

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 | 26TH 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



MASS INTENTIONS

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MONDAY, SEPT. 30

No Mass
 (Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50)

TUESDAY, OCT. 1

No Mass
 (Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2

8:15 AM COLE LaBROZZI
 (Betty, Chet & Families)
 (Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Mt 18:1-5, 10)

THURSDAY, OCT. 3

8:15 AM RON LONG
 (The Family)
 (Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12)

FRIDAY, OCT. 4 ~ FIRST FRIDAY

8:15 AM PHYLLIS SULLIVAN
 (The Family)
4:00 PM BOB MARSHALL
 (Jan Kinsler)
 (Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16)

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

ST. MARK 4:00 PM
PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
 (The Pastor)

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM
MELVA SIEBERT
 (Fr. Paul Siebert)

SUNDAY, OCT. 6 9:00 AM
KENNETH DEAN STRUCKER
 (Wife, Hilda)
 (Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16)

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS:

FIRST FRIDAY - OCT. 4

8:15 AM N/A
4:00 PM N/A

LECTORS:

Fred Guido
Dave Malize

ALTAR SERVERS:

Andy DeLucia
Volunteer

SATURDAY, OCT 5

S. & L. Zoschg, W. Smith

4:00 PM

Stephanie Petty

Andy DeLucia

ST. JAMES

5:30 PM

Phil Burkhouse

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

T. Dresser, F. Manginell & Volunteer

9:00 AM

Mary Meisel

Karen Cook & Ruth Kane

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	(29th)	9:00 AM – 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10:00-11:30 AM - Edge & Confirmation Sessions
TUESDAY	(1st)	4:15 PM - Rosary
WEDNESDAY	(2nd)	3:30-5:00 PM - Faith Formation Session Grades 1-5 6:00 PM - HOLY HOUR <i>ADORATION INTENTION</i> CONFESSION <i>Well Being of Local Economy & Felt Manor</i> 6:30 PM - Rosary 7:00 PM - BENEDICTION
THURSDAY	(3rd)	4:15 PM - Rosary
FRIDAY	(4th)	8:15 AM & 4:00 PM - FIRST FRIDAY MASSES
SATURDAY	(5th)	3:15 PM - CONFESSION 4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK 5:30 PM - MASS @ ST. JAMES
SUNDAY	(6th)	9:00 AM – 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10:00-11:30 AM - Edge & Confirmation Sessions 2:00-3:00 - LIFE CHAIN - DOWNTOWN EMPORIUM

GOSPEL: MARK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

TRUE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: What three values motivates you daily? Why?

Youth: Do you help people come to know Jesus, or do you keep people away from Jesus?

ST. MARK MASS ATTENDANCE

SAT. SEPT. 21 4:00 PM - 82
ST. JAMES 5:30 PM - 30
SUN. SEPT. 22 9:00AM - 118

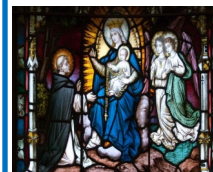
OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(9/21-22/2024)

ST. MARK: \$2,775.00

ST. JAMES: \$312.00

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

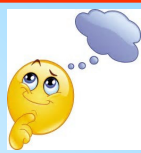


The Rosary will be prayed every weekday @ 4:15 PM in October. (Exception... Wed. Rosary will be prayed @ 6:30 PM)



IMPROVEMENTS TO FAITH FORMATION CENTER:

Improvements to the Faith Formation Center have been completed! Thanks to the generous contributor in honor of Henry & Esther Roeber. We are very grateful for this improvement!



FIRST INQUIRY SESSION

On Thursday, OCT. 10th @ 6:30 PM a gathering will occur, for less than one hour, for adults 18 yrs. of age or older, for those who have questions like: *Can you help me be a better person? I want to find a safe place to belong? I wonder where is God?* If you have these or similar questions, please come to O'Connell Hall (basement of St. Mark Church). There we can help you start beginning to answer questions about these matters. No religious affiliation is required. Refreshments will be served following this first inquiry session. For more information call Jen @ 486-0784.



