THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF

Saint Mark

November 1, 2026 • Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time



ALL SAINTS DAY

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them." Matthew 5:1-2

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Welcome!

Pray for St. Mark Pilgrims as they prepare for their Journey !

St. Mark Pilgrimage:
Rome and Assisi
Nov. 9th-18th, 2026!
Pray for those attending this pilgrimage to commemorate the Franciscan Jubilee Year Proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV.

****Send prayer intentions with them by placing them in the box in the Commons.**



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"Rooted in the Word…"

This Week at Saint Mark
November 2nd, 2026

MONDAY	**All Souls**
7:00pm	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed/ Sanctuary
TUESDAY	
8:30am	**Daily Mass/** Daily Chapel
9:30am	Adult Bible Study/ Great Hall/CL
2:00pm	Daughters of Fatima Prayer Group/DC
6:30pm	Seasons of Hope Grief Group/ Library
7:00pm	Liturgy Committee Mtg/ Conf Room
WEDNESDAY	
10-1:00pm	Food Pantry/ Great Hall
10:00am	Seasons of Hope Grief Group/ Library
6:00pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena/S
6:30pm	Rosary/ Sanctuary
7:00pm	**Daily Mass**/ Sanctuary
THURSDAY	
6:00am	Men of St. Joseph/ Great Hall
8:30am	**Daily Mass/** Daily Chapel
9-11:00am	PLARN/ Great Hall
9-6:15pm	Adoration - Benediction/ Sanctuary
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal/ Sanctuary
FRIDAY	**First Friday Rosary/ Daily Chapel**
SATURDAY	
4:00pm	Reconciliation/ Daily Chapel
5:30pm	**Mass** / Sanctuary
5:30pm	Holy Hour after Mass
SUNDAY	
8:30am	**Mass/** Sanctuary
10:30am	**Mass**/ Sanctuary with Face Book
12:30pm	Children's Formation/Classrooms
6:00pm	Teen Formation/ Great Hall

Daily Readings

Nov. 2: Commemoration of All the Faithful
Wis. 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
Deceased Family and Friends †
Sergio Laoang †, Charles Kiley †

Nov. 3: Tues. of the 31st Week in Ord. Time
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24

Nov. 4: **Mem. of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**
Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33

Nov. 5: **Thurs. of the 31st Week in Ord. Time**
Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10
Linda Marie Montalvo †

Nov. 6 **Fri. of the 31st Week in Ord. Time**
Philippians 3:17 - 4:1; Luke 16:1-8

Nov. 7: **Sat. of the 31st Week in Ord. Time**
Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15
Mitchell Wenthe †,

Nov. 8: **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13
Stanley Winner †, Crisencia Miranda †,
Policarpio Baylon †, Dimetrio Agcaoili †,

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Doug Morin, Colleen Ripley, Jay Davis, Christopher Samaniego, Ryan Steele, Jerry Major, Elsie Watkins, Gloria Fernando, Antonio Fernando, Hu Jung Dalton, Chandler Brewer, Charles Sweeney, William Ruiz, Leonardo Remias, Ron and Ruth Ferrero, Joseph Perine, Marie Amella, Fr. Dan Klem, Joseph Wargo, Kathy Seddon, Don Coons, Dana Reid, Merla Marcelo, Henrietta Mayr, Creed Clawson, Erlinda Mariado, Lorraine Stambaugh, Susan Colonna, Val Kandis

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

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 are required to give six months' notice before planning a wedding at the Parish. Please do not set date before contacting the Priest. To begin the process, contact the Parish Secretary.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated first and third Saturdays of the month at 4:00 p.m.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND:

If you know someone who cannot attend Mass, or desires a visit or the Sacrament of Anointing, call the Parish Office at 757-479-1010.

"Nourished by the Sacraments"

A Reflection on the Solemnity of All Saints Day, 31st Sunday

From: Fr. Eric Asamoah

The Feast of All Saints refers to every human person who is in heaven, those who have been recognized by the Church as saints, as well those who have not been canonized, those known only to God**.** This serves as a reminder that to be a saint is not reserved solely for those canonized by the Church but extends to all who have led holy lives.

Think of someone in your life who has quietly embodied God's love, maybe a parent or grandparent who prayed for you every night, a friend who stood by you in hardship, or a neighbor who always showed kindness without expecting anything in return. These are saints in the truest sense: people whose lives point us toward Christ.

Hence today, we celebrate the "Communion of Saints" emphasizing the spiritual bond among Christians, both living and departed.

