

June 15th, 2025

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"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." - Jn 16:13a

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MASS SCHEDULE:

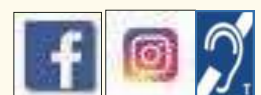
**Saturday: 5:30pm/ Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am/
Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30am/
Wednesday at 7:00pm**

✠ 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

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“Rooted in the Word...”

This Week at Saint Mark June 16th – June 22nd

MONDAY 7:15pm	Christian Formation OCIA Meeting/ CR
TUESDAY 8:30am 9:00am 2:00pm	Daily Mass/ Sanctuary Mothers' Group/ Sanctuary/ Nursery Daughters of Fatima Prayer Group/DC
WEDNESDAY 10-1:00am 11:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Food Pantry/ Great Hall Divine Mercy Chaplet/Sanctuary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena/ DC Rosary/ Sanctuary Daily Mass/ Daily Chapel
THURSDAY 6:00am 8:30am 9-11am 7:00pm	Men of St. Joseph/ CR Daily Mass/ Daily Chapel PLARN/Great Hall Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
FRIDAY 7:00pm 7:30pm	KofC Rosary/ Great Hall KofC Monthly Membership Mtg/ Great Hall
SATURDAY 8:00am 8:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	Kof C Kempsville Rd Clean-up/ Great Hall Building and Grounds Mtg/Great Hall Reconciliation/Daily Chapel Mass/ Sanctuary *KOVAR Drive after Mass
SUNDAY 8:30am 10:30am	Corpus Christi Sunday Mass / Sanctuary Mass/ Sanctuary with Face Book Livestream *KOVAR Drive after all Masses

Mass Intentions and Daily Readings

MONDAY 6/16	2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42
TUESDAY 6/17	2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48 Izuegbunam Family - Intention of Thanksgiving and Petition Maribel Tanwango †
WEDNESDAY 6/18	2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 Nenita and Manuel Isidro † Izuegbunam Family - Intention of Thanksgiving and Petition
THURSDAY 6/19	2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15 Izuegbunam Family - Intention of Thanksgiving and Petition
FRIDAY 6/20	2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23
SATURDAY 6/21	Mem of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34 Crispina Rosales†
SUNDAY 6/22	Sol. of the Most Holy Blood and Body of Christ Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b-17 Manuela So † John Gaffrey † Izuegbunam Family - Intention of Thanksgiving and Petition



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 Bellingier, 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

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)



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



**Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Prayer Group
Wednesdays, 6PM**

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



Next weekend after all masses the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donation for **KOVAR**, a 501(c)(3) charity that provides financial assistance to charitable organizations that support Virginians with Intellectual Disabilities. Please look over the trifold for more information. If you want to donate by check, make it out to KOVAR.

To learn more about our parish, visit our website at: stmark.parish.org or visit: <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicChurchOfStMark>

Nourished by the Sacraments



A Reflection on Trinity Sunday By Deacon John Kren

On this Trinity Sunday, a very happy and restful Fathers' Day to all fathers. I encourage you to be extra careful as you barbecue tonight.

The Easter season ended last week, and we entered Ordinary time. Today, though we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. Coming out of Easter, we have the opportunity to stop and meditate on this central mystery of our faith that we encountered in the Easter season. We met all the characters, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - all in one, all separate, each an individual -- a mystery.

It is a mystery but does that necessarily mean it is unknowable, and we should not try. Anyone who watches a TV series will gain insight into how the culprit is unveiled show after show. Certainly, for us one of the persons of this Divine mystery doesn't think so. When we step back from all the fancy church language, what we find is what we learned during Easter. God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, and sent the Holy Spirit to be with us. It is the essence of God's love for us, which is so great that He gave His only Son. It is built on relationships, and the love that exists between the three Persons and in their relationship. Their unity, but also in their individuality, is the relationship, the message that, all of us, young and old, rich and poor alike long to hear, a message that so many in our world today are desperate to hear and to experience.

In the trinitarian relationship you and I can see true and intimate love and hear the message that we are desperate to hear in our lives. That we are loved unconditionally. The truth of our being is written in the very marrow of our being, we need community.

