

September 21, 2025

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF Saint Mark

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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
Bus Sign-up available in the Commons.
4. The National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Williamsburg

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E- Giving



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"No servant can serve two masters."
- Lk 16:13

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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**

“Rooted in the Word...”

This Week at Saint Mark September 22nd - September 28th, 2025

MONDAY

7:00pm OCIA Christian Formation/Conf. Room

TUESDAY

8:30am **Liturgy of the Word**/Daily Chapel
9:00am Mother's Group/ Sanctuary/ Nursery
9:30am Seasons of Hope Grief Group/ Library
9:30am Adult Bible Study/ Classroom
2:00pm Daughters of Fatima Prayer Group/DC

WEDNESDAY

10-1:00pm Food Pantry/ Great Hall
6:00pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena/ DC
6:30pm Rosary/ Sanctuary
7:00pm **Liturgy of the Word**/Sanctuary

THURSDAY

6:00am Men of St. Joseph/ Conference Room
8:30am **Liturgy of the Word**/Daily Chapel
9-11:00am PLARN/Great Hall
6:00pm Confirmation Prep Session for Parents and Students/ Great Hall
7:00pm Adult Bible Study/Classroom
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

8:00am Pumpkin Patch Lot Set-up/GH
5:30pm **Mass**/ Sanctuary
6:45pm Marked Generation Youth Group/ GH

SUNDAY

8:30am **Mass**/ Sanctuary
10:30am **Mass**/ Sanctuary with Face Book Livestream
12:30-1:30pm Children's Formation/ Classrooms
5-6:30pm OCIA (Children and Teens-) / Classroom
6-8:00pm Teen Formation/ Great Hall

Save these Dates:

- **Oct. 11th** - Catholic Fest, a diocesan event at the Diamond Baseball Stadium, Richmond. Sign up in the Commons for Car- Pooling Opportunities
- **Dec. 13th** - St. Andrew Parish Pilgrimage, Roanoke, VA; Sign up in the Commons for St. Mark Bus Transportation.

Please welcome Fr. Brian Rafferty who will preside at the St. Mark masses this weekend in Fr. Eric's absence.



Join us for Catholic Fest 2025, a one-day festival full of music, food, family fun, fellowship and worship together as the Diocese of Richmond during our Pilgrimage Year of Hope!

When? October 11th at The Diamond, Richmond, VA. All are welcome! For more details, visit: evangelizerichmond.org

The **Wisdom Seekers** group, for parishioners and friends 50+ years, next monthly potluck luncheon is **Friday, October 10th**. This luncheon will begin with a **memorial mass at 12 pm** for deceased members followed by the luncheon in the Great Hall. Please bring a 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.

Daily Readings

MONDAY

9/22 Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

TUESDAY

9/23 **Mem. of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY

9/24

THURSDAY

9/25

FRIDAY

9/26

SATURDAY

9/27

SUNDAY

9/28

Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22

Mem. of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16;

Luke 16:19-31

Mass Requests

9/21- Rose and Michael Kmetz †	9/27- Maximina Dublin†
9/21-George May †	9/27-Zenaida Palompo†
9/21-Mateo Salvador †	9/27-Benjamin Valmeo†
9/21-Roger Romero †	9/28-Janet McCormack†
9/21- Benjamin Valmeo †	9/28-Benjamin Valmeo†
9/21- Daniel Corrales- Special Int.	9/28-Ryan Major†
9/21-Ron Ferrero- Special Int.	9/28- Philip and Philomena Calabrese†

While Fr. Eric is away, a Liturgy of the Word will be available during the week at St. Mark. Daily Masses will be offered during the week at the following area churches:

St. Mathew (Mon., Wed.)	Church of Ascension (Tues.- Fri.)
St. Luke (Tues.- Fri.)	St. Gregory the Great (Tues.- Fri.)
Prince of Peace (Tues.- Fri.)	St. Stephen, Martyr (Mon., Wed.)

* Visit church **websites above** for Daily Mass times.



