

**MARCH 21, 2021 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

## WELCOME

### Church Staff

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, *Pastor*  
 Sr. Frances Therese Matia, SSJ, *Pastoral Minister*  
 Jennifer Abriatis, *Religious Ed. Facilitator*  
 Joseph DeSio, *Financial Council Moderator*  
 Dan Martuccio, *Pastoral Council President*  
 Don Fapore, *St. Mark Cemetery 486-1119*  
 Kimberly McFall, *Secretary*

### 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](http://www.stmarkemporium.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, MARCH 22

**8:15 AM MSGR. W. ROBERT GRIFFIN**  
 (Bill & Sue Bogart)  
 (Dn 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 23

**8:15 AM COMMUNION SERVICE**  
 (Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

**8:15 AM MARGARET SIMON (ANNIV.)**  
 (The Family)  
 (IDn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 25

**8:15 AM CARMINE CAPPIELLO**  
 (Ted & Darlene)  
 (Us 7:10-14; 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 26

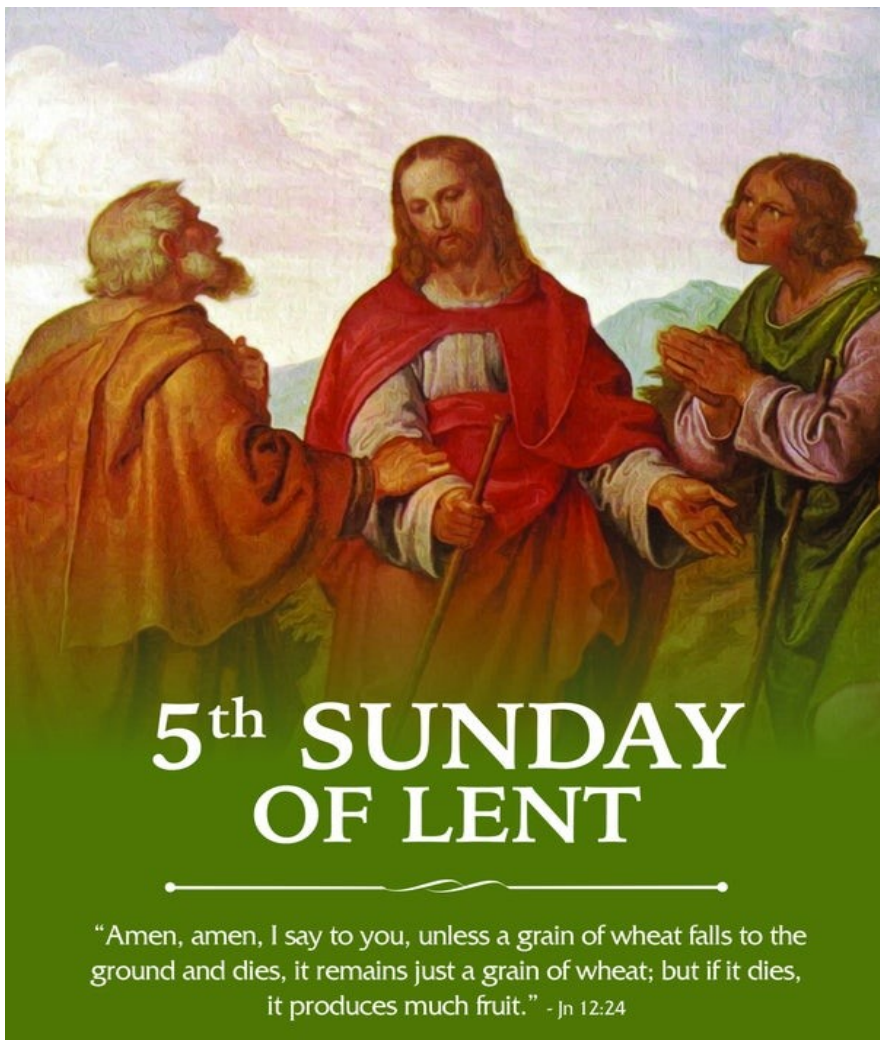
**8:15 AM JAMES KAZA**  
 (Brother of Msgr. Kaza)  
 (Debbie Dunkle)  
 (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 27

**5:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES**  
 (The Pastor)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 28

**9:00 AM ROBERT SCLESKY**  
 (A Family Friend)  
 (Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47)



# 2 Worship Together

MARCH 21, 2021

## WEEKEND OF MARCH 27-28 2021

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS:	ALTAR SERVERS:
5:00 PM - Volunteer	Joe DeLucia	M. Stuart, H. & A. McAulay
9:00 AM - L. Purcell	Pat Rodgers	H. Brown & R. Shaffer
5:30 PM -		

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	(21st)	9:00 AM - <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 5:30 PM - FAMILY MASS *Confession after Mass
WEDNESDAY	(24th)	No Religious Ed. Class Grades 2 & 3 5:30 PM - <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> 6:00 PM - Confession 6:00 PM - Holy Hour 7:00 PM - Benediction
THURSDAY	(25th)	6:30 PM - Recitation of the Rosary
SATURDAY	(27th)	4:00 PM - Confession 5:00 PM - Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	(28th)	9:00 AM - <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 10-11:00 AM - Confirmation Class



## ST. MARK ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL YARD SALE

**JULY 3rd, 9 AM-1 PM @  
St. Mark parking lot.**

Be sure to save your 'treasures' as you being your spring cleaning! As always, we cannot accept computers, TV's, calculators, clothes or undergarments. Keep an eye on the bulletin for more details regarding drop off and/or pick up information.



