

ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

JANUARY 1, 2023 | SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



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2 Worship Together

JANUARY 1, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JAN. 2

No Mass

(1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28)

TUESDAY JAN. 3

No Mass

(1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:269-34)

WEDNESDAY JAN. 4

8:15 AM MARY WOOD (ANNIV.)

(Wed. Morning Prayer Group)
(1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42)

THURSDAY, JAN. 5

8:15 AM MICHAEL CLARK

(The Family)

(1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51)

FRIDAY, JAN. 6—FIRST FRIDAY

8:15 AM VIJAY MAZUMDAR

(Paul & Beth Malizia)

5:00 PM In HONOR of

SR. JUDY LaBROZZI

(Ray & Anne DeMatz)

(1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11)

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

4:00 PM

PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, JAN. 8

9:00 AM

FRED & LILLIAN WOODS and son,
FREDDIE

(Ed & Robin Woods)

(Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)

MINISTERS:

WEEKEND OF JAN. 7-8

SATURDAY, JAN. 7 4:00 PM

Carol Dankesreiter | Stephanie Petty | Emelia & Mitchell Copp

SUNDAY, JAN. 8 9:00 AM

Kira Aikens | Vicky Songer | Kamden Fragale & Mira Cooper

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| SUNDAY | (1st) | 9:00 AM - <i>SOLEMNITY OF MARY</i> No EDGE or Confirmation Sessions-Christmas break |
| WEDNESDAY | (4th) | No Faith Formation Sessions 6:00 PM - Holy Hour ~ <i>Intentions ~ Local Industry</i> Confession <i>Employees, Families & Local Economy</i> 7:00 PM - Benediction |
| THURSDAY | (5th) | 6:30 PM - Rosary |
| FRIDAY | (6th) | 8:15 AM & 5:00 PM— <i>FIRST FRIDAY MASSES</i> |
| SATURDAY | (7th) | 3:30 PM - Confession 4:00 PM - Vigil Mass |
| SUNDAY | (8th) | 9:00 AM - <i>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i>  10:00 AM – 11:30 AM EDGE & Confirmation Sessions |

RD'S' VISIT

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: *How has God blessed and kept your family? What can you do as a family this week to show your gratitude for these blessings?*

Youth: *When have you felt most blessed by God? What can you do to help someone in your family the same way?*

 The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacraments this week 

In Loving Memory of my Grandmother:

M. FRANCES BAILEY

By: Kimberly McFall

ST. MARK MASS

ATTENDANCE

SAT. DEC. 17 4:00 PM - 97

SUN. DEC. 18 9:00 AM - 121

OFFERTORY

COLLECTION

WEEKEND MASS

(12/17-18/2022)

ST. MARK: \$4,441.00

ST. JAMES: \$285.00

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

WHAT WAS RAFFLE MONEY USED FOR?

(Local Gift Card & Smoker/Grill Raffles)

We recently had some minor repairs done to the front of the church in the area of *The Sacred Heart of Jesus statue* and *St. Joseph statue*. Many thanks to **Ken**

Horning Painting and his crew for the outstanding job of repairing and re-painting the walls near the statues.



ST. MARK

—FREE CLOTHING—



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

starting **Monday,**

Jan. 16th in O'Connell Hall.

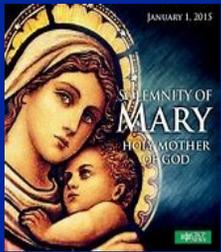
We will have a **FREE CLOTHING** drive the weekend of

JAN. 21-22, 2023



FELT MANOR:

SPECIAL ROSARY for residents and staff of Guy & Mary Felt Manor will be recited every Wed. at 6:30PM until further notice.



JAN. 1, 2023 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD FEAST DAY

Mary, Mother of God is a special High Feast day honoring Mary's special place as the Mother of us all.

Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the *fruit of your womb*. And how does this happen to me, that *the mother of my Lord* should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43, emphasis added). Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ST. MARK PARISH MISSION

On March 12-14, 2023, our beloved Msgr. Charles Kaza will be our special guest speaker.

Join us for three nights of inspiration.

Mark your calendar...plan ahead!



GRATEFUL STEWARD TALK

NEXT WEEKEND
JAN. 7-8, 2023

As we begin 2023, Fr. Paul will briefly encourage us to think and pray about our giving. You will have an opportunity to place your spiritual offering next to the Tabernacle.



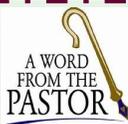
ST MARK CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

The St. Mark Christmas Brunch was a great success! We had people of all ages there enjoying food & crafts & Christmas carols! Thank you to the *K of C* for cooking an amazing brunch, to the *Confirmations student* for all their help with the crafts and to *Jen Abriatis* for all her hard work organizing this event! *A special tribute was given in honor of Jen's 15th Anniversary as Faith Formation Facilitator!*

FAMILY MASS & SACRAMENTAL ENROLLMENT

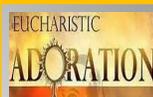


Sunday, Jan. 15th, 2nd & 3rd Graders will renew their Baptismal promises with Baptismal Candles at 9:00 AM Mass. Parent/Student session follows Mass.



A sincere thank you goes out to all of the people sending Christmas gifts and greetings to me and the parish staff. I appreciate the cards, monetary gifts, food, spiritual bouquets, prayers and especially the love contained there in. A little word of encouragement and kindness goes a long way! Thanks so much!

Fr. Paul



FIRST FRIDAY, JAN. 6

Please join us for Mass at 8:15 AM or 5:00 PM. Adoration is between 8:30 AM & 5:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. *If you know of any shut-ins who would like a Communion visit, please contact the rectory.*



NEXT WEEKEND EPIPHANY of THE LORD

SAT. JAN. 7 @ 4:00 PM
SUN. JAN. 8 @ 9:00 AM

At the Nativity of Christ, the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi is a revelation of God to man. At this visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Thank you to all who made our Christmas liturgies so beautiful. Choirs making lovely music, Bernie Oswald and her crew for the lovely decorations and flowers. What an amazing touch of beauty! To the Ushers, Lectors and Altar Servers, Livestream volunteers and computer Monitor volunteers, I appreciate you all taking extra turns as the Holy Days demand. It's so great to see more and more people come to join us to make such a meaningful worship experience. Emmanuel, God is with us!

Fr. Paul

P. S. A special thank you to Barnett's Funeral Home for the beautiful 2023 Feasts & Saints Calendars!