

SAINT MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH

We the members of St. Mark Catholic Church, a Faith Community called as one by Christ to serve and witness in His name, seek to celebrate our faith through service and evangelization to each other, our families and our community.

W E E K L Y B U L L E T I N

February 14, 2010

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday-Friday 7 and 9 a.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.

Weekend: Saturday 5 p.m.; Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. (signed for the hearing impaired), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (bi-lingual), and 5 p.m. (Life Teen Mass)

Spanish: Cada Domingo a las 12:30 p.m. Para información sobre los Sacramentos, por favor llame Angeles Murphy (704-947-7870).

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Begins Fridays in the Chapel at 7:30 a.m. and continues overnight until 8:45 a.m. Saturday. Benediction follows at 8:45 a.m. Saturday.

ROSARY

Tuesdays in the Chapel; 7:15-7:45 p.m.

HOSPITALIZATION

If you or your loved one are in an area hospital, call the Parish Office to reach one of the Priests. The Priests offer Confession, bring the Holy Eucharist to you or give you the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

The use of the Church for Baptisms, Weddings, and other Sacramental events is available to active parishioners. Contact the Parish Office for additional information.



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PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Msgr. Richard M. Bellow

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Brandon Jones

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Robert Murphy (Se Habla Español)

Rev. Mr. Louis Pais

Rev. Dr. Ronald Sherwood

Sacristan

David Hynes 704-252-1609

Director of Music Ministry

Laura Maclean 704-948-0231, Ext. 103

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Donna Smith 704-948-1306, Ext. 104

Preschool Director

Jane Petriella 704-948-8015

Sacrament Coordinators 704-948-1306

Elementary and First Communion: Faye Nye, Ext. 115

Confirmation: Katie Herzing, Ext. 117

Youth Ministry Coordinator

Tim Flynn 704-948-1306, Ext. 105

Hispanic Coordinator

Belisario Solorzano 704-948-4239

Wedding Director

Kris Brodof 704-806-4071

Deaf Ministry

Mary Sumeracki 704-784-1838 (V/TTY)

Elder Ministry

Mary Alice Hollars 704-947-4885

Business Manager and Assistant to the Pastor

Tricia McCaa 704-948-0231, Ext. 102

Receptionist

Jackie May 704-948-0231, Ext. 100

Bookkeeper

Melinda Drury 704-948-0231, Ext. 116

Building Superintendent

Scott Bruno 704-948-0231, Ext. 118

AI-Anon

Lisa 704-651-1065

TODAY'S READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading — Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings; blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

PEOPLE OF THE RESURRECTION

In the past few weeks we have been hearing about the beginning of Jesus' ministry as written in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus began his ministry in the synagogue in Nazareth by reading, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me / because he has anointed me / to bring glad tidings to the poor" (Luke 4:18). With those words Jesus announced the whole purpose of his ministry. He himself was to bring the kingdom of God to the poor. This is the good news of salvation that he preached and brought about during his ministry. Today we hear the Beatitudes, in which Jesus explains more fully what those "glad tidings" really mean. The good news is about salvation from suffering on earth and in the life to come. It is about divine favor resting on those who trust in God's love and mercy, rather than on those who trust in human plans, possessions, and power.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite's "Lenten Announcement" sounds surprising: "Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!" Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: "Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don't be jealous." A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!

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QUOTES FOR THE DAY

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied."

— Luke 6:20:21a

The union of man and wife is from God.

—St. Augustine

Love people . . . and use things.

—Anonymous

IGLESIA CATÓLICA SAN MARCOS

INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL: Rosalba Rojas (704-895-8866), Andrea Solórzano (704-948-4239)

SERVICIOS SOCIALES CATOLICOS

Programa Esperanza (704) 370-3226 ó 3235

Consejera CSS (704) 370-3242 (familiar)

HORARIOS DE MISAS:

Sábado: 5 p.m.

Domingo: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Bilingüe), 5 p.m.

Misa Diaria: lunes a viernes: 7 a.m. y 9 a.m. sábados: 9 a.m.

SACRAMENTOS DE BAUTISMO Y MATRIMONIO

Clases para Bautismo: Avisar 2 meses antes.

Clases Pre-Matrimoniales: Avisar 6 meses antes.

Contacto: Sra. Angeles Murphy (704-947-7870)

AYUDA GRATUITA CON LA PREPARACIÓN DE IMPUESTOS Y FORMULARIO W7

Tendrá lugar en el Salón 204 de 10 am a 1 pm los siguientes Sábados:

Febrero: 20, 27; Marzo: 6, 13, 20, 27 y Abril 10

Necesita traer lo siguiente: Copia del Impuesto del año pasado y dos documentos de identificación, uno de esos debe de tener su fotografía.

MINISTERIO DE MANOS TRABAJADORAS

El Ministerio de Manos Trabajadoras está abierto para todos los feligreses de San Marcos y sus invitados. Una de las misiones del Ministerio de Manos Trabajadoras es la de asistir a los desempleados, subempleados y aquellos que están reingresando a la fuerza laboral. Ofrecemos programas y servicios cuyo objetivo es asistir a encontrar empleo productivo y remunerado. Estamos haciendo un esfuerzo especial para entender y responder a las necesidades de nuestra comunidad Hispana. Muy pronto estaremos conduciendo una encuesta de necesidades. Por favor suministre toda la información que sea posible. Si tiene preguntas o inquietudes por favor llamar a Jackie Berry (704-773-2536).

POR QUÉ SER CATÓLICO?

Invitamos a toda la comunidad a participar de este programa que nos ayuda a conocer más sobre nuestra fe Católica. Formamos grupos pequeños, leemos la Biblia y el Catecismo de nuestra Iglesia. Ven e insíbete para participar de este excelente programa que comienza a mediados de febrero. Para más información llama a Zaida Torres (704-960-6928).

