

On behalf of the clergy, staff, and entire parish family of Saint Mark, we extend this heartfelt invitation; **No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church; No matter what your current family or marital situation; No matter what your past or present religious affiliation; No matter what your personal history, age, background, race or color, you are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved here at Saint Mark Parish.**



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16

6:30 p.m. For Both the Living and
Deceased of St. Mark

Sunday, March 17

8:00 a.m. Patrick Murnane by Mary K. Snoko
10:30 a.m. Frances Joseph Ryan (B) Daughter
by Barbara Ryan Renat

Monday, March 18

8:00 a.m. Janet Brobst by Wayne & Linda Kessler

Tuesday, March 19

8:00 a.m. For Both the Living and
Deceased of St. Mark

Wednesday, March 20

6:00 p.m. Margorie Kilbarger Layman
by Dale & Dorothy Olive

Thursday, March 21

8:00 a.m. Rose Bever by Danny &
Donna Bever & Children

Friday, March 22

8:00 a.m. Jane Tooill by Tim & Sandy Thimmes

Saturday, March 23

6:30 p.m. John Silcott by Mary Silcott

Sunday, March 24

8:00 a.m. John Robitzer by Prayer Group
10:30 a.m. Thomas C. Short (B) by Berens Family

Mass Intentions: *One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each. All intentions will be listed in the bulletin. Please call the parish office (740-653-1229) to schedule Mass Intentions. You may also pay and request a date with online giving.*

This Weeks Readings:

Monday: Dn 9: 4-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43,
45-46
Saturday: Mic 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6. 10-12;
LK 13:1-9

Available for your convenience

Cards for parishioners who use online giving are available by the doors to place in the collection. Cushions are located in the back of the church if needed.

Please pray for the sick:

Week 1: Debbie Clarridge, Nancy & Jim Hanley,
Carl Anders, Carl & Jean Lefevre,
Donna Mienigat, Bob Brunney
Week 2: Jason Brunney, Pat Leohner, Ann Brunney
Week 3: Annabelle Walters, Nick Renat,
Joanne Myers, Marie Crosby,
Debbie Hibbard, Exirique Ortez,
Carol Tooill, Larry Harris, Helen Smith
Week 4: Stephanie VanHorn, Tiffany Wade,
Rich Merrick
Week 5: Russell Miller, Phil & Helen Boyle,
Mathew Bryant, Alyse Kuebler,
Anthony Kuebler, Joseph
McAndrews, James Stoner
Week 6: Ann Brunney, Becky Sroka, Carol Papson,
Jenny Lanzillota, Maian Forgue, Tim Hurley

Please pray for our active military: *Brandon Elkins, Robert Brunney, Billy Paskins, Jr., David Kalb, Katie Lane, Alan Dyer, Brian Self, William Fouse, D.J. Amini, Nathan Rutherford, Nathan Jenks, Spencer Breeckner, Brandon Sanderell, Michael Sanderell, Cody Longstreth, Luke Harris, Jason Stith, Michael White, Nathan Hunyady, Ethan Karoscik*

Pray for those in Nursing Homes: *Ruth Fox, Rita Mason, (Crestview); Nancy Smith (Carroll Place); Deacon Hank Gundrum (Logan Elm Health Care); Elaine Mertz, (Alternacare); Janice Miller (Landfair); Mary Ann Kinser (Inn at Winchester Trail)*

Meetings and Activities this week

Monday, March 18

8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Adoration

Tuesday, March 19

8:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Adoration
9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, March 20

9:00 a.m. Homeschool
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, March 21

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Friday, March 22

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
with Benediction

Sunday, March 24

9:00 a.m. PSR
10:00 a.m. Rosary in the Church
10:30 a.m. Choir sings

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YOUTH STUFF

March

17 PSR
24 PSR
31 PSR

May

5 PSR Last Day

April

7 PSR
14 PSR/Palm Sunday
21 No PSR/Easter Sunday
28 PSR/Divine Mercy

Aluminum cans and empty ink cartridges: Place cans in bins by the front door. Place ink cartridges in the box in the front office. Thank you!

