



ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

31ST 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 Fapone, *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



31st SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOV. 4

8:15 AM GERALD GUTSELL
(The Family)
(Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14)

TUESDAY, NOV. 5

No Mass
(Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

**4:15 PM MAXINE GEORGE &
ZACH HAUSE (ANNIV.)**
(The Family)
(Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33)

THURSDAY, NOV. 7

**8:15 AM MASS OF THANKSGIVING
HONORING FR. PAUL SIEBERT**
(Wednesday Morning Prayer Group)
(Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10)

FRIDAY, NOV. 8

8:15 AM WILLIAM KAISER
(The Family)
(Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8)

SATURDAY, NOV. 9 4:00 PM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
(The Pastor)

SUNDAY, NOV. 10 9:00 AM

SALLY VAVALA
(Don & Debra Fapone)
(1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44)



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2 Worship Together

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EXTRAORDINARY

LECTORS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

MINISTERS:

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

C. Malize, M. Fragale & J. Gore

4:00 PM

Ralph Grovanz

Maggie Abriatis & Volunteer

SUNDAY, NOV. 10

L. Purcell, L. Richnafsky & Volunteer

9:00 AM

Mary Dixon

Kamden & Beau Fragale & Andy Clark

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	(3rd)	9:00 AM – 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10:00-11:30 AM - Edge and Confirmation Sessions
WEDNESDAY	(6th)	3:30-5:00 PM - Faith Formation Session Grades 1-5 4:15 PM - DAILY MASS with Faith Formation Students 6:00 PM - HOLY HOUR <i>ADORATION INTENTION</i> CONFESSION <i>Well being of Local Economy & Felt Manor</i>
THURSDAY	(7th)	7:00 PM - BENEDICTION 6:30 PM - Rosary 6:30 PM - LECTOR MEETING
SATURDAY	(9th)	3:15 PM - CONFESSION 4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK
SUNDAY	(10th)	9:00 AM – 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10:00-11:30 AM - Edge Sessions

GOSPEL: MARK 12:28-34

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: Why is love of neighbor as important as love of God?

Youth: When do you show that you love God and your neighbor with your whole heart?

ST. MARK MASS ATTENDANCE

SAT. OCT. 26 4:00 PM - 92

SUN. OCT. 27 9:00AM - 102

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(10/26-27/2024)

ST. MARK: \$2,864.00

ST. JAMES: \$110.00

Thank you for returning some of God's gift to you to His Church.

Cameron County

Christmas Gift Program

**** Now accepting registrations ****

This program provides gifts for children of families who are in need of assistance in providing Christmas gifts (children age birth through 12th grade are eligible).

The St. Marks Giving Crib Gingerbread tags support this program.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Chamber office (old Cabin Kitchen)

Chamber Hours

Mon.-Fri: 10 AM – 4 PM

Saturday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Registration deadline:

Wed. November 8th



The second Sunday of every month is

Cameron County Food Pantry

Collection Sunday.

Please bring a nonperishable food item

and drop them in the designated location of the church. If you would prefer a monetary donation, please place an envelope in the collection that is labeled "Food Bank".

Thank you so very much for your help to provide food to individuals and families of Cameron County. Cameron County Community Food Pantry is a ministry provided by the Cameron County Ministerial Association.



IN YOUR CHARITY,

please pray for the soul of **RUTHIE LION McCONNELL**, sister of Peter Lion, who passed away recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

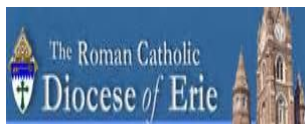


TRUNK OR TREAT

Many thanks to all who donated for the Trunk or Treat event. We had over 400 children stop by for treats!