All Saints' Day is not only about remembering; it's about recognizing our own calling. In baptism, we were marked as God's own, called to live in holiness, to be light in the darkness, to be salt in a world that often loses its flavor. St. Bernard of Clairvaux reminds us, we do not
honor the saints for their sake, but to be inspired to share in their heavenly citizenship. The saints' lives show that holiness is not about extraordinary powers, but about ordinary acts done with extraordinary love and devotion.

We may feel unworthy, but sainthood is not about worthiness; it's about willingness. God works through ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things.

Today's first reading from Revelation 7:13–14 speaks of a "great multitude of saints" who have "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." To "wash" one's robes in this blood is to be transformed by His grace, to live in the light of His justice, and to stand purified before God.

They survived the time of great distress not because they were immune to hardship, but because they were united to Christ in His suffering and victory.

As we stand at this shoreline between earth and heaven, may we remember: the saints are not far from us. They surround us, encourage us, and remind us that our journey is part of a much larger story, God's story.

Let us walk forward together, with the light of Christ in our hearts, until the day we join that great multitude, singing praise before the throne of God.













Much thanks to all volunteers and parishioners who supported our Pumpkin Patch this year!!

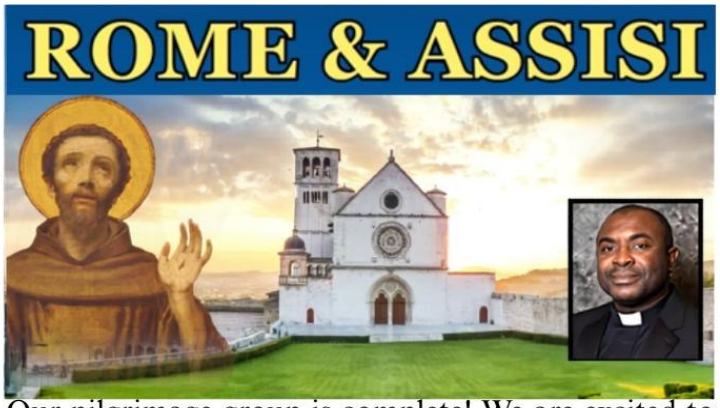
Religious Formation

TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE

In November, we invite you to honor your deceased loved ones by sharing a framed photo for our Table of Remembrance. Please label the back with your name and contact info for safe return.



ROME & ASSISI



Our pilgrimage group is complete! We are excited to begin preparing for this beautiful journey in the footsteps of the saints.

Please keep our 22 pilgrims in your prayers as they prepare to travel. They, in turn, will be carrying the prayers and intentions of our entire St. Mark family with them.

Have a special prayer intention? A prayer intention box is available in the Commons. You are welcome to drop off your prayer requests, and we will keep them in our prayers.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE '27

ENDURING

Are you ready for DYC?

*February 19-21, 2027 * Richmond Marriott*



The Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) is an unforgettable weekend of faith, friendship, and the joy of Christ for 9th-12th graders!

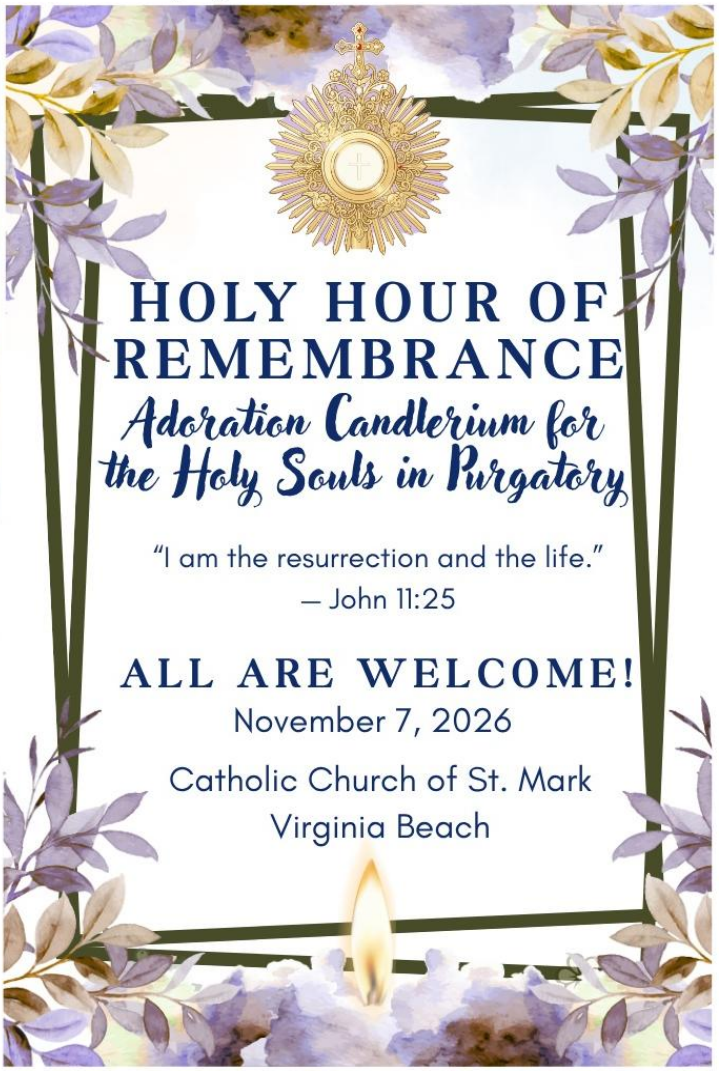
If your teen is interested reach out to the Formation Office for more information and to sign up today!

