



St. Mark Catholic Church

Mission Statement

St. Mark is a Catholic parish committed to fostering discipleship through the Word of God and the Sacraments. We are dedicated to providing Catholic education to our youth, to bringing a deeper relationship with Christ to our adults, and to supporting those in need through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We encourage all parishioners to participate in the shared responsibility of worship, prayer, study and service.



March 3, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Deacon Dave Lundeen
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Karen Cocita
Principal

Mrs. Meaghan McCarthy-Silver
Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Julia Wallace
Director of Music Ministry

Mr. Michael Kay
Youth Minister

Mrs. Jeannette Puckett
Parish School of Religion Director (PSR)

SACRAMENTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: The RCIA is open to all those interested in becoming Catholic. Contact the Parish Office 216-226-7577.

Baptism: Available at 12:30 p.m. the fourth Sunday of the month and at Masses by arrangement. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class and Godparents must have a sponsor certificate.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance with a priest or deacon.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office.

Communion Calls: If you are unable to participate in the celebration of Mass and would like to receive Communion, please contact the office.

New Parishioners: All are welcome to join us by calling the office or visiting the website to schedule an appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Bulletin Articles and Copied Items need to be in the Parish Office by 11:00 a.m. on Friday the week before the bulletin to print.

Papal Intention

March: For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, March 4

8:30am Mass.....**Presider's Intention**

Tuesday, March 5

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30 am Mass.....Jeannette Gedeon

Wednesday, March 6

Thursday, March 7

8:30am Mass.....**Presider's Intention**

Friday, March 8

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, March 9

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass.....Jeannette Gedeon

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, March 10

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Marlene McGee

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass.....Dolly Tinnirello

Liturgical Ministers March 9 & 10

Saturday, March 9 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers Bridget Blaynet, NOT FILLED (2)

Lector: Lisa Braun

Altar Server: Luca Drvenkar, Aidan Gompf, Cristian Trump

Sunday, March 10 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers Kathy O'Malley, Laura Skonce, NOT FILLED

Lector: Monica Svez, NOT FILLED

Altar Server: Bob LoPresti, Kathleen Murray, Reese Reichel

Sunday, March 10 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers Rosanne Kelley, Annamaria Masterson, Deirdre Mueller

Lector: Mary Lewis, NOT FILLED

Altar Server: Owen Goggin, Patrick Mueller, Eoin Mueller

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

March 3

Joseph Spicuzza



Banns of Marriage

Wedding Banns II

Evan Wypasek & Melissa Finnegan

IN MEMORIAM

*May the peace of our Lord be with
John Karliak, Husband of Rita Karliak
Gerri Joecken, Wife of Jeff Joecken
And may God grant comfort to their 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. In Jesus' name, Amen!

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
Cheryl McArthur
Jim McIlwee
Mary Miller
Maisie Nowlin
Sr. Josette Obodzinski

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



Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes:..... \$ 3,357.00

Faith Direct:..... \$ 5,381.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Lenten Information

Friends,

February's papal intention was for the terminally ill, that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment. I could not know at the start of the month that our friend Dc. Dave would become part of these prayers. I think the hardest thing for both the terminally ill and those who care for them is the odd dichotomy between knowing the situation is terminal but often not knowing exactly how and when things will come to an end. With Dc. Dave we know that there is no more treatment option and the cancer is growing, and we know that the medical people don't want to give guesses beyond the immediate future of a few weeks... but at the same time he could be with us for many months. All he can do and all we can do is prepare for what we know will eventually happen, and I know the cards and letters you have been sending and the visits from staff and parishioners he was personally close to have a great value, and has been part of our fulfillment of this intention to give spiritual care and accompaniment.

Being able to prepare for death, and for the judgment and life that follows after, is a blessing that not all people receive. I hope that you know and your loved ones know not to wait until the last few hours to call for a priest. At the first moment of serious sickness, before it is known to be terminally or not, it is good to be anointed and to have the sacramental grace of Christ's presence, who also suffered. It's good to give a confession while one can still think and talk, moreso to give a confession with the knowledge that it might be one's last confession. And especially as someone declines it is good for them to receive communion regularly, at which point we call it viaticum. I hold back tears every time I give a dying person viaticum and ask them to renew their baptismal promises immediately before giving them communion... asking them "do you believe in life eternal?" and hearing the sincerity that perhaps only a dying person can respond with "Yes, I do believe".

Now in March we will pray for new martyrs who risk their lives in our present age. Consider joining in this intention from Pope Francis. You can hear more including a video from Pope Francis at popesprayerusa.net.

In Christ,



Fr. Adam

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 8 - 6:30pm @ St. Mark
Friday, March 15 - 12:00pm @ St. Mel
Friday, March 22 - 7:30pm Living Stations @ St. Mark

LENTEN FISH FRIES

March 8-5pm-7pm @ St. Mark
March 15-5pm-7pm @ St. Mel
March 22-5pm-7pm @ St. Mark



St. Mark, St. Chris, and OLA Present
The Living Stations of the Cross

Join the youth of these parishes for this powerful
prayer and performance as we journey through Holy
Week this year.

