

Papal Intention

May: For the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Liturgy Schedule

Scripture readings can be found online at: bible.usccb.org

Monday, May 13				
8:30am	MassPatricia Kane			
Tuesday, May 14				
8:30am	MassDeacon Dave Lundeen			
6:45am	Mass @ St. Mel			
Wednesday, May 15				
Thursday, May 16				
8:30am	MassJoseph Spicuzza			
Friday, May 17				
6:45am	Mass @ St. Mel			
Saturday, May 18				
3:00pm	Confessions			
3:00pm	Confessions @ St. Mel			
4:00pm	MassVocations to the Priesthood			
4:30pm	Mass @ St. Mel			
Sunday, May 19-Pentecost Sunday				
	Mass @ St. Mel			
8:30am	MassBrian McGraw			
10:00am	Mass @ St. Mel			
11:30am	MassFor the Parishioner of St. Mark Parish and			
	St. Mel Parish			

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles **Weekly Intention** May 12th **Dolly Tinnirello**



May the peace of our Lord be with Rita Gaertner, Mother of Maureen Flannery And may God grant comfort to her family and friends.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace.

Please Pray for Our Sick

William Adams Gianna Andolina Carol Behnke Jack Behnke Katy Brent Henry Buehner James Coyne Margaret Fadrowski Nicole Foerstner Mary Frantz Theresa Fridrich

Lisa Groh Irene Gurchensky David Kurth Catherine Kutsick Loree Leasure-Poirier Jim McIlwee Mary Miller Maisie Nowlin Sr. Josette Obodzinski

Bill Retzer Mary Stark Nora Sudetic Lena Sunyak George Surovec Rita Szy Herb Tippie Georgieann Treible Joe Wantz Charlotte Whiting Lillian Zahara Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes:.....\$ 3,378.00 Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,339.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Liturgical Ministers May 18 & 19

Saturday, May 18 @ 4:00pm Eucharistic Ministers: Shirlee Toth, John Levis, NOT FILLED Lector: Lou Toth Altar Server: Patrick Sowul, Joseph Sowul, Kathryn Sowul

Sunday, May 19 (0) 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Stamper, Laura Skonce, NOT FILLED Lector: Lisa Braun, Michael Grathwol Altar Server: Anthony McGervey, Albert McGervey, Julia McNulty

Sunday, May 19 (0) 11:30am Eucharistic Mnisters: Lisa Ditzel, Rosanne Kelley, Annamaria Masterson Lector: Monica, NOT FILLED Altar Server: Owen Goggin, Jack Koch, Andrew Koch

Nominations for New Pastoral Council Members

The parish pastoral council is the primary group of parishioners that give advice and observations about the pastoral activity of the parish. Several members are concluding their term of commitment to the council, and your nominations are invited for potential parishioners to replace them. Nominations must be registered parishioners who are sixteen years of age or older, fully initiated by Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and who lead a life of faith in keeping with the function being taken on. Ideally, the nominations will be people who are good listeners who know and understand the mind of other parishioners, and who are comfortable sharing those opinions in a collaborative setting.

Your nominations should be sent directly to Fr. Adam at azajac@stmarkcleveland.com. You may nominate others or yourself. If we have enough nominations we will hold an election in the coming months.



Dean's Greenhouse In-Store Fundraiser – May 1 through June 15

Don't start your spring gardening without stopping by Dean's Greenhouse in Westlake to shop for the St. Mark/ St. Mel Faith Build! Starting May 1 and running through June 15, mention St. Mark/ St. Mel when you shop, and Dean's will donate 30% of your total purchase to the St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build.

Dean's Greenhouse is located at 3984 Porter Road, Westlake, 44145.

www.deansgreenhouse.com; 440-871-2050

Questions? Email Amy Asseff at <u>aasseff@aol.com</u>.

St. Mark PSR Program 2024 - 2025

Our St. Mark PSR program is on Monday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 in the school building. We serve students in Grades 1 - 8. Students in grades 2 and 8 are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist (grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 8), as part of our curriculum. For a student to receive these Sacraments they MUST be enrolled and attend PSR the previous year.

You can register in a number of different ways for the 2024 - 2025 school year:

Registration is due with payment by June 10, 2024.

- 1. Current PSR families will receive a packet with the registration materials. The packet will be sent home with your child.
- 2. The materials can be downloaded from the St. Mark Church website <u>www.stmarkcleveland.com</u>, under heading FAMILIES (at the top of the page) and by clicking the PSR tab.
- **3.** Registration materials can also be picked up at the Parish Office.

