

May 4th 2025

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

E- Giving



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 Catholics are encouraged to make pilgrimages to their local cathedral during the 2025 Jubilee year.

 Bishop Barry C. Knestout has named four churches in the diocese as pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year 2025:

1. The Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Norfolk
2. The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
3. The Basilica of St. Andrew, Roanoke
4. The National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Williamsburg

See more details inside on St. Mark Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of St. Mary, Norfolk.



MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday: 5:30pm/ Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am/
Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30am/
Wednesday at 7:00pm

“Rooted in the Word...”

This Week at Saint Mark May 5th - May 11th

Mass Intentions and Daily Readings

MONDAY

7:15pm Christian Formation OCIA Meeting/ CR

TUESDAY

8:30am **Daily Mass/ Sanctuary**
9-11:00am Mothers' Group/ Sanctuary/ Nursery
9:30am Adult Bible Study/GH
6:00pm Liturgy Meeting/Conference Room
6:00pm Confirmation Mystagogy/ Great Hall
6:30-8:30pm Seasons of Hope/ Library

WEDNESDAY

10-1:00am Food Pantry/ Great Hall
6:30pm Rosary/ Sanctuary
7:00pm **Daily Mass/ Sanctuary**

THURSDAY

6:00am Men of St. Joseph/ Conference Room
8:30am **Daily Mass/ Sanctuary**
9-11am PLARN/Great Hall
6:30pm Kof C Officers and Directors Meeting/ CR
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
7:00pm Adult Bible Study/Classroom

FRIDAY

12:00pm Wisdom Seekers Potluck/ Great Hall

SATURDAY

5:30pm **Mass/ Sanctuary**
6:45pm Justice and Peace Baby Bottle Drive/ GH
*Plant Sale after all Mass
*Justice and Peace Baby Bottle Drive after all Masses/ Great Hall
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mass / Sanctuary
Mass/ Sanctuary with Face Book Livestream
*Plant Sale after all Masses
*Justice and Peace Baby Bottle Drive after all Masses/ Great Hall

SUNDAY

8:30am **Mass / Sanctuary**
10:30am **Mass/ Sanctuary with Face Book Livestream**
*Plant Sale after all Masses
*Justice and Peace Baby Bottle Drive after all Masses/ Great Hall

MONDAY

5/5 Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

TUESDAY

5/6 Acts 7:51 - 8:1a; John 6:30-35
Daniel and Carina Jordan †

WEDNESDAY

5/7 Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40

THURSDAY

5/8 Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
Corazon Pablo †

FRIDAY

5/9 Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

SATURDAY

5/10 Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69
Maria Still †
Karen Martino †
Karel Wetzel †
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14, 43-52;
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30
Deacon Mike Johnson†
Lori Thompson †
Jonathan Calimlim †
Teodoro Calimlim †

SUNDAY

5/11

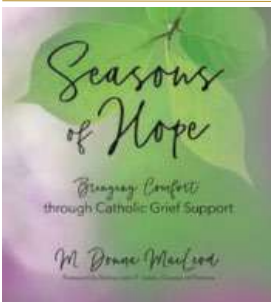


Carol Brown, Gigliola Kamp-Casto, Erlinda Mariado, Lorraine Stambaugh, Christine Gordon, Helen Robb, Marianne McMillin, Herminio Lazo, Su Byles, Susan Colonna, Lexie Murray, Adriane Pennington, Rosendo Ibanez, Reynaldo Francisco, Annora Steiner, Julie Bellinger, Chandler Brewer, Val Kandis, Jay Davis, Lori Thompson, Olivia Wiggins, Armida Valmeo, Nikolas Pakkidis, Jeremiah Macaraeg, Sarada Kapuwatte, Connie Blanco, Ida Payne, Ryan Steele, Paul Caddies, Molly Kibble, Patricia MacCartney, Trish Simpson, Billie Dudley, Antonio and Gloria Fernando, Kenneth Delorenzo, Marilyn Briggs, Henry Wolkling, Mary Wolkling, Dana Reid, Joe Bennett, Reynaldo and Virginia Corsino, Margaret Schmidt, Virginia Creencia, John and Patty Allen, Maniya Riddick, Montana Riddick, Dale Polfleit

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the following St. Mark parishioner:

Lori Thompson

Let perpetual light shine upon her; may she rest in peace! Keep the Thompson-Gridley family in your prayers.



Seasons of Hope
“Life After Loss, A spiritual approach to dealing with grief. God as our comforter.”