World Youth Day 2027 | South Korea

WYD SEOUL 2027

Registration for the Diocese of Richmond's World Youth Day 2027 pilgrimage has officially closed. We are fortunate to have seven St. Mark pilgrims participating in this remarkable faith journey!

Please support our young pilgrims through your prayers and financial contributions as they prepare for this transformative experience with young Catholics worldwide. Additionally, keep an eye out for an EXCITING way to support our 2027 WYD pilgrims!



Saintly Trunk Or Treat

A Saints-Inspired Halloween Bash

Games!

Prizes!
Best Trunk!
Best Costume!



Admission: One sweet bag of candy!

$5 Hot Dog Dinner!





TODAY

4:30-6:30p

Children's Liturgy

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.

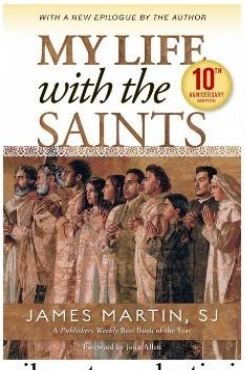


contact Nicole for more information

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ST. MARK WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

January 12th @ 6:30pm ~ Library



WITTY, WRYLY HONEST, AND ALWAYS ORIGINAL, *My Life with the Saints* is James Martin's story of how his life has been shaped by some surprising friends—the saints of the Catholic Church. In his modern classic memoir, Martin introduces us to saints throughout history—from St. Peter to Dorothy Day, St. Francis of Assisi to Mother Teresa—and chronicles his lifelong friendships with them. Filled with fascinating tales, Martin's funny, vibrant, and stirring book invites readers to discover how saints guide us throughout our earthly journeys and how they help each of us find holiness in our own lives.

Contact Kendra at kdimichele76@gmail.com

WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

WHY DO WE WAIT FOR FATHER TO LEAVE BEFORE WE HEAD OUT OF CHURCH?

Mass ends with a dismissal, when we are sent out to live our faith and share Jesus' love with others. Waiting until the closing procession finishes is a way to show respect for the sacred celebration we've shared.

DID YOU KNOW?

The word Mass comes from a Latin word meaning "to send forth"! When we leave church, our mission is just beginning. We are called to be Jesus' hands and feet in the world!

Kids Corner

"Building the Kingdom of God by Imaging Christ"

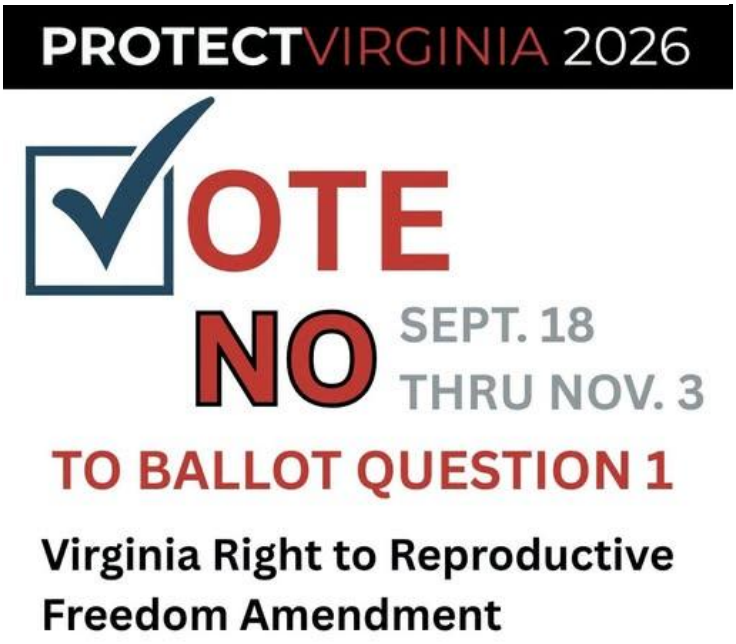
Justice Peace

For information on our Justice & Peace Ministries visit: www.stmark-parish.org/ministries/justice-and-peace, or email: justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org

• **November Foods of the Month:** 12-15 oz. Cheerios (or store brand)/ Individual Fruit Cups



Thank you to all who prayed, donated time and/or items, and participated in this year's Respect Life Month activities. Please continue to keep all life from conception to natural death in your thoughts and prayers.