Registration forms and payment can be dropped off at the Parish Office or put in the Sunday collection, marked to the attention of PSR.

Classes will begin in September.

For any questions or additional information, you can contact Jeannette Puckett at the Parish Office at 216-226-7577 or through email at jpuckettpsr@stmarkcleveland.com.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, Say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress, My God in whom I trust."

Psalm 91:1-2

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all our military men and women presently serving and those who have returned home.

Jason Bochert, James Boone, Jr., Elijah Brolly, Kurt Brown, Nathan Chomoa, Jeremy Cole, Matthew Craven, Josh Dunleavy, T.J. Finucan, Martin Hartsel, Joe Isabella, John Kester, Randy Kloos, Stephanie Lasch, Adam Lemmerman, Torrey Lynch, Ron McDough, Andrew J. McGinty, Owen McGrew, Jake North, Jon Novak, Danny O'Malley, Sean P. O'Reilly, Nick Ortiz, Steven Podhradsky, Nico Russo, Tom Sarko, Matthew Shirley, Brady Smith, Montana Stiegelmeyer, Edward Thomas, Joseph Toole, Jacob Trefney, Jonah Treible, Roan Viancourt, Lukas Whitney.

God Bless them all! Kathy O'Malley womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

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Saturday,	May 11	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	May 12	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
Monday,	May 13	
8:30 am	Mass	
10:00 am	PreK Grad. Practice	CH
1:30 pm	K Grad. Practice	CH
Tuesday,	May 14	
8:30 am	Mass w/All School	
10:00 am	PreK Grad. Practice	CH
4:30 pm	RCIC	CC
6:00 pm	Holy Name Mtg.	SH/PP
Wednesday,	May 15	
8:00 am	8th Gr. Carnival	PL
10:00 am	PreK Grad. Practice	CH
2:45 pm	Rosary Club	CH
Thursday,	May 16	
8:30 am	Mass	
10:00 am	PreK Grad. Practice	CH
6:30 pm	Friends of Impett	CC
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
Friday,	May 17	CT I
9:30 am	PreK Graduation	CH
6:30 pm	8th Gr. Appreciation Night	SH
Saturday, 11:30 am	May 18	DD
	Scout Pack #268 Confessions	PP
3:00 pm		
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday, 8:30 am	May 19 Mass	
9:30 am		
9:30 am	Rosary Young Families	SH
11:30 am	Mass LS	511
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
6:00 pm	Youth Group	CC
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Note: (LS)=Livestreamed





Please come to pray WITH Mary, Our Blessed Mother, in this beautiful devotion, The Rosary. We are living in troubled times and so much in need of peace within our souls and for the world. We ask Mary, Our Mother, to intercede and lead us contemplating the mysteries of Jesus. "The Family that Prays together, Stays together"...Fr. Patrick Peyton Every Sunday following the 8:30am Mass



St. Mark Holy Name Society

Welcome All Men and Women Parishioners 18 and Older We Meet Second Tuesday of the Month at 6:00 in the Social Hall

Interested?

Email jimcocita@gmail.com

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

HNS NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Progressive Field June 19, 2024 vs Seattle Mariners Game Time 6:40 p.m. Open to everyone!! \$24.00/ticket Tote Bag Give Away **Ticket information: Please email Tim Mohr at tseliot2@sbcglobal.net**



MAY 12, 2024

Principal News

The end of the school year is such an exciting time for all of us here- crazy but exciting! Every class has taken at least one field trip, thanks in part to our Parent Club who paid for all the travel expenses. Field trips have occurred all year, but just over the past few weeks, our 2nd Graders went to the zoo, where our St. Mark Lions saw some Cleveland Metroparks Zoo lions! Our 6th and 7th Grades went to the Cleveland Museum of Art, our 4th Grade went to Hale Farm, and our 1st and 3rd Grades went to Playhouse Square. But we are not finished yet! Twenty-five of our students in Gr. 5-8. will be attending a STEM Day at NASA, and our 6th Grade will be attending Camp Christopher, which had been scheduled earlier but due to weather had to be re-scheduled. As teachers, taking students on field trips provides those real-world experiences which make a stronger connection with children than reading about them in books. I always tell the teachers at the beginning of the year when they are thinking about fieldtrip opportunities, that Cleveland is a culturally rich community that has so much to offer. Our many museums, Playhouse Square, the Cleveland Museum of Art, Severance Hall and the Cleveland Orchestra, Lakeview Cemetery which houses the tomb of President James Garfield, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, St. John's Cathedral, the Old Stone Church, the Science Center, the Aquarium, NASA, the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame- only name a few of what Cleveland has to offer. We are very fortunate to live in Cleveland.

