

ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

MARCH 1, 2026 | 2ND 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 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

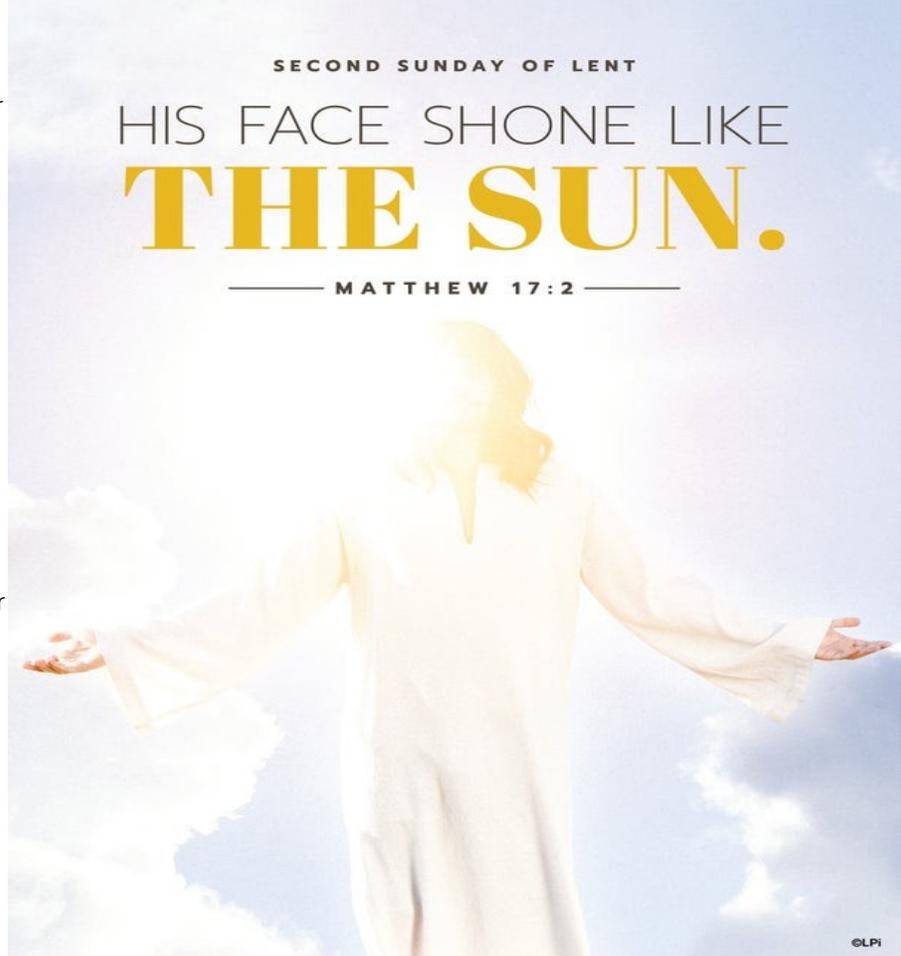
At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after 9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the rectory for arrangements.

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



MASS INTENTIONS



<p>MONDAY, MARCH 2 8:15 AM ARLINGTON DUNKLE (Deb Dunkle) (Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38)</p>	<p>THURSDAY, MARCH 5 8:15 AM RON MACK (ANNIV.) (The Family) (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)</p>	<p>SATURDAY, MARCH 7 4:00 PM PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES (The Pastor)</p>
<p>TUESDAY, MARCH 3 NO MASS (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)</p>	<p>FRIDAY, MARCH 6 ~ FIRST FRIDAY 8:15 AM FRANK GRIMONE (Larry & Cris)</p>	<p>SUNDAY MARCH 8 9:00 AM BERNIE & ROSE BRENNEN (Steve & Marge Summerson) (Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42)</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 8:15 AM CHRISTINE KNOUSE PETERS (Her Children) (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:18-28)</p>	<p>5:00 PM FR. NICK FRATUS (Fr. Paul Siebert) (Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)</p>	<p>6:00 PM PARISH MISSION w/ FR. MICHAEL SCANGA</p>





Worship Together

MARCH 1, 2026

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 6

8:15 AM N/A

5:00 PM N/A

Mark Guido

Dave Malize

Andy DeLucia

Volunteer

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

4:00 PM

L. Zoschg, M. Dixon & M. Fragale

Melissa Stuart

Lynn Summerson & Butch Gennocro

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 AM

L. Purcell, L. Richnafsky & Volunteer

Suzanne Zoschg

Barrett & Bentley Dixon

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 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
- MONDAY (2nd) 6:30 PM - OCIA SESSION
- WEDNESDAY (4th) 12:05 PM - LENTEN LUNCH
3:30-5:00 PM - Faith Formation Gr. 1-5
4:15 PM - FIRST RECONCILIATION
- THURSDAY (5th) 6:30 PM - Rosary
- FRIDAY (6th) 8:15 AM & 5:00 PM—FIRST FRIDAY MASSES
- SATURDAY (7th) 3:15 PM - CONFESSION
4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK
- SUNDAY (8th) 9:00 AM - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Edge & Confirmation students attend Parish Mission
6:00 PM - PARISH MISSION w/ Fr. Michael Scanga

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

JESUS TRANSFIGURED

Question of the week:

Adult: How do you want to change this Lent?

