



ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

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

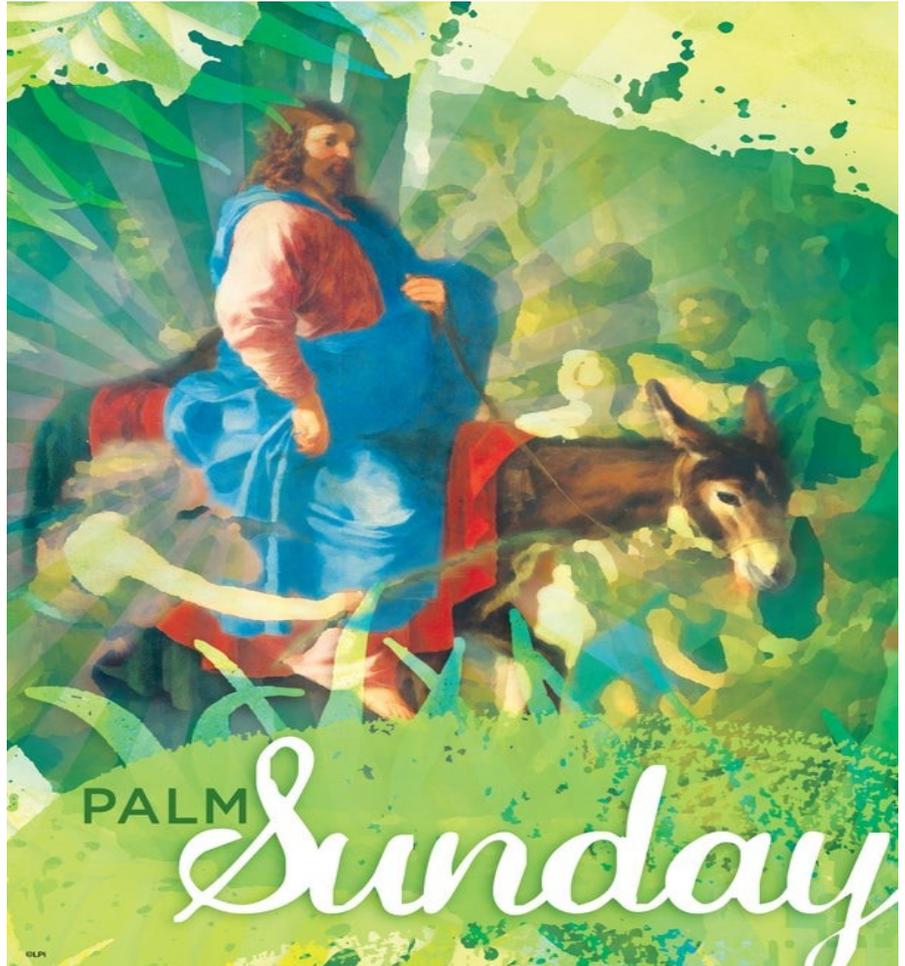
At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after 9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the rectory for arrangements.

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



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 30

8:15 AM PATRICIA SARINELLI
(Ruth Drum)
(Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

NO MASS
(Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

8:15 AM JUDY RAFFAELE
(The Family)
(Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25)

HOLY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

6:30 PM MICHAEL O'LEARY &
JOACHIM HALL
(The Family)
(Ex 12:1-8; 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 - GOOD FRIDAY -

2:00 PM CELEBRATION OF THE
LORD'S PASSION
(Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19-42)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 - EASTER VIGIL -

8:30 PM PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES
(The Pastor)

SUNDAY APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY -

9:00 AM FRANK & Nanci FRAGALE
(Aletha & Christine and Families)

(Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9)



Worship Together

MARCH 29, 2026

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 2ND 6:30 PM

L. Summerson, M. Fragale
& C. Malize

Denny Fapore

Vince Fragale, Harper
Stuart, Barrett & Bentley
Dixon & Paul Burlingame

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3RD

2:00 PM

L. Zoschg

Gina Smith &
Ralph Grovanz

Andy DeLucia &
Steve Zoschg

EASTER VIGIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

8:30 PM

L. Summerson, C. Malize
& L. Purcell

Mary Dixon, Dave
Malize & Melissa Stuart

Kamden & Beau
Fragale, Mitchell
Copp, Vince Fragale
& Phil Jones

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 AM

S. & L. Zoschg &
F. Manginell

Pete Zoschg

Ruth Kane & Cambree Stuart

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (29th) 9:00 AM - PALM SUNDAY

No Edge Session

(All Faith Formation, Edge & Confirmation students attend Palm Sunday
Mass, *Sunday, March 29th*)

WEDNESDAY (1st) No Faith Formation Sessions

5:15 PM - ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE

THURSDAY (2nd) 6:30 PM - HOLY THURSDAY MASS

FRIDAY (3rd) 2:00 PM - PASSION OF THE LORD—GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 PM - COMMUNITY TENEBRAE SERVICE

SATURDAY (4th) 4:00 PM - ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE

8:30 PM - EASTER VIGIL

SUNDAY (5th) 9:00 AM - EASTER SUNDAY

No Edge Session

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26:14-27:66 THE PASSION OF JESUS

Question of the week:

Adult: When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus?