## HOLY WATER

At the 2021 Easter Vigil, Holy Water will be blessed using closed Holy Water bottles, prepared ahead of time. Please call the rectory, 486-0569, if you want a bottle. This will be a one-time only event, there will not be Holy Water available after, unless you request a bottle, so if you desire Easter Water, let us know.

## ST. MARK MASS

### ATTENDANCE

**MARCH 13th 5:00 PM - 69**

**MARCH 14th 9:00 AM - 55**

### OFFERTORY

### COLLECTION

**MARCH 13-14, 2021**

St. Mark: \$3,381.00

St. James: \$35.00

*Thank you for returning some of  
God's gift to you to His Church.*

**Thank You!**

*To my church family,  
This is late in coming,  
but the sentiment is the  
same, Thank you so much for your prayers.  
Ed & I know that these keep us going. Your  
acts of kindness through prayer, cards, gift  
certificates, flowers and meals keep me  
knowing I'm still part of you, even if I don't  
see you. The Lord is truly walking with us  
(me) and showing His mercy and compas-  
sion. I am truly blest and your prayers help  
also remind me on my down days to never  
give up hope and always trust in the Lord.  
May He bless all of you abundantly.*

*Robin Woods*



*Thanks to all  
involved with the  
success of the*

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**  
*that took place Sat., March  
20th here @ St. Mark. Special  
thanks to Jen Abriatis for her  
time and dedication.*

*Fr. Paul*



HOLY WEEK

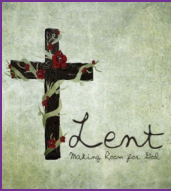
## "AT HOME ON HOLY WEEK"

We are mindful that many of our families are not yet comfortable returning to Mass in-person. However, our at home households are still valued members of our parish community. We look forward to celebrating Mass together in-person whenever it is safe for everyone to return. In the meantime, ST. MARK wants to support the faith lives of all of our parishioners, near and far, during this sacred time in our Church's liturgical year.

This year, we will offer packets of prayerful resources to support your observance of Holy Week at home. The resources will include prayers, reflection questions, links to 2-minute video reflections, and interactive family activities for Holy Week. These activities are designed particularly with the needs of at home families in mind, but they are open to everyone. If you would like to request a packet of resources, please contact Jen Abriatis (486-0784) or the parish office (486-0569) as soon as possible. You can also access the resources on the diocesan Office of Faith Formation website at:

<https://www.eriecnd.org/holyweekathome.html>





## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### **Focusing on the Gospel**

**Gospel: John 12:20-33**

The challenge of this gospel is to serve others, lose one's life, and die. All this, to gain new life. Disciples do this in imitation of Jesus. Discipleship therefore, means a lifelong growing into dying and rising.

Learning to serve, we understand what losing our life means. Losing our life, we understand what dying means. Dying, we receive the fruit: fullness of life and a share in Christ's glorification.



## LAST WEEK FOR CONFESSIONS

**WED., 6:00 PM &  
SAT., 4:00 PM**

**SPECIAL MORNING  
OPPORTUNITY:**

**THURS., MARCH 25 @ 9:00 AM  
SPECIAL 'LAST' OPPORTUNITY:  
PALM SUN., MARCH 28 @ 4:00 PM**  
(Confessions on Wed. March 31st  
will not be scheduled)

**SPECIAL CONFESSION WITH  
VISITING PRIESTS AT  
ECCHS, THURS. MARCH 25  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM  
WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING.**

## PALM SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND!



Palm Sunday

Fr. Paul will gather in the main body of the church (we will not meet in O'Connell Hall). The blessing of palms will occur

upstairs at the beginning of mass.

One palm per person will be found in the taped-off pews in front of you. Like usual, you will hold the palm up for the blessing. Those who wish additional palms, can get them from the ushers when they depart mass. Blessed palms will also be available in the church as usual for those who do not attend the liturgy.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**WEDNESDAYS @ 5:30 PM  
HOLY HOUR &  
CONFESSION 6:00 PM  
BENEDICTION: 7:00 PM**



The Sanctuary Lamps  
burn before the  
Blessed Sacraments  
this week



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MARY, STEVE and JIM HORVATH  
By: The Family**



## FIRST RECONCILIATION

### **CORRECTION:**

Please accept apologies...last bulletin had incorrect or missing St. Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who received their First Reconciliation:

**Savannah Berry, Brynn Cooper, Ruth Ann Kane, Beau Fragale & Oliver Morgan.**



**HOLY WEEK  
WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

### **Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper, 6:30 PM**

As in other years, remember to bring your bells for the singing of the Gloria. Also bring nonperishable food items for CC Community Food Pantry. Food items can be placed in designated areas as you enter the church. The washing of the feet will not occur this year. We will continue to have our beautiful liturgy that everyone keeps dear to their hearts. Time for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament at Altar of Repose in O'Connell Hall will occur until 10:00 PM.

Night prayer will occur at 9:50 PM.

**Good Friday, The Passion of the Lord,** will solemnly be celebrated like usual at 1:00 PM. In addition, Veneration of the Cross will continue to 3:00 PM, attended by the K. of C. Those who are unable to come to the service, please come and spend some quiet time during these hours.

**Easter Vigil, 8:30 PM:** we are grateful to be able to celebrate this most solemn of nights this year! Please gather in the main body of the church, as there will be no outdoor fire. The individual candles for the service light will be found in the taped off pews as described in Palm Sunday. There will not be adult candidates for the Easter sacraments this year; however, we will have a wonderful celebrations and all the other regards to celebrate Christ is Risen!

**GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33 THE COMING OF JESUS' HOUR**

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

**Adult:** When and in what way have you seen life come from death?

**Youth:** When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something for a friend or member of your family?