VENTA DE TAMALES PARA REDUCIR LA DEUDA DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA

El Ministerio Hispano en colaboración con la comunidad de San Marcos, tendrá a la venta tamales el 27 y 28 de febrero después de cada Misa. La finalidad será ayudar a reducir la deuda que tenemos por la construcción de nuestra nueva parroquia. Esperamos su valiosa colaboración. Gracias.

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Te invitamos a participar de las Estaciones de la Cruz en español los siguientes días:

19 de febrero, 26 de febrero, 5 de marzo, 12 de marzo, 19 de marzo y el 26 de marzo. Te esperamos en nuestra Parroquia a las 8 p.m. Ven a participar con tu familia!

GRUPO DE RENOVACIÓN CATÓLICA CARISMÁTICA

El Espíritu Santo es la fuerza y el poder que nos mueve a ser

testimonio de Jesús. Déjate renovar por el poder del Espíritu Santo y tu vida no será la igual. Te llenarás de gozo, paz, bendiciones, y alegría; posible solo por medio de la gracia de Dios. Nos reunimos todos los sábados de 7:15 p.m. a 9 p.m. ¡Los esperamos! Para más informes llamar a Elizabeth (704-763-4245).

¿ME INVITAS A TU CASA?

Ya nuestra Santísima Madre ha visitado casi 150 familias en su peregrinaje y en cada hogar ha dejado un regalo de amor, paz, fe y esperanza. Ella está esperando que tú abras la puerta de tu casa para llegar a ti y a tu familia. Solamente tienes que registrarte para que la Virgencita llegue a tu casa y te visite durante 7 días. Para más información, llamar a Karina (704-892-0254).

PRESENTACIONES DE QUINCEAÑERAS

En nuestra Iglesia se están aceptando las presentaciones de quinceañeras, celebradas totalmente en español, para las hijas de los miembros de nuestra Iglesia que ya hayan recibido los sacramentos. Mayores informes, favor llamar a Elizabeth (704-763-4245).

PROMOTOR DE SALUD

Te interesaría ser promotor de salud en la Iglesia de San Marcos? Ayúdanos a promover la salud en nuestra comunidad con ayuda del Hospital Presbiteriano. Este es un trabajo voluntario que no te quitará mucho tiempo y te dará la oportunidad de servir a tu comunidad y aprender mucho de salud. Si te interesa, por favor comunícate con Cristina (704-728-2783; crisjus@hotmail.com).

AUTOBÚS DE SALUD

El Hospital Presbiteriano se acerca a la comunidad ofreciendo servicio gratuito para niños de hasta 17 años el segundo viernes de cada mes de 9 a.m. a 3 p.m. con un descanso de 12 a 1pm en la Casa Solomon (200 Main St. Huntersville). Vacunas gratuitas de 9 a 9:30. Exámenes de desarrollo, cuidado primario, pruebas de embarazo, educación preventiva, diagnóstico de enfermedades, asma-prevención y tratamiento y referencias a otros recursos de la comunidad. NO ES NECESARIO HACER CITA. Para más información, por favor llamar (704-384-3031).

AMAMOS LOS UNOS A LOS OTROS

Porque nos amamos los unos a los otros y nos preocupamos por lo que nos sucede a cada uno, es que se ha formado la cadena de oración para que en nuestros problemas, enfermedades y alegrías, estemos juntos, como hermanos, orando por todo lo que nos pasa y sucede a nuestro alrededor. Envía tus necesidades y las de los que te rodean a todos.orando@yahoo.com para que más de 90 familias recen por ti y tus necesidades. Si quieres inscribirte en este grupo solo tienes que mandar un email a la misma dirección electrónica y serás un "eslabón" más de la cadena. Para más información, llamar a Mariela (704-564-9174).

VISITEMOS AL SANTÍSIMO

Todos están invitados a visitar a Nuestro Señor todos los viernes en la Capilla, desde las 8 a.m. hasta el Sábado a las 8:45 a.m. El te espera para bendecirte, fortalecerte, consolarte, levantarte, dirigirte, acompañarte, liberarte, llenarte de paz y alegría, de forma que dirás como San Pedro en el Monte Tabor: "¡Señor, qué bien se está aquí!" El Ministerio Hispano tiene asignada su hora especial a las 11 p.m. Acompáñanos!!!!

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 14

- 8 a.m. SPRED (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 10 a.m. Boy Scouts Blue February and Gold Banquet (Parish and Kitchen)
- 10 a.m. Hispanic Ministry (Room 203)
- 10 a.m. Hispanic Ministry ESL (Room 202)
- 1:30 p.m. Lifeteen Scrapbooking (Room 203)
- 2 p.m. Baptism (Church)
- 6 p.m. LifeTeen Program (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 6:15 p.m. EDGE & Faith Rocks (St. Mark Catholic School)
- 6:15 p.m. HS Confirmation (Room 200 and 201)

Monday, February 15 **No Preschool; PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

- 11 a.m. Eld Min Lunch & Learn (Parish Hall and Kitchen)
- 4:15 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & Parish Hall)
- 6 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms & SMCS)
- 7:30 p.m. Hispanic Rosary (Chapel)
- 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus (Room 204)
- 7:30 p.m. Living Your Strengths (Hispanic) (Room 202)

Tuesday, February 16

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms & Rooms 200 & 203)
- 10 a.m. Why Catholic Group Mtg (Room 204)
- 2 p.m. Parish Directory Photo Sessions (Parish Hall)
- 3:15 p.m. Religious Ed (All Rooms)
- 4:15 p.m. Religious Ed (Nursery, SMCS)
- 6 p.m. RCIA for Children (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 7 p.m. Band (Church)
- 7 p.m. Financial Education Class (Room 202)
- 7:15 p.m. Rosary Group (Chapel)

