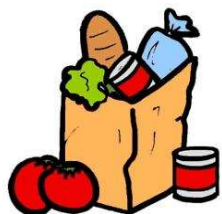


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Foods of Month October: \$10 Gift Cards / Any item from our Food Pantry List / Individual Fruit Cups

October Respect Life Month Events

- **Official USCCB 2026 Respect Life Novena** October 22nd-30th (Zoom) If you wish to participate via zoom email us for Zoom link
- **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 Tuesdays from 10-11am. Where: Public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood 515 Newtown Road. Please join us as we pray for an end to abortion.
- **Baby Layette Item Collection:** Throughout month Sizes: Newborn-3 months, Receiving Blankets, Onesies, Baby Booties, Infant Sleepers, outfits

PROTECTVIRGINIA 2026



Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment



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 November 7th/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!

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

