

MARCH 23, 2025

THIRD 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.

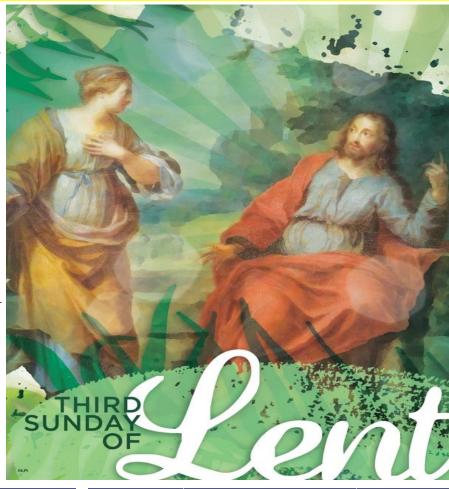
Sacrament of Matrimony

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, MARCH 24

8:15 AM THOMAS KRIVONYAK

(The Family) (2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30)

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

6:30 PM BILL & JUDY ERSKINE

(Their Daughters)

(Is 7:10-14, 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 8:15 AM JANICE FITCH (ANNIV.)

(Jennie & Carole) (Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19) THURSDAY, MARCH 27 8:15 AM MARGARET SIMON

> (Tim & Mary Meisel) (Jer 7:23-*28; Lk 11:14-23)

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 NO MASS

(Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34)

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 4:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 MARY SIEBERT

9:00 AM

(Vincent Dimalta)

(Jos 5:9a, 10-12: 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

TUESDAY, MARCH 25th S. & L. Zoschg

6:30 PM PARISH MISSION MASS

Dennis Fapore

Maggie Abriatis & Vince Fragale

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

A. DeMatz, C. Malize & M. Dixon

4:00 PM

Stephanie Petty | Emilia & Mitchell Copp & Mike Fragale

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

L. Purcell, L. Richnafsky & Volunteer

9:00 AM

Vicky Songer

Barrett Dixon & Paul Burlingame

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (23rd) 9:00 AM ~ 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Edge & Confirmation Students

attend Penance Service @ 6:00 PM

6:00 PM - Parish Mission - Penance Service

w/young, local priest, Fr. Ben Daghir

MONDAY (24th) 6:30 PM - Sacrament of Anointing Service with

Fr. Jonathan Schmolt

TUESDAY (25th) 6:30 PM ~ Feast of The Annunciation ~

Closing Mass with Msgr. Charles Kaza

WEDNESDAY (26th) 12:05 PM - Lenten Lunch

3:30~5:00 PM ~ Faith Formation Class Grades 1~5

4:45 PM - Exposition & Benediction

5:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM ~ Confession ADORATION INTENTION

6:30 PM ~ Rosary Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life

6:50 PM ~ Benediction 6:30 PM ~ Rosary

(27th) SATURDAY 3:15 PM ~ Confession (29th)

4:00 PM ~ Vigil Mass

SUNDAY (30th) 9:00 AM ~ 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00 AM ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00~11:30 AM Edge & Confirmation Sessions

Adoration until 11:15 AM

11:15 AM - Benediction

GOSPEL: LUKE 13:1-9

CALLS TO PENANCE

Question of the week:

Adult: What helps you get more serious about repentance during Lent?

Youth: Tell of a time when you said "I'm sorry" and your really meant it. What happened?

> ST. MARK MASS **ATTENDANCE**

SAT. MAR. 8 4:00 PM 105 SUN. MAR. 9 9:00 AM 108

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(3/15-16/2025)

ST. MARK: \$4,317.70

ST. JAMES: \$35.00

Thank you for returning some of God's gift to you to His Church



COMING SOON! ST. MARK — FREE CLOTHING —

Free Clothing drive begins MAY 15 ~ MAY 22 2025.

Clean, gently used clothes (no undergarments please) can be dropped off in O'Connell Hall beginning SATURDAY, MAY 10TH.



THURSDAY

The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week IN LOVING MEMORY of:

OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES From: The Carnovale Family

Thank Dear Fr. Paul & St. Mark Church Family, You Andrew Lathrop and his entire family want to thank God, the members of our St. Mark family and the Emporium community for your prayers and support during this difficult journey. Please continue to pray for us and we will pray for all of you too. God Bless each and every one of you! Andrew Lathrop and Family

Log into *Formed.org* for a new series: Fearless: A Lenten Video Series

Fearless is video series will accompany you on your Lenten journey. Time and again, the people

of God are called to 'be courageous' and 'be not afraid.' Yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don't miss this exciting series with a special guest each week as we seek to follow Jesus into the wilderness this Lent.