Wednesday, February 17 **ASH WEDNESDAY**

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms & Room 203)
- 10 a.m. Why Catholic Group Mtg (Room 204)
- 11:15 a.m. Elder Ministry Exercise (Parish Hall)
- 2 p.m. Parish Directory Photo Sessions (Parish Hall)
- 6 p.m. Cancer Support Group (Room 205)
- 7 p.m. RCIA (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 7 p.m. RCIA (Spanish) (Room 204)
- 7 p.m. Scouts (Room 202)
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 203)

Thursday, February 18

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms & 200 & 203)
- 10 a.m. Women of Joy (Parish Hall, 202)
- 2 p.m. Parish Directory Photo Sessions (Parish Hall)
- 5:30 p.m. LifeTeen Core Mtg (LifeTeen Office Room 215)
- 6 p.m. Knights of Columbus (Hallway)
- 7 p.m. FOCCUS (Rooms 200 & 201)
- 7 p.m. Women of Joy (Room 202)

Friday, February 19

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool (Preschool Rooms and Rooms 200 & 203)
- 2 p.m. Parish Directory Photo Sessions (Parish Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Rooms 200 - 204)
- 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)
- 8 p.m. Stations of the Cross (SPANISH) (Church)

Saturday, February 20

- 6 a.m. Men's Fellowship Group (Parish Hall)
- 9 a.m. Hispanic Tax Preparation (Room 204)
- 9:30 a.m. Parish Directory Photo Sessions (Parish Hall)
- 9:45 a.m. Mass Setup Training (Church)
- 10 a.m. Spanish Class (Room 202)
- 10 a.m. Tai Chi (Elder Ministry) (Rooms 200/201)

Sunday, February 21 **Bagel Sunday After Morning Masses (Parish Hall And Kitchen)**

- 8 a.m. SPRED (Room 200)
- 10 a.m. Hispanic Ministry (Room 203)
- 10 a.m. Hispanic Ministry ESL (Room 202)
- 11:45 a.m. Welcome Event for New Parishioners (Room 200, 201)
- 2:15 p.m. Baptism (Church)
- 2:15 p.m. Baptism (Church)
- 2:30 p.m. Little Flowers (Room 202)
- 6 p.m. LifeTeen Program (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
- 6:15 p.m. EDGE & Faith Rocks (St. Mark Catholic School)
- 6:15 p.m. HS Confirmation (Room 200 and 201)
- 7 p.m. Parish Mission Presentation (Church)

MASS AND SACRAMENTS



CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

The sacrament of reconciliation will be offered on Saturdays from 2 p.m.-4:45 p.m. During Lent, confessions will be also be heard following the 6 p.m. Wednesday Mass.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Monsignor Richard Bellow, John Hopkins, Fr. Jack Marzolf, SJ, Patricia McConnell, Tom Myers, Jane Rosso, and all our parishioners who reside at area nursing and assisted living homes who are unable to attend Mass. Names will be listed for one month unless otherwise requested. Please notify the Parish Office when someone is hospitalized.

OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE SERVICE

Pensacola NAS

Ens. William Vey III

USS Chosin

Lt. Carter Stapleton

USS Essex

1st Lt. Nicholas Villarruel

Afghanistan

Spc. Frank Christopher Dunning

Chad Kiekhaefer

Iraq

Sgt. Christopher Holden

PFC Albert Hadley, Infantry/Scout

PFC Tyler Best

PFC NCARNG Derek Koontz

1LT Kevin C.Kachilo

1LT Daniel "DJ" McCormick ,NCARNG

Staff Sgt. Andrew Vranek, USAF

LTC Russ Standish, MNSTC-I Intel Training Team

Germany

Maj. Scott Michael Breece USAF

Camp Pendleton, CA

Lance Cpl. Thomas R. Guidetti

North Island, CA

Petty Officer 3rd Class Chris Balot, USN, NAS

AG2 (AW) Jenna Hehn, USN, SGOT, NAS

Fort Benning, GA

PFC Jacob Alexander

Fort Knox, KY

Lt. David Fabozzi

Annapolis, MD

Matthew Hartung at USNA

MCAS Cherry Point, NC

USMC PFC Edward Keller, III

USS Nassau

USMC-Force Recon Sgt. Samuel T. Myers, 24th MEU

Fort Bragg, NC

MSgt. Patrick Heffernan

Minot, ND

Trevor Donahue, USAF Security Forces

Charleston, SC

FN Christopher Heim, Naval Weapons Station

Fort Sill, OK

Sgt. Steven Ollie, US Army

1st Lt. Nicole Huch, R.N. with the USAF

BAPTIZED RECENTLY

Welcome, Little Ones, to Our Catholic Faith Community!

Addison Joy Benner, Tatyana Nicole Biechler, Owen Emerson Cavanagh, Adrian Francisco Collada, Colton Edward David, Jennifer-Joana Fuentes, Erick Fuentes-Rodriguez, Wyatt Andrew Koral, Kennedy Lynn Kushmock, Penelope Antonio Lee, Grace Victoria Lynch, Cooper Jason Mau, Riley Jane Mau, Patrick Thomas Murphy, Mackenzie Harper Newell, Vayden Nguyen, Alexandra McCarthy Pierce, Riley Ann Raymond, Lillian Steele Reimels, Mateo Joshua Rodriguez.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 15

7 a.m.

9 a.m. Fr. Dan Bitsko

Tuesday, February 16

7 a.m.

