



**AUGUST 24, 2025**

**21ST 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*  
 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](http://www.stmarkemporium.org) or  
[oursmprayers@gmail.com](mailto:oursmprayers@gmail.com)

**MASS INTENTIONS**



*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday*  
 IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through  
 the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to  
 enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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**MONDAY, AUG. 25**

**8:15 AM PATTY HAGSTROM**

(Carole Dankesreiter)  
 (1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22)

**TUESDAY, AUG. 26**

**NO MASS**

(1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26)

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27**

**8:15 AM SARAH HORAN**

(Ruth Drum)  
 (1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32)

**THURSDAY, AUG. 28**

**8:15 AM BEVERLY DITTMAN**

(The Family)  
 (1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51)

**FRIDAY, AUG. 29**

**8:15 AM BLESSED CHARLES OF AUSTRIA**

(Carter Clay)  
 (1 Thes 4:1-8; Mk 6:17-29)

**SATURDAY, AUG. 30**

**ST. MARK**

**4:00 PM**

**PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES**

(The Pastor)

**ST. JAMES**

**5:30 PM**

**GORDON VOGT**

(The Family)

**SUNDAY AUG. 31**

**9:00 AM**

**GENEVIEVE AIKENS &**

**CATHY JO MACK**

(Russell & Dionne Orner)  
 (Sir 3:17-18, 20,28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a;  
 Lk 14:7-14)

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**EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTERS:****SATURDAY, AUG. 30****ST. MARK**C. Dankesreiter, C. Malize  
& Volunteer**LECTORS:****4:00 PM**

Dave Malize

**ALTAR SERVERS:**Mitchell Copp &  
Addison McAulay**ST. JAMES****5:30 PM**

Laura Zoschg

**SUNDAY, AUG. 31**M. Dixon, L. Lion  
& Volunteer**9:00 AM**

Denny Fapore

Harper Stuart &  
Annette Campbell**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

SUNDAY	(24th)	9:00 AM - 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WEDNESDAY	(27th)	6:00 PM - Confession
THURSDAY	(28th)	6:30 PM - Rosary - Baptismal Class
SATURDAY	(30th)	3:15 PM - Confession 4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK 5:30 PM - MASS @ ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD
SUNDAY	(31st)	9:00 AM - 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**GOSPEL: LUKE 13:22-30****THE NARROW DOOR****Question of the week:****Adult:** What daily choices are you making that will allow you to be recognized at the doorway of the reign of God?**Youth:** What good habits are you practicing in order to be a good Christian?**ST. MARK MASS  
ATTENDANCE**SAT. AUG 16 4:00 PM - 81  
ST. JAMES 5:30 PM - 30  
SUN. AUG. 17 9:00 AM - 107**OFFERTORY  
COLLECTION****ASSUMPTION 8/14-15/25:**

ST. MARK: \$933.00

ST. JAMES: \$15.00

(8/16-17/2025)

ST. MARK: \$4,120.00

ST. JAMES: \$283.00

*Thank you for returning some  
of God's gift to you back to  
His church!**Donations  
Accepted***HELP FOR THE HOMELESS**

Northern Tier Community Action is looking for supplies for homeless or those facing homelessness and their needs.

Some of the items include, but not limited to, are:

Deodorant, Feminine products, paper products, wipes, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, flavored water packets, backpacks, sunscreen for summer months, reusable water bottles, laundry pods, Ziploc bags, blankets, hats, gloves, etc. Little medical items such as Band-Aids, Neosporin, etc. no oral medications please.

**There is a table in the back of the church where items can be left.*****Thank you for your generous contributions!*****Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico****Congratulation to all couples celebrating their Milestone  
Anniversaries today at St. Tobias, Brockway**

Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are still welcome to receive a certificate mailed to you. Registrations are accepted through Thursday, September 11. Couples may complete

registrations online at <https://www.eriescd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, or by contacting the Marriage and Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210.**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.Correction from last week's  
bulletin. The Aug. 15th Mass for  
**Eileen and Al Hertlein** was  
requested by **Ruth Drum**, not  
"The Family" as listed.  
We apologize for any  
inconvenience.**Share Faith****COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. As a parish, we collected **\$671.00** to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america). Your gift makes a difference!



## 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

**Gospel: Luke 13:22-30**

Entering the narrow gate to salvation is not guaranteed by privilege or tradition (those who perceive themselves to be first), but guaranteed by openness to the in-breaking of the Messiah (those who perceive themselves to be last). The gate is narrow because the way is difficult—journeying with Jesus leads to Jerusalem and the cross. The strength needed to persist on this journey comes from eating and drinking the Body and Blood of Christ.

*Thank You*

## Missionary Cooperative Thank you

Thank you, St. Mark/St. James parish for your generous donation of **\$1,444.00** to the **Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers** through the 2025 Missionary Cooperative Plan Appeal. Your generosity will help enable their important work to continue. Many blessings,

**Indira J. Suarez**  
Director of Diocesan and International Missions,  
Diocese of Erie



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week

**IN LOVING MEMORY of:**  
**GIOVANNI HOUSLER**  
From: his Family



## HAPPY 67TH

**ANNIVERSARY TO RELIGIOUS LIFE, SISTER FRANCES THERESE!**

We are so very blessed to have you with us here at St. Mark/St. James! Thank you for all you do for us and our youth!



## BACK TO SCHOOL

We pray for our young people, starting school here. May it be a great school year! May God guide the teachers too!

## ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC



A big THANKS goes out to all of those who helped in any way with the Parish picnic!

Thanks to those who set up tables, cooked food, and brought food to share; and to those who helped with clean up. Thank you, **Jen Abriatis** and the **Parish Council** for their leadership.

*Fr. Paul*



In your charity, please pray for the soul of **MARK GUTGSELL**, **uncle of Gina Smith**, who passed away recently.

May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

On September 1, 2025, the Holy Father's message for the 10th Annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is too be issued. The theme of this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is

**"Seeds of Peace and Hope."**

This ecumenical initiative is to be celebrated from September 1 to October 4, 2025, to remind us that, "together with prayer, determination and concrete actions are necessary if this 'cares of God' is to become visible to our world." -Pope Leo

The theme of this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, was chosen by our beloved Pope Francis. On the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this Day of Prayer, which coincided with the publication of the Encyclical 'Laudato Si', we find ourselves celebrating the present Jubilee as "Pilgrims of Hope." This year's theme thus appears most timely.

## TAKE ME TO WORSHIP



It's now time to put out the signs. Remember, those children who attend one religious service or religious activity a week have less chance of alcohol or substance abuse, are happier and get better grades!

**So let's see more kids at mass!!**  
Yard signs are available in the back of the church.



The Knights of Columbus will be holding a 4th Degree Exemplification in St. Marys, PA on

**Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025.**

Any Knight interested or has any questions can contact Joe DeSio @ 814-486-1968 or Art May @ 814-486-0787.

**Deadline to register is Monday, August 25, 2025.**



Our dear parishioner, **BETTY FRANCEUS**, will be celebrating her 95th birthday on Sept. 15th. The family is inviting you to a Birthday celebration for Betty on **SAT. SEPT. 13TH** at their home 90 Crestline Rd. Sinnemahoning, from **3:00 PM—??** Please call Leslie Franceus to RSVP ~ 814-596-8669 ~ **ALL ARE WELCOME!** {Please, no gifts}