



ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

DECEMBER 28, 2025

THE HOLY FAMILY

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



• THE HOLY FAMILY •

TAKE THE CHILD
AND HIS MOTHER.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 29

NO MASS

(1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35)

TUESDAY, DEC. 30

NO MASS

(1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

VIGIL MASS SOLEMNITY OF MARY,

MOTHER OF GOD

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31

5:15 PM RICHARD GRASSER

(The Family)

(Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY,

MOTHER OF GOD

THURSDAY, JAN. 1, 2026

9:00 AM ROBERT TANNEN

(Fr. Paul Siebert)

(Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21)

FRIDAY, JAN. 2 ~ FIRST FRIDAY

9:00 AM DANIEL MALIZIA

(Carole & Brain Dankesreiter)

(1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28)

SATURDAY, JAN. 3

4:00 PM PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

SUNDAY JAN. 4

9:00 AM JEAN DUNKELBERGER

(MONTHS MIND)

(Paul & Beth Malizia)

(Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)

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**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS:****WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31st**C. Dankesreiter &
L. Zoschg**LECTORS:****~ 5:15 PM ~ MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Mary Meisel

ALTAR SERVERS:Addison McAulay &
Annette Campbell**THURSDAY, JAN. 1, 2026**

L. Lion & T. Dresser

~ 9:00 AM ~ MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Dennis Fapore

Mitchell Copp &
Mark Guido**FRIDAY, JAN. 2nd**

N/A

~ 9:00 AM ~ FIRST FRIDAY

Carole Dankesreiter

Andy DeLucia

SATURDAY, JAN. 3**4:00 PM**L. Zoschg, A. DeMatz &
A. Slottje

Melissa Stuart

Cambree Stuart &
Phil Jones**SUNDAY, JAN. 4****9:00 AM**L. Richnafsky, L. Purcell
& Volunteer

Dennis Fapore

Ruth Kane & Alana Barnes

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**SUNDAY (28th) 9:00 AM – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,****MARY & JOSEPH**

No EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION ~ Christmas Break

WEDNESDAY (31st) FAITH FORMATION ~ No Session ~ Christmas Break**5:15 PM - VIGIL MASS for SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD****THURSDAY (1st) 9:00 AM - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION****SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD****FRIDAY (2nd) 9:00 AM - FIRST FRIDAY MASS****SATURDAY (3rd) 3:15 PM - CONFESSION****4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK****SUNDAY (4th) 9:00 AM - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

No EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23
THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE****Question of the week:****Adult:** Is there something you can do with your family to practice your faith more?**Youth:** What is your favorite family Christmas memory?**2025****END-OF-YEAR****GIVING
STATEMENTS**

All parishioners are encouraged to print their own end-of-year giving statements. Parishioners can access their giving history through the Diocese of Erie website using the Ministry Platform portal.

These self-service statements are secure, easy to use, and help reduce printing and mailing costs for the parish.

To link directly to the diocese portal, use:

www.eriercd.org/portal.html.

If you've not already used this portal, it's easy to sign up and view your information.

As always, if you do not have access to the internet, we will happily print your giving report for you. If you have any questions, please call Kim at the rectory, 814-486-0569.

Donations
Accepted**COLLECTION FOR
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:

Blankets, hats, gloves, deodorant, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste, flavored water packets, backpacks, reusable water bottles, laundry pods, Ziploc bags, etc.

There is a table in the back of the church where items can be left.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

**LOCAL AREA FOOD
RELIEF COLLECTION**

We are truly blessed by the generosity of our parish.

On Nov. 29th & 30th, we collected
\$1,920.00

for the recent Local Area Food Relief vouchers.

Thank you all so very much!