9 a.m. +Jack Holden

ASH Wednesday, February 17

7 a. m. Patrick Raftery

9 a.m. Deacon Louie Pais

12 p.m. Ray Leit

7 p.m. John Donahue

Thursday, February 18

7:a.m. Willy Krause

9 a.m. Caroline Rebecca Rossi

Friday, February 19

7 a.m. Pat Pacella

9 a.m. Rob McGahey

Saturday, February 20

9 a.m. +Peter Kress

5 p.m. +Edward Bruno

Sunday, February 21

7:30 am Mary Louise Koehl

9 a.m. +Dale Whittington

11 a.m. Rod Obregon

12:30 a.m. The Holden Family

5 p.m. +Charles Nevala

2009 CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

All who have gone to their rest
 Elvera Amberose
 Tony and Frances Annie
 Lucien Armato
 Jean Banaszak
 Barbara Barbatto
 William Beakey
 Msgr. Bellow
 The Bender Family
 Nanny and Grampy Benson
 Rolando Bonsaid
 The Bowidini Family
 Charles and Burnise Boyle
 Charles P. Braungart
 Anna M. Bretz
 Henry Bretz
 Norma Bretz
 Philip Bretz
 Elaine Patrick Briffa
 John Brock
 The Bruce Family
 Maureen Buck
 Julia Ann Shater Burns
 Marmpnet Burns
 Jimmy Campagne
 The Cansalvo Family
 Anna Carroway
 Jerry Carroway
 Henry Chlebicki
 Deceased members of the Christian Family
 Christopher
 Wendy Ciatto
 The Cilimi Family
 Carol Cipriano
 Dan Cleary
 Dan Colangelo
 Caitlyn Colon
 Kathryn Conklin
 Thomas Conklin
 Brian Cope
 Charles Cope
 Donna Corely
 The Costello Family
 Anthony Cozzzone
 James C. Crowe
 Marie Cullina
 Tom Cullina
 John J. Dambrauskas
 The Daughtery and Seebacher
 Deceased members of the U.S. Military
 The DeLong Family
 Ronnie Devennie
 Georgia and Al DeVida
 John and Mary Alice Dixon
 The Dodson Family
 Dresel and Durdick
 Maureen Dugan
 Jack and Erie Dusseaut
 Carmella Duzzo
 Joseph Duzzo
 The Edge Family
 Edward Ehas
 Marion Ehas
 John Ehilid
 John and Mary Engel
 Frances Ertl
 The Fay and Larsen families
 Albert Ferick
 Thisle Finn
 W. M. and Gwen Fitzgerald
 Louise Five
 George Flawler Jr.

The Fleming Family
 We and Elvyne Fowly
 Joseph Frankovich
 Mary Frankovich
 The Freaney Family
 Stephen Gainer
 Richard and Margaret Galbreath
 Kevin Gallagher
 James Gleeson
 John and Bertha Gleeson
 John Gleeson Jr.
 Diane Gorhby
 Patricia Gouveia
 Mikie Gray
 Ray and Joan Guerrein
 Nella Guigni
 Lenny Guzzino
 Karl F. Hagemeyer Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. J Hamata
 The Hannon Family
 The Hartle Family
 Ida Hassan
 John and Julie Healey
 Tom Henson
 Eileen Herie
 Robert Hill
 Francis H. Hoey
 Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Hoey, Sr
 Barbara Hoffman
 The Hoidas Family
 Ryan Gregory Hollars
 Lucy and Paul Holleran
 Gladys Holmes
 Michael and Rose Hopkins
 William R. Hopkins
 Bernice Hromalik
 John Hromalik
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hubert
 Randy Irakas
 Rose Irakas
 Robert and Helen Jager
 Gary Johanson
 Cliff Johnson
 Thomas Haid Jones, Sr.
 The Jordan Family
 Walter E. Karasiewicz
 The Kay Family
 Albert Keiper
 Mimi and Johnny Knack
 Scott Knight
 The Koestner Family
 Helen Kopiecke
 Joe and Marcella Koss
 Mr. and Mrs. John Krall & Family
 Ernest and Ida Krausse
 The Kuhn Family
 Ann and Don La Rose
 Vigia La Rose
 The Landfear Family
 The Lankow Family
 The Lathem Family
 Jenny Lavinio
 Thomas Lavinio
 Weddy Lech
 Donald Lennes
 Edith and Melvin Lennes
 Betty and Doug Ikins
 Charles Longboat
 Won Longboat Sr.
 Harry Losinski
 Loved ones - living and deceased
 Ben Lubecki

Stephen Macejka
 Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Machado
 Audrey Mack
 Emilie MacLaughlin
 Edna Mahoney
 John Mahoney
 John Malone
 Bernie and Frank Malyszko
 John W. Mangan Jr.
 The Marressy Family
 Bob Marzolf
 Jane Marzolf
 The Mastrioni Family
 Bob McDonald
 Irene McDonald
 Robert J. McDonald
 Therese M. McKinney
 Wesley Meehan Jr.
 Roger Micelone
 Francis J. Monea
 Mr. and Mrs. Joesph Morris
 The Murro Family
 The Muscatelli Family
 Charles Nevala
 The Newton Family
 Katherine Nicosia
 Kurt and Rose Nosk
 Linda Diane O'Brien
 William and Agnes O'Donnell
 Bill Osborne
 Matthew Osigny
 Patricia A. Ostrom
 The Ostrom Family
 Alice Paige
 Andrew Patrick
 The Paul Family
 Robert Petrilli
 Billy Piechocniski
 Robert Piedmonte
 The Piedmonte Family
 The Pietruszk Family
 Grace Pittoni
 The Plackett Family
 The Polzella Family
 Robert Powers
 Juan Ramos
 Salvadora Ramos
 Barbara Randall
 Maria Rayko
 Nicholas Rayko
 Simon Rayko
 Leslie Reed
 Marie Rethenburg
 The Rich Family
 Gloria Rivera
 Francis Rodgers
 Aurea Rodrigiez
 Alfredo Rodrigiez
 Jane Rosemergy
 Kenneth Rosemergy
 Andrew and Anna Sacek
 Anna M. Santaniella
 Bernard V. Santaniella
 Bobby Sartini
 Bruno Sartini
 The Savastone Family
 The Sawicki Family
 J.D. Schaefer
 Abe and Gertrude Schneider
 Edward Schram
 Leo and Sophia Scrodin
 Mariann Scrodin

