



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I know them, and they follow me.”
- Jn 10:27

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MAY 8, 2022

ST. MARK PARISH



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This Saturday our parish family welcomes Bishop Robert Fisher to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young Christians! Confirmation, together with Baptism and Eucharist, form the Sacraments of Initiation that are all intimately connected. "Sealed" with the grace of the Holy Spirit, the Confirmandi are equipped and commissioned to courageously "announce" the Good News of salvation in word and deed; especially, in their own lives and among their peers. The anointing with the sacred Chrism highlights the name "Christian," and comes from Christ - whom "God anointed with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 10:38).

We pray that our Confirmandi will respond generously to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and share their gifts with our parish community by active involvement and committed discipleship. Their young age and spiritual energies are clear signs that they are not only the Church of tomorrow, but, above all, the Church of today! I encourage them to participate in the Holy Mass every week to be nourished by the Eucharist, and then go out and make Jesus known and visible in the world. We thank the parents, sponsors, family members, catechists, and parishioners, for your guidance and prayerful support. We are grateful to Amanda Brewer - our DRE, for helping our young Christians to grow in virtue and spiritual knowledge, and the gifts of faith, hope, and love.

In Christ abundant Life,
Fr. Stanley

St. Mark warmly welcomes
Bishop Robert Fisher
as we Celebrate the
Sacrament of Confirmation.

Congratulations to those receiving
the Sacrament of Confirmation on
Saturday, May 7, 2022

Emma Chance

Brianna Dalkert

Alexander Edwards

Alexander Hicks

Ian Kienitz

Gabriella Olkowski



MISSION STATEMENT

As the Eucharistic family of St. Mark Parish,
we are called to welcome, love and serve. We continue the mission of Jesus Christ: "to transform our lives and believe in the Good News." (Mark 1:15)

LITURGICAL MUSIC

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Opening Song—Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays
Stars and angels sing around, center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Presentation Song—We Remember

Refrain: We Remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate
For you are with us here, and we believe that we will see you
When you come in your glory, Lord, we remember, we celebrate
We believe.

1. Here a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed.
Gather all your people and hold them to your heart. *Refrain*

2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord. *Refrain*

Communion Song—Behold the Lamb

Refrain: Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live;
And all, all who dwell in God shall come to know his glory

1. Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight; we who live
We who die are grateful for his gift, thankful for his love. *Refrain*

2. Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding
Of the wheat, of the wine united with his word and the love we share. *Refrain*

3. Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table, bless our lives;
Nourish all who hunger for this feast, shelter them with peace. *Refrain*

Sending Forth Song—Alleluia, Alleluia

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise,
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God of praise
Christ who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Now is risen from the dead.

2. Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,
Glorious life and life immortal, on that holy Easter morn.
Christ has triumphed and we conquer by this mighty enterprise,
We with Christ to life eternal by his resurrection rise.

Dear Parish Family,

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." (St Therese of Lisieux)

When we think of our own mother, do we not see a lovely image in our hearts and minds? Was or is she one of the most beautiful women we know? Think of how our mother knew us, as she created this special dwelling place for our immortal soul before we were born. A mother may be biological, psychological, or spiritual. They nurture and care for us throughout our lives, be it here on earth or when they have gone to their heavenly home. They continually guide and teach us as we grow and evolve even into adulthood. How many times when we need a bit of encouragement, do we hear that gentle voice of mom saying "you can do this"? Or when we are not quite sure - "is this a good idea or not?" Our mother channels us with her wisdom and guidance.

Think of how our mothers have sacrificed and even suffered for us. Are we showing true gratefulness for this love? Abraham Lincoln shared, "All that I am, and ever hope to be, I owe to my mother." As a mother, grandmother and soon to be great grandmother, I know I am blessed! I am particularly grateful to have technology available that I am able to be in daily contact with my family. We do not geographically live close to one another, but our hearts and minds share great love.

We are blessed to have Mary, the Mother of God, join forces with our earthly mother. As we sing

HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN, especially the refrain of
"gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright,
gentle mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love"

often congers up strong emotions of a beautiful love, both past and present. When you hear this lovely melody, does it translate to a warm heart?

On Mother's Day, let's remember to honor our mother's and ask God to bless them in a very special way.

