

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

Church Staff

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, *Pastor*
 Sr. Frances Therese Matia, SSJ, *Pastoral Minister*
 Jennifer Abriatis, *Faith Formation 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 Thurs. 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
 Friday, 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Faith Formation 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
 9:00 am 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 or
oursmprayers@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his
 cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
 but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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MONDAY, SEPT. 4—LABOR DAY

8:15 AM FRANK CARNOVALE

(His sister)

(1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

No Mass

(1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

8:15 AM KEVIN SUPKA (ANNIV.)

(Mike & Leslie Songer)

(Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

8:15 AM FELIX H. & MARY SWIDERSKI

(Felix & Nicki Swiderski)

(Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

8:15 AM KENDYL SHAFFER (ANNIV.)

(Jeff Felix)

(Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 4:00 PM

THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

(The Martuccio Family)

ST. JAMES

5:30 PM

**DECEASED MEMBERS OF DAYTON &
 CONTORSO FAMILIES**

(Bob & Theresa Dayton)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 9:00 AM

PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

(Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20)

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2 Worship Together

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 4:00 PM

V. Fragale, M. Fragale & L. Summerson | Melissa Stuart | Emilia & Mitchell Copp

ST. JAMES, SEPT. 9 5:30 PM

Bob Dayton

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 9:00 AM

L. Purcell & L. Zosch | John English | Kamden & Beau Fragale

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	(3rd)	9:00 AM - 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MONDAY	(4th)	8:15 AM - LABOR DAY MASS
WEDNESDAY	(6th)	6:00 PM - Holy Hour <i>Adoration Intention: Local Confession Industry Employees, Families, Local Economy & Felt Manor</i>
THURSDAY	(7th)	7:00 PM - Benediction
SATURDAY	(9th)	6:30 PM - Rosary
		3:15 PM - Confession
		4:00 PM - St. Mark VIGIL MASS
		5:30 PM - Mass at St. James
SUNDAY	(10th)	9:00 AM - 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
		6:00-7:45 PM - Confirmation Class Grades 9-10
		St. Marys Church, St. Marys PA

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-27

DOCTRINE OF THE CROSS

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?

Youth: When has it been difficult to be a follower of Jesus?

ST. MARK MASS

ATTENDANCE

SAT. AUG. 26 4:00 PM - 92

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM - 40

SUN. AUG. 27 11:00 AM - 130

OFFERTORY

COLLECTION

WEEKEND MASSES

(8/26-27/2023)

ST. MARK: \$4,211.00

ST. JAMES: \$192.00

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

ST. MARK —FREE CLOTHING—

Please drop off your gently used clothes (no undergarments please)

now thru Friday, Sept. 8th, to O'Connell Hall.

We will have a
FREE CLOTHING drive
SEPT. 9-10-11-12 & 13.



ROSARY SOCIETY

Rosary Society Meeting

Every 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 1:00 PM

New members welcome!

Rosary said in church, then a short meeting to follow.

Next meeting,
Tuesday, Sept. 12th @ 1:00 PM



ANNULMENT FEES WAIVED

In the Diocese of Erie, in response to Pope Francis' call, fees for annulments, dispensations or permissions are waived. The office of the Tribunal and Matrimonial Concerns continues to accept voluntary donations to help defray operational costs, but are not required.

St. Mark

Memorial Fund



This fund exists for the well-being of St. Mark Church, Emporium, for the generations to come. We welcome monetary contributions of any amount to the St. Mark Memorial through a will, estate planning, or as a memorial in the name of a loved one. St. Mark Memorial Fund Giving envelopes can be found in the center aisle table in the back of the church, at the church rectory or at the local funeral home.



The Sanctuary Lamps
burn before the
Blessed



Sacrament this week
**DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED
MOTHER MARY**
By: Bill Bogart

September

PLAN AHEAD.....

FIRST RESPONDERS MASS SUNDAY: SEPT. 10th @ 9:00 AM

FIRST DAY OF FAITH FORMATION: SUNDAY, SEPT. 17TH

CLOTHING SWAP: SEPT. 9-13, 2023

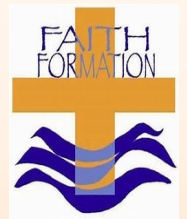
ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH | EMPORIUM, PA



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Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

No wonder Peter rebukes Jesus! Jesus "began to show his disciples" what faithful discipleship demands: denying self, losing self, letting self die. Jesus teaches his disciples to let go of self so that a new self can be given. What we relinquish is ourselves as we are now; what we are given is a new self born from identifying completely with Jesus. It takes a lifetime of discipleship to turn from wanting to rebuke Jesus' way of living through the cross to embracing it. It takes a lifetime of discipleship to let Jesus transform our life into his Life.



FAITH FORMATION

begins at St. Mark soon. New, exciting things are coming!

Here's the schedule:
CONFIRMATION:

Grades 9-10: begins on Sun. Sept. 10th
6:00 p.m. ~ 7:45 p.m. at

St. Marys Church, St. Marys Pa

EDGE: Grades 6-8 —an exciting youth experience Sunday mornings
begins Sept. 17th, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Grades 1-5: begins

Wed. Sept 20th; 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Please return your child's registration from if you haven't already done so.

If you have any questions, or need to register a child, please contact

Mrs. Jen Abriatis at the Faith Formation office: 814-486-0784



Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. Why not start your holiday out with Morning Mass on **Monday, Sept. 4th @ 8:15 AM.**

Happy Labor Day Weekend

ST. MARK CSA

UPDATE



2023 Diocesan

Goal:

\$36,836.00

Total Pledged to date:

\$33,623.00

Total Paid to date:

\$28,528.00

Remember all donations over the Diocesan Goal amount will stay here at St. Mark/St. James. Your continued support and generosity are a blessing.

THANK YOU!

FIRST RESPONDERS

MASS:

We, at St. Mark, will hold a special mass on **Sunday, Sept. 10th at 9:00 AM** for our local first responders in thanks and gratitude for their unwavering and dedicated service to our community and our nation. Please join us for this special mass. If you know a first responder, please invite them. They do not have to be a Catholic to attend.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

The 2023 Catholic Education Collection will take place on **Sept. 16-17, 2023.**

This important collection supports lifelong faith formation for all generations throughout the diocese. Please give generously and know that half of what you give will remain here at St. Mark parish to support our own Faith Formation programs.

Consider the Pittsburgh Men's Conference



The 15th Gathering of Pittsburgh's Catholic Men's Conference has adopted **The Light of the World** as its theme, reminding men they don't need to go far for answers: Jesus Christ is the Light and leads to the way, the truth, and the life. At this September 23rd gathering, speakers will equip men to respond to the call. Presenters include:

Chris Stefanick, Ennie Hickman, Mark Houck and Bishop David Zubik.

The doors will open at 11:30 am on Saturday, Sept. 23, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:30 pm. The program will begin at 1 pm with the closing Mass at 4:00 pm. Confessions will be available during the conference. Worship music will be provided by songwriter John Paul Von Ark and Dan Bozek. Register online at www.cmfwp.org. The \$25 cost will increase after August. The event will be held at the Duquesne University Power Center Ballroom, 1015 Forbes Avenue in Pittsburgh, within walking distance of a nearby parking garage.



TAKE ME TO WORSHIP

It's now time to put out the signs. Remember, those children who attend one religious service or religious activity a week have less chance of alcohol or substance abuse, are happier and get better grades!

So let's see more kids at mass!!

Yard signs are available in the back of the church.