcoming Egg Hunt — and we need your help!

We're asking you to consider donating one bag of nut-free, individually wrapped candy so we can make this event extra special for our children.

Candy can be dropped off at:

- 📍 Saint Kilian School – Main Entrance
- 📍 Holy Sepulcher Church Side Entry (by the school)

The Egg Hunt is Sunday, March 29th (after the 10:30 Mass at Holy Sepulcher). The link to pre-register is: <https://vbspro.events/p/egghunt2026>

Thank you for helping us create a joyful and memorable celebration for our parish families. Your generosity truly makes this event possible!

EGG FILLERS

Teens needing service hours? We need many hands to help fill eggs! – to schedule, contact Jo at jscheller@saintmark.org

LIVING STATIONS

Please join us for our Living Stations prayer services:

- Sunday, March 15, Holy Child Church, Bridgeville
- Good Friday, April 3, Saint Michael Church, Elizabeth

The prayer services are at 7:30pm

Our teens have worked hard to proclaim the Gospel in this powerful visual presentation.



For more information on any of these ministries, please contact Stephen Hartle @ shartle@saintmark.org

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION DEADLINES

Whether your children are enrolled in our 'homeschool' option or the onsite 'traditional' classes for Faith Formation, please remember; an early Easter means early deadlines for courses to be complete. Parents please have all sessions completed or made-up no later than Easter! Our official closing date for homeschool is Tuesday, April 7th. No work can be accepted after that date, regardless of enrollment status.

VOLUNTEER FOR SUMMER FAITH FORMATION

Our popular Summer Middle School Program (July 6-10) is now in the planning stages, and we are in need of volunteers to make this impactful week possible. We are seeking catechists, classroom aides, substitutes, and behind-the-scenes helpers. Volunteering for the full week guarantees your child a spot and helps us open enough classrooms to serve our students. Easy-to-use, pre-planned curriculum is provided and can be adapted to your teaching style.

Please consider serving in this vital faith formation ministry. Sign up here: <https://saintkilian.formstack.com/forms/ffv>

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM

Middle School Summer Program; "Save the Dates": If you are considering enrolling your middle school student in our summer faith formation programming, please remember that attendance for the entire, full week of class is necessary. Your child must be able to attend in order to enroll. SAVE THE DATES and keep them free! Middle School Summer Program 2026 will run Monday - Friday, July 6th through 10th.

SAVE THE DATE

Summer Registration

Families who are interested in completing their child's Faith Formation classes are given the opportunity to work through curriculum over the summer months - Registration opens May 1-26 for the following options:

1. Homeschool faith formation for students in grades 1-6
2. Confirmation Prep (Middle School Summer Program), a one week onsite program in July, grades 6 and up only.



WHAT IS VBS?

It is a faith-filled summer camp, half-days, for kids in preschool-6th grade (June 22-26, 9-noon). It is LARGE! We host over 300 kids with the help of 140 volunteers. It is a week of friendships, faith modeling, exploration and joy. The building is transformed for the week - this week's theme is the rainforest! You do not have to be a member of the parish to join in. All are welcome!

PACKING PAPER

YES! We can use as much packing paper as possible, BUT please hold it until June as my office space is limited! No need to worry about wrinkling it (we will twist it to make ceiling vines). Smash it into a large bag in the garage until June please - thank you!

VBS ITEMS (JUNK FOR JO)

We collect and reuse! We are looking for: barrel of monkeys games, Play-Doh tools, large Styrofoam, any rainforest animals (plastic or stuffed), plastic vines/foilage/flowers, paints or spray paints in rainforest colors for creating decor (browns/greens/blues/bright colors). Drop off at the pastoral centers; ATTN: Jo Scheller. Please do not leave items at Saint Kilian Church. Thank you!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

High School juniors and seniors, and/or adults, we need YOU to serve as a leader for the little ones. Can you help? Station Leaders (rooms) receive 2 free participant registrations for their children. Supplies and full instructions provided - it is truly the best week of the summer! Email Jo for more details at: jscheller@saintmark.org

Preschool Exploration Station - hands-on play, energetic

Preschool Games Station - outdoors, interactive

Preschool Sticky Scripture Station - low energy, video-based

K-4th grade Games Station - mostly outdoor, high energy

K-4th grade Sticky Scripture Station - low energy, video-based

VBX Crafts - help prep and oversee craft time for the older kids (5th/6th)

VBX Snacks - help prep and deliver the daily treat items to VBX (5th/6th)

Also need several more preschool crew leaders - leads small group of kids from room to room

12 PARISH MINISTRIES

March 8, 2026 | Third Sunday of Lent

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:

March 11: Hanley Family

March 18: Saint Vincent DePaul St. Kilian Chapter

2026 SIGN UPS ARE OPEN: Our Fellowship Dinner 2026 Calendar is open! Your group, family or business is welcome to sign-up to host a dinner. Please contact us for more information:

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.

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SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."