We need each other. We yearn for company, for understanding, for love, for human affection, for warmth, for a gentle hand, a consoling smile. We long for love and respect. We hope for relationship and so on this Trinity Sunday, this solemnity, it is one that should stand out.

It reminds us that this great dogma. It is the outcome of our faith. The Trinity gives us insight that God is Love. God is here.



Join us in congratulating the three newest priests in our diocese: Fr. Andrew Clark, Fr. Samuel Hill, and Fr. Matthew Kelly! St. Mark was well represented at the Priest Ordination at Sacred Heart, Richmond Saturday, June 7th; thanks to all who attended. Pray for these men as they begin their ministry! #CDROrdination



Congratulations to the Hamblet, Reyes, and Rodriguez families who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for their children at St. Mark on June 7th and 8th. Please pray God's blessings for these children and their families as they begin their new lives in Christ. Glory to God.

"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 sends you a HUGE thank you for parishioner's contributions to our recent baby bottle drive. **A total of \$1,454.74 was donated!!!** These donations help us to provide free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, material, emotional, and financial support to abortion vulnerable mothers during and after their pregnancy.



Join Our Children's Liturgy of the Word!

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help bring our Children's Liturgy to life! No experience? No problem! We'll provide all the training you need. If you love working with kids and want to make a difference, come join the fun! Contact Nicole Brimer for details at (nicole@stmark-parish.org).



If going to a weeknight rehearsal doesn't work for you, but you have experience singing in a choir, **Summer Choir** is just the ticket to share your talents at St. Mark. Sing on the weekends that you are available!

Summer Choir will begin July 6th and will continue every Sunday until Labor Day. Singers High School through Adult can meet for rehearsal in the Music Room 30 minutes before each mass.

For more information, contact Mark Smeland, Music Director at music.director@stmark-parish.org

Parish Life

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

Upcoming Parish Life Events and Announcements

- Father Eric's Silver Jubilee! All are invited to Father Eric's Silver Jubilee pot luck dinner on Saturday, June 28th at 6:30pm in the Great Hall. This is a family event! Free tickets will be distributed after each mass or you can ask for tickets at the info desk. Please take one for each family member who is attending. If you would like to bring a dish to share, please sign up at the info desk OR at the Parish Life table in the Great Hall. A roasted pig, celebratory cake and beverages will be provided. POC is Linda Major at 757-615-0763.

- **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 celebrating a June wedding anniversary this week!

Mike and Lynn King - June 16, 1976 (49 years)

Mike and Diane Perez - June 17, 1978 (47 years)

Mike and Sue Kassel - June 18, 1988 (37years)

Leo and Frances Bacaoan - June 21, 1969 (56 years)

Alexander and Gladdys Marsh - June 21, 2001(24 years)

TRUE NORTH VBS

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

VBS is for kids rising Kindergarten through rising 5th Grade.

Register Now

\$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.

Many thanks for your generous support of the Mission Co-op for the Missionary Churches of St. Mary, Wytheville and St. Edward, Pulaski. Your donations total **\$10,111**. It's not too late to donate! The deadline is June 21st. Don't delay; give today!

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.



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	June 1	Needed Year to Date	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/ (Short)
Offertory	\$22,272	\$973,000	\$940,495	(\$32,505)

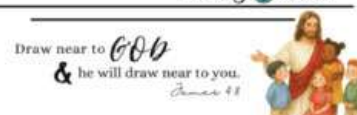
Family Count: 810

Families using envelopes: 226

Families using online donation: 336

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

Catholic Church of St. Mark RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAM 2025 2026



2025 - 2026 Formation Year!

Early bird Special: June 1st-30th!	After June 30th:
1 child- \$40.00	1 child- \$50.00
2 children-\$80.00	2 children-\$100.00
3 or more-\$120.00	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-

Fun Fact!

Did you know that St. Anthony is known as the *patron saint of lost things*? People all over the world ask for his help when they lose something special—like a toy, a book, or even their keys! There's even a little rhyme people say: "St. Anthony, St. Anthony, please come around - something is lost and must be found!" One story says he helped someone find an important book that was taken without permission.



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