In Our Deanery

Deanery Penance Services:

St. Joseph, Circleville, March 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

St. Mary, Lancaster, April 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

St Joseph, Sugar Grove, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Nos Lumine...We are the light of the world. There are very real and practical reasons to join together as Catholic business people – to grow in our faith, living out our faith as servant leaders, and assisting each other in expanding our businesses and circles of influence. This is not your typical business networking group – we grow as individuals, business professionals and Catholics – living out our faith in the world of work. The relationships that are built foster trust and encourage boldness as Catholics and professionals that leads to personal and business growth. You are encouraged to visit and experience how this one hour of sharing our Catholic faith and our businesses will enhance your life. Lancaster Nos Lumine, Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 a.m., St. Mark Parish, Classroom #1, 324 Gay Street. Contact Jo Anne Welsh for more details at 740-808-6131 or <https://noslumine.com/>.

Get ready for Fisher Catholic's Bid O'Luck:

An Elegant Knight in Camelot,

Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Raffle tickets are now on sale! One **\$7,500.00** prize and five **\$500.00** prizes! Raffle tickets are \$100.00 each. Buy one for yourself or gather your friends and split the cost. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Kellie Shonk at [740-654-1231](tel:740-654-1231) or keshonk@cducation.org.



Fisher Catholic High School, presents *Mary Poppins* ~ March 21st, 22nd, and 23rd at 7:00 p.m. We feature a live orchestra and an incredibly talented cast! Concessions will be available during intermission. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students/children. For information on becoming a program sponsor or a Patron of the Arts, please contact Mary Walsh or Sharon Silleck at mwalsh OR ssilleck@cducation.org.

This is the show you won't want to miss! AND COMING IN APRIL... St. Mary School, Lancaster, presents ***Shrek the Musical, Jr.*** ~ April 25th, and 26th at 7:00 p.m.

In Our Diocese

GET CLOSER TO THE ONE YOU LOVE: You can do that on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend! Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. The next two weekends are June 28-29 and September 13-15, both in Central Ohio. For more information or to apply, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at www.wwmecolumbus.org.

2nd Sunday of Lent *"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."*

(GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home? Learn how you can share your gifts and Catholic legacy by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation.org/development for more information.

Bottoms up Diaper Drive: Consider buying diapers for a needy single mom as part of your Lenten almsgiving this year. Bottoms Up Diaper Drive supplies donated diapers to organizations like St. Stephen's Community House and the Bishop Griffin Resource Center to help single mothers keep their babies clean and dry. To purchase diapers or for more information, go to <https://bottomsup.life> or call Jo Anne Welsh at 740-808-6131.

40 days for Life is March 6 to April 7. Faithful believers are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America. This peaceful prayer vigil will take place at an abortion facility in Columbus. Participants are asked to volunteer for one-hour shifts and sign at statement of peace. For details and to sign up for a time, visit www.gcrtl.org/40-days-for-life.html or call 614-445-8505.

"Interior Peace" is the theme of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) upcoming Silent Retreat, to be held April 5-7, at the St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus. Led by Father T.J. Lehigh, Parochial Vicar, St. Andrew Parish. The retreat cost is \$150.00 (\$50.00 non-refundable deposit required) and includes all meals from Friday evening through breakfast on Sunday. Registration deadline is March 22; Additional information and registration forms are available at columbuscatholic.org/diocesan-council-of-catholic-women; mail completed form and payment to Columbus DCCW, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

Christ Alive in Our Marriage Newlywed Retreat! Newlywed couples, as well as couples who have been married up to five years, are invited to a daylong retreat where they will connect with each other and embrace the gift of uninterrupted time together. Taking place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish on Saturday, April 6th, the retreat will include time for prayer, discussion, testimonies from other newlywed couples, and will end with 5:00 p.m. Mass. Cost is \$25.00 per couple. For details and to register, visit <https://columbuscatholic.org/young-adult-retreats>.

Installation events viewable online, EWTN – Both the Evening Vespers Service and the Installation Mass of Most Rev. Robert Brennan as the twelfth Bishop of Columbus at St. Joseph Cathedral will be viewable live via Facebook, YouTube, and at www.columbuscatholic.org; Vespers will be shown on Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m.; Installation on Friday, March 29, at 2:00 p.m. The Installation Mass will also be broadcast live on the EWTN Network; check with your cable provider for station information. Reminder: Due to space restrictions at the Cathedral, attendance at both Vespers and the Installation Mass is by invitation only.

