

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Mary McFarlane

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Monday – Thursday 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

## NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome! Individuals who actively participate with us are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office.



## MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Mark the Evangelist Parish is  
a growing community of faith which strives  
to help its members follow Christ's commandment:  
"Love one another, as I have loved you."*

John 15:12

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE:

### Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

### Weekday Liturgies:

Tuesday	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.
First Friday of the month	8:30 a.m.
followed by Eucharistic adoration from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	

Christmas, Easter, and Holy Days: see bulletin

Penance Saturday, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Infant Baptism Contact Parish Office

Matrimony Contact Parish Office  
(9 months in advance)

Anointing of the Sick Contact Parish Office  
(after Masses, at home, or in hospital)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday Noon

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you move, have a seasonal address, or change of address, phone or e-mail, please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA candidates meet throughout the year in a discernment process leading to the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. It is always good to accompany those adults desiring to further their faith. Recently I met with our group and presented on the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. One of the words that is always new is Ambry. As deceased Bishop Povish would say, "That's a good Scrabble word." Below is an article for your information and knowledge in your Catholic vocabulary.

**Ambry by Paul Turner**

"An Ambry is the cabinet where holy oils are stores. Every church has one, though many people don't know what it's called.

We keep three oils there – the oil for anointing the sick, the oil for anointing catechumens and chrism for baptism, confirmation, priesthood and the consecration of altars and walls. The bishop blesses these oils in large containers at the Chrism Mass every year. Then they are poured into smaller vessels and brought to all the parishes of the diocese. The ambry should be replenished with fresh oil every year. The old oil may be burned.

The shape and size of ambries vary quite a bit. The church gives very few specific instructions about its appearance. After the Chrism Mass, the bishop is to instruct the presbyters in the sacristy about the "reverent use and safe custody of the holy oils." After a priest anoints the sick, he is instructed to return the extra oil to a place "where it is reverently kept." According to canon law, pastors should carefully keep all the oils "in a fitting manner." With those vague instructions, the design for an ambry needs only be appropriate for its sacred contents and safe from vandalism, theft or some other harm.

The ambry may be visible or concealed. Many churches have an ambry built into a wall of the sacristy. Accessible to priests but virtually invisible to people, the ambry was often located there, where it would not intrude on the Mass. However, since ambries were kept locked with a key that could easily be lost, many priests have simply kept the oils in a sacristy closet or safe.

More and more, Catholic parishes are building beautiful ambries and placing them where they can be seen. We have a great respect for the sacraments in which we use these holy oils. By keeping them in dignified vessels and displaying them in a handsome, well-lit case, the faithful can better regard their significance.

Canon law also permits a priest to carry the oil of the sick with him in case of necessity. Most priests carry a small container in the glove compartment of their car."

The Sacrament of the Sick can be done in a communal or individual setting. Here at St. Mark we have a communal offering in May and October. Often, a parishioner may ask to be anointed after a weekday or weekend liturgy. We priests also administer the sacrament in homes, care facilities and hospitals. It is one of the sacraments we can receive multiple times in a lifetime. It is offered for the healing of mind, body and spirit. Please don't hesitate to ask to be anointed.

Continue to pray for our RCIA candidates and our sick of the parish. Have a good week.

Peace,

**MONDAY, January 29**

**TUESDAY, January 30**

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

**WEDNESDAY, January 31**

8:30 a.m. – Word & Eucharist

9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

**THURSDAY, February 1**

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

**FRIDAY, February 2**

**First Friday Home & Hospital Visits**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: 10 Year Pastoral Plan / Parish

9:00 a.m. – First Friday Adoration

**SATURDAY, February 3**

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +George Yancho / Yancho Family

**SUNDAY, February 4**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: +Donald Wilt / Carolyn & Jim Rabine

9:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour

10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir practice

11:00 a.m. – REF: Gr K-5

**LET US PRAY:**

**For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service:**

SSG J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Maj. C Kaighen; SPC T Kenney; S/Sgt. D Kendall; CPL M Zagone

**For Our Deceased:** Margaret Ridenour, Lucille Mader, Barb Otis

**For Our Sick:** Those who are homebound, in the hospital or another healthcare facility.

**For Prayer Ministry Requests:** Contact Joan Turner, joanturner38@sbcglobal.net or 248-410-2286.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon, 1/29: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tue, 1/30: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wed, 1/31: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thu, 2/1: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Fri, 2/2: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Sat, 2/3: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sun, 2/4: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet**

**Reduce Your Junk Mail** – The average American citizen receives forty pounds of junk mail per year – forty pounds! That's a lot of paper being wasted. You can register for services that reduce the amount of junk mail you receive. Not only is this beneficial to the environment, but let's face it, none of us want that junk mail anyway – the clue is in the name!