**ST. MARK MASS
ATTENDANCE**

SAT. DEC. 13 4:00 PM 106

SUN. DEC. 14 9:00 AM 103

**OFFERTORY
COLLECTION**

(12/13-14/2025)

ST. MARK: \$3,107.00

ST. JAMES: \$60.00

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

BISHOP'S PRAYER: Don't forget to say the prayer for the new bishop (composed by Bishop Persico) after communion, silently, at weekend masses and daily mass.



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model of all Christian families. Just like Mary and Joseph were united in order to bring Jesus into the world, so the purpose of every marriage is to establish a Christian family. This feast day is observed with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth.



JUBILEE PRAYER OF HOPE

HOPE CONTINUES:

This weekend is a significant step towards the end of the Holy Year as all the Holy Doors in Rome and elsewhere will close (except in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican). Here at the weekend masses at St. Mark, we will walk through our Trellis of Hope at Communion time. By doing this, we receive the grace of everyone's prayer of hope throughout the whole year in our parish! This is very special! With this closing of the Holy Doors, we remember that this grace doesn't end, but continues in our hearts! May I also take time to wish you a *Happy New Year!*

Fr. Paul



FIRST FRIDAY MASS

FRIDAY,

JANUARY 2, 2026

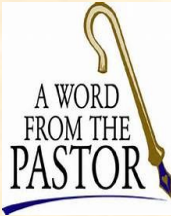
Please join us at **9:00 AM** for **First Friday Mass**. Please note, this will be the only mass that day...there will not be a 5:00 PM Mass or Adoration during the day.

~ LECTOR MEETING ~



TUES. JAN. 6th at 6:30 PM

Rescheduling of Nov. meeting. The annual get-together for prayer and instruction. Fr. Paul will give an inspirational special message for our new lectors. Please come, welcome them to feel a part of our amazing Lector Team!



HELEN NEWTON went to be with the Lord on Nov. 23, 2025. She was someone who definitely devoted her time and talent to God and to our parish!

Serving in music ministry in the parish for more than 50 years! Years ago she

was in the choir loft with the likes of Jerry Clark, Frances Keller, Valerie & Walt

Spehalski as well as her own brother, Ben

Bauer! Her family tells us that she would tell them that her music ministry came first, whether it be a funeral, a wedding or weekend mass, you name it! Also, she just loved singing for the many recent years with the Folk Group. In these and so many ways we will miss her dearly. Now she's singing in heaven!

Let's take heed to her words:

"Your faith will get you through ~ your faith will work it out!"

May she rest in peace,

Fr. Paul



COOKIE SALE

Thank you to all the wonderful bakers who donated cookies for our fundraiser for upkeep of the parish. We raised **\$500.00** from cookie sales! *Thank you for your support!*

ST. MARK ANNUAL



CHILI & MAC-N-CHEESE COOK OFF

We are planning our upcoming

Chili & Mac-n-Cheese Cook-off for

Sat. Feb. 7, 2026.

We need your help.

If you could help us with organizing and assisting on the day of or help in any way, please let us know, a.s.a.p.it'll be here before you know it!

Please call the rectory at 486-0569 to let us know how you can help.



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

~ FEAST DAY ~

JAN. 1, 2026

VIGIL MASS

WEDNESDAY

DEC. 31st @ 5:15 PM

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS

THURSDAY JAN. 1st @

9:00 AM

Mary, Mother of God is a special High Feast day honoring Mary's special place as the Mother of us all. Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan.



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week

IN LOVING MEMORY of:

LAUREN SONGER

BY: Jennie Songer



Thank You!

We, the children & grandchildren of Helen Newton want to express our most sincere appreciation

to our St. Mark Church family! Our beautiful Mother was a part of this church all of her 85 years on earth!

She gave her all anytime she was asked to play for Mass, weddings, funerals and any special occasion. She could lend her talent of musicality in piano & with her beautiful voice! She would always help out with preparing meals for visiting priests or baking for whatever event was asked of her! We know how much she meant to you and please know how much you all meant to her! Her church family!

Thank you,

The Family of Helen Newton!