The Diocesan Council for Catholic Women (DCCW) will host “Estate Planning & End of Life Issues, A Gift for Your Family,” on Saturday, March 23, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at St. Andrew’s Bryce Eck Activity Center, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. Open to all, topics discussed will include how to avoid probate, proper bank accounts, insurance (life/long, term, disability), and other aspects of end-of-life planning. Event cost is \$20.00 per person (includes lunch and materials). Contact Katie Boesch, at DCCW at 614-228-8601 or visit columbuscatholic.org/diocesan-council-of-catholic-women for forms and more information.

BIMONTHLY MASS OF HEALING MARCH 18, 6:30 P.M., SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL. Following the Mass, a Healing Service will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of relics of the True Cross. Each person then will then have an opportunity to speak individually with one of several priests present to discuss their particular situation and receive a prayer of healing; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Healing Service will conclude with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ’s healing are invited. Confessions will be available beginning at 5:30 p.m. Bimonthly Healing Masses take place at the Cathedral on the third Monday of the month. In 2019, Bimonthly Healing Masses will be celebrated on May 20, July 15, September 16, and November 18. For more information, call (614) 224-1295 or visit www.saintjosephcathedral.org.

Join a Marian pilgrimage to **Our Lady of Consolation Basilica and Shrine in Carey**, on Wednesday, May 1, for a day of prayer. Cost is \$35.00. Lunch may be purchased at the cafeteria. Send a check (payable to Margaret Kronenbitter, 2700 Wayne Ridge Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701) by Wednesday, April 3. Call Rita Merk at (740) 654-3255 or Ann Messerly at (740) 654-3447 for information.

Living I Do: Theodore Roosevelt said, “Comparison is the thief of joy.” It is easy sometimes to compare our marriages with the ones we see in real life or on social media. Instead of comparing spouses or relationships, we can take the opportunity to imitate what we admire. We can also bring the things we admire in others to our prayer, because they indicate points of weakness for us.

In Our Parish

Soup and Psalms: A time for quiet reflection and a simple meal following the Wednesday evening Mass during Lent March 20 and ending April 10. All donations are for the Rice Bowl collection. Suggested contribution is \$5.00. A vegetable soup will be offered as well as a homemade weekly special.

Bridges of St. Mark to Raffle a Patti Abel print Bridges of St. Mark (BoSM), a mission organization of St. Mark Catholic Church, will hold a drawing for a framed print of an original painting, titled “The Shepherd’s Pasture.” The print was donated by one of Lancaster’s local artists and St. Mark Church member, Patti Abel. Beginning March 3rd and continuing throughout Lent, the print is available for viewing on the Bridges of St. Mark website <https://www.bridgesofsaintmark.org/>. Anyone donating to Bridges of St. Mark during Lent will be automatically entered into the drawing for the print. Additional tickets can be purchased after Sunday Masses (8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.). The drawing will be held on April 22, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. and the winner’s name will be published on both the Bridges of St. Mark website and Facebook® page. Bridges of St. Mark depends solely on charitable donations to help the poor and their children in the areas around the Catholic mission churches in Southeast Asia. Volunteers from Bridges of St. Mark supply training on the use of bio-sand water filtration systems to eliminate water-borne parasitic diseases. For more information or to donate, please visit the website at <https://www.bridgesofsaintmark.org/>.

Save the Date! Recently, St. Mark Church’s own real-life missionaries from **Bridges of St. Mark**, Randall Tipple and Paul Sullivan, spent several weeks away from home helping with water filtration efforts for the people of the Catholic mission churches of southeast Vietnam. Join us on Sunday, March 17, 2019, after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses, as these two men recap their month-long working expedition. The presentation covers the amazing work the Holy Spirit has done with water filtration and how it has impacted the health of the people who live around the missions. They will also share the much-anticipated next steps for the growth of the mission churches. The presentation will be in the St. Raymond room. Donuts and coffee will be served.

The Best Lent Ever from the Dynamic Catholic Institute, featuring: **“Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity,”** Tuesdays through April 16, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Room 1.