Reginald Scrodin
 The Segrue Family
 The Sijno Family
 Roman Silva
 Hedwig and John Simthal
 Birindar Singh
 James Skilly
 James and Florence Skilly
 Betty Skraplach
 George Skurja
 Micheal Smith
 Sharon Smith
 Felista Soto
 Edmundo Sotomayor
 Edward Spratty
 Leila Stachurski
 Ann Starratt
 Larry Starratt
 Eileen Stevens
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Stiene
 Thomas Stojek
 Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Stojek & Family
 Anthony Sullen
 Christine Sullivan
 Clasema and Betty Sullivan
 Michael B. Sullivan
 Ed "Pappy" Sweeney
 Mary Sweeney
 Maria Tessari
 Agnes Tomsho
 Mary Margaret Traxler
 Edith Tysinger
 Paul Tysinger
 Alexander Uniowski
 H. Van Hollebecke
 Madeline Vanuss
 William F. Vendley
 Stephen Vermillion
 The Vincent Family
 Gordin Welch
 Billy White
 Jason and Jonathon Wild
 Slyvia and Charles Wild
 Amy Wilde
 Joe Winchester
 Tom Van Wingerdon
 Frank Wneekowski
 Grace Yelanich
 Robert G. Yelanich
 Fr. W.M. Young
 Steven Zaicek
 Michael Zikonch
 Joanne Zroka
 Peter Zroka



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ADULT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES

Classes for Monday, Feb 22nd and Tuesday, Feb 23rd only are cancelled due to the Mission, allowing for our parents to participate in this wonderful event.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ADULTS...

During the month of Feb the following continuing education modules are being offered. This is available for all catechists and interested adults in further developing their understanding of our Catholic Faith.

Phase II

Monday, Feb 22nd 10-12 pm Community of Disciples – Reality vs Dream

Monday, Feb 27th 10-12 pm Community of Disciples – Reality vs Dream

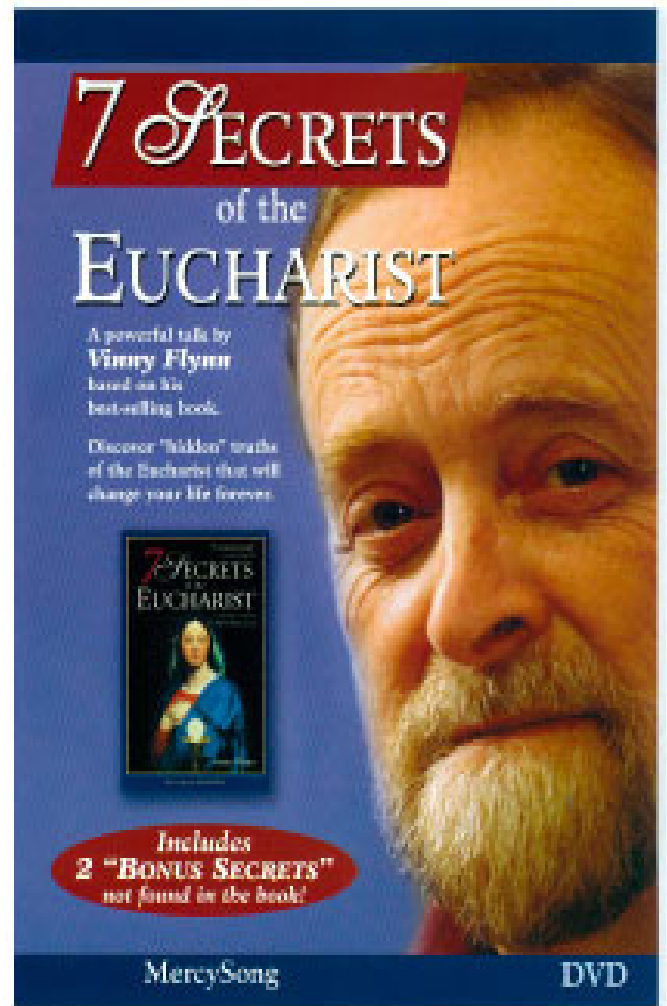
CENTERING PRAYER HERE AT ST. MARK...

As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God. My being thirsts for God, the living God." PS 42:2 Are you seeking more space for God in your life? If you desire peace, love, rest and assurance, perhaps God is calling you to a deeper relationship in Him through prayer and Scripture. Along with your regular prayer practice consider adding a contemplative dimension of Centering Prayer to be open to God's voice in your heart. Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that goes beyond concepts, words and images. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship by a regular, daily practice of prayer. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather, it adds depth of meaning to all prayer and facilitates the movement from more active modes of prayer — verbal, mental or affective prayer — into a receptive prayer of resting in God. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him. "My soul finds rest in God alone" PS 62:1 Group Centering Prayer meets in the St. Mark Chapel Wednesdays at 8:15 AM and 6:00 PM and lasts for 35 to 45 minutes. Nothing is required to participate except a willingness to be open to the Spirit of God. All are welcome to join us for either session. For information contact Colleen @ cmsiadak@live.com or 704-577-3408.

RESPONDING TO GOD... PERSON TO PERSON

Sunday-Tues, Feb 21-23

Mark your calendars, our Lenten Mission is just two weeks away. This (3) day event promises to provide each of you (high school teens and up) with the spiritual enlightenment and energy for your 40 day Lenten journey and life.



RESPECT LIFE

Want to get involved in the pro-life movement but aren't sure how?

SPRING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY

We invite you to be a part of 40 Days for Life, a nationwide, peaceful prayer vigil that seeks to involve the local Church in taking a stand for life in our own communities. All you have to be able to do is pray! Christians throughout Charlotte, NC are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from February 17 through March 28. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the local abortion center - **A Preferred Women's Health Center, 3220 Latrobe Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211** for one or more hours during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact: Katherine Hearn (704-877-2551 / 40daysforlifecharlotte@gmail.com) or visit www.40daysforlife.com/charlotte/. All are welcome!

