

JANUARY 3, 2021 | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

WELCOME

Church Staff

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, *Pastor*
 Sr. Frances Therese Matia, SSJ, *Pastoral Minister*
 Jennifer Abriatis, *Religious Ed. Facilitator*
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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 6:00pm, Saturday at 4:00pm
 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



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

8:15 AM DECEASED MEMBER OF
 HALEY & RODICH FAMILIES
 (Dan Haley)
 (1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

NO MASS
 (1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

8:15 AM FR. JAMES O'HARA
 (Fr. Paul Siebert)
 (1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

8:15 AM EMMA ROEBER
 (The Family)
 (1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

8:15 AM ROGER CLARK
 (Millie & Family)
 (1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

5:00 PM MATTHEW ZOSCHG SR.
 (Rescheduled from 12/18/2020)
 (Otto & Shirley Hillebrand)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 (The Pastor)
 (Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11)

2 Worship Together

January 3, 2021

WEEKEND OF JAN. 9-10, 2021

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:00 PM -
9:00 AM - A. Slottje
5:30 PM -

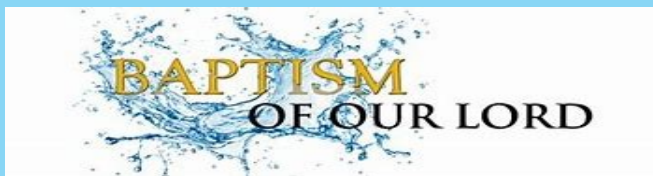
LECTORS:

Melissa Stuart
Pat Rodgers
Delaney Rowan

ALTAR SERVERS:

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (3rd) 9:00 AM - *EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*
WEDNESDAY (6th) 3:30-4:30 PM Rel. Ed. Class 2nd & 3rd Graders
6:00 PM - Confession
6:00 PM - Holy Hour
7:00 PM - Benediction
SATURDAY (9th) 4:00 PM - Confession
5:00 PM - Vigil Mass
SUNDAY (10th) 9:00 AM - *BAPTISM OF THE LORD*
5:30 PM - Family Mass



FORMED

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK:

GOD'S DOORKEEPER:
ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, *St. André of Montreal*— Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!

2020

2020 GIVING REPORTS

are available upon request. Please call the rectory @486-0569 if you would like one for your records.

ST. MARK MASS ATTENDANCE

DEC. 19th 5:00 PM - 42
DEC. 20th 9:00 AM - 35

OFFERTORY COLLECTION DECEMBER 19-20, 2020:

St. Mark: \$2,255.00
St. James: \$28.00

*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
M. FRANCES BAILEY
By: Kimberly A. McFall



IN YOUR CHARITY,
please pray for the soul of
JOHN PASQUINELLI who
passed away recently. May
his soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

A Family Perspective



The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12 THE VISIT OF THE MAGI

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: When have you found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place?
Youth: Where and in whom will you look for Jesus this week?



ST. MARK BOOK RACK

FEATURE OF THE WEEK:

Book: *Rome Sweet Home*

The well-known and very popular Catholic couple, Scott and Kimberly Hahn, have spoken all over the world about their conversion to the Catholic Church. This book tells the full story of their incredible spiritual journey that led them to embrace Catholicism.

Booklet: *Is Jesus really present in the Eucharist?*

This most accessible booklet highlights the key scriptural texts on the Eucharist. It explains how the teaching on the real presence developed in the Church over time, so bringing the reader to a clearer understanding of the unique presence of Jesus.



LENDING
LIBRARY

ST. MARK LENDING LIBRARY

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Check out the new editions to our Lending Library...all new books and DVD's available for you to borrow for your spiritual growth.

These new books and DVD's were made available to us through an Education grant we recently received from the Catholic Foundation of NW PA.





SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

Today, January 3rd, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Epiphany takes its name from a Greek word meaning: an appearance or a revelation. This feast day celebrates the revelation of the son of God as a human being. The Epiphany represents three themes: divine manifestation, royal kingship, and light. What the Church reveals today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Like the wise men, all Christians should have the courage to follow the light of our faith; recognize our Lord as Ruler, in whatever unexpected way He may present Himself to us; and bow down and adore Him, offering Him our total loyalty. This feast day is an affirmation of universal salvation.



48th ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE, JAN. 22nd

In January 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States gave our nation *Roe v. Wade* and its companion decision *Doe v. Bolton*, and in so doing effectively removed every legal protection from human beings prior to birth. The legacy of *Roe* is virtually incalculable. In its wake it has left death and sorrow and turmoil.

Millions of lives have been destroyed before birth and even during the very process of being born. Countless women have been traumatized so deeply by abortion that they spend years struggling to find peace, healing, and reconciliation. Men grieve because they could not "choose" to protect a child they helped bring into existence.

We pray that the Lord enlighten the eyes of our hearts and lead our nation out of the darkness of the decision to legalize abortion 47 years ago. We pray for those whom we'll never know, and we pray for their mothers and fathers who have suffered this loss.

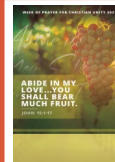


**NEXT SUNDAY,
JAN. 10th @
5:30 PM FAMILY
MASS**

SACRAMENTAL ENROLLMENT

for our *First Reconciliation*,
First Communion and
Confirmation students.

Please keep these students in your prayers as they embark more deeply into their preparations for the Sacraments of the Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.



CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK JANUARY 18-25, 2021

The theme for the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "*Abide in My Love... You Shall Bear Much Fruit.*" It was discerned by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland and finds its origins in the Gospel of John (cf. John 15:1-17). "Jesus gave his life for all out of his love for all," said Fr. James Loughran, SA, Director of Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute (GEII).

"To abide in his love reminds us that we live in a community celebrating our gift of unity."

"In these days of the Coronavirus threat, our world has become smaller," said Fr. James Loughran, SA. "We are one in our response. More than ever, we need to appreciate the value of Christian unity."

The traditional period for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-25. Those dates were proposed by Servant of God, Fr. Paul Wattson, SA, founder of the Society of the Atonement, who initiated observance of the first "Church Unity Octave" in 1908, to cover the original days of the feasts of the Chair of St. Peter (Jan. 18) and the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25), and therefore have a symbolic significance.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS

STEPHEN, MARY & JAMES HORVATH; MERLE IVES AND
DECEASED MEMBERS OF HERTZ & HORVATH FAMILIES

ROSALIE IVES & JUDY HORVATH

MR. & MRS. PAUL STREICH

MR. & MRS. RON ANDREWS

DECEASED MEMBERS OF LYON AND WENNIN FAMILIES

VERONICA LYON

SARAH & MARION DELUCIA

PETE DELUCIA



HAPPY★NEW★YEAR