

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Fapone, *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 6:00 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



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And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPT. 6

NO MASS

(Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 7

NO MASS

(Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8

8:15 AM KENDYL SHAFFER
 (ANNIV.)

(Toni & Dave Dresser)

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

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

8:15 AM FR. CHARLES D. SKINNER

(Debbie Dunkle)

(Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

8:15 AM JOSEPH LaBROZZI

(Bob & Carol Ives)

(1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

St. MARK 4:15 PM

FELIX & MARY SWIDERSKI

(Felix & Nicki Swiderski)

ST. JAMES 6:15 PM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

(The Pastor)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

9:00 AM JAMES GRIMONE (ANNIV.)

(Larry & Criss)

(Is 50:4c-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35)

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2 Worship Together

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

WEEKEND OF SEPT. 11-12

4:15 PM - Lynn Summerson

9:00 AM - Pat Rodgers

ST. JAMES

6:15 PM -

LECTORS:

Stephanie Petty

Janice Fitch

Laura Zoschg

ALTAR SERVERS:

M. Stuart & C. Clark

M. Abriatis & R. Shaffer

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (5th) 9:00 AM - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEDNESDAY (7th) 6:00 PM - Holy Hour ~Intention~ *American Axel
Manufacturing Employees, Families and Local Economy*

6:00 PM - Confession

7:00 PM - Benediction

THURSDAY (9th) 6:30 PM - Recitation of Rosary

SATURDAY (11th) 3:15 PM - Confession

4:15 PM - VIGIL MASS - ST. MARK

6:15 PM - VIGIL MASS - ST. JAMES

SUNDAY (12th) 9:00 AM - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST RESPONDERS MASS

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR

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9/11-12/2021

ST. MARK/ST. JAMES RAFFLE

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

**LESS THAN 19 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!

GOSPEL: MARK 7:31-37 HEALING OF A DEAF-MUTE

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?

Youth: What does your belief in Jesus mean to you?

2021-2022

ST. MARK ~ ST. JAMES PARISH

CARE AND CONCERN

MAJOR COORDINATORS

Beth Malizia 814-486-3674

Brenda Sidun 814-486-1248

PRAYER SERVICE

Margaret Burnside 814-486-0344

Beverly Coppersmith 814-486-4101

TRANSPORTATION

Stephanie Petty 814-486-2728

HOSPITALITY

Send Cards—Barb Keller 814-486-0343

Food Bank—Laure Richnafsky

814-486-3166 or 814-594-0515

Bereavement—Pat Martin 814-486-1990

Welcome New Parishioners

Jill Cunningham 814-335-1887

SET UP O'CONNELL HALL

Art May 814-486-0787

HOME SERVICES

Jen Abriatis 814-486-0874 or 814-335-4871

Beth Malizia 814-486-3674

ESTHER'S HOUSE

Kathy Strycula 814-486-1521



COMING UP...SIZERVILLE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Sunday, SEPT. 26th parishioners of ALL ages are welcomed to join us at Sizerville State Park from 6:00 ~ 7:30 PM. We will have some seasonal activities & a short prayer service. Please meet at the big parking lot past the pool. This is always a fun night for our youth...please come along and have some fun!



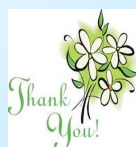
ANNULMENT FEES WAIVED

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.



A Huge
thanks to
all who
helped
with the

Clothing Drive in any
way...it was a great
success.

HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND!



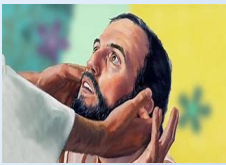
The Sanctuary Lamps
burn before the
Blessed Sacraments
this week

IN HONOR of:

KENDYL SHAFFER

By: Paul, Nicki, Noah & Zach





23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

"Be opened!" Jesus commands the deaf-mute man as he heals him. This encounter, however, is more than a matter of physical healing. It is a sign of salvation: God's superabundant life breaking open the closed human condition. Further, what Jesus commands with respect to the deaf-mute man, he commands with respect to us. When we encounter Jesus, he commands, "Be opened!" and we too are healed: our ears are opened to hear the Good News and our tongues are loosened to proclaim it.



**ST. MARK
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

BEGINS

SUNDAY SEPT. 19, 2021

SIGN UP NOW!

Please call Jen Abriatis @
486-0784

**Grades 6-12: Sunday's
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

(Exception: Sunday, Family Mass)

**Grades 1-5: Wednesday's
3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

FIRST RESPONDERS MASS

Will be next weekend,

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12TH

St. Mark Church will commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States at a special mass to be held on *Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cameron County Local and State Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Medical Service personnel, Mountaineer Search and Rescue, Military Veterans and members of the Reserve Forces of all faiths are invited to dress in uniform and attend the mass. Everyone in the community is invited to attend as well. We will pray for the Church, our nation, the world and those who experienced the attacks or lost loved ones on 9/11. There will be prayers and a special blessing to honor all those who make a difference every day in our community for their extraordinary commitment. God bless America and let there be peace on earth.



DIocese OF ERIE Re-membering Our Sunday Story

Yes, it's time to re-member by your weekly in-person attendance to St. Mark/St. James masses!

I invite you to come back to the celebration of the Eucharist: those who stayed away because of the pandemic, those who had not been coming to the Eucharist even before the pandemic began, those who've been coming once in a while, as well as those who've been regular participants. It's time for us to come together again as disciples of Christ and to "re-member" our Sunday story. In that "re-membering," strive to become in Christ the faith-filled disciples that your are called to be. -Bishop Lawrence Persico



FAMILY MASS/ SESSION

Family Mass/Sessions will resume beginning **Sun., Sept 19; 5:30-7:00 PM**. These masses will take place the third Sunday of every month. Along with the religious Ed. classes for the children, there will be special topics for the parents. These masses and sessions were well received last year...we hope you bring your family!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

Sept. 18-19/2021

The 2021 Catholic Education Collection will take place on 9/18-19/2021. This important collection supports 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/St. James parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs.



PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

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

Four positions need to be filled. If know someone who would serve, please 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.



**ST. MARK PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING**
THUR., SEPT. 9th @
4:30 PM in O'CONNELL HALL.



WELCOME VISITORS

We hope you enjoy your stay!
Happy Labor Day Weekend!



TAKE ME TO WORSHIP

It's time to put your signs out! If you need one or know someone who wants one, please pick up in back of the church.