JOIN THE NEWLY FORMING SAINT MARK RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE!

Wednesday, February 24

There is so much to do! The Culture of Life needs its apostles to help spread the Gospel of Life at Saint Mark Parish. Lots of activities need lots of committed people – education, political actions, assistance at community pregnancy centers, prayer and public witness – all these areas need you to witness to the sanctity of the life of the preborn child and its mother, the elderly, handicapped and profoundly ill brothers and sisters among us. Saint Mark is forming a Respect Life Committee to plan, organize and assist with ProLife Parish and Community events throughout the year. If you have a heart for this critical issue – please join us on Wednesday, February 24th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in Rm. 204 at the Father Kerin Center. Our hope is to plan activities for the calendar year and to secure new members as leaders in some of the areas of activities. For more information please call Gini Bond at 704.562.9573.

ELDER MINISTRY

More information about these programs is available at the Elder Ministry table in the Parish Hall or contact the Elder Ministry office at 704-947-4885 or ElderMinistry@bellsouth.net

ACTIVE OLDER ADULT EXERCISE

Join Sabrina Golden in the Parish Hall on Wednesday's at 11:15 a.m. Class begins with prayer, ends with a devotion and you'll exercise to Christian music. Sabrina will lead you in a warm-up, strength training (with light weights, bands and tubes) and stretching; this is a total body exercise class.

THE SHUFFLERS

Meet new friends! A group of men and women (55+) meet Fridays to play Canasta, Pinochle, Poker, Rummikub, Chicken Foot Dominoes, and more! No money necessary, just come for fun and an opportunity to socialize with your peers. Join us **this Friday**, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at The Glens Lodge at Birkdale Commons. Call Lois Chlebicki (704-948-9919) for further information.

TAI CHI

Ryan Revak, a parishioner and certified Tai Chi instructor with 20 yrs of experience, offers a Tai Chi class on Saturday's from 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Family Life Center. We meet in the Parish Hall or in Rooms 200/201. Recommended by the Arthritis Foundation, Tai Chi exercises can be performed by older adults with much benefit to one's physical, mental and emotional health. These exercises help to improve high blood

pressure, balance, muscle tone, circulation, flexibility and longevity.

LUNCH & LEARN: SPRING CLEANING!

This is the time of the year when we go through closets, drawers, etc. taking out what is no longer useable or we no longer need. When is the last time you looked at your FOLDER, yes, THAT ONE....the one with your Will/Codicil, Power of Attorney, Living Will, Burial plans, etc.? Are you familiar with North Carolina law(s) relative to this information? Is your Power of Attorney held by someone out of the State of North Carolina? Is your Executor/Executrix living outside the State? Do you know who can gain access to your safe deposit box? Where do you keep this file?

Join us on Friday, March 19th in the Parish Hall for this very informative Lunch & Learn program. Our speaker will be Elizabeth States, a St. Mark parishioner and Paralegal (Estates, etc). Elizabeth will review all of these points, add some important information for you to consider and answer your questions. This information is not only applicable to seniors; *everyone* should keep this file as current as possible. **The presentation begins at 11 a.m. and will be followed by lunch; cost of lunch is \$3. Call 704-947-4885 BY Friday, March 12 to register.**

COMMUNITY LIFE

COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAY 2010

Our two annual community outreach days have organized more than 500 parishioners to serve over 35 local organizations. We have mucked barns, eaten with nursing home residents, built homes, given blood, and more. Plans are underway for 2010 and we need your input, enthusiasm and time! If you have been a project leader, a volunteer or are simply interested in coordinating or chairing this outreach program we would love to hear from you. We need at least five chair people to make community outreach day a yearly event for St. Mark Church and the local community. Please contact Elizabeth Polo 704-315-9012 or epolo@bellsouth.net.

THE LEVINE & DICKSON HOSPICE HOUSE (LDHH)

Is continuing the mission of Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region to relieve suffering and improve the quality and dignity of life through compassionate hospice care for those at the end of life, palliative care for those with advanced illness, and to provide community education. LDHH is the first free-standing hospice facility in Mecklenburg County.

St. Mark has volunteered to be the LDHH Meal Sponsor for the months of February and March. This program provides dinners for patients and their families on each Tues & Thurs of the sponsored month and lunch on each Saturday, giving patients an opportunity to spend this priceless time with their loved ones. Volunteers are needed to provide and set up the meals. **This is a great Lenten project for individuals, families, or friends!** For more information or to volunteer a meal, please contact Mary Fink at mary@navarac.com or 704-905-6686. (No clean-up is required.) For additional volunteer opportunities at the Levine & Dickson Hospice House, please contact Misty Molloy at MolloyM@hpccr.org or 704-335-3553.

STEWARDSHIP

"But let our people, too, learn to devote themselves to good works, to supply urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive." (Titus 3:14)

SALE OF TAMALES TO REDUCE THE DEBT OF OUR PARISH

The Hispanic Ministry along with the community of St Mark's will be selling tamales on February 27 and 28 after each Mass. Please consider purchasing some tamales to aid in the debt reduction campaign. Thank you for your support!

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Remember – children can be stewards, too. Children's offertory envelopes (boxed sets or single envelopes) are always available on the stewardship cart in the Msgr. Kerin Family Center, or see an usher or the St. Mark welcome representative after Mass. Teach your child the importance of giving back to God by encouraging them to use their own offertory envelopes. Here are some ways our children have thanked God recently with their gifts of time: Played with my sister, Prayed at every meal and nighttime, Helped with Christmas decorations, Helped Grandma with dinner, Helped grandparents unload their car.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Laura Maclean, Director of Music Ministry (704-948-0231; Lmacmusic@aol.com)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Practice February 24 3-3:45 or 4:30-5:15. We will sing at the 11:00 am Mass on February 28. New children welcome! (2nd-8th grade)

ADULT CHOIR

New members always welcome! We are working on music for Holy Week, Pentecost, and the priestly Ordination that will be here at St. Mark in June! We practice Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm!

