



AUGUST 16, 2026

20TH 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 Fapone, 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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Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
 Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
 daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

8:15 AM DAVID KARKOSKA
 (ANNIV.)
 (Leon & Sandra Marlow)
 (Ez 24:15-23; Mt 19:16-22)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

NO MASS
 (Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

8:15 AM DAVID ROBINSON
 (MONTHS MIND)
 (The Family)
 (Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

8:15 AM RIZZO & VILLELLA
 FAMILIES
 (Slodoski Estate)
 (Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

10:30 AM FUNERAL MASS
JOANNE GERG
 (Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

ST. MARK 4:00 PM
 PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
 (The Pastor)
ST. JAMES 5:30 PM
 SAMMY PRESUTTI
 (Carter Clay)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 9:00 AM

PATRICIA SARINELLI
 (Ruth Drum)
 (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: LECTORS: ALTAR SERVERS**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22****4:00 PM****ST. MARK**S. & L. Zoschg &
Volunteer

Ralph Grovanz

Lynn Summerson
& Phil Jones**ST. JAMES****5:30 PM**

L. Zoschg

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**9:00 AM**L. Ricnafsky, L. Purcell
& Volunteer

Mary Meisel

Paul Burlingame &
Cambree Stuart**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****SUNDAY** (16th) 9:00 AM -20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11:00 AM - Benediction

WEDNESDAY (19th) 6:00 PM - Confession**THURSDAY** (20th) 6:30 PM - ROSARY (O'Connell Hall)

6:30 PM - Baptismal Prep. Class

SATURDAY (22nd) 3:15 PM - Confession

4:00 PM - MASS @ ST. MARK

5:30 PM - MASS @ ST. JAMES

SUNDAY (23rd) 9:00 AM - 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11:00 AM - Benediction

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:21-28**FAITH OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN****QUESTION OF THE WEEK:****Adult:** The woman in this story was persistent in prayer. For what do you pray insistently?**Youth:** For what do you ask God to give you most often?**ST. MARK MASS****ATTENDANCE**

SAT. AUG. 8 4:00 PM 69

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM 51

SUN. AUG. 9 9:00 AM 81

OFFERTORY**COLLECTION**

(8/8-9/2026)

ST. MARK: \$3,379.00

ST. JAMES: \$340.00

Thank you For returning
some of God's gift to you
back to His church!**Child Protection and Creating
Safe Environments-
Documentation for Safety:**

Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All employees, volunteers and clergy in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan

Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

**Milestone Anniversary
Celebrations**

Couples celebrating **any** wedding Anniversary, especially 25th, 40th, 50th etc... are invited to

celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony

on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th** at
ST. LEO CHURCH, RIDGWAY, PA

To register call or email
St. Leo Parish office

814-772-3135 or

secretary@stleomagnus.org.

A reception will follow in parish
social hall.

RSVP need by 8/25/26.

REMINDER....

When paying CSA donations,
please submit a separate check for
CSA, please do not include CSA
payments with any other weekly or monthly
donations. Thank you!

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION
CLASS**

THURS., AUG. 20, 2026 6:30 PM

Please call the rectory @ 486-0569 if
you're in need of
classes for an upcoming baptism.



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Gospel of Matthew 15:21-28

In this Gospel passage, it shows the great faith of a Gentile woman who asks Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus initially rejects her plea, saying that "He was sent to only the lost sheep of Israel." However, the woman persists and humbly acknowledges her need for God's mercy. Jesus then praises her faith and grants her request. The passage reveals that God's salvation plan is not limited by ethnicity or nationality, but by faith in Jesus Christ.



**Welcome
back
St. Mark
Staff;**

**Jen Abriatis &
Sr. Frances Therese!**

**Faith Formation
Office hours
resume on**

**Monday, Aug. 17th:
Mon., Tues., & Thurs.,
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Wed.,
11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.,
Fri., As needed.**



COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture,

rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit:
www.usccb.org/latin-america



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
WISHES TO
ST. MARK**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT,
DAN MARTUCCIO
{AUG. 15th}**

**ALSO, CONGRATULATIONS on your
repeat FIRST PLACE WIN at the
Goat Milking contest at the Fair!**



FR. PAUL'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

**Plan on coming to 12:00 PM
Mass on Sunday, Aug. 30th!**

Notice the following cancellations:

**On Saturday, Aug. 29th, there will be no
3:15 PM Confession at St. Mark;**

**There will be no 5:30 PM Mass at
St. James, Driftwood;**

**On Sunday, Aug. 30th, There will be no 9:00 AM Mass
at St. Mark.**

**(Notice: The Rectory Office and Faith Formation office will
be closed on Monday, Aug. 31st.)**

FUNERAL MASS

There will be a

Funeral Mass on

Friday, Aug. 21st

@ 10:30 AM

for JOANNE GERG.

May she rest in peace.



The Sanctuary Lamps
burn before the
Blessed Sacrament
this week

IN LOVING MEMORY of:

BOB COWELL

From: Don Fapore



ST. MARK MEMORIAL

St. Mark Memorial Fund
received a generous donation
in loving memory of:

JOHN MATIA & ALICE LEGRAND

From: John & Pat English
and for:

DAVID "ARCHIE" ROBINSON

From Pat & Darlene Vogt

COMMUNITY WORSHIP



**TODAY—
SUNDAY**

**Aug. 16th
6:00 PM in the
Town Square.**

**All Faiths welcome!
Bring a chair!**



**If you'd like to
donate to help
defray some of
the costs for the
40th Anniversary
Celebration, please put any
donation in an envelope
and drop it in the collection
basket or at the rectory.
Thank you!**



**ST. MARK
PASTORAL
COUNCIL**

**MEETING
TUESDAY, AUG. 25**

@

4:30 PM in O'Connell Hall

**This will be a brief meeting
to finalize the Anniversary
Celebration details.**

Please plan on attending.