Holy Rosary is recited every Thursday @ 6:30 PM, year round. Please join us.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Digital Behavior: Parents create trust with children by initiating open, honest discussions. These dialogues are an opportunity to communicate values and expectations about your family's appropriate digital behavior, including viewing or sharing content, and apps they can and cannot use. Check in frequently with your children about their digital experiences to address any potential risk of cyberbullying and harm. Be clear that your intention is to look out for their wellbeing, and that you want to have an open dialogue. Listen to their concerns and express your perspective. To minimize the risk of cyberbullying or harm from digital behavior, parents can: set clear expectations about digital behavior and online reputation, educate about the harmful effects of cyberbullying, posting hateful speech or comments, sexting, and sharing naked photos of themselves or others (including potential legal issues), be clear about what content can be viewed or shared, and identify which apps are appropriate for your child's use and which are not.

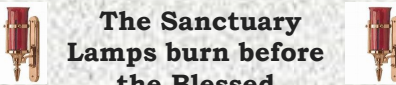
Establish rules about the amount of time that a child can spend online or on their devices. Model positive, respectful digital behavior on your own devices and accounts. For more information on cyberbullying go to: www.stopbullying.gov. For additional parent resources visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>.



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

When the scribe asks Jesus which is the “first of all the commandments,” Jesus answers by giving him not one, but two: love God and love neighbor. Further, Jesus connects these two commandments: loving God with all our being is one and the same as loving our neighbor, made possible only by self-giving. Such all-embracing love “is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices” of grain or animals, for, when we love as Jesus commands, we ourselves are the “burnt offerings and sacrifices.”



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week
IN LOVING MEMORY of My father, DOMENICO FAPORE
From: Don Fapore



LECTOR MEETING
Lectors, mark your calendar for a time of prayer and updates, Thurs. Nov. 7th at 6:30 PM. There we will receive our 2025 Lector Workbooks.



ANOINTING MASSES

Anointing Masses will take place this weekend at both Liturgies:
SATURDAY, NOV. 2nd @ 4:00 PM and SUNDAY, NOV. 3rd @ 9:00 AM
Please continue to pray for healing of those to be anointed.



ELECTION DAY

TUES. NOV. 5th

Who would most likely uphold Catholic teachings such as Right to Life, Care for Common Good, Preferential option for the poor, Dignity of Work, Case of God's Creation, etc. Pray that we choose candidates in God's plan. Research the direction our state and country is headed with regards to repealing many Respect Life issues.
“Keep our country, county and world in your hands Lord. Amen”

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE



ROSARY SOCIETY RAFFLE

St. Mark Rosary Society is selling chances to win these two handmade & hand painted blocks of St. Mark & St. James churches. These beautiful church blocks are handmade by Bernie Oswald! Raffle tickets will be sold after masses on Nov. 2-3. **Raffle tickets are \$1.00 a chance.** If you'd like to purchase for yourself or a gift, the St. Mark block is \$45.00 and the St. James block is \$30.00.



NOVEMBER... MONTH OF ALL SOULS

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Perhaps you could consider visiting the cemetery during this month.



CHILDREN'S MASS

Join us and our Faith Formation children for Daily Mass on **WED. NOV. 6th @ 4:15 PM**

THANKSGIVING AT ST. MARK/ST. JAMES

St. Mark Pastoral Council is pleased to announce **Sunday, Nov. 24th** as being our **PARISH THANKSGIVING DAY!**

On that day, the children will dress as Pilgrims and Indians and there will be other things to focus on the holiday. Later on that day will be our **HARVEST DINNER** with turkey and all the trimmings. On Thursday, Nov. 28th, Thanksgiving morning, we will not have Mass, since we encourage all to spend precious time with loved ones.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates who are attending a Confirmation Retreat in Bradford PA. Our candidates are:
Mitchell Copp, Sophie Cummings & Addison McAulay
COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME



ST. MARK HARVEST DINNER SUNDAY NOV. 24th @ 3:00 PM

Turkey, mashed potatoes & drinks will be provided by Parish Council. *In the spirit of being grateful and sharing the bounty, please bring a person in need or someone who lives alone, or who may not attend church.* If you haven't come before, it's always a great time with great food! *Invite a friend.* Don't miss getting together to share the banquet and thanking God for the harvest!
All are welcome!



A Family Perspective

In a family, children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.