



**AUGUST 22, 2021 | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## WELCOME

### Church Staff

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, *Pastor*  
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### Contact Information

Rectory Office: 814-486-0569  
 Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm  
 Religious Education Center: 814-486-0784  
 St. Mark Community Day Care Center:  
 814-486-2399

### Sacrament of the Reconciliation

Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Saturday at 3:15 pm  
 Anytime by appointment

### Baptisms

At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass  
 after 9:00am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must  
 attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the  
 rectory for arrangements.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the rectory for arrangements six  
 months prior to the wedding.

### Prayer Requests

Margaret Burnside, 814-486-0344 or online @  
[www.stmarkemporium.org](http://www.stmarkemporium.org)



## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, AUGUST 23

8:15 AM **BILL STARNER**  
 (Bill Kaiser)  
 (1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

**NO MASS**  
 (Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

8:15 AM **In Honor of Mr. & Mrs.**  
**Patrick & Meghan Englishby**  
 (Aunt Louise)  
 (1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

8:15 AM **IVAN FRANCEUS**  
**(MONTHS MIND)**  
 (Joseph & Lucy Franceus)  
 (1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

8:15 AM **EUGEN KEENAN**  
 (Ruth Drum)  
 (1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

**St. MARK 4:15 PM**

**PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**  
 (The Pastor)

**St. JAMES 6:15 PM**

**MARTHA ECKERT**  
 (Fr. Paul Siebert)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

**9:00 AM EDWARD LUNDBERG**  
 (The Family)  
 (Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;  
 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

**EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTERS****WEEKEND OF AUG 28-29****4:15 PM - M. Fragale****9:00 AM - S. Zoschg****ST. JAMES****6:15 PM -****LECTORS:****Melissa Stuart  
Mary Meisel****Theresa Dayton****ALTAR SERVERS:****Jake Cook & Clara Clark  
M. Abriatis & Z. Abriatis****SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****SUNDAY (22nd) 9:00 AM - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time****WEDNESDAY (25th) 6:00 PM - Holy Hour ~Intention~ *Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life***

6:00 PM - Confession

7:00 PM - Benediction

**THURSDAY (26th) 6:30 PM - Recitation of Rosary****SATURDAY (28th) 3:15 PM - Confession**

4:15 PM - VIGIL MASS - ST. MARK

6:15 PM - VIGIL MASS - ST. JAMES

**SUNDAY (29th) 9:00 AM - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time****ST. MARK  
CLOTHING  
DRIVE**Getting ready to clean out your closets? St. Mark will be having a **CLOTHING DRIVE**,**SAT. AUG. 28TH**

(SUPER SATURDAY) in O'Connell Hall.

This event has proven to be very helpful in the past for those who have a need. It's a win-win for all! All Clothing, Men's, Women's, and especially children's clothing will be accepted.

(Please no undergarments)

*Clothes can be dropped off in O'Connell Hall beginning Aug. 16th through Aug. 25th, 8am to 7pm.***ST. MARK MASS  
ATTENDANCE****SAT. AUG 14 4:15 PM - 90****ST. JAMES 6:15 PM - 30****SUN. AUG. 15 11:00 AM - 64****OFFERTORY COLLECTION****WEEKEND MASS (8/14-15/2021)****ST. MARK: \$4,145.00****ST. JAMES: \$955.00***Thank you for returning some of God's gift to you to His Church.*The Sanctuary Lamps  
burn before the  
Blessed Sacraments  
this week**IN LOVING MEMORY  
of my Brother-in-law:  
BOB COLWELL  
By: Don Fapore****GOSPEL: JOHN 6:60-69****EFFECT OF THE BREAD OF LIFE DISCOURSE****QUESTION OF THE WEEK:****Adult:** *What part of Jesus as The Bread of Life is most difficult for you?***Youth:** *What keeps you coming back to church and the Holy Eucharist?***ST. MARK/ST. JAMES  
RAFFLE**

Tickets can be purchased after mass, at the rectory or by contacting any Parish Council Member.