**Sessions: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm,
St. Mark Library**

Are you grieving the loss of a husband, wife, son, daughter, sibling, parent, or other loved one? Seasons of Hope may be for you! St. Mark is

offering a six-session faith-based Catholic series for those in mourning. Seasons of Hope will give you an opportunity to gather with others in a small group setting and to share in God's love. With the support of the faith community, we give voice to our unique journeys of grief and find healing and spiritual growth. Seasons of Hope sessions explore our personal journeys of mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection and faith-sharing. **If interested, please contact Dale Mullin at 757-647-6994.**

Mission Statement: Rooted in the Word...nourished by the Sacraments...Guided by the Holy Spirit...We, the people of St. Mark, are united in our desire to serve those who are in need, to give our gifts and talents...to build the Kingdom of God by imaging Jesus Christ...(Established 1978)

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Nourished by the Sacraments



A Reflection on the Third Sunday of Easter By Deacon John Kren

He is Risen! He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia. After that dreadful Friday they had scattered -- but last week somehow found each other again and joined together in the upper room. The Lord appears, His voice alive: "Peace be with you". But they must have still had doubts and Thomas was not there. Now even a week later, they were still in that room, Thomas too. Again from the middle of the room, His voice alive: "Peace be with you". They put their fingers into the nail holes and their hands into His side. They are witnesses to the Risen Christ, to His signs and miracles, to his teaching. Their lives altered forever by an encounter with the Risen Jesus. They were soon called to put on Christ as we who have been baptized. They returned to Galilee, waiting, as they were told.

Peter is joined by six others, seven apostles to do the work of the boat. Here again is a charcoal fire, Jesus feeds His Church inviting them into the communion of a meal and installs Peter as the Head of the Church not because of his talent and leadership but because of Peter's love. Peter was given the pastoral role that now associates him with the Good Shepherd. Jesus says feed my little ones as I have feed you. Tend my sheep as I have not lost any that the Father has given me. Feed my Church all because you love me! That is our task too as disciples, when you love me fully and completely, you give everything that I have given you, so that your fate is no longer your own. Peter's future and those who follow Christ are but a logical consequence of being like Christ.

In the Pascal Mystery we encounter the Risen Lord from the altar, Jesus, fully present in the elements of bread and wine. As disciples we have walked the Easter journey. As disciples, we may have doubts and fears -- we must have faith. We will leave this upper room, in communion with each other to bring and be Church to the World.



We continue to pray now for this devoted shepherd of the Church. Guided by Pope Francis' pastoral example, may the Church continually make progress in charity, imitating more perfectly Christ's merciful love in all we think, say, and do." (Bishop Barry Kestout)

Is OCIA for You?



If you are an individual who has not yet been baptized, or if you have been baptized but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation, and are looking to deepen your faith, we invite you to learn more about the process through which you are welcomed into the Catholic Church. If you are interested in learning more and/or beginning OCIA, please contact the Formation Office (nicole@stmark-parish.org) and a member of the OCIA Team will contact you.



Thanks to all St. Mark pilgrims who journeyed together to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Norfolk, VA on Saturday, April 26th. The pilgrimage was very successful, beginning with a lovely breakfast gathering hosted by Parish Life. Approximately 160 parishioners joined together for Adoration with an inspiring interactive Litany of Hope and Mass. Plenary indulgences were permitted as parishioners exited the red holy doors of the basilica which are open for pilgrims during the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. May 2025 pilgrimage journeys continue to increase the faith of our St. Mark community as we sow seeds of Hope.

LITURGY SCHEDULE: Saturday: 5:30pm/ Sunday at 8:30 & 10:30am/ Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30am/ Wednesday at 7:00pm

"Building the Kingdom of God by Imaging Christ"

Justice Peace

For information on our Justice & Peace Ministries visit:
www.stmark-parish.org/ministries/justice-and-peace, or email:
justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org



Foods of Month May: 9-15oz. boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes /Individual meals: Tuna Snack Kits, Pop-Top soup/pasta



FORGOT to turn in your filled rice bowl? Please drop it off at the Parish office this week.



Baby Layettes: For the months of April and May we are collecting the following baby items: onesies, sleepers, blankets, and baby booties to help us in putting together layettes for Moms in need. We also are asking for handmade (knitted or crocheted) baby blankets. Please place items in wooden bins in the Great Hall next to the Justice & Peace table by **June 8th**.



HOPE 4 LIFE Baby Bottle Drive: May 10th -25th
How can YOU support a Culture of Life?
Participate in Hope 4 Life Baby Bottle Campaign!

Pick up your baby bottle beginning the weekend of **May 10th/11th** fill it with change, cash, or checks and return by **May 31st**. Your change will enable Hope 4 Life to assist women and families facing crisis-related pregnancies by providing medical and support services, baby and child supplies, and financial help through our pregnancy mobile units.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARK
YOUTH GROUP
PLANT SALE
AND A LOT MORE...
AFTER ALL MASSES
MAY 9/10
MAY 16/17
MAY 23/24

Calling all parishioners who are independent sellers! Showcase your products! Rent a table... or two! Contact fe@stmark-parish.org for more details.