Friday, March 22nd | 7:30pm | St. Mark Parish
15800 Montrose Ave., Cleveland, OH 44111

Sunday, March 24th | 7pm | St. Christopher Parish
20141 Detroit Rd, Rocky River, OH 44116

Friday, March 29th | 7pm | OLA Parish
3600 Rocky River Dr, Cleveland, OH 44111





The parishioner-led Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, March 7th at 7pm in the Servers Sacristy. This is a great opportunity to relax, pray, grow in faith, and make a difference in our world. There is a book available near the Sacred Heart Statue in the Church for prayer requests. These will receive prayer by this group. Feel free to share answered prayers here also. Please join us! There is no need to sign up.

Thank you for your generous help with Birthright!

We collected \$2,330.31 with the baby bottle donations!

They are very appreciative of the continued support from St. Mark parishioners!



ST. MARK & ST. MEL
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Easter morning @ St. Mark 11:30 AM

Choir Rehearsals

During seasonal choir preparations,
K-8 Children's Choir will rehearse on Tuesday evenings.

Tuesday's 5:30-6:30 @ St. Mark
2/20 | 2/27 | 3/5 | 3/12 | 3/19 | 3/26

Saint Mark Youth Singers
(Paced for Grades 5-8)

Continue to rehearse on Mondays 2:30-3:00.
Schedule resumes on 1/22/2024

JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com

Marker's/St. Mel 50+

Come join us for a St. Patrick's Day Social on Saturday, March 9th after the 4:00pm Mass in the Social Hall. Corned beef and Colcannon will be provided. Free will offering of \$10.00. A dessert or appetizer to share will be most appreciated. Entertainment will be from the Brady Campbell Irish Dance School. See you for fellowship and fun from 5-7:30pm. Please call Cheryl at the Parish Office (216-226-7577) to make reservations.



St. Mark Parish Outreach Program Mark's Madness

There will be a second collection for the Parish Outreach program after all Masses the weekend of March 9 & 10. Envelopes can be found in the March envelope packet or on Faith Direct. All proceeds collected go directly to the St. Mark Parish Outreach fund, which helps parishioners in our parish who may need some assistance.

There is also **Marks Madness**, Sunday, March 10 from 6-8pm which is a FUN FUNdraiser for this cause. Hope to see you there! Flyers at the church entrances.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS



Welcome All Parishioners
18 and Older

We meet the second Tuesday of the Month at
6:00pm in the Social Hall

Interested?

Email Jim Cocita at jimcocita@gmail.com

Please remember Deacon Dave in your prayers!

HOMELESS STAND DOWN

In recent times, Cleveland, Ohio **has witnessed a concerning rise in unsheltered homelessness**. According to **Chris Knestrick, the Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH)**, approximately **250 people** are sleeping on the streets of Cleveland on any given night. Anyone that goes to downtown Cleveland for events, shopping, etc. will witness this. You want to help but you're not sure how.

The 2024 Homeless Stand Down is set to take place on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Cleveland Public Auditorium from 10 am to 2 pm. The Homeless Stand Down is a free event for anyone in our community experiencing homelessness. It is a day of resources, respite, and reconnection.

Guests will have access to a wide variety of support and services from over 80+ on-site nonprofit partners including medical services, housing and legal aid, haircuts, workforce development, veteran services, social services, and much more. Guests will also have their choice of new items including new backpacks, shoes, socks, underwear, hygiene items, bus passes, to-go meals and more. Here are ways you can help:

- Become familiar with the event. To learn more about the 2024 Homeless Stand Down, go to: Visit <https://bvuvolunteers.org/homeless-stand-down> | [Business Volunteers Unlimited \(bvuvolunteers.org\)](https://bvuvolunteers.org)
- Donate Clothing: Socks, Shoes, Underwear (all sizes men, women and children). Items must be delivered by March 29 to MedWish International 1625 E 31st St, Cleveland, OH 44114 (You can also check the above website for "Wish List" items.)
- Donate! Visit <https://bvuvolunteers.org/donate/>. for how you can contribute financially.
- Volunteer! Event day volunteer opportunities will be posted in March. Check the above listed website for BVU for sign up. Individuals and groups are welcome. Opportunities include helping the guests "shop" for clothing as a Personal Shopper, or work at one of the clothing distribution tables, registration, and much more.

Sherry Thaler, a St. Mel Parishioner, has been a volunteer for this event for over 10 years. If you have any questions, she would be happy to answer them for you and tell you about all the wonderful "rewards" you'll get for volunteering. You can reach her at 216.559.7357 or via email, s_thaler@sbcglobal.net.

Remember! "Whatever you've done for the least of these brothers, you've done for me."



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

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 Stieglmeyer, Edward Thomas, Joseph Toole, Jacob Trefney, Jonah Treible, Lukas Whitney.

God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



REQUEST FOR 2023 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Please send a request via email to dbroughton@stmarkcleveland.com or fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office.

