



ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

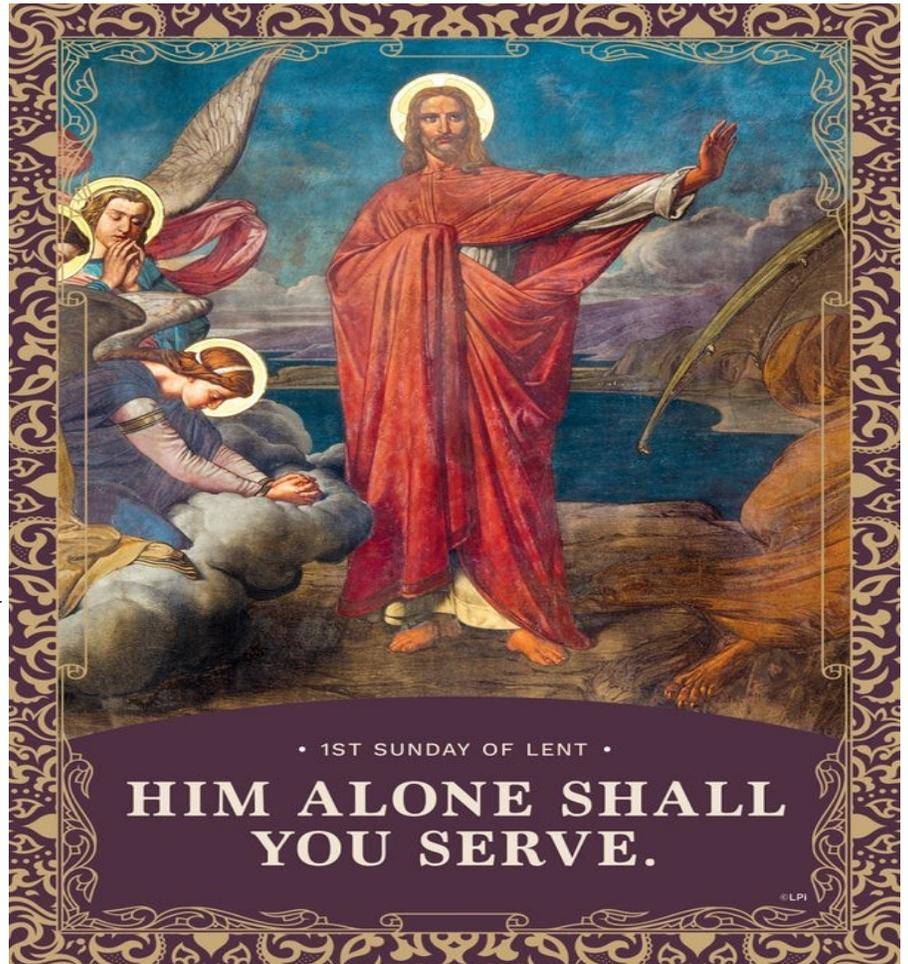
At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after
9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must
attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the
rectory for arrangements.

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, FEB. 23

8:15 AM DANIEL MALIZIA

(Carole & Brian)
(Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46)

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

NO MASS

(Is 55L10-11; Mt 6:7-15)

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

8:15 AM WILLIAM GRIMONE

(Chris & Anne Margaret Heglen)
(Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

8:15 AM BISP HOP DONALD

TRAUTMAN (ANNIV.)

(Fr. Paul Siebert)
(Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12)

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

8:15 AM MR & MRS. JOHN BOHREN

(The Family)
(Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

4:00 PM PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

SUNDAY MARCH 1

9:00 AM LARRY VON ARX (ANNIV.)

(Mary & Family)
(Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9)



Worship Together

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

4:00 PM

L. Zoschg, A. DeMatz
& V. Fragale

Annette Campbell

Addison McAulay &
Mitchell Copp

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 AM

A. DeLucia, A. Slottje
& Volunteer

Pete Zoschg

Cambree Stuart &
Alana Barnes

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (22nd) 9:00 AM - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
10:00-11:15 AM - Edge & Confirmation Session

MONDAY (23rd) 6:30 PM - OCIA SESSION

TUESDAY (24th) 6:30 PM - Baptismal Preparation Class

WEDNESDAY (25th) 12:05 PM - LENTEN LUNCH
3:30-5:00 PM - Faith Formation Gr. 1-5
4:30 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 PM - HOLY HOUR *ADORATION INTENTION*
CONFESSION *Vocations to Priesthood*
6:30 PM - ROSARY *& Religious Life*
7:00 PM - BENEDICTION

THURSDAY (26th) 4:30 PM - PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 PM - Rosary

SATURDAY (28th) 3:15 PM - CONFESSION
4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK

SUNDAY (1st) 9:00 AM - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
10:00 AM - *PRIVATE ADORATION*
10:00-11:00 AM - Edge & Confirmation Session
11:00 AM - *BENEDICTION with our*
YOUTH & FAMILIES

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Question of the week:

Adult: What helpful advise could you offer someone faced with temptation?

Youth: What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?

