



AUGUST 10, 2025

19TH 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*
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 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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"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on
 his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them
 recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." - Lk 12:37

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUG. 11

8:15 AM MELVA SIEBERT

(Fr. Paul Siebert)
 (Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27)

TUESDAY, AUG. 12

NO MASS

(Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14)

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13

8:15 AM MARY L. SWIDERDKI

(Felix J. & Nicki Swiderski)
 (Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20)

VIGIL MASS ~ ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY

THURSDAY, AUG. 14

5:15 PM LIVING AND DECEASED
MEMBER OF O'MALLEY & HAYES

FAMILIES

(The Family)

(1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57;
 Lk 11:27-28)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS
ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FRIDAY, AUG. 15

8:15 AM AL & EILEEN HERTLEIN

(The Family)
 (Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27;
 Lk 1:39-56)

SATURDAY, AUG. 16

ST. MARK

4:00 PM

JOANN BAILEY

(The Martuccio Family)

ST. JAMES

5:30 PM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

SUNDAY AUG. 17

9:00 AM

DAVID KARKASKA (ANNIV.)

(Leon & Sandy Marlow)

(Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53)

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EXTRAORDINARYMINISTERS:**THURSDAY AUG. 14th ~ VIGIL MASS ~ 5:15 PM**

C. Malize & L. Summerson

LECTORS:

Dave Malize

ALTAR SERVERS:

Vince Fragale

ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED MARY**FRIDAY AUG. 15th ~ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~ 8:15 AM**

S. & L. Zoschg

Carole Dankesreiter

Andy DeLucia

ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED MARY**SATURDAY, AUG 16****4:00 PM****ST. MARK**M. Fragale, A. Slottje
& Volunteer

Ralph Grovanz

Phil Jones &
Melissa Stuart**ST. JAMES****5:30 PM**

Theresa Dayton

SUNDAY, AUG. 17**9:00 AM**L. Purcell, L. Richnafsky
& Volunteer

Don Fapore

Cambree Stuart &
Barrett Dixon**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

SUNDAY	(10th)	9:00 AM ~ 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WEDNESDAY	(13th)	6:00 PM ~ Confession
THURSDAY	(14th)	5:15 PM ~ Vigil Mass ~ Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
FRIDAY	(15th)	8:15 AM ~ Holy Day of Obligation Mass ~ Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
SATURDAY	(16th)	3:15 PM ~ Confession 4:00 PM ~ VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK 5:30 PM ~ MASS @ ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD
SUNDAY	(17th)	9:00 AM ~ 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:31-48**WE DEPEND ON GOD****Question of the week:****Adult:** Other than Jesus, which of the ancestors of Christian faith has served as the greatest example to you? Why?**Youth:** Which person of the Bible has been a good example to you of how to live?**ST. MARK MASS****ATTENDANCE**

SAT. AUG 2 4:00 PM ~ 95

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM ~ 40

SUN. AUG. 3 9:00 AM ~ 106

OFFERTORY**COLLECTION**

(8/2-3/2025)

ST. MARK: \$4,899.00

ST. JAMES: \$599.00

*Thank you for returning
some of God's gift to you
back to His church!***BAPTISMAL
PREPARATION CLASS****THURS.,
AUG. 28, 2025****6:30 PM @****ST. MARK**Please call the
rectory @486-0569 if you're in need
of classes for an
upcoming baptism.**ADVOCACY****REQUEST FOR ADVOCACY:****SUPPORT for PennCARE
FUNDING FOR OLDER
ADULTS**

Last year, seniors were unfortunately overlooked in the state budget. It is critical that our elected officials hear from constituents to support older adults through PennCARE funding. Please reach out to **Senator Cris Dush's** Harrisburg office @ **717-787-7084** and express your support.

**Milestone Anniversary
Celebrations**

Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual

Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations on
**Sunday, August 24 at St. Tobias,
Brockway at 3:00 pm.**

To register for either event or to receive a certificate by mail, complete the online registration at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until Aug. 14 for the Brockway celebration.

**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 _____

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Gospel: Luke 12:37

Imagine your life as a high-stakes job interview or the critical role you play in your family. Just like you'd prepare meticulously for an important work meeting or be there fully present for your loved ones, it's crucial to stay prepared for the return of our Lord. Jesus in [Luke 12:37](#) calls us to be like diligent employees awaiting their CEO's arrival, ready to act the moment he steps through the door. Are your actions today reflecting your readiness and anticipation for His return?

-Reverend Michael Johnson



ST. MARK/ST. JAMES PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendar!

IN TWO WEEKS,

SATURDAY,

AUGUST 23, 2025,

following 4:00 PM Mass.

The picnic will take place on the church grounds and in O'Connell Hall.

(There will be no Mass at St. James this day due to the picnic at St. Mark)

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank You!

Special thanks to **Mr. Ed. Roeber** for a very generous

contribution towards the badly needed new roof for the apartment building that the parish owns. This contribution was made in memory of his parents: **HENRY & ESTHER ROEBER**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**VIGIL MASS,
THURSDAY, AUG. 14th
@ 5:15 p.m.**

**&
DAY OF MASS,
FRIDAY, AUG. 15th @
8:15 a.m.**



We honor The Blessed Virgin Mary, who without decay, was taken up to heaven by the power of God.

Please make an extra effort to attend Mass for this solemn feast.



Due to the Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thurs. Aug. 14th @ 5:15 PM, the Rosary normally scheduled for 6:30 PM will not take place.



Thanks to all who helped in any way for our Vacation Bible School! It was great for St. Mark and Endless Mountains Methodist Church to host it! We hosted a very broad and diverse group of children from all backgrounds. For some, it was probably the only time during the year that they learn about Jesus and the Bible. Special thanks to Pat Kempher and Jen Abriatis and all their helpers!

Fr. Paul

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

TODAY—SUNDAY

**Aug. 10th @
11:00 AM in the
Town Square.**



All Faiths welcome!

Bring a chair! Light refreshments will be served following service.

Share Faith



Support the Church in Latin America
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COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america



Many thanks to everyone who did wonderful things for me to celebrate my birthday! So nice that you sang "Happy Birthday" too as a congregation, more than once! Nothing is like that on this earth! Can you believe that I have another year with you at St. Mark to minister and enjoy one another!? Thank you also, for all the messages and on-line posts! I am very blessed by all your outreach especially your support and more so, your prayers!

Your Pastor,

Fr. Paul



Thanks to all who made St. James Feast/Picnic a success! We loved the liturgy with all the men singing. There was an amazing assortment of food including pizza, homemade goodies and wonderful desserts! Special thanks to those who transported tables & chairs for the event.

Fr. Paul