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email report to: _____

Pick up at Parish Office _____ Mail to above address _____

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

In those days, God delivered all these commandments:
"I, the LORD am your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place
of slavery.
You shall not have other gods besides me." (Ex 20:1-3)

Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

We proclaim Christ crucified,
a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike,
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
(1 Cor 1:23-24)

Gospel:

Jesus answered and said to them,
"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."
(Jn 2:19)

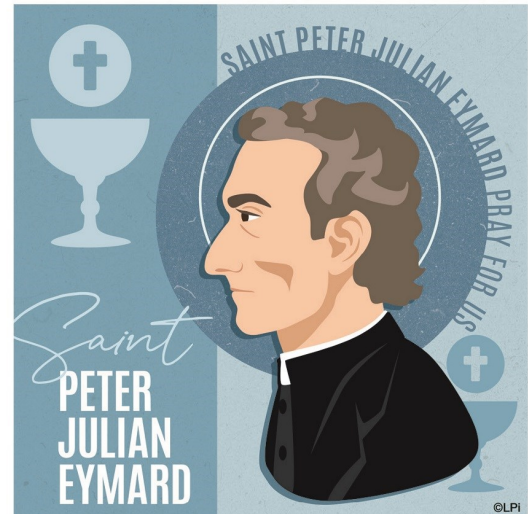
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever he encountered it, and his zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as he drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, he will cleanse our hearts from sin.

Observances for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Casimir
Thursday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Friday: St. John of God, Religious
Saturday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious;
St. Catherine of Bologna
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins



Saint of the week

St. Peter Julian Eymard, known as "Apostle of the Eucharist," founded the Society of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. He promoted perpetual adoration, inspired those estranged from the Church to return, and worked to educate all about Christ.

Prayer of Surrender

Dear Lord,
Help me to place You in the
center of my plans for the
future, my dreams for my life,
my goals for the time ahead.
Be my God and my guide.
Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	March 2	
9:00am-2:00 pm	K-2 Basketball	G
10:00 am	Pinewood Derby	SH
10:30 am	Funeral	
1:00 pm	Baptism	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Donut Social</i>	
Sunday,	March 3	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
12:30pm-3:30 pm	K-2 Basketball	G
4:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
6:00 pm	Youth Group	CC
Monday,	March 4	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	School Lenten Confessions	CH
6:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
6:00-7:15 pm	Track Practice	G
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
Tuesday,	March 5	
	<i>History Fair</i>	<i>SH</i>
8:30 am	Mass w/1st Floor	
5:30 pm	Children's Choir	CH
6:00-7:15 pm	Track Practice	G
7:00 pm	Choir	CH
Wednesday,	March 6	
	<i>History Fair</i>	<i>SH</i>
6:00-7:15 pm	Track Practice	G
Thursday,	March 7	
8:30 am	Mass	
7:00 pm	Prayer Group	SS
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
Friday,	March 8	
2:00 pm	School Stations	CH
5:00 pm	Fish Fry	SH
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross	CH
Saturday,	March 9	
9:00am-2:00 pm	K-2 Basketball	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00 pm	Marker's 50+	SH
	<i>Outreach Second Collection</i>	
Sunday,	March 10	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS w/HNS Corporate Communion and Youth Choir	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
12:30pm-3:30 pm	K-2 Basketball	G
4:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
6:00 pm	Mark's Madness	G/CC/FR

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

2024 Spring Candy Sale Fundraiser



We are so excited to once again partner with Sweet Designs in Lakewood to offer our Spring Easter Candy Sale! This is a win-win for you and our school! You get amazing chocolate to fill Easter baskets and 25% of all net sales will be donated back to St. Mark Parent Club. Proceeds from this sale will be allocated towards covering costs for next year's 6th grade camp at Camp Christopher.

- To order go to www.sweetdesigns.com between February 23rd and March 10th to place orders by clicking on **"Fundraiser"** at the top of the website.
- Complete your sales via the site and payment will be made directly to Sweet Designs via the online store.
- Orders will be delivered to St. Mark between March 18th and March 22nd. Orders will be packed by students and we will schedule pick up times to get your candy orders to you.
- We encourage you to promote it as much as possible to raise funds for our school. Share the flier with friends and family, share on Social Media, etc.

Sweet Designs Chocolatier candy is delicious and locally made, so we are proud to offer this opportunity to our St. Mark Community and look forward to filling up your Easter Baskets this year!

St. Baldrick's

On Friday, March 22nd, we are honored to once again host our 10th St. Baldrick's Head Shaving Event "Shave your Mane" to raise funds for pediatric cancer research. Over the past 10 years, we have donated over \$522,000 to the St. Baldrick's Foundation supporting research dollars for our friends battling cancer now and for the future. This year our goal is to shave over 100 heads and raise a total of \$50,000.

All St. Mark students, friends and family are invited to join us through a variety of different efforts over the next two months.

Dine to Donate:

- Two amazing local restaurants are offering Dine to Donate days to order lunch/dinner pick up or delivery and will donate a portion of the order proceeds to our cause.
- Join us Sunday, March 3rd at West Park Station and Tuesday, March 12th at Dina's Pizza & Pub.
- Join us to the Celebrity Bartending Event at PJ McIntyre's on Thursday, March 21st from 6-10pm.

Visit the link to register or to donate to our shaves:
<https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/StMark2024>