ST. MARK MASS

ATTENDANCE

SAT. FEB. 14 4:00 PM 93

SUN. FEB. 15 9:00 AM 108

OFFERTORY

COLLECTION

(2/14-15/2026)

ST. MARK: \$3,261.00

ST. JAMES: \$35.00

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



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

TUES. FEB. 24, 2026 @
6:30 PM,

O'CONNELL HALL, ST. MARK CHURCH
Please call the rectory @ 486-0569
if you're in need of classes for an
upcoming baptism.



MEN'S 22:32 CONFERENCE

St. Mark parish of Emporium is pleased to announce that we will be again hosting *Men's 22:32 Conference* as a live stream event **Saturday March 7th** in O'Connell Hall, live from Erie. *We welcome all men, of all faiths, to this conference.* The program begins at 8:30 a.m. and lasts until 11-11:15 a.m. Toward the end of the program, there will be the opportunity for confession upstairs in St. Mark with Fr. Paul. This year the registration has been changed by Erie.

To register to attend, **you MUST** go to www.2232men.com. On the registration page you will choose "*Live-streamed to St. Mark Emporium*" Choose "*Group*" to attend, even if signing up as a single person.

The cost for the event is \$25 per person.

If you're unable to register via computer, please contact the rectory (814-486-0569) and we can assist you.

Please pass this information along to your friends!! Contact Dan Martuccio @ 814-335-7008 for more information.



Catholic Sisters Week:

March 8 - 14

Celebrating Traditions, Changing the World! Catholic Sisters Week shines a light on the spirituality, mission, and community building of women religious. This years theme is:

STORIES OF HOPE AND HEART!

We're very grateful for all the sisters, especially our own sister,

Sister Frances Therese!

Thanks for all you do for us!



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus spent forty days alone in the desert and was vulnerable, so the devil tried to allure him with tantalizing temptations.

Temptation is essentially an enticement to put our own desires and needs first. Resisting temptation, then, is really resisting self-centeredness. Like Jesus, we must choose instead to surrender ourselves to God who alone should be the center of our lives. To make any other choice is to choose a false god. This First Sunday of Lent poses this question:

Do we serve god or God?



IN YOUR CHARITY, Please pray for the souls of **MICHAEL PALAMARCHUCK, JAY PRICE** (brother of Kathy Glasl) and **FRED PETRAZIO**, former Emporium resident, who passed away recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen



The Eleventh Annual 1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Sat., April 18, 2026
8:00 AM — 1:00 PM

St. Jude Parish,
2801 W. 6th St.
Erie, PA

Speakers: Jeff Joaquin & Paula Umana
Cost is \$25.00. For more information, to register or for more details, log into www.138women.com

Due to a scheduling conflict, this event will not be livestreamed at St. Mark.



2026 CSA VIDEO

Please check out the 2026 CSA Video which includes coverage of St. Mark's Mission Trip. You can find the video on our web site www.stmarkemporium.org or on the Diocesan web page www.eriecnd.org



Penance Services for Lent in our area:

St. Mark, Emporium
Tuesday, March 10th 6:00 PM
Queen of the World
Thursday, March 12th 6:00 PM
Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg
Monday March 16th 6:00 PM
St. Marys Church
Monday, March 23rd 6:00 PM



LENTE LUNCHES

Beginning Wed. February 25th
Lenten Lunches will start @ 12:05 PM in O'Connell Hall. Lunches will take place every Wed. throughout Lent. Our speakers for the upcoming Lenten Lunches will be:
Wed. Feb. 25th:
Fr. Paul Siebert
(St. Mark Catholic Church)
Wed. March 4th:
Dr. Andrew Spore
(Endless Mountains Methodist Church)
Wed. March 11th:
Presbyterian Church
Wed. March 18th:
Rev. Dave Smith
(Faith Baptist Church)
Wed. March 25th:
Pastor Ken Bailey

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



ST. MARK PARISH MISSION

Our Parish Mission will take place on March 8, 10 & 11, 2026 with:
Fr. Michael Scanga
Sun. March 8th @ 6:00 PM
Lenten Penance Service with visiting priests
Tues. March 10th @ 6:00 PM
Special Closing Mass with Msgr. Charles Kaza:
Wed. March 11th @ 6:30 PM
Mark your calendars!



~THE CHOSEN~ SEASON 4 & 5

Saturday's following 4:00 PM Mass.

Episode viewing dates:
Feb. 21, 28, March 7 & March 14
We'll provide the pizza & popcorn...you bring a dish or snack to pass if you'd like, and join us for a wonderful time...and bring a friend!



SPRING FORWARD



Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 8th. Remember to set your clocks **AHEAD ONE HOUR.**



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week

IN LOVING MEMORY of:
DAVID & KAREN ROBERTS
From: Ruth Drum



ST. MARK PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thurs., Feb. 26th
@ 4:30 PM O'Connell Hall



INVITE ONE BACK!

If you know someone who hasn't been to church in a while or a friend who would like to see our church and what we do, invite them to come with you next time!