PARISH LIFE: GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

David & Monica Adams, Joe & Vina Alongi, Scott & Kelli Balog, Stephanie Beavers, Francis Beer, Stefano & Judiann Brigliadori, Frank & Bonnie Correale, Karal & Ann Cottrell, Joshua & Lauren Fuller, Jonathan & Michelle Furches, Israel Guzman & Magali Garcia, Ronnie & Rose George, Jay Gorman, Paul Zinn & Megan Kelley, Joseph & Katherine Kilmurry, Viola Lynch, Fred & Carole Marziotto, John & Lisa McAllister, Toby & Trippi McGlenn, Tim Meierer, Andrew & Jean Mulligan, Robert & Suzanne Nieto, Martha Orta, Ken & Ellen Snyder, Christopher & Holly Tesmer, Garry & Gina Victorin, Mark & Lou Ann Zimmerman.

ST. MARK PLAYGROUP

February 15, 10:30 a.m. Metrolina Recycling Center

Curious about where all of the recyclables that are picked up at the curb and at schools go? The Metrolina Recycling Center is the county's processing facility for a wide range of materials collected in residential, schools and commercial recycling programs in Mecklenburg and neighboring counties. Come join us for an educational guided tour. There is no fee. Parking is limited due to construction so carpooling would be recommended. Please RSVP to Joann Somerville by 2/11 (704-896-9455).

February 18, 7 p.m. Mom's night out at Hickory Tavern in Huntersville

Here's your chance! Leave the kids at home with Dad or the babysitter and enjoy an evening with the ladies. Please RSVP to Alison Kelley (704-947-2564).

February 22, 10:30 a.m. Nona's Bakery

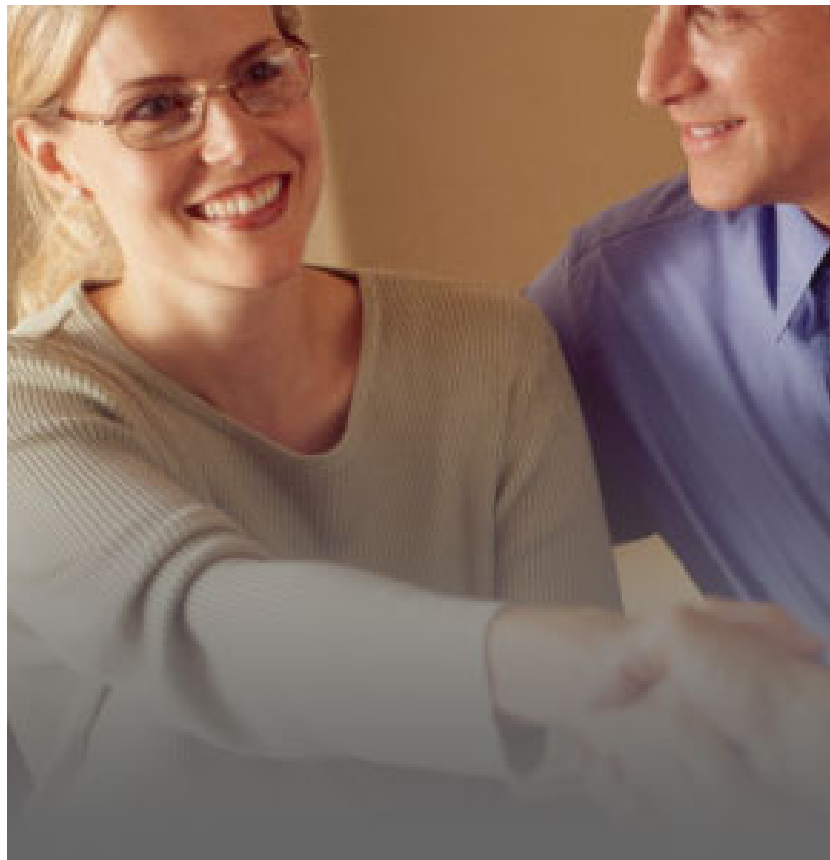
Take the kids on a trip to the bakery. The kids will get to choose their favorite flavor cupcake and icing and have it for a snack while they decorate their bakers hat. RSVP to Dierdre Vesely (704-875-3452).

February 25, 7:30 p.m. Quarterly planning meeting at Kara Martinez's house

Everybody is welcome! Bring your calendars and ideas as well as a snack or drink to share. Please RSVP to Kara Martinez (704-912-3221).

WE NEED BULLETIN VOLUNTEERS!

Are you comfortable with computers? Want to help make our bulletin look great every week? The St. Mark Bulletin team is looking for a few new volunteers to join our merry crew. This is a great way to volunteer your talents from your own home computer. For more information, email communications@stmarknc.org.



NEW PARISHIONERS' WELCOME EVENT RESCHEDULED!

Sunday, February 21, 2-3 p.m., Room 200 in the Parish Center

New to the parish? Come and meet a number of church leaders on **Sunday, February 21** after the 1 p.m. Mass. Learn about St. Mark activities. Enjoy some light refreshments, relax and meet other newcomers. For questions, please call or email Rosemary Keeley (rosemary_keeley@att.net or 704-399-0672).

WORKING HANDS MINISTRY

Mission: *The mission of the Working Hands Ministry is to help parishioners integrate their faith and spiritual formation with their work. One component of the Working Hands Ministry is to assist those who are unemployed, under-employed, and returning to the workforce, transition to new employment.*

GET A CAREER COACH

Get up to five sessions with a committed Career Coach. This valuable service is provided thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers. Those choosing career coaching, should be willing to make a commitment to the overall transition process if they want to derive the most benefit. Register with the Working Hands Ministry at www.stmarknc.org (if you did NOT fill out the recent Parish survey regarding this Ministry). Then e-mail workinghands@stmarknc.org with a copy of your résumé and your three available dates and times.