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
TRUE PROPHETS**

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE**

January 20 & 21

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 4,152.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,795.00
Children.....	\$ 2.50
Youth.....	\$ 0.00



**NC: World Wide Evangelization Appeal – Jan. 27 & 28**

This weekend we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa. Your generosity makes it possible for them to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the second collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**8th Grade Visitation at Powers Catholic – Feb. 2**

8th grade students from area public schools are invited to come experience Powers Catholic on Friday, Feb. 2nd, 2018 from 9:30am – 2:00pm. This is a great opportunity to help you and. For more information, contact our Parish Offices.

**Rachel's Vineyard – Feb. 16-18**

*Healing the Pain of Abortion, One Weekend at a Time*

This weekend is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God to focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing through a supportive trauma sensitive process. Contact: New Life Center 517-993-0291 or [www.RachelsVineyard.org](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org).

**Men's Retreat at St. Francis – Feb. 23 – 25**

The men of St. Mark the Evangelist are invited to their annual retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center from Friday, Feb. 23 through Sunday, Feb. 25. The theme is **"Entering the Heart of God: Praying the Lord's Prayer in Our Day."** Suggested offering is \$175.00. Register at the Retreat Center at (517) 669-8321 or by visiting their website at [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws).

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation  
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In the Gospel of Mark (1:21-28), the story of Jesus teaching in the Synagogue is told. In the story, Jesus rebukes a man with an unclean spirit. It is written that the unclean spirit KNEW who he was and left the man. There is much to be said about this story, but what needs to be understood, is that this story REVEALS that Jesus was more than just a man, more than just a prophet, more than just a great teacher. HE WAS GOD!

Like many of you, I am always searching for the true meaning of Jesus' identity and yes, I even search for answers for saying HE IS GOD! Our greatest source for all those answers comes from the Gospels. As I sit back and reflect on this story, it strikes me in a very revelatory way that even the UNCLEAN SPIRITS KNEW HIM. In scripture, these unclean spirits were the embodiment of evil, of Satan. They come not from this world, but the world beyond. They know and guess what they proclaim, "Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – The HOLY ONE OF GOD!" If they knew who he was, maybe it's time we start trusting and knowing that HE WILL destroy the evil in our lives, if we just let him.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! ~ Deacon Ron

**Religious Education Formation (REF) *Serve One Another Through Love – Galatians 5:13***

- 2/4 REF (11-12:30pm K-5)
- 2/4 NO MS/HS REF Youth Group
- 2/11 Confirmation Mini Session #4 Parents & Candidates (2-5pm)

**Adult Faith Formation**

- **Men's Fellowship:** All Men of the Parish are invited for a morning of Faith, Prayer and Fellowship. Becoming stronger, faith-filled men in a challenging world.
  - Feb. 3 (Regular First Saturday, 7-8am)
  - Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24 (Lenten Saturdays, 7-8am)
- **St. Mark Book Club** (Sign up in the Gathering Space)
  - **Book:** Things Hidden – Scripture as Spirituality
  - **Author:** Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M.
  - **Discussion:** Tuesday, February 27th, 7-8:30pm
- **Soup, Stations, Substance**
  - Lenten Wednesdays, 6:30-8:15pm - Feb. 21: The Story of Salvation, Feb. 28: Who is Jesus?, Mar. 7: Why do we need church?, Mar. 14: The Paschal Mystery, Mar. 21: The Last things
- **Live Lent Series:** Lent isn't just about giving up something; it's about becoming a better Catholic Christian. Be challenged in prayer, the Word and great discussions with your parish community. (Sign up in the Gathering Space)
  - Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26 (Lenten Mondays, 7-8:30pm)

**Mass intentions and presentation of gifts**

Mass intentions are a great way to remember an event or the special people in your life, both living and deceased. Those who have a Mass intention are also invited to take up the offertory gifts at the Liturgy. Contact the Parish Office.