Spiritual Babies Month 2: Our Spiritual Babies are making rapid progress developing all their external features and internal organs. During the second month, the baby’s teeth form and their fingers and toes are developing. Their ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be seen. Their skeletons change from cartilage to bone. The central nervous system is functioning allowing forty muscle sets to begin exercising (babies are now jumping, flipping and turning). Everything these babies need to survive after birth is present by the end of the 8th week. Amazing!! Please help by taking a bottle from the front hallway to fill with change. Also, if you can’t decide or have any questions about items to purchase – babies always need diapers and wipes. God Bless.

Bulletins articles need to be turned in for Palm Sunday, April 14 need to be turned in by April 1. For Easter weekend, April 21, need to be turned in by April 11

C. SNYDER CATHOLIC TUITION ENDOWMENT FUND –

Parents of St. Mark Parish who choose to send their children to a Catholic school (grades K through 12), may apply for financial assistance to pay tuition. Grants will be awarded according to financial need and funds available. Please obtain applications from the St. Mark Parish secretary. To be eligible, families must be members of St. Mark Parish registered prior to November 1, 2017 and be regular attendees at Sunday Mass, and to some degree actively involved in the life of the Parish. **COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO PARISH SECRETARY NO LATER THAT APRIL 16, 2019.** (Incomplete and or unsigned forms could result in disqualification.)

Parishioner Perspective

“I love going to St. Marks. My fellow parishioners greet me with a smile and or a hug! When I enter St. Marks, I feel comfortable and at home.”

– Lynn Sprague

Foundation Dinner: Sign-up sheets for the next six months are in the front hallway.



RCIA: If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic Christian yourself: if you are a Catholic who needs to get back to basics and learn your Faith better; if you have a friend or loved one in one of those situations; or..... If you have other questions regarding the RCIA, call the Pam Dittoe at 740-215-0685 for more information or to join our discussions. Join us at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1 here at the church; all are welcome. March 20, the talk will be Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing.



St. Mark Emerald Food Pantry:

Needed: Cleaning supplies, personal care items, any taxable item

Contact the parish office (740-653-1229) if you would like to help.

Pantry Schedule: Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Thank you for your support.

Prayer boxes are in the front hallway, back of church and in the Adoration Room. All prayers are prayed by various groups plus taken up to the altar at each Mass.



MINISTERS



We have a new scheduling system, Ministry Scheduler Pro. Please go to our website to see your schedule, request subs, receive text and email reminders.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23,
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
6:30 P.M.:**

Lector: (1) Tim Sullivan
Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist: John Kelly, Kathy Kelly, Connie Legg, Phyllis Robitzer, Joanne Sullivan
Altar Server: (sub req.)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24,
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 A.M.:**

Lector: (1) Pat Poznanski
Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Cheryl Oelker, Monica Atkins, Bill Oelker, Lyza Vail, Holly Vail
Altar Server: Abby Tooill

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24,
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
10:30 A.M.:**

Lector: (1) Jeff Hurdley, (2) Keith Riggins
Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Richard Meyer, James Aranda, Joanne Meyer, Randy Tipple, Carmen Tipple, Kennedy Morehart
Altar Server: Andy Wade

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Emmie Hoelscher, Dave Hoelscher, Sue Tobin, Tom Tobin



CHURCH CLEANER
Knights of Columbus

FOUNDATION DINNER SCHEDULE MARCH 26

Patty Griffith, Mariska Abidin,
Dave & Emmie Hoelscher

Finance Information

| | 3/10/19 | Year to date | Collection Funds 3/10/19 | Basket | Online |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Budget | \$ 4,966.20 | \$ 228,319.93 | Social Concerns | \$ 146.38 | \$ 15.00 |
| YTD | \$ <u>6,500.00</u> | \$ <u>227,500.00</u> | Food Pantry | \$ 90.00 | \$ 35.00 |
| Annual Budget | -\$ 1,533.80 | +\$ 819.93 | Black and Indian Mission | \$ 783.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| | \$ 338,000.00 | | Youth Ministry | \$ 45.46 | \$125.00 |
| | | | Capital Improvement | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |