



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF *Saint Mark*

May 24, 2026 • Pentecost Sunday



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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Welcome!

Save these 2026

St. Mark

Pilgrimage Dates!

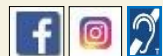
1. The "One Nation Under God" 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage passes through Diocese of Richmond June 2-5, 2026.
2. Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine, Washington, DC on October 24, 2026
3. **St. Mark Pilgrimage: Rome and Assisi Nov. 9th-18th, 2026!** Join us to commemorate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



For more details, contact the parish office 757-479-1010 or fe@stmark-parish.org



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“Rooted in the Word...”

This Week at Saint Mark May 25th - 31st 2026

MONDAY	Memorial Day
6:30pm	Rosary Procession/from parking lot
7:00pm	Mem. of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Mass/ Sanctuary * Parish Offices Closed for the holiday
TUESDAY	
8:30am	Daily Mass/ Daily Chapel
9:30am	Adult Bible Study/ Great Hall
2:00pm	Daughters of Fatima Prayer Group/ DC
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	Daily Mass/ Sanctuary
THURSDAY	
6:00am	Men of St. Joseph/ Conference Room
8:30am	Daily Mass/ Daily Chapel
9-11:00am	PLARN/ Great Hall
6:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council/ Conference Room
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
7:00pm	Adult Bible Study/ Library
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
9am-12:00pm	General Ministers Meeting/ Great Hall/ Sanct
1:00pm	OCIA-OCIT First Communion Sacrament Mass/ Sanctuary
5:30pm	Mass / Sanctuary
SUNDAY	Holy Trinity Sunday
8:30am	Mass/ Sanctuary
10:30am	Mass/ Sanctuary with Face Book Livestream

Wisdom Seekers Senior Group monthly luncheons (2nd Friday of the month September thru June) for parishioners 50+ years of age. Potluck luncheon, Flag theme, **Friday, June 12th, 12 pm**, Great Hall. Dish to share, hotdogs provided, last name begins (A-M fruit or dessert, N-Z protein dish or salad). Please **contact** Mary Shaw at (757) 348-4460 for questions.

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.

Daily Readings

MONDAY 5/25	Mem. of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34
TUESDAY 5/26	Mem. of St. Philip Neri, Priest 1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31
WEDNESDAY 5/27	Wed. of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time 1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45
THURSDAY 5/28	Thurs. of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Mark 10:46-52
FRIDAY 5/29	Fri. of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time 1 Peter 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26
SATURDAY 5/30	Sat. of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Jude 17, 20b-25; Mark 11:27-33 Nonito Aragon†, Maria Consolacion Mina†, Jennie Mayr (Special Intention of Thanksgiving)
SUNDAY 5/31	Sol. of the Most Holy Trinity Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18 Dennis and Arlene Reyes (Special Intention of Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving) Dennis Heinlein †, Gillian Morse Bauer † Florie Tarnale †



Hu Jung Dalton, Erik Cope, 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, Rosendo Ibanez, Reynaldo Francisco, Jay Davis, Val Kandis

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.

“Nourished by the Sacraments”

A Reflection on Pentecost Sunday From Fr. Eric Asamoah

Pentecost marks the end the Easter season and goal of the Paschal Mystery — the Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus, which culminates in the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father, at the request of His Son, on Jesus’ followers.

The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, is the love of the Father for the Son and the Son for the Father that is so tangible it is animated filling the world.

Jesus gives peace and sends the disciples out with the Spirit. Hence, today marks the start of the Church’s mission.

One of the most striking details of Pentecost is that people from many nations heard the apostles speaking in their own languages which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian Faith. The listeners in the crowds who came from sixteen different geographical regions, thus experienced a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the apostles’ gift of tongues.

The Spirit did not erase their differences; instead, He made those differences a channel for God’s glory. In our world today, we often see diversity as a challenge; something that divides us. But Pentecost teaches us that diversity, when united by the Spirit, becomes a strength. The Church is not meant to be a place where everyone is the same; it is meant to be a place where everyone is one in Christ.

The miracle of tongues on Pentecost thus reverses the confusion of tongues wrought by God at the Tower of Babel, that sought to scatter the children of God, as described in Genesis 11.