Creed Clawson, Melita Griggs, Jayme Oliveira Filho, Louisa Morrison, Maribeth Baumgartner, Dare O'Ravitz, Joy Lepere, Teresita Gustafson, Angie Hudson, Caroline Padilla, Carol Brown Gigliola Kamp-Casto, Erlinda Mariado, Lorraine Stambaugh, 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, Ryan Steele, Paul Caddies, Patricia McCartney, Trish Simpson, Billie Dudley, Kenneth Delorenzo, Dana Reid, Joe Bennett

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

Joan S. Dimpel

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

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 the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 16:1-13

By Jerome J. Sabatowich

In today's Gospel, two men owe a debt to a rich landowner. Although Jesus does not specify the reason for each Man's obligation, some biblical scholars suggest the oil and the wheat were probably rent payments. A man who owned land sometimes did not plant crops on it himself, but allowed other farmers to work his field in exchange for a percentage of their harvest. If the landowner had vast property holdings or if he did not live near his land, he usually hired a manager to take care of it and collect the rent.

One of the tenant farmers in today's Gospel grew olives that he later pressed into oil for cooking and the other man grew wheat used to make the community's bread supply. Knowing he is about to be fired, the wily manager writes off part of each man's debt, hoping they will remember this when he asks them for help in the future. The landowner praises him.

Jesus gives us a clue about what he wants to teach in this parable when he compares those who immerse themselves in this world to those concerned with other-worldly matters. People put more effort into making money and acquiring possessions than they do in strengthening their relationship with God. They call all the banks in the area to get the best mortgage or interest rate, but do little to learn the time and location of a good adult religious education class. They will spend months planning a vacation but cannot find time to attend weekly prayer meetings or a class on how to meditate. If all of us took our relationship with God as seriously as we take everything else, we would all be saints.

SACRAMENTS AT ST. MARK

Contact Parish Secretary in the Parish Office to begin the processes of BAPTISM or MARRIAGE.

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



Congratulations to the Shafer and Favila-Allen families who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for their children at St. Mark on September 7th. Please pray God's blessings for this child and her family as they begin their new lives in Christ.



St. Mark's Women's Retreat, A Huge Success!

Thanks to all who participated in this year's St. Mark Women's Retreat, "To Be Like Mary: Blessed, Beautiful, Hopeful!" held on September 5th, 6th at Founders Inn with guest speaker, Fr. Mike Imperial. Over 50 attendees came together to learn more about the power of Mary's positive attributes, and how to share it in our everyday lives. What a blessing!



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



September: 9-15oz. boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes/
Individual meals: tuna snack kits, pop-top soup/pasta



October Respect Life Month Events:

- **"Novena to Three American Saints for Life"**- Saints Elizabeth Seton, Frances Cabrini and John Neumann **October 1st -9th** live Daily Chapel and Zoom) If you wish to participate via zoom email us for Zoom link *Note

Saturday Novena will be said at home

- **Take a Stand For Life: September 24th- November 2nd** our community will take part in 40 Days for Life. Our St Mark group will stand vigil and pray on Mondays from 1-2pm. Where: Public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood 515 Newtown Road. Please join us as we pray for an end to abortion.

- **"Baby Shower" reception** in Great Hall October 18th after 5:30 Mass. Potluck with guests invited from Hope4Life, Crisis Pregnancy Center, and Birthright.

- **Official USCCB 2025 Respect Life Novena** October 22nd-30th (live Daily Chapel and Zoom) If you wish to participate via zoom email us for Zoom link *Note Saturday Novena will be said at home

- **Baby Layette Item Collection:** Throughout month Sizes: Newborn- 3 months, Receiving Blankets, Onesies, Baby Booties, Infant Sleepers, outfits



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

On the Boardwalk

October 12th

Star of the Sea Catholic Church
1404 Pacific Avenue

Come join us for Holy Mass at noon followed by a Boardwalk Eucharistic Procession at 1:30pm. The procession will go to 23rd Street and return to the church for Benediction.