WOW!! 2026 has been and continues to be a busy year for our Justice & Peace ministry. Do you feel called to help those in need? We have many opportunities ranging from a once-a-year opportunity, a monthly commitment, an hour here or there, from helping from home with projects to hands on at church or off site and everything in between. If you would like more information, contact justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org

Parish Life

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

• **The Anniversary Booklet** on the Parish Life table has been updated. Couples may enter their anniversaries if they have not yet done so.

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

Bill and April Lee – Nov. 2, 1985 (41 yrs)

Carl and Mickey Fisher – Nov. 3, 1962 (64 yrs)



Christ the King Weekend Breakfasts!

Parish Life will host breakfast after each mass the weekend of November 21/21. There will be a "breakfast for dinner" after the 5:30 mass on Saturday and regular breakfast after the Sunday masses. **Join us** to celebrate the final week of ordinary time before Advent begins!

Thanksgiving Food Baskets: It is that time of year!! This year our goal is to help 110-125 families (St. Mark Parishioners In-Need, Catholic Charities, Samaritan House, Department of Human Services, Refugee Resettlement, Jewish Family Services, and others). We hope to provide each family with $45-50 in gift cards so they may purchase a Thanksgiving meal. We are handing out "reminder bags" after all Masses on November 7th and 8th. Please place gift cards in marked box in the Commons, or you may also donate funds on our website via our **Online Giving** by selecting the "**Thanksgiving Bags.**" Fund. Gift Cards for our Thanksgiving Baskets need to be received no later than Sunday **11am November 22nd.** Thank you in advance for your support!

Announcements/ Contact Information

Bookkeeper's Updates …

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, Rachelle Paguiligan, at bookkeeper@stmark-parish.org or call th parish office at 757-749-1010.



Fiscal Year July-June 2027	Oct 18	Needed Year to Date	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/ (Short)
Offertory	**$16,384**	**$312,100**	**$288,418**	**($23,682)**

Family Count: 932
Families using envelopes: 173
Families using online donation: 174

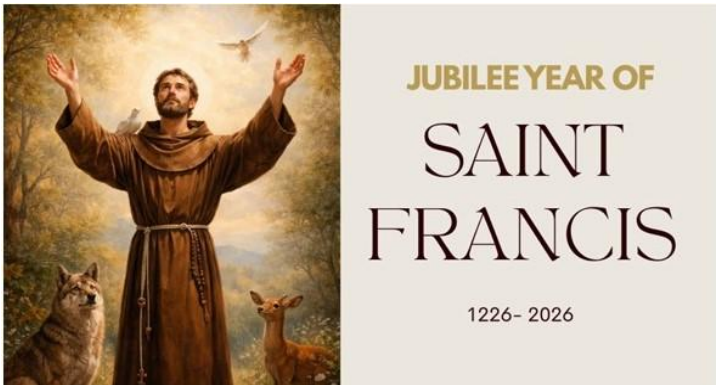
Mission Co-op Second Collection

Fr. Francis Boateng, pastor of the cluster churches of St. Mary the Mother of God, Wytheville and St. Edward Mission, Pulaski, will celebrate all masses at St. Mark on November 14th and 15th as part of the **Mission Co-op Second Collection Program** which helps small parishes keep the faith alive and offer the mass and sacraments to those in the western part of the Diocese.

Mission Co-op allows larger parishes to assist in maintaining the churches and their ministries. There will be a second collection at all masses on November 14th and 15th which will go directly to those parishes. There is an online donation category open now entitled "Missionary Priest Second Collection" if you wish to donate online.

Make checks payable to St. Mark with "Mission Co-op Donation" written in the memo line.

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



SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR OF THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 2026 PILGRIMAGE

- **Event:** Church of St. Thérèse Pilgrimage to St. Clare of Assisi Retreat Center in Hampton, Virginia
- **Dates:** Thursday, November 19, and Thursday, December 10, 2026
- **Times:** 10:00 AM – Eucharistic Adoration (with Reconciliation available to 11:30 AM) 11:30 AM – Lunch at the retreat center * 1:00 PM – Mass
- **Location:** St. Clare of Assisi Retreat Center 620 Buckroe Avenue, Hampton, VA 23664
- **Price:** * Lunch at the retreat center is $10 per person
- **Action Needed: Sign up with Tony Traficante at Traf05@rocketmail.com or text: 407-694-6169**

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