

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

**23RD 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)



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"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down  
 and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?  
 ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his  
 possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, SEPT. 8**

**8:15 AM KENDYL SHAFFER (ANNIV.)**

(Dave & Toni Dresser)  
 (Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16)

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 9**

**8:15 AM COMMUNION SERVICE**

(Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10**

**8:15 AM COMMUNION SERVICE**

(Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26)

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 11**

**8:15 AM COMMUNION SERVICE**

(Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38)

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 12**

**NO MASS**

(1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42)

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 13**

**ST. MARK**

**4:00 PM**

**MARY LOU FRAGALE**

(Mike & Kathy Fragale & Family)

**ST. JAMES**

**5:30 PM**

**PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES**

(The Pastor)

**SUNDAY SEPT. 14**

**9:00 AM**

**BOB McFALL**

(Larry & Cris Grimone)

(Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17)

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**EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTERS:****LECTORS:****ALTAR SERVERS:****SATURDAY, SEPT. 13****4:00 PM****ST. MARK**C. Dankesreiter, A. DeMatz | Stephanie Petty | Andy & Eugenia Clark  
& C. Malize**ST. JAMES****5:30 PM**

Theresa Dayton

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 14**K. Aikens, A. DeLucia  
& Volunteer**9:00 AM****~ FIRST RESPONDERS MASS ~**

Vicky Songer

Barrett Dixon &  
Paul Burlingame**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

SUNDAY	(7th)	9:00 AM - 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
TUESDAY	(9th)	1:00 PM - ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING	
WEDNESDAY	(10th)	6:00 PM - Holy Hour	Adoration Intention:
		Confession	Legal protection of
		7:00 PM - Benediction	the Unborn Child
THURSDAY	(11th)	6:30 PM - Rosary	
SATURDAY	(13th)	3:15 PM - Confession	
		4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK	
		5:30 PM - MASS @ ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD	
SUNDAY	(14th)	9:00 AM - 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
		<b>-FIRST RESPONDERS MASS-</b>	

**GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33****SAYINGS ON DISCIPLESHIP****Question of the week:****Adult:** How do you try to discover what God is asking of you?**Youth:** When is it hard for you to know the right thing to do? Who helps you know?

ROSARY SOCIETY

**Rosary Society  
Meeting**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 1:00 PM the St. Mark Rosary Society meets.**New members are always welcome!**Next meeting, will be on  
**Tues. Sept. 9th @ 1:00 PM****APARTMENT  
FOR RENT:****AVAILABLE NOW!**

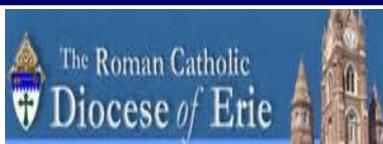
Two story, two bedroom apartment, available, across parking lot from the church, facing East Third Street. Non-smoking—no pets, utilities not included in rent. Ideal for single/retired person. Includes Stove, new Refrigerator, Washer/Dryer, Dishwasher, one window A/C & wall-to-wall carpet. Inquiries please call: Joe DeSio (814)486-1968 or the rectory 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (814)486-0569.

**COLLECTION CONTINUES FOR HELP FOR THE HOMELESS**Donations  
Accepted

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.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe  
Environments****Diocesan Child Protection Policies:**

The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to:

<https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html>

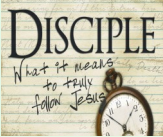
For more information, contact the diocesan

Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

**NOTICE:**

All reading literature, including books, booklets, Holy cards, etc., need approval by the pastor to be displayed in the church. Pass the word and please refrain from dropping off multiple copies of such things in the vestibules, pews, book racks or back and side tables. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.





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Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

Discipleship requires both renunciation and calculation. Those who wish to follow Jesus must renounce everyone and everything that gets in the way of a single-minded response to Jesus' invitation to be his disciple. At the same time, disciples are not naively to follow Jesus. They must calculate and consent to the cost—the price is giving their all, even their own life.

What the One who calls gives disciples in return, however, is beyond calculation—fullness of new Life.



## SPECIAL COLLECTION OFFERING

We will have a Second Collection Offering for the people of Gaza. The USCCB has requested an emergency special collection offering to provide humanitarian relief to feed hungry and persecuted Christians in Gaza and surrounding areas. This collection will be taken in our parish and the diocese **THIS WEEKEND, SEPT. 6-7, 2025.** Please make donation checks to "St. Mark." Thank you!



## FIRST RESPONDERS MASS:

We, at St. Mark, will hold a special mass **NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 14TH AT 9:00 AM** for our local first responders in thanks and gratitude for their unwavering and dedicated service to our community and our nation. Please join us for this special mass.

If you know a first responder, please invite them. They do not have to be a Catholic to attend.

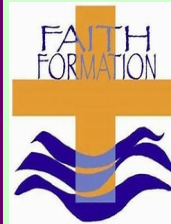


The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week  
**IN LOVING MEMORY of:**  
**BOB McFALL**  
From: Kim & Family



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

The 2025 Catholic Education Collection will take place **Sept. 20-21/2025** This important collection supports lifelong faith formation for all generations throughout the diocese. Please give generously and know that half of what you give will remain here at St. Mark parish to support our own Faith Formation programs.



## FAITH FORMATION

begins at St. Mark soon. Here's the schedule:

**FAITH FORMATION**

**KICK-OFF:**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 21ST @ 9:00 AM**  
**Family Mass with Activities to follow FOR EVERYONE!**

**CONFIRMATION: Grade 9 & EDGE SESSIONS: Grades 6-8**  
will be held on Sundays from 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

**FAITH FORMATION:**

**Grades 1-5: begins**

**Wednesdays, starting Oct 1st, 3:30-5:00 p.m.**

Please return your child's registration from if you haven't already done so. If you have any questions, or need to register a child, please contact: Mrs. Jen Abriatis at the Faith Formation office: 814-486-0569



Today, Sunday, Sept. 7th, is **Grandparents Day.**

Please join with your children in telling your (or their) grandparents how much they mean to you.

Grandparents are the carriers of history. Ask them what they've learned and how the world has changed. Listen. If they are no longer living, talk with them in prayer.



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}**



## FOOD BANK

It's St. Mark's turn to Volunteer.....

**TUES. SEPT. 16th @ 6:15 PM and WED. SEPT. 17th from 12:50-3:00 PM**

Volunteer sign-up sheet is in back of the church.



## ST. MARK CSA UPDATE

**2025 Diocesan Goal: \$39,714.00**

**Total Pledged to date: \$33,205.00**

**Total Paid to date: \$29,055.00**

Thank you all so much for your donations! 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!**