



SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 • 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

Church Staff

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, Pastor
 Sr. Frances Therese Matia, SSJ, Pastoral Minister
 Jennifer Abriatis, Faith Formation Director
 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 Thursday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.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 at oursmprayers@gmail.com



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"Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:15-16

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:15 AM RICK BAUER
 (Barb Bauer)
 (Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:15 AM DON REIGEL (ANNIV.)
 (The Family)
 (Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:15 AM STEPHEN & DOLORES BRECK
 (Jeff Valenti & Family)
 (Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:15 AM DICK DITRICH
 (Carole Dankesreiter)
 (Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:7-8)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

NO MASS
 (Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

ST. MARK 4:00 PM
PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
 (The Pastor)

ST. JAMES NO MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 9:00 AM

MARY LEA EDEL (MONTHS MIND)
 (Debbie Dunkle)

(Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2L1-11;
 Mt 21:28-32)

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**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS:****ST. MARK****SATURDAY, SEPT. 26**L. Summerson, C. Malize
& V. Fragale**LECTORS:****4:00 PM**

Gina Smith

ALTAR SERVERS:Mitchell Copp &
Addison McAulay**ST. JAMES****NO MASS****SUNDAY, SEPT. 27**L. Purcell, L. Richnafsky
& Volunteer**9:00 AM**

Mary Meisel

Cambree Stuart &
Kamden Fragale**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

SUNDAY (20th) 9:00 AM -25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
FAMILY MASS - FAITH FORMATION KICK-OFF!

TUESDAY (22nd) 4:30 PM - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY (23rd) No Faith Formation Class Gr. 1-5 - -
 Attend Faith Formation Kick off (Sept. 20th)
 6:00 PM - Holy Hour
 Confession
 7:00 PM - Benediction

THURSDAY (24th) 6:30 PM - Rosary

SATURDAY (26th) 3:15 PM - Confession
 4:00 PM - MASS @ ST. MARK
NO MASS @ ST. JAMES

SUNDAY (27th) 9:00 AM -26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
 10:00 - 11:15 AM
 Faith Formation Edge & Confirmation Session

QUESTION OF THE WEEK**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16A****THE LABORERS IN THE VILLAGE****Question of the week:****Adult:** What lesson do you draw from
today's Gospel? How has God been
generous to you in this way?**Youth:** Who is generous to you, even
when you do not deserve it?**ST. MARK MASS
ATTENDANCE**

SAT. SEPT. 12 4:00 PM 81
 ST. JAMES 5:30 PM 13
 SUN. SEPT 13 9:00 AM 106

COLLECTION

(9/12-13/2026)

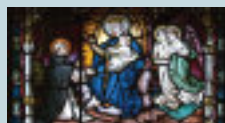
ST. MARK: \$5,573.00

ST. JAMES: \$55.00

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

**ST. MARK PARISH
COUNCIL
MEETING**

Tues,
Sept. 22nd
@ 4:30 PM
in O'Connell Hall.

**HAPPENING IN
OCTOBER**

The month of
October each year is
dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This
is primarily due to the fact that the
liturgical feast of Our Lady of the
Rosary is celebrated annually on
October 7th. It was instituted to honor
the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for
the protection that she gives the Church
in answer to the praying of the Rosary
by the faithful.

The Rosary will be prayed every
weekday @ 4:15 PM in October.
(Exception...Wed. Rosary will be
prayed @ 6:30 PM)

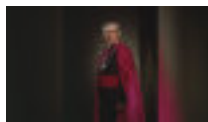


The Sanctuary
Lamps burn before
the Blessed
Sacrament this
week

IN LOVING MEMORY of:
JUDY HORVATH
 From: Rosalie Ives

**MARCH FOR
LIFE**

Monday,
Sept. 21st in
Harrisburg PA
Please pray for an end to
abortion & for all the
marchers.

