

June 8th, 2025

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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 Parish Pilgrimage: Dec. 13, 2025**
4. The National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Williamsburg

E- Giving

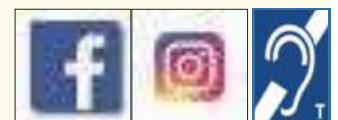


Pentecost Sunday

MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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“Rooted in the Word...”

This Week at Saint Mark June 9th – June 15th

MONDAY

7:15pm

Christian Formation OCIA Meeting/ CR

TUESDAY

8:30am

Daily Mass/ Sanctuary

9:00am

Mothers' Group/ Sanctuary/ Nursery

9:30am

Adult Bible Study/GH

10:00am

In-person Virtus Session/ Library

2:00pm

Daughters of Fatima Prayer Group/DC

6:00pm

Parish Life Meeting/CR

6:00-8:30pm

Seasons of Hope/ Library

WEDNESDAY

10-1:00am

Food Pantry/ Great Hall

6:00pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena/ DC

6:30pm

Rosary/ Sanctuary

7:00pm

Daily Mass/ Sanctuary

THURSDAY

6:00am

Men of St. Joseph/ CR

No Daily Mass

9-11am

PLARN/Great Hall

7:00pm

Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary

7:00pm

KofC Officers and Directors Mtg/ CR

FRIDAY

12:00pm

Wisdom Seekers Potluck/ Great Hall

SATURDAY

5:30pm

Mass/ Sanctuary

6:30pm

KofC Monte Carlo Night/Great Hall

SUNDAY

8:30am

Mass / Sanctuary

10:30am

Mass/ Sanctuary with Face Book

Livestream

11:45am

In-Person Baptism Class

Mass Intentions and Daily Readings

MONDAY

6/9

**Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church**

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34

TUESDAY

6/10

2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16

**Izuegbunam Family - Intention of
Thanksgiving and Petition**

WEDNESDAY Mem. of St. Barnabas, Apostle

6/11

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:17-19

THURSDAY

6/12

2 Corinthians 3:15 - 4:1, 3-6;

Matthew 5:20-26

FRIDAY

6/13

**Mem of St. Anthony Padua, Priest and
Doctor of the Church**

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 5:27-32

SATURDAY

6/14

2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 5:33-37

Marilyn Briggs †

SUNDAY

6/15

Sol. of the Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5;

John 16:12-15

Ruth Paulos †

Deacon Mike Johnson †



Women's Book Club

June 10th at 6:30 pm/ St. Mark's Library

What Did You Do In the War Sister?: Belgian Sisters in the Nazi Resistance by Dennis J. Turner. Join us June 10th at 6:30pm at St Mark. Meeting and book information can be found there: <https://bookclubs.com/clubs/6078427/join/be07b3/>



Elinore De Bobes, Angie Hudson, Brian Lazo, Caroline Padilla, Carol Brown, Gigliola Kamp-Casto, Erlinda Mariado, Lorraine Stambaugh, Christine Gordon, Helen Robb, Herminio Lazo, Su Byles, Susan Colonna, Lexie Murray, Adriane Pennington, Rosendo Ibanez, Reynaldo Francisco, Annora Steiner, Julie Bellinger, Chandler Brewer, Val Kandis, Jay Davis, 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, 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:

Marilyn Briggs

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

Daughters of Fatima
Women's Prayer Group
Tuesdays, 2PM

2 NEW Prayer Groups have started!
ALL are welcome!!!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Prayer Group
Wednesdays, 6PM

Nourished by the Sacraments



A Reflection on Pentecost Sunday By Fr. Eric Asamoah

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to dwell in the hearts of the disciples, giving them the strength and courage to preach the Good News.

The tongues of fire rested on each apostle, symbolizing that the Holy Spirit was for everyone, not just a select few. This moment united the apostles in purpose, breaking down barriers and filling them with the confidence to spread Christ's teachings. The apostles spoke in different languages, providing a clear sign that God's message is for everyone, no matter where they come from or what language they speak. The Holy Spirit completes God's mighty acts of salvation.

The Holy Spirit communicates also to us believers a sense of the intimacy with God. He makes us as sons and daughters of God in union with Christ. We are able to call God our Father as Jesus did. He unites us in Christ while respecting our unique characteristics. This unity through the Spirit is a key theme of today's celebration. That is why this event is marked the birth of the Church. The Holy Spirit's presence was a visible sign that God was with His disciples, guiding and empowering their mission.

This event teaches us the importance of inclusiveness in our faith. God the Holy Spirit calls us to reach out to others, to embrace different cultures, and to share the message of Jesus with everyone. We may not see tongues of fire, but the Spirit is present, giving us the gifts we need to share with others. Each of us is called to use our unique talents to contribute to the Church and our communities. May we remain open to the Spirit's work, using our unique gifts to strengthen the Church and bring Christ's light to the world.

We pray; Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.



For Pope Leo XIV...

"Let us fervently pray for our new Holy Father, that the Holy Spirit inspires and guides him in shepherding the flock entrusted to him, and that his pontificate will be one that truly inspires in the world the peace and justice that can only be found in Christ Jesus." Bishop Barry Knestout

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.



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.



Congratulations to our newest communicants who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time May 17th! Please keep them in your prayers that the Eucharist continues to transform their hearts.

