



SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 • 26TH 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: 9a.m. to 3p.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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"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:15 AM MR. & MRS. PAUL MOORE
 (Fr. Paul Siebert)
 (Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:15 AM VERLA GAVLOCK
 (Tom Gavlock)
 (Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

NO MASS
 (Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; 1K 9:57-62)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:15 AM COLE LaBROZZI
 (Betty Grimone, Chet LaBrozzi & Families)
 (Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12)

FIRST FRIDAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:15 AM MARGARET KONDEK
 (John Borland & Paul Hoffman Families)
4:00 PM JOAN GRIMONE
 (Larry & Criss)
 (Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Mt 18:1-5)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

ST. MARK 4:00 PM
ROSE BOGART (ANNIV.)
 (Her Godson)

ST. JAMES

5:30 PM

CALVIN & EUNICE HUGAR
 (Bob & Theresa Dayton)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 9:00 AM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
 (The Pastor)
 (Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43)

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**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS:****FRIDAY, OCT 2 ~ FIRST FRIDAY****8:15 AM****4:00 PM****LECTORS:****Mary Meisel****Dave Malize****ALTAR SERVERS:****Andy DeLucia****Volunteer****ST. MARK****SATURDAY, OCT. 3****S. & L. Zoschg &
M. Dixon****4:00 PM****Melissa Stuart****Mike Fragale &
Vince Fragale****ST. JAMES****5:30 PM****Phil Burkhouse****SUNDAY, OCT. 4****A. Slottje, A. DeLucia
& Volunteer****9:00 AM****Suzanne Zoschg****Alana Barnes &
Ruth Kane****SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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

WEDNESDAY (30th) 3:30-5:00 PM - Faith Formation Class Gr. 1-5
6:00 PM - Holy Hour
 Confession
 7:00 PM - Benediction

THURSDAY (1st) 4:15 PM - Rosary

FRIDAY (2nd) 8:15 AM & 4:00 PM - FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

SATURDAY (3rd) 3:15 PM - Confession
4:00 PM - MASS @ ST. MARK
5:30 PM MASS @ ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD

SUNDAY (4th) 9:00 AM - 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
10:00 - 11:15 AM
 Faith Formation Edge & Confirmation Session

QUESTION OF THE WEEK**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:28-32****PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS****Question of the week:****Adult:** When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?**Youth:** Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?**ST. MARK MASS****ATTENDANCE**

SAT. SEPT. 19 4:00 PM 81

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM 39

SUN. SEPT 20 9:00 AM 113

COLLECTION

(9/19-20/2026)

ST. MARK: \$2,565.00

ST. JAMES: \$94.00

**Thank you For returning
some of God's gift to you
back to His church!****TRUNK-OR-TREAT****Saturday, Oct. 31st
2 - 4 PM**

St. Mark is accepting donations for this community event; We have a donation table set up in the back of the church if you'd like to donate. Also anyone who would like to help with a Catholic presence at **Trunk-Or-Treat**, please call Jen Abriatis (486-0569) or Diane Reed (814-601-0764).

**BLESSING OF PETS
800th ANNIVERSARY**

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of animals and the environment, Fr. Paul Siebert will preside over a special Blessing of Pets on **FRIDAY, Oct. 2nd @ 4:30 PM**, in front of St. Mark Church. Please bring your pets; dogs, cats, hamsters, rabbits, etc. to St. Mark Church, where we'll meet out front (by the Statue of St. Mark) to have your pets blessed. All pets must be on leash or in a carrier...

THEN JOIN US IN THE HOMECOMING PARADE!

We hope to see you and your beloved pets there!

This event is open to the public! Tell your friends! All are welcome!**ST. MARK MEMORIAL FUND**St. Mark Memorial fund received generous memorial gifts in honor of: **MARY LEA EDEL**

From: The Kovach Family, Geci & Associates, P.C. and Ed & Patty Schwer, And in honor of:

JUDITH SMITH from: Tana Smith & Family

Thank you to all St. Mark bakers! You are the best & I'm grateful to all of you for your graciousness and willingness to always be there when needed!
 Carole D.



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week

IN LOVING MEMORY of:
SALVATORE (SAM) FAPORE
 From: Don Fapore



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Gospel: Mt 21:28-32

This Gospel challenges the complacent, those who presume that things are good enough between themselves and God, to examine the integrity of their discipleship. To the father's command to go out and work in the vineyard, the first son replies literally in the Greek, "I don't want to," but later changes his mind and goes. The second assents to go work but carries on with his usual routine. The parable reinforces Jesus' insistence that words alone do not prove that one is his disciple. They must be accompanied by actions. Jesus' parable is open ended, which son are you?

ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD

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

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

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



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.



FIRST FRIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE

Due to the Homecoming Parade, we will have our afternoon

First Friday Mass on Oct. 2nd begin at 4:00 PM.

Also, the daily rosary for that day will be recited prior to morning Mass (approx. 7:50 AM). **There will be no afternoon Rosary on Friday Oct 2nd @ 4:15 PM.**



Cameron County Ministerial Association Elections

New officers were recently elected for this school calendar year.

President: Pastor Dave Smith (First Baptist Church)

Vice President: Fr. Paul Siebert
Secretary: Pastor Erik Ferguson (Emporium Alliance)

Treasurer: Pastor Ken Bailey (Global Methodist)

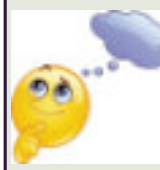
We are grateful to Dr. Andy Spore for his years as president as he moves to his new assignment.



Women's Cursillo

October 9-11th
Harborcreek, PA

Please call Mary Dixon at 814-512-7007 for more information or sign up at eriecursillo.org if you'd like to attend.



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.



RESPECT LIFE BEGINS NEXT WEEK!

October is Respect Life

Month! This year's Respect Life Program theme is:

"Mary, The Mother of Life"
The Cameron County Pro-Life Committee will be sponsoring a "Life Chain"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th.

Every life is precious – join us as we take a stand for life! Signs will be distributed beginning at 2:00 p.m. from the First Baptist Church (Broad St.); the silent demonstration will run from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will be standing on 4th Street from Broad St. to Chestnut St. A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow.

CHURCH STEEPLE LOUVERS

The Louvers and fascia painting is complete in one weeks' time. We are very grateful for this project paid for in Honor of:

FELIX H. & MARY L. SWIDERSKI

In Loving Memory by their children.