Youth: How can you be a better person this Lent?

ST. MARK MASS

ATTENDANCE

SAT. FEB. 21 4:00 PM 100

SUN. FEB. 22 9:00 AM 101

OFFERTORY

COLLECTION

(2/21-22/2026)

ST. MARK: \$3,654.00

ST. JAMES: \$35.00

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



SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 8th. Remember to set your clocks AHEAD ONE HOUR.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Cyberbullying

The widespread use of mobile devices causes more children to be susceptible to cyberbullying. Cyberbullying can take many forms, including cruel messages via text or social media, the distribution of photo shopped pictures designed to mock an individual, forwarding "private" photos or videos, and pretending to be someone else on a social media site. Victims of cyber bullying often suffer from depression, isolation, and can even become suicidal. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being cyberbullied or is a bully by visiting: www.StopBullying.gov/cyberbullying/ For more resources visit www.eriecnd.org/childprotection/



~THE CHOSEN~

SEASON 4 & 5

Saturday's

following 4:00 PM Mass.

Episode viewing dates:

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!



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 _____



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

What high mountain must we climb for us to witness Jesus' transfiguration? We must climb the high mountain of listening to Jesus, the high mountain of being pleasing to him, the high mountain of opening ourselves to the touch of his Presence. When we climb this mountain, we forsake our own agenda of pitching the tent of satisfaction with our own works to enter into the glory of the Life Jesus offers us. The mountain is steep; the climb is ours to choose; the vision at the top is divine—"white as light," shining "like the sun." Can we see him?

RITE OF ELECTION



Today our candidates **DUSTIN BURGOON, TASHSA SONGER & PAULINE GAVLOCK** will be journey to St. Tobias Church,

Brockway, PA where they will be presented to Bishop Persico. Since our candidates are already Baptized, they are already "elect" or "chosen". Therefore, our candidates will celebrate the second part of the ceremony called the "Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion". They are preparing to complete their initiation through Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. TODAY, our candidates will also receive the Penitential Rite at 9:00 AM Mass. This ritual involves the laying of hands so that they are protected and enlightened.

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!



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

FIRST RECONCILIATION

We welcome First Reconciliation students on Wed., March 4th @ 4:15 PM:
ZAKARY GRALAK, TANNER REID, RUBY MACKEY and MADISON UHL
 Please join us! Please keep these children in your prayers!



LENTEN LUNCHES



Lenten Lunches will start @ 12:05 PM in O'Connell Hall. Lunches will take place every Wed. throughout Lent. Our speakers and host of lunch will be:

- Wed. March 4th: Dr. Andrew Spore
Lunch Host: Endless Mountains Methodist Church
- Wed. March 11th: Presbyterian Church
Speaker & Lunch Host
- Wed. March 18th: Rev. Dave Smith
Lunch Host: Faith Baptist Church
- Wed. March 25th: Pastor Ken Bailey
Lunch Host: K of C



HAPPENING AT ST. MARK.....

This Wednesday March 4th:

FIRST RECONCILIATION @ 4:15 PM

This coming Saturday, March 7th 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

MEN'S CONFERENCE Sign-up On-Line NOW!

One week from Sunday, (March 8th):

ST. MARK PARISH MISSION
St. Mark Parish Penance Service will be next Tuesday, March 10th @ 6:00 PM

The next Stations of the Cross will be Wed. March 18th @ 5:30 PM

Penance Services for Lent in our area:



- St. Mark, Emporium
Tues., 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
- St. Leo Church, Ridgway
Thursday, March 26th 6:00 PM
- St. Joseph, Force
Sunday, March 29th 2:00 PM



ST. MARK 2026 CSA UPDATE

Diocesan Goal: \$41,302.00
Total Pledged to date: \$23,565.00
Total Paid to date: \$15,276.00
 ...remember all donations over the Diocesan Goal amount will stay here at St. Mark/St. James. Your continued support and generosity are a blessing to our parish.
Thank you!



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!