



ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

MARCH 15, 2026

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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*
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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

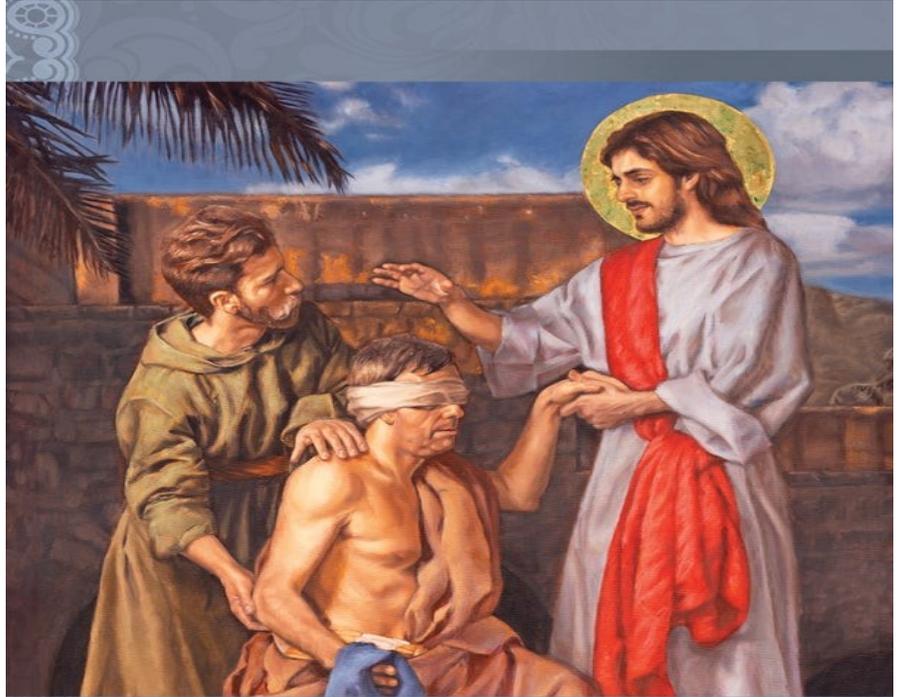
At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after
9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must
attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the
rectory for arrangements.

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



4th Sunday

O F L E N T

"Jesus answered, 'Neither he nor his parents
sinned; it is so that the works of God might be
made visible through him.'" Jn 9:3

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 16

8:15 AM COLE LaBROZZI (ANNIV.)
(Betty Grimone & Chet LaBrozzi)
(Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

NO MASS
(Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

8:15 AM MARY HORVATH (ANNIV.)
(Rosalie & Family)
(Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

8:15 AM STEPHEN PERKINS (ANNIV.)
(Rose & Christopher Perkins)
(2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

**8:15 AM MSGR. W. ROBERT
GRIFFITH**
(The Bogart Family)
(Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-12, 10, 25-30)

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

4:00 PM JUDY SHERMAN
(The Family)

SUNDAY MARCH 22

9:00 AM PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES
(The Pastor)
(Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45)

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2 Worship Together

MARCH 15, 2026

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	LECTORS:	ALTAR SERVERS:
SATURDAY, MARCH 21 S. & L. Zoschg & V. Fragale	4:00 PM Ralph Grovanz	Phil Jones & Mike Fragale
SUNDAY, MARCH 22 T. Dresser & A. Slottje & Volunteer	9:00 AM Mary Meisel	Harper Stuart & Ruth Kane

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (15th) 9:00 AM - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
FAMILY MASS With get-together to follow
 4:15 PM - Liturgy Committee Meeting

MONDAY (16th) 6:30 PM - OCIA SESSION

WEDNESDAY (18th) 12:05 PM - LENTEN LUNCH
 3:30-5:00 PM - Faith Formation Gr. 1-5
 4:45 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:00 PM - Come for Private Adoration with the Eucharistic Christ
 5:30 PM - Stations of the Cross
 6:00 PM - Confession *Adoration Intention*
 6:30 PM - Rosary *Return of all Catholics*
 6:55 PM - Benediction *to Sunday Mass*

THURSDAY (19th) 6:30 PM - Rosary

SATURDAY (21st) 10:30 AM - FUNERAL MASS for JOHN FABIN
 3:15 PM - CONFESSION
 4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK

SUNDAY (22nd) 9:00 AM - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 No Edge Session
 2:00 PM - CONFIRMATION at ST. LEO, RIDGWAY

GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41
THE MAN BORN BLIND

Question of the week:
Adult: How have your eyes been opened recently?
Youth: Name an insight that recently occurred to you.

ST. MARK MASS
ATTENDANCE
 SAT. MARCH 7 4:00 PM 103
 SUN. MARCH 8 9:00 AM 99

OFFERTORY
COLLECTION
 (3/7-8/2026)
 ST. MARK: \$3,421.00
 ST. JAMES: \$25.00

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

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY
(3/17/2026)



One of the world's most popular saints. Enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids, he turned to God while in captivity. Escaping at age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built. St. Patrick is the patron saint of the Diocese of Erie.

