



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF *Saint Mark*

May 10, 2026 • Sixth Sunday of Easter



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“And whoever loves me will be loved by my
Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”
- Jn 14:20-21

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Welcome!

Save these 2026

St. Mark

Pilgrimage Dates!

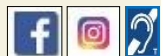
1. The “One Nation Under God” 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage passes through Diocese of Richmond June 2-5, 2026.
2. Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine, Washington, DC on October 24, 2026
3. **St. Mark Pilgrimage: Rome and Assisi Nov. 9th-18th, 2026!**
Join us to commemorate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi.



For more details, contact the
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“Rooted in the Word...”

This Week at Saint Mark May 11th - May 17th, 2026

MONDAY

7:15pm OCIA Christian Formation/CR

TUESDAY

8:30am **Daily Mass**/ Daily Chapel
9:30am Adult Bible Study/ Great Hall
2:00pm Daughters of Fatima Prayer Group/ DC
6:00pm Parish Life Meeting/ Conference Room

WEDNESDAY

10-1:00pm Food Pantry/ Great Hall
10:00am Seasons of Hope/ Library
6:00pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena/ Sanct.
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
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
7:00pm Adult Bible Study/ Library

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00am Confirmation rehearsal/ Prince of Peace CC
9:30am-1pm 1st Holy Communion Retreat/ GH/Sanctuary
4:00pm Reconciliation/ Daily Chapel
5:30pm **Mass** / Sanctuary
6:45pm Youth Plant Sale/ Location TBA

SUNDAY

8:30am **Mass**/ Sanctuary
10:30am **Mass**/ Sanctuary with Face Book Livestream
11:45am In-person Baptism Class/ Sanctuary
11:45pm Youth Plant Sale/ Location TBA
12:30pm Children's Formation/ CL
1:30pm 1st Holy Communion Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
5:00pm OCIC-T Mystagogy/ CL
6:00pm Teen Formation/ Great Hall

SACRAMENTS AT ST. MARK

Contact Parish Secretary in the Parish Office to begin the processes of baptism, marriage, or other sacraments.

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. Confirm Baptism date and time with Parish Secretary after all requirements have been turned in.

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.

Samaritan Ministry

Volunteers visit the sick and those unable to get to mass. Training will be provided. If you would like to be a Samaritan Ministry volunteer, or to receive a visit from a Samaritan Ministry volunteer, call Ann Marie Cochran at 757-621-0699. for more details.

Daily Readings

MONDAY 5/11	Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a
TUESDAY 5/12	Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter Acts 16:22-34 ; John 16:5-11 John Goetz †
WEDNESDAY 5/13	Wed. of the Sixth Week of Easter Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 ; John 16:12-15 Leilani Remias †
THURSDAY 5/14	Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 ; John 15:9-17
FRIDAY 5/15	Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter Acts 18:9-18 ; John 16:20-23
SATURDAY 5/16	Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter Acts 18:23-28 ; John 16:23b-28
SUNDAY 5/17	Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 ; Ephesians 1:17-23 ; Matthew 28:16-20 Rose and Michael Kmetz †, Genoveva Arriola †, Dennis Heinlein †



Chandler Brewer, Charles Sweeney, Helena Kuhnley, William Ruiz, Leonardo Remias, Ron Ferrero, Ruth Ferrero, Joseph Perine, Marie Amella, Fr. Dan Klem, Theresa Muller, Joseph Wargo, Kathy Seddon, Don Coons, Dana Reid, Merla Marcelo, Henrietta Mayr, Creed Clawson, Jayme Oliveira Filho, Louisa Morrison, Dare O'Ravitz, Angie Hudson, Caroline Padilla, Gigliola Kamp-Casto, Erlinda Mariado, Lorraine Stambaugh, Susan Colonna, Lexie Murray, Adriane Pennington, Rosendo Ibanez, Reynaldo Francisco, Annora Steiner, Jay Davis, Val Kandis

* Prayer Requests may remain in the bulletin for one year.

Ever thought about becoming an Altar Server?

We welcome all our registered parish youth whom have had their First Holy Communion Sacrament to join our St. Mark Altar Server community! 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



“Nourished by the Sacraments”

A Reflection on Sixth Sunday of Easter From Fr. Eric Asamoah

The Lord today calls us to respond generously to the Gospel’s call to love, placing God at the Centre of our lives and dedicating ourselves to the service of our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need of support and consolation.

If ever there is an attitude that is never easy, even for a Christian community, it is precisely how to love oneself, to love after the Lord’s example and with his grace. Sometimes disagreements, pride, envy, divisions, leave their mark even on the beautiful face of the Church.

In the Gospel Christ promises that he will ask the Father to send us another Defender, an Advocate, who is always with us, the Spirit of Truth. This Spirit of Truth strengthens us in the proclamation of the good news and leaving out our call to love as Christ loved us.

Through acts of Charity Philip goes to Samaria and preaches the Word of God to the people, performing many miraculous signs and healings, which resulted in many people believing and being baptized. A community of Christians should therefore live in the charity of Christ by the Grace of the Holy Spirit.

The Church finds the inexhaustible source of her very mission, which is achieved through love, in this mystery of communion. Hence St Peter admonishes us in the second reading to treat others with respect, even those who despise the gospel we preach. It is all about love and respect for God and for one another.

We pray for mothers and all mother figures today. A mother’s love comes naturally to family and society. Being a mother involves taking on the role of a caregiver, teacher, and spiritual leader (catechist) within the family, creating an environment that fosters growth, love, and Godliness. *Just as a mother tends to her child’s needs, God tends to our spiritual needs, offering us guidance, love, and protection.* (Isaiah 66:13).
HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY.