Through your almsgiving, you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime, or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Do you need maternity clothes or essentials for your babies and toddlers? Come to our Little Ones Closet and Mom's Boutique: OPEN Wednesdays from 2:30-5:00pm 205 Clark Street, Mars, PA If you cannot come then, please call/text Tina at 724-968-6452 or email walkingwithmoms@saintmark.org to request other arrangements.

Our present needs:

- Large size diapers 4-7
- Baby laundry detergent
- Baby shampoo
- Baby wash
- Diaper rash ointment
- Baby Bottles
- Baby food for up to 18 months
- Similac sensitive formula
- Baby strollers
- New or gently used baby and toddler clothes
- Boys & girls shoes/sneakers in sizes 0-12

Please bring donations on Wednesdays when we are open or drop off at St. Kilian Church by the food pantry shelves or at Holy Sepulcher on the table by the office entrance door. Thank you for your generosity!



FOOD PANTRY IN MARS

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:

- Saltine Crackers
- Canned Beef Stew
- Canned Chicken
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Chicken/Beef Broth
- Canned Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Baked Beans
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Potatoes
- Rice-a-Roni

If you can benefit from the pantry, please come 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.

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
- Coffee
- Vegetable Oil
- Canned Chicken
- Pancake Mix
- Toilet Paper

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

CARING QUILT MINISTRY

The Caring Quilt Ministry will have its next work day on Saturday, March 28 at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall (Mars). Everyone is invited to stop by and check out what we do. No pressure to join, but we do have fun, work hard and have time for fellowship at lunch. The quilts are always available at the Parish Education Center on Franklin Road. Any questions, please contact Linda Anderson at 814laa@gmail.com.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

FRIDAY, March 20, 2026 11:00am to 3:00pm

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a campaign to draw attention to the evils of Abortion through prayer, fasting, and constant vigil for 40 days. Saint Mark the Evangelist parishioners are invited to participate in the Vigil on Friday, March 20. We usually do 2-hour shifts: 11:00am-1:00pm or 1:00pm-3:00pm; carpooling can be arranged. We simply stand outside the abortion facility and pray; signs will be available if you wish to hold one.

If you are unable to come on March 20, the Spring campaign of 40 DAYS FOR LIFE runs from February 18 - March 29; shift supervisors will be present from 7:00am - 7:00pm at Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh. Just show up!

To join us or to make arrangements for carpooling, please contact:

Debbie Busin 724-510- 8670 or
Gretchen Cararie 724-898-2529 or
gcararie@zoominternet.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

The Knights of Columbus is hosting Bingo on Monday, March 9 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 questions, please reach out to Bob at (724) 777-7271.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies of the Parish – And Friends!

Please consider joining a wonderful group of ladies from Saint Mark Parish for our annual Women's retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on Pittsburgh's south side! This year's retreat is March 20-22, 2026. The theme is "Pray Always – Pray All Ways". The weekend is filled with wonderful speakers, Mass, the Rosary, personal prayer, and quiet time. You will come away renewed and refreshed in your faith. Registration is open now! For more information, please contact Monica Palmer at 724-977-3315.



PATZUN SCHOOL MISSION

HOAGIE SALE

The Patzun School Mission group would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity at last weekend's hoagie sale. \$2,603.75 was raised, 100% of which goes toward half-scholarships for 120 students at the San Bernardino School and any other immediate school needs of the Franciscan Sisters. \$1,243.75 was our net profit from the hoagies, while \$1,360.00 was from individual parishioner contributions. We would also like to thank the members of the Ladies of Charity who generously donated their time helping us sell hoagies!

Patzun School Mission will be selling Hoagies after all Masses at

- Holy Sepulcher Church on March 14 & 15

The cost for hoagies is \$10.00 each. We will have Double Meat Traditional Hoagies, Ham & American, Italian Pizza, and Turkey. Checks can be made payable to "Patzún School Mission."

Did you know?

- Our fundraising currently supports 120 - 1/2 scholarships for the students in elementary through high school, and some of the college students; occasionally, it helps with staff salaries and the needs of the school as identified by the Franciscan Sisters who run the school. The funding we raise does not finance a mission trip to San Bernardino.
- There is an anticipated Mission trip to Patzún this summer. Please contact us if interested.
- The Patzún School Mission group is always looking for new members to help with this endeavor. For more information, please contact
Phil Miller email: phillipmiller@gmail.com or
Kim Roos email: Kroos@zoominternet.net

14 PRAYER

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PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen. We give our sincere thanks and appreciation to all veterans who have served their country. We continue to pray for our loved ones who are currently serving in the armed forces, whether they are stationed overseas or in the United States.