ONLINE HELP

The Working Hands Ministry website contains many helpful documents under the following headings:

Career Assessment: Self assessments to identify your natural work etc. preferences

Career Fundamentals: Helpful documents for those beginning a career transition

Career Connections: Opportunities to connect with other likeminded people

Thoughts For Newcomers: Things to consider when beginning a career transition

Prayers For Employment: An assortment of prayers to help bring our Faith into our work

Support Services: Local agencies that can provide services for those in transition

Recommended Reading: Various books, etc. chosen to help people focus on next steps

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

St. John Neumann Parish will offer its first ever Forty Hours Devotion this Lenten Season beginning the evening of Wednesday, March 3rd, and ending the evening of Friday March 5th. The Forty Hours Devotion is an extended period of Eucharistic Adoration, giving all of us an opportunity to pray, to contemplate God's goodness to us, and to consider how Our Lord might be calling each of us to respond to His call at this time in our lives. Contact the St. John Neumann Parish Office at 704-536-6520 with any questions.

WALKING ON WATER TALK

ALL ARE WELCOME to come hear Father Patrick Winslow talk "Walking on Water" on Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Father Winslow is the Pastor of St. Johns in Tryon and the noted, inspirational lecturer for Catholic Scripture Study. Light refreshments and fellowship following the lecture. Sponsored by Catholics United for the Faith. For more information, contact Elizabeth Keating (ewkeating4@aol.com) or Mary Sample (704-341-9292; marysample5@aol.com).

SHAPED BY THE CROSS: A GUIDED IGNATIAN LENTEN RETREAT

St. Peter's Catholic Church, 507 S. Tryon St., is offering a five-week guided Lenten retreat experience. You will attend the opening session on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 8:30 to noon in Biss Hall (under the church), then meet once a week for five weeks with a guide. Daily prayer readings will be provided. The closing session is Saturday, March 27, from 8:30 to noon, also in Biss Hall. If you prefer not to undertake the guided experience, you can simply attend one or both of the Saturday sessions. Parking is free in the Green Parking Garage next to the Church. To register, please contact the Parish Office at 704-332-2901. Please indicate whether you wish to do the guided retreat, or simply attend one or both Saturday sessions. You can also reach us at retreat4lent@gmail.com.

CAN YOU HELP?

Inmates at Mecklenburg County Jail - North are in need of some basic clothing and hygiene items and simple puzzle books. If you can help, please drop off items at the Parish Hall. You will find a box labeled "Prison Donations" in the hallway. Final date for donations will be Friday, March 5.

The men need white socks, white T-shirts (the undershirt type T-shirts), men's white underwear (boxers only), bar soap, men's deodorant (solid bar type only), toothpaste (trial size only), envelopes, and puzzle books written for elementary school level, like Word Searches.

Chaplain Bill Matevie said that any donations you give would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions please call Kelly at 704-895-6195.

FINANCIAL MATTERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

CENSUS

4,155 currently registered families

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	Variance
	<u>\$ AMT</u>	<u>\$ AMT</u>	<u>to Budget</u>
<i>CURRENT MONTH</i>			
GENERAL OFFERTORY	\$ 167,413		
DIRECT GIVE PROGRAM	\$ 28,078		
TOTAL DECEMBER 2009	<u>\$ 195,491</u>	<u>\$ 195,000</u>	<u>\$ 491</u>
<i>FISCAL YEAR TO DATE, (JUL '09 - DEC '09)</i>	<u>\$ 881,820</u>	<u>\$ 850,000</u>	<u>\$ 31,820</u>

If you are on vacation or for one reason or another find yourself visiting another church, please keep your Parish in mind and mail your contributions or contact us about the DIRECT GIVE program.

DIRECT GIVE

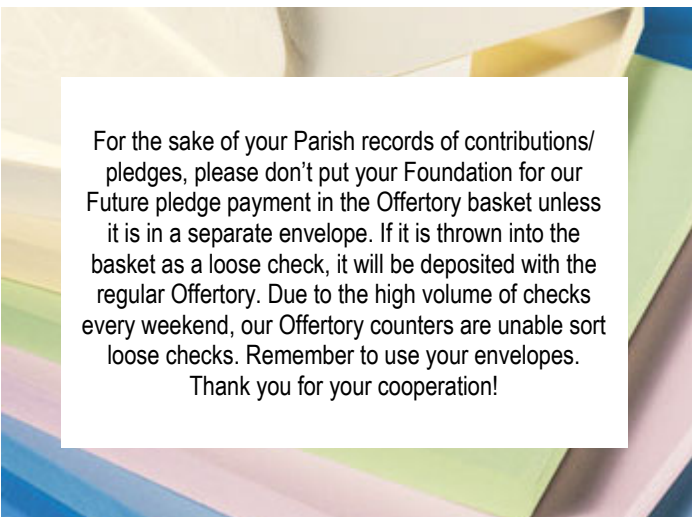
EVERYBODY WINS WITH DIRECTGIVE

DirectGive provides a convenient way for parishioners to make their weekly Offertory via automatic bank draft. It saves you the time of writing a weekly check; it saves our Church the time of processing weekly contributions.

This is an easy way to budget your regular contribution. If you are on vacation or find yourself visiting another church, please keep St. Mark's in mind and mail your contributions or contact us about the DirectGive program.

Pick up a DirectGive enrollment form in the Parish Office or at the Welcome Table today! Forms are also available on the Finance Council page on our website. (Drafts are withdrawn only *once per month.*) Thank you for your commitment to St. Mark Catholic Church!

PARISH ENVELOPES



PARISH REGISTRATION

Please remember to notify the Parish Office as soon as possible! Drop this form in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

Please mark one:

- Address Change
- Other Change
- Delete from Parish Roll

Envelope # _____

Effective Date: _____

Family Name: _____

New Email: _____

New Address: _____

New Home Phone # _____

New Member to Family? _____

Comments: _____