Pennsylvania/New Jersey Catholic Conferences offer election webinar

All are invited to join the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Catholic conferences on **Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** for an online webinar concerning the upcoming election. The webinar will focus on preparing to vote as well as on how Catholics can play a vital role in restoring civility in public discourse. The panel includes representatives from the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Catholic conferences and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

To learn more about this event and to register, please visit bit.ly/46ZEW3F. To download a flyer, please visit <https://www.ericcd.org/images/pdf/Election%20Webinar%20graphic.pdf>.



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 9:39b

What does it mean to be a follower of Christ? It means doing good works “in [his] name.” It means receiving all others who do good “in [his] name.” It means cutting off from ourselves any behaviors that keep us or others from living “in [his] name.” It means, then, taking on both Jesus' single-minded focus (his willingness to pay any price for the sake of the kingdom) and his open-minded acceptance of all the good works and all the good people who are bringing this kingdom about.



A MESSAGE FROM FR. FELIX....

Good afternoon Father Paul,

Greetings to you and your parish community. I am pleased to inform you that the Archbishop has entrusted me with the community of Hunucmá. On September 26 at 6:00 pm I will be introduced to my new community. With great joy and thanks to your generosity and brotherhood as parishes we have achieved many changes in our parish and acquired certain work tools for the maintenance of our chapels in the different communities. May the Lord, through the intercession of Saint Anthony of Padua, bless you and all your parishioners.

We will keep in touch, and when you wish, Father, you will be welcomed to the community of Hunucmá. Sacerdote de la Parroquia de Tinum Felix Olabo



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week **IN LOVING MEMORY of ANGIE COLWELL**

From: Don Fapore & Family



FIRST FRIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE

Due to the Homecoming Parade, we will have our afternoon **First Friday Mass on Oct. 4th begin at 4:00 PM.** Also, the daily rosary for that day will be recited prior to morning Mass (approx. 7:50 AM). **There will be no afternoon Rosary on Friday Oct 4th @ 4:15 PM.**



FIRST FRIDAY, OCT. 4th

Please join us for Mass at 8:15 AM or **4:00 PM.** Adoration is between 8:30 AM & **4:00 PM.**

A sign –up sheet is in the back of the church. Please consider spending time with the Blessed Sacrament.

\$10,000.00 MATCHING GIFT update!



A **BIG THANK YOU** to those who responded to the letter we recently sent out. We have received **\$6,815.00** towards our goal!

Let's keep the momentum going! **Also, we received a generous memorial gift in loving memory of Felix H. & Mary L. Swiderski from their children Felix J. & Nicki Swiderski.**

RESPECT LIFE BEGINS NEXT WEEK!

October is Respect Life Month!



"I Came So That They Might Have Life"

This year's Respect Life Program theme is **"I Came So That They Might Have Life"**, (John 10:10), highlighting the importance of Christ's living presence in the Eucharist as we begin the third year of our national Eucharistic Revival, the Year of Mission.

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE



The Cameron County Pro-Life Committee will be sponsoring a **"Life Chain"**, **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th.** Every life is precious—join us as we take a stand for life!

ST. MARK CSA UPDATE



2024 Diocesan Goal: \$37,823.00

Total Pledged to date: \$39,942.00

Total Paid to date: \$37,052.00

Remember all donations over the Diocesan Goal amount will stay here at St. Mark. **THANK YOU!**

DIOCESEAN REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION

Confirmation now takes place for candidates when they are in 9th grade.

The requirements to be confirmed are as follows:

All previous sacraments, Baptism, Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion must have taken place.

All Confirmation candidates must have completed two full years of **EDGE** program (grades 7 and 8).

If you know of any possible upcoming Confirmation candidates that are in need of fulfilling these requirements, please contact Jen Abriatis as soon as possible at 486-0784.