 OLD PALMS CAN BE RETURNED TO CHURCH NEXT WEEK...PLEASE PLACE THEM IN THE BASKET IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

 The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week
IN LOVING MEMORY of
ARCHIE, LENA & DANNY MARSHALL
 By Tom Gavlock

 **ST. MARK MEMORIAL DONATIONS**
 St. Mark Memorial received a very generous memorial donation in Honor of and in memory of:
HELEN NEWTON

CONGRATULATIONS
 Congratulations to **ELSIE BRESSLIN** being named MVP of Girls Basketball Northern Tier League!
 Congratulations to **ISAAC GROVANZ** being named NTL Boys All Star Team!
 And to **BARRETT DIXON** for moving onto Regionals in wrestling!
We're very proud of you all!

 Apartment available for rent. Appliances include. Ideal for single person who wants a quiet life. Call Fr. Paul or the rectory at 814-486-0569.

 **ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD**
 St. James, Driftwood will be re-opening for the season on **Saturday, April 11th. 5:30 PM.**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel: John 9:1-41

In making clay from his own saliva and smearing it on the blind man's eyes, Jesus re-creates the man by transferring something of his own being to the man. The man is anointed by Jesus as "I am" and comes to be a committed, believing disciple. Not even the powerful Pharisees can sway him from his testimony to the work of Jesus in him. In baptism we, too, encounter Jesus and become a new creation in him. Are we as committed and believing as the blind man?



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Holy Sacrament of Confirmation will take place

NEXT SUNDAY,
MARCH 22, 2026 2:00 PM @
St. Leo Church, Ridgway.

Our Confirmation candidates from St. Mark are: *Ruthie Fragale, Timothy Grovanz, Cambree Stuart, and Abel Walker*
Please keep these young adults in your daily prayers as they take the next step in their faith journey.



FAMILY MASS

TODAY, Sunday,
March 15th at
the 9:00 AM Mass, will be our
Family Mass. Please join us
after mass in O'Connell Hall
for refreshments and activity.
This event is for everyone!



PALM SUNDAY IS IN TWO WEEKS

(3/28-29/26).

Palm Sunday

That Saturday and Sunday, we will begin downstairs in O'Connell Hall for the blessing of the palms and The Lord's entrance into Jerusalem.

At the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday,
the students of Faith Formation
will be processing together with a
banner they made!

Thank You

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in any way with our Parish Mission! Thanks also to our visiting priests; especially Fr. Michael Scanga and Msgr. Charles Kaza. Thanks to those who prepared priest meals at the rectory; Lynn Summerson, The Guido's, and Laura Zoschg; to St. Mark Care and Concern and Cursillo for the receptions; Anne DeMatz for decorating O'Connell Hall; our Music Ministry; Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, greeters, Liturgy Committee and all in attendance. Many hands make it work, as does the Holy Spirit of course!

Fr. Paul



Penance Services for Lent in our area:

- Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg**
Monday March 16th 6:00 PM
St. Marys Church
- Monday, March 23rd 6:00 PM**
St. Leo Church, Ridgway
- Thursday, March 26th 6:00 PM**
St. Joseph, Force
- Sunday, March 29th 2:00 PM**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Sundays: Exposition at closing of 9:00 a.m.
Mass with 11:00 a.m.

Benediction, during Lent.

Please consider spending personal time before the Holy Eucharist.

This is a very special opportunity.

Wednesdays of Lent:

4:45 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5:00 PM—5:30 PM: Quiet time

5:30 PM: Stations of the Cross (in front of the Blessed Sacrament)

6:00 PM: Confession

6:30 PM: Rosary

6:55 PM: Benediction

Let's see some new faces for some of these events!

Come for some quiet time away from 'rat race' distractions!
Just a brief visit? Try 10 minutes?



LENTEN LUNCHES

Lenten Lunches will start @ 12:05 PM in O'Connell Hall. Lunches will take place every Wed. throughout Lent. Our speakers and host of lunch will be:

Wed. March 18th: Rev. Dave Smith

Lunch Host: Faith Baptist Church

Wed. March 25th: Pastor Ken Bailey

Lunch Host: K of C



Plan ahead to come to Easter Vigil...the most important celebration of the Liturgical Year. This year will be extra special as three adults will be receiving Easter Sacraments!



COMING SOON.... HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday — March 29th
Sacred Triduum (3 days):
Holy Thursday, April 2nd
(Mass @ 6:30 PM),
Good Friday, April 3rd
(2:00 PM)

Easter Vigil, April 4th (8:30 PM).
Please plan in advance to attend the Easter Vigil...the most important celebration of the Liturgical Year.



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd, TENEBRAE SERVICE 7:00 PM

This year we will be hosting the Ministerial Assoc. and the whole county for a special service. *Tenebrae* means "darkness". This is an extended meditation of the Passion of Christ. Before the service, candles are lit. With each reading, a candle is extinguished until there is total darkness. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for this unique event.