Is OCIA for You?

Becoming a catholic is a joyous experience! Some receive this gift while they are infants, while others come into the catholic community later in life. 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.

Parish Life

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

Upcoming Parish Life Events and Announcements



Food: Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages provided. Bring a side-dish or dessert to share.

Fun: Music, bouncy-house and face-painting for kids of all ages! All are welcome!

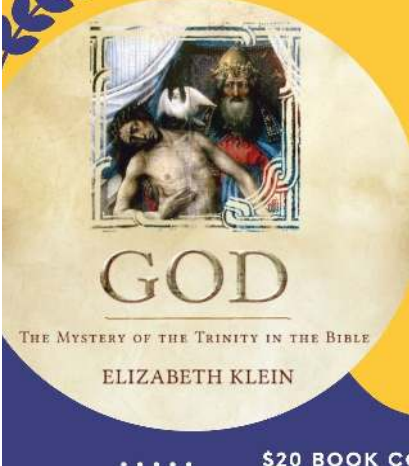
*In case of rain, the picnic will move to the Great Hall. For more details, contact Linda Major at 757-615-0763.

- Marriage is a reason and a season to celebrate! Parish Life is keeping a compiled record of anniversaries in our parish. If you have not yet recorded your anniversary, please stop by the Parish Life table in the Great Hall and add your special day to the Anniversary Booklet. Anniversaries are posted on the Parish Life Bulletin Board each month.

Happy Anniversary to the following St. Mark parishioners celebrating a September wedding anniversary this week!

Jack and Rose McKenzie - September 25, 1971 (54 years)

Duane and Vikki Ignacio - September 26, 2009 (16 years)



TUESDAYS
9:30AM
THURSDAYS
7PM

▶ **9 SESSIONS**
STARTS WEEK
OF SEPT 23
ENDS WEEK
OF NOV 17

\$20 BOOK COST DONATION
✉ FE@STMARK-PARISH.ORG

Join us for the upcoming Adult Bible Study, *God, the Mystery of the Trinity in the Bible*. Check for convenient times and days on sign-up sheets in the Commons.

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)

Parish Office Hours: Sunday-Thursdays: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Announcements/ Giving/ Contact Information



America Needs Fatima Rosary

Please join us for a public rosary rally at the Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, October 11th to pray for repentance and conversion of our great nation at 12:00pm.

For more details contact Rick Vasconcellos at rickvas@mail-regent.edu or visit America-NeedsFatimaRosary.org



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



St. Mark's Pumpkin Patch

OPENS

**Oct. 5th through Oct. 31st
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Sign up on iVolunteer

for Set-up and Sales Shifts at:



https://stmarkhelps.ivolunteer.com/pumpkins_2025

Contact Mike King at 646-851-8334 for more details.

YOUTH GROUP

OPEN TO 6TH-12TH GRADERS

SEPT 27 • 6:45PM

ST. MARK GREAT HALL

\$5 ENTRY

SNACKS & PIZZA PROVIDED

CARLO ACUTIS
VIDEO GAME
TOURNAMENT

CELEBRATING HIS CANONIZATION

MARIO KART
SHOWDOWN

SUPER SMASH BROS.
ULTIMATE

FIFA FACE-OFF

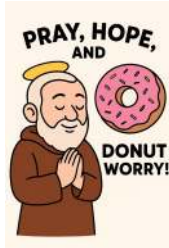
PRIZES FOR WINNERS!

SPLIT POT FOR TOURNAMENT WINNER

Who was?



Padre Pio...was a holy priest from Italy who loved Jesus so much that he spent hours every day in prayer. God gave him lots of special gifts, one was bi-location, meaning he could be in 2 places at once! Padre Pio used to tell people, "Pray, hope and don't worry" or as we like to say, "Pray, hope and DONUT worry". Today after Mass, while enjoying your donut, say a prayer and trust Jesus with your worries.



AVAILABLE NOW!

PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Tim Weir from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin. **Please call Tim Weir below.**

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