

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Don Fapore, St. Mark Cemetery 486-1119 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

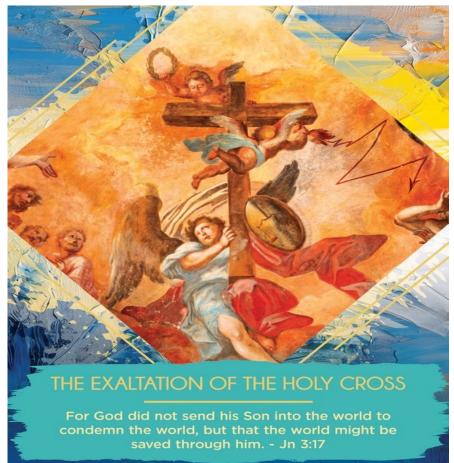
At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after 9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the rectory for arrangements.

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



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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

<u>5:30 PM</u>

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)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

ST. MARK

M. Fragale, A. Slottje

& Volunteer ST. JAMES

Melissa Stuart

Phil Jones &

Lynn Summerson

5:30 PM

4:00 PM

Bob Dayton

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

THURSDAY

SATURDAY

L. Purcell, L. Richnafsky & Volunteer

9:00 AM

Dennis Fapore

Ruth Kane & Harper Stuart

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY 9:00 AM ~ 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (14th) ~FIRST RESPONDERS MASS~

WEDNESDAY (17th) 6:00 PM - Holy Hour

No Confession

Adoration Intention: Return of all Catholics

to Sunday Mass

7:00 PM ~ Benediction

6:30 PM ~ Rosary

(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?



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:

(18th)

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.



<u>HAPPY 80th</u> 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 Miscovish PO Box 448, DuBois, PA 15834



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!

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

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!

News and Events

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



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

On this feast day, Christians are invited to

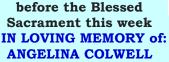
reflect on the love and mercy of God as demonstrated through the crucifixion of Jesus. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates several key events in Christian history:

- 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



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.