· Josh Ball	· Mike D’Orazio	· Jack Kish	· Emma Martinez	· Shawn Palmer	· George Staudacher
· Alley Boot	· Joey Fisher	· Philip Kletzli	· Christopher Matzke	· Nolen Paul	· Patrick Sutherland
· Nathan Breitenbach	· Philip French	· Sam Klimko	· Brent Metal	· Brian Radford	· Jayme Tatko
· Michael Cancelmi	· James Gajewski	· Brian Kuhn	· Stephen Miros	· Deshawn Richardson	· Xander Thorwart
· Tyler Casey	· Benjamin Harper	· Jessica Kuhn	· Martin Mowad	· Michael Ross	· Jordan Tirado
· Cedrick Ceballos	· Damian Herbert	· James Kurtzrock	· Daniel Mullen	· Justin Rudish	· Elijah Webb
· William Joseph Colbert	· Zachary Hohman	· Luc Madonna	· Sean Murphy	· Rachael Schafer	· Michael Winter
· Brandon Davidson	· Andra Johns	· Stephen Longwell III	· Brendan Negle	· Hunter Smith	· Jacob Zimmer
· Matthew Deschaine	· Luke Juriga	· Dale Mahafkey	· Garrett Ott	· Warren Smith	
· Mitchell Deschaine	· Krista Kelyman	· Jacob Mann	· Michael Palaski	· Timothy Straight	

To submit a name to add to a prayer list that is published occasionally in our parish bulletin, please submit the request at https://saintkilian.formstack.com/forms/military_prayer_request. We would ask that in order to avoid any errors, please be sure to type the information clearly. Please inform us when a loved one has been discharged in order for us to keep our list up-to-date.

THE ROSARY

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=YldBdnRBZjYzOUNJVWpQU0tVYXB5Zz09)

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HALLOW

PRAYER APP

All parishioners (free or paid users) are invited to join our parish page on Hallow. Here, you’re able to create a profile, share prayer requests, take part in prayer challenges, and discover new ways to grow your faith.

Already have the app? Go to the Community tab, search for Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish using zip code 16066, and join.

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Hallow



VOTIVE CANDLES

We have votive candle stands for parishioners who wish to light a candle in prayer or remembrance of loved ones.

The suggested donation when lighting a votive candle is \$3.00 each. When lighting candles in our churches, please be careful as the containers may be hot.



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HSCS GALA

Join us on Saturday, March 14 at Greystone Fields for Holy Sepulcher Catholic School's annual Spring Gala, Faith, Fortune & Future. Enjoy an elegant evening featuring dinner, live and silent auctions, and exciting raffles — all in support of our students and school community.

RSVP by Tuesday, March 10.

Purchase event tickets online at: igfn.us/form/GtUyWw

Even if you are unable to attend, you can still participate by purchasing a \$25 Grand Prize ticket for a chance to win \$1,000. Grand Prize tickets are also available at the HSCS Church office.

Thank you for supporting Catholic education at Holy Sepulcher!

KILIAN CLOVER BASH

March 21 | 3:00-7:30 PM |
Pine Community Center

Join us for a festive, Saint Patrick's Day-themed afternoon featuring dinner, entertainment, and raffles in support of Saint Kilian Catholic School. Proceeds benefit our students and school programs. Grab your green and join us in supporting Catholic education in our parish community!

Tickets can be purchased at: cloverbash.givesmart.com

NORTH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Join us for Spring Open House at North Catholic High School!
Wednesday, April 8th from 5:00-8:00pm
Register at northcatholic.org
See how NC is the place to be!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Grateful

Happy Birthday! It may or may not be your birthday now, but I know it will be coming up at some point. I hope you receive many cool presents and get to spend quality time with friends and family. On special days like birthdays, Christmas, and anniversaries, it is good to celebrate. After all, we need some fun and celebration in our lives.

But what about the day after? Presents remain, but the presence of others may be over, and it is back to the daily grind. Yesterday, you were filled with gratitude. You hold the memory of yesterday still close so that fuels you for the day. However, how about 2, 3, or 4 days from then? The truth is that many joys in this life cannot stay with us forever. They belong to a certain place in time. We will have our memories, yet those thoughts will never be a suitable substitute for the real thing.

There is one joy that remains throughout all our days: the joy we find in Jesus. What He gives us does not fade. The amazing thing about what He offers us is that it also provides a lens through which we see all things. Now we can see the smallest reasons to be grateful. We no longer have a life where we go from one celebration to another with the ordinary in between. All life and time are extraordinary! All gifts, great and small, are precious. This offering seems too good to be true, so what's the catch? Like all gifts given to us, for the gift to have meaning, we must be willing to receive it. The choice is yours. You can live in the ordinary, or you can revel in the extraordinary, now and forever.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS. @LPi



GOSPEL MEDITATION

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - JOHN 4:5-42

Recently, I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, "Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way." That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: "One sows and another reaps" (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— Father John Muir @LPi

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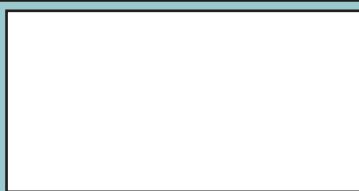
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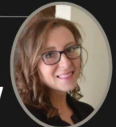
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