Our Math/ Science Night held several weeks ago was so interesting! Many thanks to our presenters who made this all possible. Here were the topics students and their families could choose to sit in on:

Bacteriophages: What they are and why we should care/ Presented by Case Western Reserve University Gelfand Fellows Students

Reebop Reproduction: An Introduction to Genetics/ Presented by James Bader; Case Western Reserve University

Bridge Inspection, Who Knew/ Presented by Carolyn Guion

Electrical Activity of the Heart/ Presented by Sue Reichel

Household Budget Basics/ Presented by Audrius Jucaitis

Operation KidWatch Fingerprinting / Presented by Cleveland Police and Regional Transit Authority Police Department

Interior Design and Construction/ Presented by Ann Marie Krol

Deal or No Deal Probability/ Presented by Nicole O'Sullivan

NASA: Energy Conservation and Augmented Reality/ Presented by Kristen Jansen

Tech Lab Activity/ Presented by Weston Kincade

STREAM Lab Activity/ Presented by Rachel Henley

One interesting fact I learned from Ann Marie Krol was that she had personally traveled to Italy to choose the marble that will be in the lobby of the new Sherwin Williams Office Tower! I am looking forward to next year's Math/ Science Night already!

We also had author Margaret Bernstein here to speak to all grade levels about writing and what led her to write several books. Her focus is on family literacy. As a champion of literacy, Margaret earned a 2016 Emmy for her #WeReadHere campaign at WKYC, which encouraged parents to read every day with their children. She currently serves as a trustee of the George Gund Foundation, a Cleveland-centered foundation that focuses its grantmaking on environmental issues as well as other needs. The students loved listening to her stories and certainly walked away with some important life lessons.

A few weeks ago, we also held our Spring Concert and Art Exhibition. Under the direction of Dr. Rentz, our music teacher, the choir performed several beautiful songs which certainly had us rockin' with their dance numbers!! The percussion group and guitars amazed us as our students skillfully demonstrated their talents in many different and fun-loving ways. So many of our guests commented on how much they enjoyed this production- it was so much fun! I am looking forward to next year's production already! Next up: our Drama Club! The arts are certainly alive at St. Mark's!

Finally, we celebrated Principal and Assistant Principal for the Day last week. The parents of these students won this as part of a fundraising Parent Club event last fall. It was great fun- and gave Mrs. Gunn and I a chance to put our feet up for a day- oh how I wish that was true!.....It was interesting to hear their take on their special day- they all said they were pretty tired but had fun- that is exactly how we feel every day! Have a great week...



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 12, 2024

Sunday:

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/ Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday:

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/ Jn 21:15-19

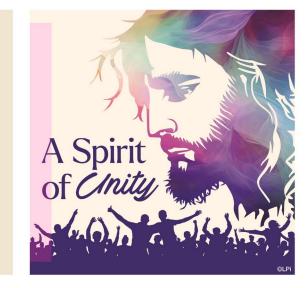
Saturday:

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Nest Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or JI 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: *Tutti dentro*. It means, "Everyone in." He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church's primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus' concern is unity, praying to the Father, "**that they may be one, even as we are one**" (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope's desire because it is that of Jesus and it should be ours, too.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024 | 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection." (Acts 1:21-22)

Psalm:

The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. (1 Jn 4:16)

Gospel:

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." (Jn 17:11)

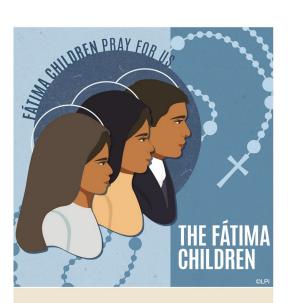
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In his prayer to the Father, Jesus says it aloud to remind us, always and forever: if we belong to Him, we belong to the truth. Lord, may those words ring in our ears as we go into the world as Christ taught us. We are consecrated to the truth.

Observances for the week of May 12, 2024

Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday
	of Easter; World Communications Day;
	Mother's Day
Monday:	Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday:	St. Matthias, Apostle
Wednesday:	St. Isidore
Saturday:	St. John I, Pope and Martyr; Armed
	Forces Day
Next Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday



Saint of the week

The Fátima children, St. Francisco Marto, St. Jacinta Marto, and Venerable Lucia dos Santos, ages 7-10 years, impacted the world after the many apparitions of Mary they experienced. They shared Mary's call to pray the rosary and for peace in the world.

Prayer of Mission

Dear Lord,

Grace us with courage and zeal as we go forth in Your name, speaking your Word, offering Your love, and bringing Your healing to a world in need. Amen.

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