Mary Jo

LIVE THE LITURGY

Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe.

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May is the month of Mary. Join us as we pray the rosary in her honor.

We will meet in the meditation garden on Thursday evenings during the month of May at 6:30 pm. The dates are May 12th, May 19th and May 26th.

Bring a chair for your comfort as we pray!

THE WORD

Readings for the week of May 8, 2022

- Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
- Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

ST. MARK OUTREACH

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TO THE FOOD DRIVE



Thank you for your continued food and monetary support.

God bless.



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear today how Paul and Barnabas were met with resistance and hostility in Pisidian Antioch on their first missionary journey. How do you not get discouraged when your spiritual journey is difficult?

Second Reading:

During John's vision of heaven, he often has "one of the elders" teach him about the vision he is seeing. Who has been a good spiritual guide for you?

Gospel:

Jesus speaks of an unbreakable solidarity between him and those who follow him ("my sheep"). In what ways do you experience this unity with Jesus already in your faith?

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 7

4:00 pm Steve Patrishkoff
Frances Szpont
Patrick & Mary Farinetti
Robert & Ethel Martin
Dick Martin
Joan Sirini
Irene Twardecki
Laverne Beres

Sunday, May 8

8:30 am Carmela Palamara
Chris Mixen
Beatrice Hernandez
Pauline Venturato

11:00 am Mary Naguszewski
Mae Cavanaugh
Mary Dreffs
Joanne Prentiss
Mary Elliott
Delores Elliott
Patricia Kusza
Stephanie Elliott
Katie Elliott

Wednesday, May 11

9:30 am The People of St. Mark

Saturday, May 14

4:00 pm Josephine Pawlica
Anthony Pawlica
Frances Szpont
Nan Stanczak

Sunday, May 15

8:30 am Carmela Palamara

11:00 am Richard Prentiss
Karol Lipinski
Angeline Lipinski
Donald Krysinski

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Anne Carroll
Cathy Gambrell
Mary Hernandez
Darlene Muir
Pierina Paweloski
Blanche Sobieralski
Bernice Tucker
Grace Witt

Only **immediate** family members may request a 'prayers for the sick' listing. Call the Parish Center: 586-759-3020. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

PRAYERS FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES.



WE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MILITARY, & PARTICULARLY:

Master CPO Michael Brightman
Lt. Commander Adam Craig
LCPL Sarah J Page
Sgt. Steven Parisi
Major Michael F. Weigle

Family members who wish to have their loved ones prayed for may do so by submitting names to the parish office.

Prayer Resources

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Memorare

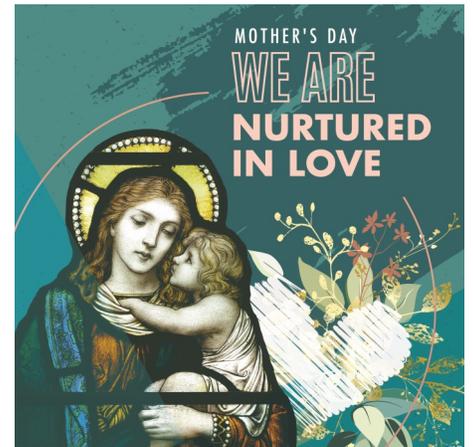
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

POPE TWEETS

"In this month dedicated to the Virgin Mary, let us learn from her that #prayer is the best weapon of Christian life; without persistent prayer, no victory over evil is possible."

- Pope Francis

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Join us on Sunday, May 15th at noon for a
Spring Celebration.

The Kona Ice truck will be in the parking lot from
noon–1pm for our parishioners to enjoy a sweet
treat!



STEWARDSHIP

OUR FINANCIAL SACRIFICE TO ST. MARK PARISH

We thank you for your generosity.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Parents are asked to contact the Parish Center Office to
arrange for Baptism instruction and a date for the Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to celebrate the sacrament of matrimony at
St. Mark Parish are asked to allow at least six months to
complete arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Private Confessions: Saturday 3:00 PM.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

LAST Sunday of every month after all Masses.

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Photographs are taken at all public parish events for use on the St.
Mark Parish website. For questions or concerns, please contact the
Parish Center Office.