

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, December 1 First weekend of Advent

6:30 p.m. In Honor of Joanne Sullivan Birthday
by Sullivan Sisters

Sunday, December 2 First weekend of Advent

8:00 a.m. Patrick Murnane
by Alan & Jenny Murnane

10:30 a.m. Michael Hurley by Pat Poznanski

Monday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Dave, Tom & Debbie
by Connie & Susie

Tuesday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Mary Brune (A) by Hilda Fernow

Wednesday, December 5

6:00 p.m. Richard Stai by Dr. Jim & Rita Merk

Thursday, December 6

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

Friday, December 7

10:30 a.m. Crestview Mass

7:00 p.m. John Silcott by Mary Silcott

Saturday, December 8

8:00 a.m. Theresa Allen by Vic & Marlene Elkes

6:30 p.m. Ursula Nation
by Wayne & Linda Kessler

Sunday, December 9 Second weekend of Advent

8:00 a.m. Patrick Murnane
by Alan & Jenny Murnane

10:30 a.m. For both the Living and
Deceased of St. Mark

Upcoming Holy Days and Mass time changes

December 24 Mass, 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

December 25 Mass, Midnight and 10:30 a.m.

December 31 Mass, 7:00 p.m.,

January 1 Mass, 10:30 a.m.

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: *Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11*

Tuesday: *Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24*

Wednesday: *Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37*

Thursday: *Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27*

Friday: *Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31*

Saturday: *Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Gn 3:9-15, 20;
Lk 1:26-38*

Sunday: *Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6*

Please pray for the sick

Week 1: Susan Stolz, Debbie Clarridge,
Nancy & Jim Hanley, Carl Anders,
Mary Kern

Week 2: Jason Brunney, Pat Leohner

Week 3: Nick Renat, Joanne Myers, Laura Joos,
Matthew Bryant, Marie Crosby,
Tisha Kuhn

Week 4: Jennifer Inboden, Dave Inboden,
Deb Inboden, Michele Maley,
Beth DeLong, Bob Cassady,
Kirk Gibbs, Jerry Sprague,
Deb Mohney

Week 5: Russell Miller

Week 6: Joseph McAndrew, Anthony Kuebler,
Alyse Kuebler, Jack & Helen Huber,
Floyd Huber, Cynthia Kohler,
Debbie Clarridge

Pease 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, Donovan Bever, Brandon Sanderell, Michael Sanderell, Cody Longstreth, Luke Harris, Jason Stith, Michael White, Nathan Hunyady*

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

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.

Meetings and Activities this week

Monday, December 3

8:30 a.m. Adoration

Tuesday, December 4

8:30 a.m. Adoration

Wednesday, December 5

9:00 a.m. Homeschool

5:30 p.m. Rosary

7:00 p.m. RCIA

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 6

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Saturday, December 8

8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Santa
Intercessory Prayer Team

Sunday, December 9

Intercessory Prayer Team

9:00 a.m. PSR

10:00 a.m. Rosary in the Church

3:00 p.m. Cantata Practice

11:45 a.m. Parish Council

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December

2 PSR

9 PSR

16 PSR

23 & 30 No PSR

January

6 PSR

13 PSR

20 PSR

27 PSR

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!

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Merry Christmas! I know all parents have a lot on their mind during the holiday season, but let me add one piece of exciting news! **Fisher Catholic** opened up their registration on December 1st. Any families that register by December 11 will receive 50% off their registration fee! Please visit our website (www.fishercatholic.org) and click on admissions for all the information that you need. If you have any questions, or would like to come in for a school tour, please contact me at 740-654-1231, ext. 11 or jglobokar@cducation.org. We can't wait to have you and your 8th grader as a part of our Class of 2023!

Damascus Upper Room: All High School Youth of Deanery invited to the Upper Room on December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Mary Spirit Center.

In Our Diocese

Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will feature a talk by Father T.J. Lehigh, Parochial Vicar at St. Andrew Parish. Please join us Friday, December 7 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch and Father Lehigh's talk about his vocation story. The Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Father Lehigh's talk. No reservations are necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc or contact Craig Heppner, CMLC President, at craigkofc@gmail.com.

YOUR SPOUSE WILL THANK YOU! Give thanks and plan now to attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend! The next weekend is February 15-17, 2019 in Central Ohio. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus on each other. For more information or to apply, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at www.wwmecolumbus.org.

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart – seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today, many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

The Truth about True Love – Tired of the dating culture? Regardless of your relationship status, you're invited to grab a drink at Seventh Son Brewery from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Monday, December 3rd, to learn how to build a strong foundation for marriage. Presented by the Marriage & Family Life Office, this event will feature a witness talk from a couple and then a Q&A panel with the couple, a priest, and a mental health professional. Contact Catherine at csuprenant@columbuscatholic.org with any questions about the event.

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

(LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. In this Advent season, use the Sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late. Learn how to support your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation.org/development for more information.

St. Charles Drama Department to hold women's auditions for "The Hundred Dresses" on December 4th-5th. The St. Charles Drama Department will hold women's auditions for "The Hundred Dresses, a Musical" on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4-5 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Campus Theater. For more information, email drama director, Doug Montgomery, at dmontgomery@scprep.org.

Begin your Advent at the Martin de Porres Center with several inspiring events! **"Mary's Role in Advent" retreat** on Saturday, December 8, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., will include holy day Mass, reflection, discussion and blessings, led by Sr. Louis Mary Passeri, O.P. The \$20.00 fee includes lunch and refreshments, and be there again Sunday, December 9, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. for a special concert with the Columbus Women's Chorus. The Center is located at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus. Contact (614) 416-1910 or martindeporres@oppeace.org for information or to register for the retreat.

