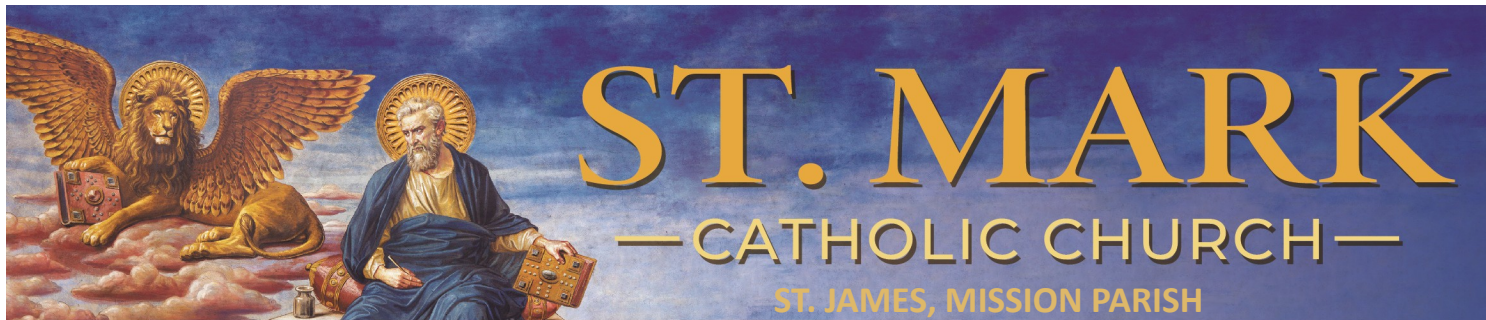




JULY 12, 2026

15TH 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 or
oursmprayers@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS



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"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word
 and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a
 hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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MONDAY, JULY 13

8:15 AM DENNIS DANKESREITER
 (Carole & Brian Dankesreiter)
 (Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1)

TUESDAY, JULY 14

NO MASS
 (Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

8:15 AM ALINE GAVLOCK
 (Tom Gavlock)
 (Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27)

THURSDAY, JULY 16

8:15 AM RICHARD SARICH
 (MONTHS MIND)
 (Deb Dunkle)
 (Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19)

FRIDAY, JULY 17

8:15 AM EARL & MARCIA VALENTI
 (Jeff Valenti & Family)
 (Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8)

SATURDAY, JULY 18

ST. MARK
4:00 PM PAT PEARSON
 (Betty Reigel)

ST. JAMES

5:30 PM DAN & EVELYN SHANNAHAN
 (Bob & Theresa Dayton)

SUNDAY JULY 19

ST. MARK

9:00 AM PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES
 (The Pastor)
 (Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43)

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Worship Together

JULY 12, 2026

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS:

SATURDAY, JULY 18

ST. MARK

B. & J. Keller &
M. Fragale

ST. JAMES

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Alice Slottje & Volunteer
& Volunteer

LECTORS:

4:00 PM

Stephanie Petty

5:30 PM

Phil Burkhouse

9:00 AM

Vicky Songer

ALTAR SERVERS:

Addison McAulay &
Annette Campbell

Cambree Stuart &
Ruth Kane

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (12th) 9:00 AM ~ 15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11:00 AM ~ Benediction

WEDNESDAY (15th) 6:00 PM ~ Confession

THURSDAY (16th) 6:30 PM ~ ROSARY

SATURDAY (18th) 3:15 PM ~ Confession

4:00 PM ~ MASS @ ST. MARK

5:30 PM ~ MASS @ ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD

SUNDAY (19th) 9:00 AM ~ 16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11:00 AM ~ Benediction

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-23

PARABLE OF THE SEED

Question of the week:

Adult: How do you provide
"good soil" for the faith of others
to grow?

Youth: What are you doing to
help the seeds of your faith grow
each day?

ST. MARK MASS

ATTENDANCE

SAT. JUNE 27 4:00 PM 98

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM 53

SUN. JUNE 28 9:00 AM 105

SAT. JULY 4 4:00 PM 87

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM 21

SUN. JULY 5 9:00 AM 108

OFFERTORY

COLLECTION

WEEKEND MASSES

(6/27-28/2026)

ST. MARK: \$3,516.00

ST. JAMES: \$123.00

(7/4-5/2026)

ST. MARK: \$4,770.00

ST. JAMES: \$490.00

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

Apartment available for rent. Ideal
for single person or
couple who want a quiet
life. Appliances include.
Call Fr. Paul or the rectory
at 814-486-0569 for
more information.