**LESS THAN 30 TICKETS  
REMAIN FOR SALE...**

only \$25 per ticket.

**Prizes: 1st Prize: \$1,250.00****2nd Prize: \$750.00****3rd Prize: \$250.00****4th Prize: \$150.00****5th Prize: \$100.00****Thank you for your support!****(If you took tickets to sell,  
please bring back sold stubs or  
unsold tickets.)*****You're Invited!***

At Bethany Retreat Center we offer a variety of retreats and are adding new themes and speakers often. Come for a planned retreat already scheduled or come alone for your own time of personal rest and renewal. We can also offer private retreats where you bring your group for your own planned retreat; we provide the spaces you need, your accommodations and all your meals. \*Commuter options are available for many of our retreats for guests that live local.

Call 814-263-4855 to find out more.

**September 9-10 (Thurs-Fri) Icons: Companions in Prayer Facilitator: Mary Kay Laplante Cost: \$123.00**

Join us to learn about the history of icons, what makes them different from other art, their inherent symbolism, and the contemplative process by which they are created. This overnight retreat will feature an informative lecture as well as provide time for Icon Gazing and a demonstration of the ancient egg-tempura technique.





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*Gospel: John 6:60-69*

*In this Sunday's Gospel it is not the crowd who murmurs but Jesus' own disciples. Only intimacy with Jesus such as the Twelve experienced can bring anyone to stay with Jesus despite the challenge of what he says. When the disciples hear Jesus' words, they voice what many feel: "This saying is hard." And indeed it is! The choice that confronts those disciples confronts us: will we accept the hard saying? Will we stay with Jesus or not?*



## PARISH PICNIC

The Parish picnic was so very pleasant...a very nice success! It felt so very good to return to sharing an outside Mass, meal and fun, young and old alike. Hopefully we'll have more of these events on a regular basis like before. It's was so great to have children & youth there too!

Warm thanks goes to all who came, barbecued, set up tents, chairs, the Altar, sound system, and tear down. Thanks to the Pastoral Council, K of C, Cursillo, Folk Group, Jen Abriatis and her team for food & games...and anyone who helped in any way....the day couldn't have been better!

*Fr. Paul*



## MISSION CO-OP

### THIS WEEKEND!

As you know, we usually have a special missionary speaker during one summer weekend. However, this will not occur due to continuing COVID-19 Pandemic concerns. Regardless, there is still a need to support missionaries since they rely heavily on this annual appeal. In addition, a homily will be given on missions. The funds will be evenly divided between the organizations supported by the Diocese of Erie. Please be generous!



## OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS

The obligation to attend Mass has returned. Let's remind ourselves and others the importance of Mass, the amazing graces of Holy Communion and the irreplaceable experience of being together in person as the Body of Christ.



## ST. MARK MEMORIAL FUND

A generous donation was made to St. Mark Memorial Fund in loving memory of **DIANE SCHUCKERS**

*From: The Family*

## COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE

Bishop Persico intends to maintain public worship throughout the diocese while at the same time ensuring parishioners are kept as safe as possible.

Therefore, everyone distributing Holy Communion are to wear a mask. Earlier requirements that those distributing must be vaccinated and must sanitize their hands prior to distribution, remain in place.

(In counties where there is a substantial or high rate of COVID-19 transmission, all are to wear a mask while in church regardless of their vaccination status.)

PA Conference of Catholic Bishops state, "Recognizing it is evident the COVID-19 pandemic may linger for months or years to come, they asked each Bishop to communicate in a way to prioritize their own health and the health of their neighbors and faith communities."



## PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

***St. Mark Pastoral Council Elections will be taking place soon.***

Four positions need to be filled. This year, the nomination process is a little different. Rather than suggesting a person, we're asking you to nominate yourself. If you want to serve, contact Jane Kamats, Dave Summerson or Vince Fragale. Pastoral Council builds community, serves our local community, promotes Pro-Life, peace and justice, strives for learning of Faith for all ages, and seeks ways to bring back those who've been away.