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 you are looking to deepen your faith, we’re so glad you’re here!

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 the Woldridge family who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for their child at St. Mark on May 3rd. Please pray God’s blessings on this little one that he will live a new life in Christ and be nurtured by the example of his parents, godparents, and this faith community.

Please take a moment to pray for the youth of our parish as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation in the upcoming weeks.



Confirmation Mass
Tuesday, May 17th ~ 7p
Prince of Peace, Chesapeake



1st Holy Communion
Saturday, May 30th ~ 1pm

BASILICA of the NATIONAL SHRINE
of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OCTOBER 24, 2026



In honor of the 250th anniversary of our Nation, Bishop Knestout invites the faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond to spend the day at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. On Saturday, October 24, 2026, we will entrust the care of our country to the maternal care of Our Lady, Patroness of the Americas. St. Mark will have a bus reserved for parishioners for a fee.

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St. Mark Church



Catholic Church of St. Mark

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR

as proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV for the 800th anniversary of the passage of St. Francis of Assisi

PILGRIMAGE

NOVEMBER 9 – 18, 2026

Spiritual Director: Fr. Eric Baffour Asamoah


For more details, contact fe@stmark-parish.org


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

 **Join Us for our Justice & Peace meeting** on Monday, May 18th at 6:30pm. Cannot physically attend but want to join us via Zoom contact justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org for link.

 **Migrant Ministry:** Do you still have donations for the migrant workers? Please drop them off to the marked bin in Great Hall this week. Watch the bulletin for updated information on our Migrant Ministry.

 **Baby Layettes:** As we honor our blessed mother and all mothers this May, we are collecting baby layette 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 7th.

 **Spiritual Adoption/ MONTH FOUR:** Welcome to the second trimester, your baby now weighs six ounces. They have fingernails and eyelashes. They have their own unique fingerprints. Their taste buds are working, and sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally, and externally. Rapid eye movements have been observed – a sign of dreaming.

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!



ST. MARK July 20-24 9a-12p

RAINFOREST FALLS

VBS is for rising Kindergarteners through rising 5th Grade.

\$40 / 1 Child
\$70 / 2 Children
\$100 / 3+ Children

Parish Life

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

- **Happy Anniversary to the following St. Mark parishioners will celebrate an April wedding anniversary this week!**
Dominic and Alisha Tranchitella- May 11, 2019 (7 years)
Dan and Judy Wood - May 15, 1982 (44 years)



Congratulations to Hank and Evie Harzold, recipients of the KofC Family of the Year Award, presented by KofC representative, Mike King on Sunday, May 3rd for their many hours of work and dedication to St. Mark’s mission to build the Kingdom of God by imaging Jesus Christ.

Plant Sale!



And a lot more!

STARTS
MAY 2/3
AFTER ALL MASSES

Support our youth!

Proceeds go towards summer youth events!

Independent seller?

Reserve a table to promote and sell your product!

Contact fe@stmark-parish.org for more details

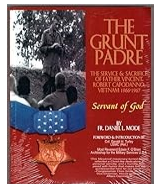


Women’s Book Club

THE GRUNT PADRE - The Service & Sacrifice of Fr. Vincent Robert Capodanno, Vietnam 1966-1967,

by Fr. Daniel Mode

June 9th at 6:30pm / Library



Join us for the story of Fr. Capodanno, a Maryknoll missionary who left his small Taiwanese parish to support the men and women of the U.S. Marine Corps. where they faced the threat of death on the most forward edge of the firing lines in South Vietnam. For more details, contact Kendra DiMichele at kdimichele76@gmail.com.

Announcements/ Giving/ Contact Information

Liturgy Ministers Meeting May 30, 2026

St. Mark Liturgy Committee will hold a general ministers meeting on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 9 AM – 12 PM. This meeting is for current liturgical ministers. The purpose of the ministers' meeting is to provide an opportunity for the ministry coordinators to reinforce current expectations to include a walk-through, and to address those little items needing attention. Breakout sessions for those serving in multiple ministries can attend more than one session, followed by "question-and-answer" opportunities. Refreshments will be available in the Great Hall. Sign-up sheets are in the Commons.



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



Kitchen Renovation Update:

The contractor is making great progress. Last week, drainpipes were repositioned and brought into compliance with current building code last week. Concrete has been poured for the new kitchen floor this week, and additional electrical repairs are underway. It is not too late to donate to this much needed kitchen renovation project. For more details or to donate, contact Parish Bookkeeper, Mary-Rachelle Paguiligan, at bookkeeper@stmark-parish.org or call the parish office at 757-479-1010.

Fiscal Year July-June	April 26	Needed Year to Date New Fiscal Year	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/ (Short)
Offertory	\$17,435	\$873,500	\$868,074	(\$5,426)

Family Count: 810

Families using envelopes: 157

Families using online donation: 188



Many thanks to all who participated in the crowning of Mary on Sunday, May 3rd, especially the children who presented flowers of all shapes and sizes in honor of this special day.

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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

If you will be between the ages of 16 and 35 by August 2027, you are invited to be part of this once-every-few-years global gathering—an experience like no other. Join thousands of young Catholics from around the world in **Seoul, Korea** for a week of prayer, catechesis, and liturgy that reveals the beauty and universality of our faith. Registration is open through August 30, 2026. Contact Fe Guzman in the RF office for details.

Today is THE DAY!

Kid's Corner

Today we celebrate Mother's Day and thank God for our mom, AND for Mary, the mother of Jesus, who loves and prays for us too. Just like your mom takes care of you, Mary cares for all of us and brings our prayers to her Son. Say a little prayer for your mom and for Mary today. *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. AMEN*