ROSARY

During the months of **July &
August**, the Rosary will be
recited in O'Connell Hall.



ROSARY SOCIETY YARD SALE

Thank You! The annual Rosary Society
Yard sale was a huge
success. Thank you to
those who donated their treasures, for all
the shoppers and to the wonderful folks
who sorted, set up, cleaned up and made
the day a success, especially to
Art & Rita May and Josey & Kathy DeSio!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

**THURS., AUG. 20, 2026
6:30 PM**

Please call the rectory @
486-0569 if you're in need of
classes for an upcoming baptism.



Milestone Anniversary Celebrations

Couples celebrating **any** wedding Anniversary,
especially 25th, 40th, 50th etc... are invited to
celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony on
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th at ST. LEO CHURCH,
RIDGWAY, PA**

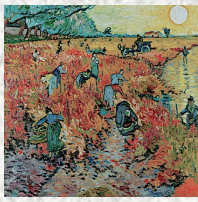
To register call or email St. Leo Parish office
814-772-3135 or secretary@stleomagnus.org.

A reception will follow in parish
social hall. RSVP need by 8/25/26.



*Thank
You!*

*I would like to extend a heartfelt
thank you to everyone who helped
me before, during and after my
surgery. The calls, cards, food, gifts, prayers,
text messages and tremendous love and support
continue to help me recover. You are all very
special to me! I'm so thankful for Fr. Paul and
my parish family! Sincerely, Mary Dixon*



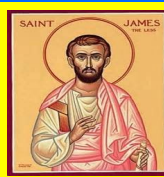
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Gospel: Mt 13:23

Both in the parable
itself and in Jesus'

explanation of it, he indicates that
seeds falling on rich soil do not all
produce the same abundance—
some thirty-, some sixty-, some a
hundredfold. God cares less about
quantity produced and more
about growth and Life coming to
fruition. As we take in God's word
with understanding hearts and
come to conversion and receive
healing, God actually gives us
more than even a hundredfold.

God gives us fullness of
Life forever.



SAVE THE DATE

FEAST OF ST. JAMES

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH, 5:30 PM,

join us for a very special
mass and picnic with guest preacher,
Fr. Justin Pino, Diocesan Historian.

All are welcomed to attend. RSVP
requested...please call Theresa Dayton @
814 594 7835.

We'll provide the pizza, please bring a dish to share.



COMMUNITY WORSHIP

TODAY, Sunday, July 12th there will be a
Community Worship in the town square @
6:00 PM. There will be a special message by

Rev. Erik Ferguson of the Alliance Church, along with special
music! There will also be a special children's message.

Please join us!



FR. PAUL'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

YOU'RE INVITED!!

Fr. Paul's 40th Anniversary
Celebration is

SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH,

beginning with Mass at 12:00 PM
followed by a receiving line in O'Connell
Hall. At 2:30 PM, there'll be a dinner at
the Emporium Fire Hall (free of charge).

An RSVP is required for the dinner.



*RSVP's need to be
returned by Aug. 1st.*

Also, Fr. Paul's musical
friends will be playing at
both receptions with a potential "jam" in
O'Connell Hall
following the dinner.

Stay Tuned!



COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MONDAY ~ FRIDAY; JULY 13-17, 2026 ~ 6-8 PM @

St. Mark Church

ALL ARE WELCOME ~ REGARDLESS OF RELIGION ~

The Theme this year is: **RAIN FOREST FALLS**

If you'd like to volunteer or make any donations, there is a sign
-up sheet in the back of the church or please call Jen Abriatis
@ 814-335-4871.



GRANT RECEIVED

St. Mark Faith Formation has been awarded a
generous grant from funding provided through a
grant from the Education Endowment of the

Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania.

This grant will be used for the purpose of
purchasing new computers for the Faith Formation offices.



UPGRADES AT ST. JAMES

A brand new **Toro Zero-Turn** mower was recently
purchased and donated for St. James Driftwood.
With much gratitude, this much needed item was
purchased in memory of

"ROSE, SUE & BILL BOGART"; in addition, other funds were
provided by the estate of **"RICKI COX"**. All will be very happy
to see the St. James Parish grounds and St. James Cemetery be
maintained by the use of this new mower!

LANDSCAPING AT ST. MARK



A big thank you for a donation
of new landscaping in front of
the **"ST. MARK SIGN"** from a
memorial donation in honor of

ROSE, SUE & BILL BOGART

The church grounds will be looking very nice.
Very much appreciated!