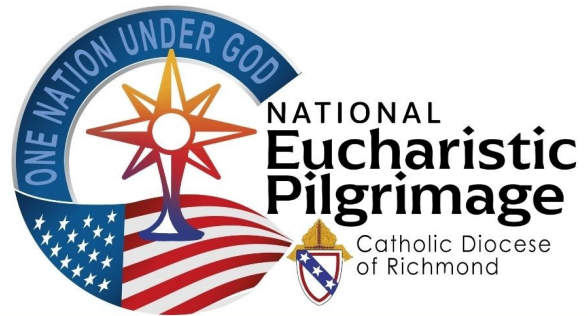
Today, as we celebrate Pentecost, let us remember: the same Spirit who came upon the apostles comes upon us in Baptism and Confirmation. We are not spectators of this feast, rather we are participants in its mission.

So let us go forth speaking words of hope, building bridges of understanding, and living as people on fire with the love of God. In the Refrain for the **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 104), we pray, “*Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth,*”

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



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



Walk with US! The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will soon visit our diocese. Five cities. Four days.
One Nation Under God!



Learn more and register for events

Prayer and Works of Mercy

The USCCB is encouraging parishes and individuals to participate in moments of adoration and mercy leading into the July 4th holiday.

Consecration and Enthronement of the Sacred Heart

- On June 11th the bishops of the United States will consecrate the United States to the Sacred heart of Jesus. Parishes and dioceses around the country are encouraged to do so.
- Bishop Knestout will consecrate the Diocese of Richmond at the Cathedral of the Sacred heart on June 4th, at the Mass following the Eucharistic Procession through Richmond.
- Families can also find resources for the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart within their homes on the USCCB page.

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.



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



Spiritual Adoption/ Month 5: “Mommy felt me kick today!” Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and Mom can feel movement. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby’s mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs. If you would like more information, contact justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org



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.

Parish Life

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

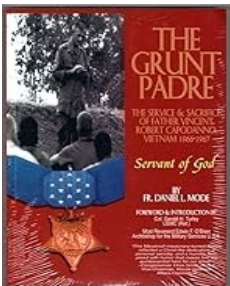
• **Happy Anniversary to the following St. Mark parishioners will celebrate an April wedding anniversary this week!**

Joe and Linda Lessick- May 26, 1973 (53 years)
Al and Vikki Baxter - May 27, 1965 (61 years)



Congratulations to the Welch family who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for their child at St. Mark on May 17th. Please pray God’s blessings on this little one that she will live a new life in Christ and be nurtured by the example of her parents, godparents, and this faith community.

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.



Eagle Scout Bench Project Complete!

Much thanks and gratitude to parishioner Keegan Donovan and fellow Eagle Scouts for designing, building and recently installing a bench for reflection near the Stations of the Cross adjacent to the St. Mark Pavilion as their Eagle Scout Project.

July 20-24
 9a-12p

St. MARK



RAINFOREST FALLS

VBS is for rising
 Kindergarteners through rising
 5th Grade.



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



Announcements/ Giving/ Contact Information

Monte Carlo Night
Annual Charity Fundraiser
Saturday, June 20th
 Doors Open @ **6:45PM – 10:30PM**
Tickets: Single - \$20; 2 or more - \$17.50 ea.
 Price Includes Food, Beverages and Games
 All Proceeds Support KofC Charitable Activities
On sale at Church after all weekend Masses
and from Individual Knights Starting May 16th & 17th
 Credit Card Payments Accepted




Jointly Sponsored by two
 KofC Councils -
 Kempsville Council 10515
 Fr. Habets Council 4632

DONATE TITHE
ONLINE OFFERING

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



Fiscal Year July-June	May 03	Needed Year to Date New Fiscal Year	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/ (Short)
Offertory	\$20,650	\$898,000	\$888,724	(\$9,276)

Kitchen Renovation Update:
 The contractor is making great progress. This week, walls began to emerge as the new kitchen floorplan begins to take shape. 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.

Family Count: 806
 Families using envelopes: 197
 Families using online donation: 222

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.

Consider Becoming an Altar Server!

We welcome all our registered parish youth whom have had their First 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



What is your favorite feast day? -Betty M.
 Good question, Betty,
 My favorite feast is Christmas. I love the Christmas Eve masses of the 24th. God came to be born as a human being (a child) so as to have a body to die for our sins. The beauty of the feast takes us to the very first Christmas Day all the time. I love to hear about Angels, shepherds, Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus.
 I also love the Feast of Pentecost since that is the birthday of the Church. On Pentecost Day, there is a sense of belongingness I feel, as being part of a great Church. That is the coming together of people from different backgrounds.

God bless you all!
 Fr. Eric

Kid's Corner

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- William McMican.....Finance Council Chairman

RELIGIOUS FORMATION STAFF

- Fe Guzman.....Director of Religious Formation/Youth Minister
- 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.
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