A special Christmas gift – A Mass celebrated by a missionary priest! Your loved ones/friends will receive a beautiful Christmas themed Mass card, acknowledging your gift. In fact, you would be doubling your gift, since Mass stipends are critical in supporting missionary priests with their mission and pastoral needs. Go to www.columbuscatholic.org/missions-office, select "Request a Mass," click the Mass form link. Print and mail the form with payment to Diocese of Columbus Missions Office; the Mass stipend is \$10.00. Call 614-228-8603 or email tomismailbox@columbuscatholic.org with questions.

In Our Parish

Intercessory Prayer Team will be available after all Masses next weekend in Room 1.

Advent Sacramentals are being sold by the Marriage and family Life Ministry team before and after Masses this weekend, December 1/2. We will have advent calendars, brass candle rings, sets of candles, and ornaments.

Thank you to all who volunteered for foundation dinners. The next sign-up to volunteer will be in March 2019 to start in May.

As the end of the year draws to a close, another year begins, and we plan our end-of-year contributions. Please remember your St. Mark Parish Family.

Please check your mailboxes in the hallway for mail. If you wish to put Christmas cards or other items in mailboxes, there is an alphabetical list on the side of the mailboxes.

Attention: Due to the holiday season, bulletin articles need to be turned into the office early; by December 11 for December 23 bulletin; by December 18 for December 30 bulletin.

Knights of Columbus Council 15447 will donate profits from their December 2 breakfast to Irish4Life. Breakfast will be served after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Cost: your generous donation. *Thank you for your support!*



Our next St. Mark Blood Drive is December 20, from 2:00-7:00 p.m.



Adorers Needed!!! Would you like to spend one hour with Jesus?? We need adorers here at St. Mark for the following times: Mondays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-noon; Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 p.m., 5:00-6:00 p.m. Call Jan Kiger at 740-654-0884 if you can do one of these times.



New to St. Mark, Dee printing now has an app that you can download for free. Go to your app store type in *inourparish*. After downloaded, search for St. Mark. You can make donations, go to website, see calendar, make a prayer request, get Mass changes and much more.



Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, December 8, 2018, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., St. Mark Catholic Church. \$6.00 at the door, \$25.00 for families of five or more (immediate family members only). Kids under 2 are free! (To arrange advanced seating, call 740-653-2417.) Come and enjoy breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. PLUS visit with Santa; pictures will not be available – bring your own cameras!

Our annual **Christmas Cantata** will be **"Sing Christmas."** This glorious prelude to Christ's birth, written by Joel Raney and Mary McDonald, will be presented on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. A 25-piece orchestra will accompany forty-two singers from St. Mark and other area churches. Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to join us as we celebrate this most blessed season in word and song.

RCIA: If you are think 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. December 5 talk will be The Blessed Virgin Mary.





Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Mark Catholic Church on January 22, 2019. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which are a leading cause of strokes; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149.00 (\$139.00 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10.00 discount off any package priced above \$129.00, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.**



St. Mark Emerald Food Pantry:

Needed: Soup, toothpaste, peas

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 located 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.



Finance Information

| | 11/18/18 | Year to date |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Actual | \$ 5,028.60 | \$124,443.78 |
| Budget | \$ 6,500.00 | \$130,000.00 |
| YTD | -\$ 1,471.40 | -\$ 5,556.22 |
| Annual Budget | \$ 338,000.00 | |

| Collection Funds | 11/18/18 | Basket | Online |
|---------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| Youth Ministry | \$ | 34.19 | \$ 20.80 |
| Food Pantry | \$ | 730.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| Social Concerns | \$ | 10.00 | \$ 50.00 |
| Capital Improvement | \$ | 0.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| CCHD | \$ | 717.82 | \$ 0.00 |



MINISTERS



Thank you for those of you that have signed up for **MyOwnChurch**. For those of you who have not, please go to our parish website www.stmarklancaster.com and click on **MyOwnChurch** and press new user; it is that simple. Once signed up, you can check on giving, schedules and see other parishioners contact information. Call the parish office if you have any questions.

Please go to **MyOwnChurch** (located on our website) to check your schedule. Our website also has the schedule listed.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 6:30 P.M.

Altar Server:

Volunteer needed

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 1) Collins, Kay
- 2) Kelly, Kathleen
- 3) Kelly, John
- 4) Klausing, Ron
- 5) Sullivan, Joanne

Lector:

- 1) Sullivan, Tim

Church Cleaners:

- 1) Griggs, Nancy
- 2) Hoch, Ruth
- 3) Joos, Jerry

Money Counters:

- 1) Hoch, Ruth
- 2) Joos, Jerry
- 3) Poznanski, Pat

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 8:00 A.M.

Altar Server:

- 1) Vail, Nora

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 1) Lefevre, Carl
- 2) Melillo, Sandra
- 3) Tooill, Christopher
- 4) Vail, Holly
- 5) Vail, Lyza

Lector:

- 1) Poznanski, Pat
- 2) Spires, James

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 10:30 A.M.

Altar Server:

- 1) Frank, Kavanaugh
- 2) Wade, Andy

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 1) Merrick, Rich
- 2) Merrick, Cedora
- 3) Riggins, Keith
- 4) Riggins, Martha
- 5) Sanderell, Sue

Lector:

- 1) Aranda, James
- 2) Prisco, Hal