



SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

Church Staff

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, *Pastor*
 Sr. Frances Therese Matia, SSJ, *Pastoral Minister*
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 Joseph DeSio, *Financial Council Moderator*
 Dan Martuccio, *Pastoral Council President*
 Don Fapore, *St. Mark Cemetery 486-1119*
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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



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

For God did not send his Son into the world to
 condemn the world, but that the world might be
 saved through him. - Jn 3:17

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPT. 15

8:15 AM DANIEL E. MALIZIA

(Sue & Paul Wolfel)

(1 Tm 2:1-8; Jn 19:25-27)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16

8:15 AM ANGIE COLWELL (ANNIV.)

(The Fapore Family)

(1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

8:15 AM MATTHEW JOHN FRUTH

(Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Major)

(1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

8:15 AM JAMES SIEBERT (ANNIV.)

(Fr. Paul Siebert)

(1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

NO MASS

(1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

ST. MARK

4:00 PM

MAXINE GEORGE

(Sandy Hause)

ST. JAMES

5:30 PM

FR. CHARLES SKINNER (ANNIV.)

(Fr. Paul Siebert)

SUNDAY SEPT. 21

9:00 AM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

(Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13)

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Worship Together

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20
ST. MARK

M. Fragale, A. Slottje
& Volunteer

ST. JAMES

4:00 PM

Melissa Stuart

ALTAR SERVERS:

Phil Jones &
Lynn Summerson

5:30 PM

Bob Dayton

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

L. Purcell, L. Richnafsky
& Volunteer

9:00 AM

Dennis Fapore

Ruth Kane & Harper
Stuart

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (14th) 9:00 AM - 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

-FIRST RESPONDERS MASS-

WEDNESDAY (17th) 6:00 PM - Holy Hour *Adoration Intention:*
No Confession *Return of all Catholics*
7:00 PM - Benediction *to Sunday Mass*

THURSDAY (18th) 6:30 PM - Rosary

SATURDAY (20th) 3:15 PM - Confession

4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK

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

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:13-17

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

Question of the week:

Adult: What is something you can give up this week to make more time for prayer and service?

Youth: Have you ever had to give something up (sacrifice)? Was it hard?



APARTMENT FOR RENT:

AVAILABLE NOW!

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

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

NOTICE:

All reading literature, including books, booklets, Holy cards, etc., need approval by the pastor to be displayed in the church.

Pass the word and please refrain from dropping off multiple copies of such things in the vestibules, pews, book racks or back and side tables. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.



**ST. MARK PASTORAL
COUNCIL MEETING**
TUESDAY, SEPT. 23rd

@ 4:30 PM in O'Connell Hall.
Please plan on attending.

FOOD BANK

It's St. Mark's turn to Volunteer.....



TUES. SEPT. 16th @
6:15 PM and

WED. SEPT. 17th from
12:50-3:00 PM

Volunteer sign-up sheet is in back of the church.



CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations **Kamden**
Fragale for running **1,000**
yards in his High School
Football career!



HAPPY 80th
ANNIVERSARY to
RELIGIOUS LIFE,
SISTER MERCEDES!

Sr. Mercedes celebrated her 80th year in religious life on Aug. 22nd, 2025.

Her address is below if you'd like to extend your own personal congratulations:

Sr. Mercedes Miscovich
PO Box 448, DuBois, PA 15834

ST. MARK MASS

ATTENDANCE

SAT. AUG. 30 4:00 PM - 75

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM - 34

SUN. AUG. 31 9:00 AM - 120

SAT. SEPT. 6 4:00 PM - 95

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM - 19

SUN. SEPT. 7 9:00 AM - 99

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(8/30-31/2025)

ST. MARK: \$3,317.00

ST. JAMES: \$256.00

(9/6-7/2025)

ST. MARK: \$5,733.00

ST. JAMES: \$172.00

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



HEARTS OF HOPE

Don't forget to hang a 'Heart of Hope for Gaza' on the trellis in the back of the church! What is your hope for the people of Gaza? What sacrifice can each of us make to walk with them in their suffering? *"It is not how much we do....but how much love we put in that action"* -Mother Teresa



24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

On this feast day, Christians are invited to reflect on the love and mercy of God as demonstrated through the crucifixion of Jesus. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates several key events in Christian history:

1. *The discovery of the True Cross in 326 by St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine.*
2. *Dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335 where the True Cross was first exalted for public veneration.*
3. *Recovery of the Cross in 628 after it had been taken during the Sasanian conquest of Jerusalem.*

In summary, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a significant celebration in the Christian liturgical calendar, honoring the cross as a symbol of faith, redemption, and the profound love of God for humanity.



The Sanctuary Lamps
burn

before the Blessed
Sacrament this week
IN LOVING MEMORY of:
ANGELINA COLWELL

From: The Fapore Family



HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour has resumed
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.

Please spread the word
with excitement! However,
Wed. Confessions will not occur on
Sept. 10th or Sept. 17th. Confessions
will return on Wednesday, Sept. 24th.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

The 2025 Catholic Education
Collection will take place
Sept. 20-21/2025. This year's
theme is:

"Faithful Hearts, Bright Futures"

Next weekend is the 2025 Catholic
Education Collection. Please give
generously. One half of this
collection stays here at St. Mark.
Because of you, our children and
their families, both young and old,
are led to greater faith.

THANK YOU for your support!

PRISON MINISTRY

Elk/Cameron Deanery needs a few



more compassionate
volunteers for prison
ministry. Are you
looking for a way to share
your faith with others
who need
encouragement?

St. Leo's Church is

looking for a few more volunteers to
help with Bible faith sharing with the
inmates at the Elk County Prison on
Monday

evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Three volunteers are scheduled to
share the Christ's Gospel
message each week. Twelve
volunteers fill out each month's
schedule. Those interested are asked to
call Fr. Justin Pino, Pastor of St. Leo's
Church,

at 834-772-3135.

New volunteers are invited to
attend St. Leo's Prison Ministry Fall
Meeting on Tuesday, October 7th in St.
Leo's Social Hall following Mass at
6:00 p.m.



FIRST RESPONDERS

MASS:

WELCOME FIRST RESPONDERS!

We thank you for all that you do
and are grateful for your
unwavering and dedicated service
to our community and our nation.
We remember all those that died
that unforgettable day.
May they be at peace in heaven
with our Lord.



FAITH FORMATION

begins at St. Mark soon.
Here's the schedule:

FAITH FORMATION KICK-OFF:
SUNDAY, SEPT. 21ST @ 9:00 AM
with a Family Mass, followed by

Outdoor Activities & Food
FOR THE ENTIRE PARISH,
youth and adults alike!

CONFIRMATION: Grade 9 and
EDGE SESSIONS: Grades 6-8
will be held on Sundays from

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

FAITH FORMATION:

Grades 1-5: begins

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

Please return your child's registration form
if you haven't already done so. If you have
any questions, or need to register a child,
please contact:

Mrs. Jen Abriatis at the Faith Formation
office: 814-486-0569

~ SYNOD ~ LISTENING SESSION

During this month, the USCCB has invited all Catholics in our country to reflect on what it means to be baptized. We at St. Mark/St. James are having a listening session on Monday, Sept. 22nd @ 6:00 PM. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. We are very interested in your thoughts. All synod results will be forwarded to Pope Leo in Rome. Here is an example of the four questions you'll be asked to discuss:



How does your baptism affect your life?

How can we be missionaries in our own way?

How does the Holy Spirit guide you?

What would you like to see in the future?

Special invite to anyone in these St. Mark groups: Small Groups, K of C, Pastoral Council, Rosary Society, Lectors, Musicians, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers. **PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.**