Youth: When have you let someone down who trusted you? How did you feel?



ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD

St. James, Driftwood
will be re-opening for
the season on

Saturday, April 11th.
5:30 PM.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Lectors & Altar
Servers, please

remember to
check times for practices
for Holy Thursday and
Easter Vigil.



The Sanctuary Lamps
burn before the Blessed
Sacrament this week



IN LOVING MEMORY of
ARCHIE, LENA & DANNY
MARSHALL

By: Tom Gavlock



COMING SOON TO A CHURCH PARKING LOT NEAR YOU...

St. Mark Rosary Society
Annual Yard Sale will take place
in July, 2026. When you start
your spring cleaning, hang on to
your 'good' stuff to donate.
Keep an eye on future bulletins.



A Family Perspective

The cruel death of Jesus shows us that bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also reassures us that God is present during our suffering. While bad things happen, God never abandons us.

Welcome to St. Mark Church!



If you're visiting Cameron County this weekend, welcome and thank you for celebrating the Eucharist with us! If you're searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us in worship and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Name _____ Address _____
Phone _____



PALM SUNDAY

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Jesus warns the disciples at the Last Supper that their faith would be shaken, but the disciples deny that this will ever happen. Nonetheless, faith is greatly threatened when there is great cost, and we instinctively protect ourselves: the disciples flee; the Jewish leaders are adamant about destroying Jesus. Jesus alone remains unshaken in his faith: in the Garden he says yes to his Father's will, he is silent before his accusers' false accusations, he willingly gives up his spirit on the cross. Instead of protecting himself, Jesus embraces the cost of his suffering and death—the great sign of his own faithfulness. An even greater sign is yet to come.



The Passion narratives are proclaimed in full so that all see vividly the love of Christ for each person. In light of this, the crimes during the Passion of Christ cannot be attributed, in either preaching or catechesis, indiscriminately to all Jews of that time, nor to Jews today. The Jewish people should not be referred to as though rejected or cursed, as if this view followed from Scripture. The Church ever keeps in mind that Jesus, his mother Mary, and the apostles all were Jewish. As the Church has always held, Christ freely suffered his passion and death because of the sins of all, that all might be saved.



Penance Services for

Lent in our area:

Last Penance Service today, Palm Sunday, is at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph Church in Force, PA. At St. Mark, please call Fr. Paul (486-0569) if you're in need of the sacrament.



GOOD FRIDAY

is a day of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older. It is also a day of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (Those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)



TENEBRAE SERVICE GOOD FRIDAY, 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.



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd @ 6:30 PM
EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

A most memorable parish family experience!

PROCESSION with HOLY OILS.

Volunteer to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday!

BRING YOUR BELLS and a non-perishable food item!

Spend time at night before the Blessed Sacrament at the *Altar of Repose* in O'Connell Hall. Adoration concludes at 10:00 PM with night prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2nd @ 2:00 PM: THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Most solemn celebration of the Passion of The Lord, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

Knights of Columbus stand guard at the Holy Cross, 12:00 PM till 3:00 PM

Our Lord gave his very life to save us. Let's set aside the special time of prayer, fasting and reflection on this saving event, especially between **12:00 PM and 3:00 PM**. If it's been a few years, since you've been to the *Passion of the Lord*,



please join us at 2:00 PM!

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 3rd @ 8:30 PM

COME TO THE EASTER VIGIL, THE MOST HOLY NIGHT!

Beginning with the outdoor fire, recalling early creation,

"Let There Be Light!" Everyone holds a candle in the dark church. We tell the story of God's love, from creation to the resurrection. We keep in mind all the adults about to be baptized, receive Holy Communion or Confirmation. At our own parish, we will offer all our love and support at the Confirmation and First Holy Communion of

DUSTIN BURGOON, PAULINE GAVLOCK & TASHA SONGER!

A great celebration, indeed! Your presence makes it even better! After six weeks of Lent, we renew our pledge to live our Baptism, empowered by the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

BRING YOUR BELLS FOR THE GLORIA!