For on-line giving, please sign up at:
giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stmarkvb or donate on the Parish Giving QR code.

Parish Life

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

Parish Life Events and Announcements

- The St. Mark Easter Egg Hunt will be May 4th after the 10:30 Mass in the pavilion behind the church. Bring a basket to collect pre-filled eggs! All children should gather in the Great Hall with the Easter Bunny who will escort everyone to the Egg Hunt!
- Volunteers are always welcome to support Parish Life events! **For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda Major at majormail@verizon.net. or call 757-615-0763.**
- **Wisdom Seekers group monthly luncheons** (2nd Friday of the month September thru June) for parishioners and friends 50+ years of age. **Potluck luncheon May 9th, 12 pm**, Great Hall, Dish to share; last name begins A-M fruit or desert dish, N-Z protein or salad dish. Please contact Mary Shaw (757) 348-4460 for general group questions..

Altar Server Training



We welcome all our registered parish youth whom have had their First Holy Communion Sacrament to join our St. Mark Altar Server community! Altar Server Training sessions will be held on **Saturday May 17th and Saturday May 31st** both at 10:00am to Noon at St. Mark (Pizza lunch included!). Current Altar Servers are required to just attend one of the two training dates however if your youth is new it would be beneficial to attend both sessions if possible. If you have questions about

this special, service ministry opportunity for your youth please reach out to Michael Archibeque, our St. Mark Altar Server Coordinator for more details. marchibeque@me.com

TRUE NORTH VBS
JULY 21-25
9:00A-12:00P
VBS is for kids rising Kindergarten through rising 5th Grade.
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Parish Office Hours: Sunday-Thursdays: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Announcements/ Giving/ Contact Information



Annual K of C Monte Carlo Night Fund Raiser

SAVE THE DATE: The Knights of Columbus MONTE CARLO NIGHT is Saturday June 14th , 2024.

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with delicious food, exciting games, and a thrilling 50/50 raffle. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Tickets are \$20 for a single ticket; and \$17.50 each for two or more tickets, with payment by cash, check or credit card. This is Kempsville Council's premier fundraising event, with 100% of proceeds directly supporting our charitable programs. Your participation makes a difference. We hope to see you there!

The Knights will be selling tickets in the Great Hall after all weekend masses starting Saturday May 17th through Sunday June 8th . Tickets will be sold at the door on June 14th immediately following the 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Questions can be emailed to GK Dan Wood (dan.wood.va@gmail.com) or DGK Dave Fritsch (deputydave10515@gmail.com).

Sacraments at St. Mark

BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Holy Week. Requirement: Families must be registered. Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament.

MATRIMONY: Couples required to give 6 months notice before planning a wedding in the Parish. Please do not set date before contacting the Priest.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 4:00 p.m.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: If you know someone who cannot attend Mass or desires a visit or the Sacrament of Anointing, call the Office at 757-479-1010.

Easter Flowers

In memory or honor of:

Roger Romero
Jeanne Carlock
Gary Colvin
Henry Thornburg
Father Eric
Father Anthony



Safe Restroom Use by Children

In compliance with Office of Safe Environment requirements, children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult when using restroom facilities. At St. Mark, parents are encouraged to provide this supervision as needed. Thank you for your cooperation!

Kid's Corner

Did You Know?

May is the month of Mary! But who is Mary, and why do we love her? Why does she get a whole month? Follow this QR code to watch a fun video about Mary, OUR mother!



If you currently do not give online, but would like to be an online contributor, please sign up at:

giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stmarkvb or donate on the Parish Giving QR code.

For more details or to donate, contact Parish Bookkeeper, MaryEllen

Cussen, at bookkeeper@stmark-parish.org or call the parish office at 757-749-1010.



Fiscal Year July-June	April 20th	Needed Year to Date	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/ (Short)
Offertory	\$29,953	\$855,000	\$833,870	(\$21,130)

Family Count: 855

Families using envelopes: 352

Families using online donation: 213

Annual Appeal Goal Amount Raised: \$67,092 of \$61,900 goal.. **108% of the goal achieved!! We passed our goal!!!!**



Office of Cemeteries and Funeral Services Presentation at St. Mark

Community Outreach Staff from the Office of Cemeteries and Funeral Services (OCFS), a Ministry of the Diocese of Richmond will be here on **May 17th & 18th** after mass to inform and discuss the spiritual and practical reasons for learning about Catholic funeral planning and the Order of Christian Funeral Rites, practices and traditions.

There will be a short presentation along with a question-and-answer session in the hall. Please take advantage of this opportunity to better understand the importance of a Catholic funeral rites and the benefits to pre-planning your funeral arrangements.

*Food and Refreshments will be served during the presentations after all masses

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