ST. MARK ROSARY **SOCIETY**

There will be not be a meeting in April for the Rosary Society.

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, May 13th @ 1:00 PM



FEAST OF THE **ANNUNCIATION** TUES. **MARCH 25th** Blessed Mary, pray for us!





THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

The owner of the fig tree only cares about whether the tree bears fruit—he has no regard

for the tree and its life. The gardener, on the other hand, cares about the fig tree, sees the life still there, and wants to give it every chance ("I shall cultivate ... and fertilize it") to produce. He understands that as long as there's life, there's potential to bear fruit. What wastes away life within us and prevents us from bearing fruit is sin. Repentance, then, means choosing to nurture new life and all the fullness it can bring.



Penance Services for Lent in our area:

St. Mark, Emporium

Sun. March 23rd 6:00 PM

Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg

Mon. March 24 6:00 PM

Queen of the World

Thurs. March 27 6:30 PM

St. Marys Church

Tues. April 1 6:30 PM

St. Leo, Ridgway

Wed. April 9 6:00 PM

St Joseph, Force

Sun. April 13 2:00 PM



The TENTH Annual

1:38 WOMEN'S

CONFERENCE

Sat., April 5, 2025

ALL FAITHS WELCOME!

8:00 AM — 12:30 PM Speakers: Danielle Bean & Sister Mary Gabriel, SV Virtual meeting via *Livestream* at St. Mark Parish, O'Connell Hall. For more information, to register or for

For more information, to register or for more details, log into www.138women.com or call Jen Abriatis at 814-486-0784.

IUBILEE LENTEN LUNCHES



Join us for Jubilee Lenten Lunches, Wednesdays @ 12:05 PM in O'Connell Hall.

Everyone is welcome! This week, Wed. March 26th, our guest preacher is *Dr. Andrew Spore*. His theme is:

Recovery of sight to the blind.

FIRST RECONCILIATION



We welcome First Reconciliation students on Saturday of this

weekend: PAYTON COOK, DeMARCO ERSKINE, HALLIE SCHAGER & MATTHIAS SPAETH And....these young people who are celebrating the

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



DeMARCO ERSKINE, ALANA BARNES, LILY-ANN CLARK, VALKYRIE CLARK, CARTER WALKER,

and TIMOTHY CLARK.

Please keep these children in your prayers!

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY

SERVICE
The community Good
Friday Service will be
held at the
GLOBAL METHODIST

<u>CHURCH</u>

(Formerly The Endless Mountains Methodist Church) at 12:00 PM (April 18th) Preaching will be Dr. Andrew Spore, Pastor.

ST. JAMES DRIFTWOOD



St. James, Driftwood is opening for the season on SATURDAY, APRIL 5th, 5:30 PM

Lenten Mission

ST. MARK PARISH MISSION

Our Parish Mission will take place on

March 23, 24 & 25, 2025 with: ~young local priest~ Fr. Ben Daghir Sun. March 23rd ~ LOVE ~

Annual Lenten Penance Service with private Confession

Fr. Jonathan Schmolt,

~he was here as Deacon~

Mon. March 24th ~ FAITH ~ Individual opportunity of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the

sick

<u>Msgr. Charles Kaza</u> ~ our favorite ~

Tues. March 25th ~HOPE ~

Closing Mass

~ Feast of the Annunciation~
Each evening will be following with
a reception in O'Connell Hall.
Please join us!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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Sundays: Exposition at closing of 9:00 a.m. Mass with 11:15 a.m.
Benediction, during Lent.

Please consider spending personal time before the Holy Eucharist.
This is a very special opportunity.

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Wednesdays of Lent:

4:45 PM Exposition and Benediction

5:00 PM—5:30 PM: Quiet time 5:30 PM: Stations of the Cross

(in front of the Blessed Sacrament)

6:00 PM: Reading of the Gospel

6:05 PM: Confession

6:30 PM: Rosary or

Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:50 PM: Benediction

Let's see some new faces for some of these events!

Come for some quiet time away from 'rat race' distractions!

Just a brief visit? Try 10 minutes?

COMING UP....HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday — April 12 & 13; Sacred Triduum (3 days) Holy Thursday, April 17th (Mass @ 6:30 PM), Good Friday, April 18th (2:00 PM) and Easter Vigil, April 20th (8:30 PM).

HOLY WEEK Please plan in advance to attend the Easter Vigil....the most important celebration o the Liturgical Year.