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



June: \$10 gift Cards / 9-15oz. boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes / **Individual Snack Crackers/Cookies**



Migrant Ministry: For the **month of June**, we are collecting items for the Eastern Shore Migrant Ministry male workers. Items needed are new or gently used Men's baseball or sun Hats, men's socks, men's sneakers, or work shoes sizes 6-10, men's long sleeve shirts, dark colored men's boxer briefs and full-size toiletries for men. Please place items in the marked bin in Great Hall next to the Justice & Peace table. Contact Justice & Peace via the links above for more information. **Deadline for donations is Sunday, July 5th.**



HOPE 4 LIFE Baby Bottle Drive: It's not too late! If you have not returned your Hope 4 Life baby bottle, we are still collecting them, **FULL OR EMPTY!** It is not too late to go to www.hope4lifeva.com or scan QR code to support women and families in our area. Thank you!



Baby Layettes: Our Baby layette item collection is ending please place items in wooden bins in the Great Hall next to the Justice & Peace table by June 8th.



PiN Ministries Celebrates a PLARN Milestone

St. Mark's PLARN group of 17 women has turned thousands of grocery bags into handmade sleeping mats for the homeless of Virginia Beach. PiN Ministries, distributors of PLARN mats to homeless citizens, recently celebrated PLARN's 530th mat donation. PiN shared a special thanks for the dedication of the St. Mark PLARN group, helping PiN “serve with dignity”. If you would like to join this special group for the summer, or for more information, contact Chris McGrath at mcgrathcm24@gmail.com.

Parish Life

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”

Upcoming Parish Life Events and Announcements

- **Father Eric's Silver Jubilee!** Free tickets to attend his potluck dinner on Saturday, June 28th at 6:30pm, will be distributed beginning this weekend after each mass. Please take one for each family member planning to attend. Potluck sign-up sheets are available at the info desk and Parish Life table, if you would like to bring something.
- **On Sunday, June 29th**, there will be breakfast after the 8:30 and 10:30 masses. Please come and continue to celebrate the Silver Jubilee weekend! No tickets are necessary for the breakfasts.
- If you have not yet recorded your anniversary, please add your special day in the **Anniversary Booklet** on the Parish Life table!

Happy Anniversary to the following St. Mark parishioners recently celebrating a June wedding anniversary!

John and Patty Allen– June 1, 1963 (62 years)
Cliff and Barbara Graf - June 1, 1965 (60 years)
Robert and Patricia West - June 2, 1994 (31 years)
Jerry and Linda Major - June 5, 1993 (32 years)
Jeff and Celeste Acosta - June 5, 1982 (43 years)
Tim and Cindy Heil - June 7, 1990 (35 years)
Jim and Janet Waltz - June 10, 1983 (42 years)
Brian and Kim O'Neill - June 12, 1982 (43 years)
Joe and Terri Wargo - June 12, 1971 (54 years)



TRUE NORTH VBS

JULY 21-25
9:00A-12:00P

VBS is for kids: rising Kindergarteners through rising 5th Grade.

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\$40 / Child, \$70 / 2 Children, \$100 / 3+ Children

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.

Parish Office Hours: Sunday-Thursdays: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Announcements/ Giving/ Contact Information

The cost to purchase a Columbarium Niche at St Mark will rise from \$1500.00 to \$1750.00 effective July 1, 2025. Niches are for St. Mark parishioners ONLY and can be purchased by appointment. For more information, call the office at 757-479-1010.

NOTE: Columbarium Niches are not transferrable or able to be resold once purchased. All sales become final and non-refundable 30 days after purchase.



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.



Annual K of C Monte Carlo Night Fund Raiser

SAVE THE DATE: The Knights of Columbus MONTE CARLO NIGHT is Saturday June 14th, 2025.

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).

Fiscal Year July-June	May 25th	Needed Year to Date	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/ (Short)
Offertory	\$11,851	\$949,000	\$981,223	(\$30,777)

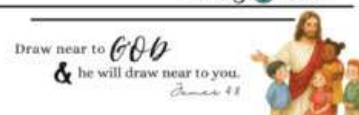
Family Count: 809

Families using envelopes: 182

Families using online donation: 179

Annual Appeal Goal Amount Raised: \$72,442 of \$61,900 goal. 117% of the goal achieved!! Thanks for your generosity!

Catholic Church of St. Mark RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAM 2025 - 2026



2025 - 2026 Formation Year!

Early bird Special:

June 1st-30th!

1 child- \$40.00

2 children-\$80.00

3 or more-\$120.00

After June 30th:

1 child- \$50.00

2 children-\$100.00

3 or more-\$150.00

Scan QR Code to register NOW!



Additional Sacramental Preparation Fees: \$50 Fee + \$50.00 Retreat Fee

****Catechists receive a 100% discount on Formation Fees (excludes Sacramental Preparation Fees)**

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Nicole Brimer.....	Coordinator of Religious Formation

RELIGIOUS FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. Sunday 9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Phone: 757-479-9897 • Fax: 757-479-9897; Email: fe@stmark-parish.org

**St. Mark's
MOTHER'S GROUP**

Join our community of young Catholic mothers as we encourage each other in our vocation as the first catechist in the home.

Mothers and children meet Tuesday mornings, 9:00-11:00am at the church for prayer and play. Drop in whenever nap time allow!

Text Megan O'Shea at (509)930-1226 with questions

Our Lady Undoer of Knots
-PRAY FOR US-

Did you Know?

June is a special month! Not only do we celebrate the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, we also celebrate **Father's Day**! Who will you celebrate? Your dad, grandpa, uncle, or even **Father Eric**? Try making a homemade Father's Day card and write a few lines about **"What My Dad Means to Me."** It's a great way to share love—just like Jesus does!

Kid's Corner





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