**BEATIFICATION OF
BISHOP FULTON SHEEN**

Archbishop
Fulton Sheen
was one of the
great evangelists
of the 20th century and a pioneer
in using the media to proclaim the
Gospel. His beatification is a
historic moment for the Church
in the US and a powerful
reminder of the
universal call to holiness.
On Thurs. Sept. 24th coverage
begins at 9:00 AM on EWTN
with the beatification Mass at
The Dome at America's Center in
St. Louis beginning at
2:00 PM ET.

**ST. MARK MEMORIAL FUND**

St. Mark Memorial fund received generous memorial
gifts in honor of: **Mary Lea Edel**

From: Matt & Nancy Zoschg, John & Pat English & John Malizia &
Carole Dankesreiter and Jacquelyn Jones & Peter Branch.



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Gospel:

Mt 20:1-16a

This Gospel raises the question of who is first and who is last in the kingdom of heaven. Those laborers are last who shift their focus from doing the work of the landowner to grumbling about the amount of wages the others are receiving. Those are first who do not labor in the vineyard because of the amount of wages, but simply because they are privileged to share in the work of the landowner. Indeed, simply being called to the privilege of sharing in Jesus' work of salvation is its own recompense. The kingdom of heaven is revealed by those who choose this work. Do we choose it?

ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD

Next Saturday, Sept. 26th, there will be no mass at St. James. Mass will take place the following three Saturday's (10/3, 10, 17/2026)

The last Mass at St. James for 2026 will take place on

SATURDAY, OCT. 17th @ 5:30 PM.

Weekly Mass at St. James will resume in Spring of 2027

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SECOND COLLECTION

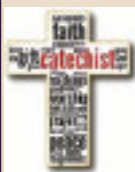


The 2026 Catholic Education Collection is taking place

Sept. 19-20, 2026.

One half of this collection stays here at St. Mark for our Faith Formation, Formed.org and other educational needs. Please remember in your prayers all who are involved in educational ministries in our parish and throughout our diocese. Please give generously

THANK YOU for your support!



ST. MARK CATECHISTS

Grade 1:

Mary Gelnett

Grade 2:

Lea Purcell

Grade 3: Joe DiBello

Grades 4 & 5:

Sr. Frances Therese

Edge: Jen Dixon

Confirmation:

Audra Reid &

Laure Richnafsky

Children Music

Ministry:

Lea Purcell

Children's Sunday

Liturgy:

Elizabeth Vicic

**Thank you for your
gift of Time, Talent
and Treasure!**

ST. MARK PARISH DIRECTORY



We are now signing up parishioners for our upcoming Church Photo

Directory. We've not had one since 2013. We're asking all parishioners to sign up for the photo shoot taking place here Oct. 7-10. If you're not able to sit for a photo, you can send one of you and your family to us and we'll submit it for you.

(Send photos to

stmarkcatholicemp@gmail.com) We want to include

everyone!

Please sign up prior to mass in the back of the church or following mass. If you'd prefer to sign up online...go

to www.ucdir.com, click Photography Session Sign up, enter code 'pa1287', with password: smile1287.



FAITH FORMATION

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KICK-OFF TODAY!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20th

@ 9:00 AM with a

Family Mass, followed by Outdoor Activities & Food for THE ENTIRE PARISH, children, youth and adults alike!

CONFIRMATION: Grade 9

EDGE SESSIONS: Grades 6-8 will be held on Sundays from 10:00 AM-11:15 AM beginning Sunday Sept. 27th.

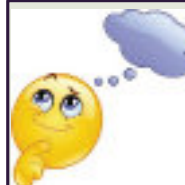
WEDNESDAY FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS:

Grades 1-5: begin

Sept. 30th,

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



FIRST INQUIRY SESSION

On Tuesday, OCT. 6th @ 6:30 PM a gathering will occur, for less

than one hour, for adults 18 yrs. of age or older, who have not been raised in a faith or who are not Catholic.

*Can you help me be a better person?
I want to find a safe place to belong?
I wonder where is God?*

If you or someone you know, have these or similar questions, please come to O'Connell Hall (basement of St. Mark Church). There we can help you start beginning to answer questions about these matters. No religious affiliation is required.

Refreshments will be served following this first inquiry session.

For more information call

Jen @ 486-0569.

