



# ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —  
ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

**APRIL 21 2024**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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, *Office Manager*

**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](http://www.stmarkemporium.org) or  
[oursmprayers@gmail.com](mailto:oursmprayers@gmail.com)



**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

“This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down  
 my life in order to take it up again.” - Jn 10:17

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<p><b>MONDAY, APRIL 22</b>  <b>8:15 AM LEO BLUMLE (ANNIV.)</b>          (The Family)          (Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10)</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, APRIL 25</b>  <b>8:15 AM THE LIVING &amp; DECEASED</b>  <b>MEMBERS OF THE O'MALLEY &amp;</b>  <b>HAYES FAMILIES</b>          (The Family)          (1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20)</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY, APRIL 27 4:00 PM</b>  <b>ST. MARK</b>  <b>VERONICA &amp; ARLINGTON DUNKLE</b>          (Debbie Dunkle)</p> <p><b>ST. JAMES 5:30 PM</b>  <b>JOHN WOODS</b>          (Ed Woods)</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, APRIL 23</b>  <b>No Mass</b>          (Act 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30)</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, APRIL 26</b>  <b>8:15 AM JANICE FITCH</b>  <b>(MONTHS MIND)</b>          (Paul &amp; Beth Malizia)          (Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6)</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, APRIL 28 9:00 AM</b>  <b>PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES</b>          (The Pastor)          (Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8)</p>

# 2 Worship Together

APRIL 21, 2024

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**  
 J. & B. Keller & A. Slottje

**LECTORS:**  
**4:00 PM**  
 Ralph Grovanz | Emilia & Mitchell Copp

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**ST. JAMES**  
**5:30 PM**  
 Theresa Dayton

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**  
 F. & M.J. Guido & M. Dixon

**9:00 AM**  
 Vicky Songer | Mira & Brynn Cooper

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

SUNDAY (21st) 9:00 AM - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 10:00-11:30 AM EDGE SESSION GRADES 6-8

WEDNESDAY (24th) 3:30—5:00 PM Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-5  
 Confession by appointment

THURSDAY (25th) 6:30 PM - Rosary

SATURDAY (27th) 3:15 PM - CONFESSION  
 4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK  
 5:30 PM - MASS @ ST. JAMES

SUNDAY (28th) 9:00 AM - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
**ST. MARK FEAST DAY CELEBRATION BRUNCH**

**GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18**  
**THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**  
**Adult:** Whom are you shepherding in your life right now, and who shepherds you?  
**Youth:** Who has been like a shepherd to you by their example?

**ST. MARK MASS ATTENDANCE**

SAT. APRIL 13 4:00 PM - 81  
 ST. JAMES 5:30 PM - 32  
 SUN. APRIL 14 9:00AM - 112

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
 (4/13-14/2024)  
 ST. MARK: \$3,605.00  
 ST. JAMES: \$412.00

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

The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week  
**IN LOVING MEMORY of TIMOTHY KINSLER**  
 From: Jan & Family

**ST. MARK ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL YARD SALE**

**JULY 6th, 9 AM-1 PM @ St. Mark parking lot.**

Be sure to save your 'treasures' as you begin your spring cleaning!  
 As always, we cannot accept computers, TV's, calculators, clothes or undergarments.

Donations can be dropped of Tuesdays and/or Thursdays during the months of **May and June**, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Please bring all items to the back of the Faith Formation building...room 6 (nearest to Fr. Paul's driveway).

If you need your donations to be picked up, please call Josie DeSio @ 814-486-1968 or Art May @ 814-486-0787 to arrange date and time for pick up.

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **MR. & MRS. OTTITO & ALLEGRA SCHLODER OSADEBE**  
 united in Holy Matrimony here at St. Mark, April 20, 2024.  
 May your union be filled with many years of blessings and joy.

**Thank You!** Many thanks to all who helped with the clothing drive!  
 This is a very nice outreach that we provide for our town.  
*"As often as you did it to one of my least ones, you did for me"*  
 Fr. Paul

**EARTH DAY, THURS. APRIL 22nd**

**Earth Day** Pope Frances urges us to be protectors of God's gifts.  
*"Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start."*  
 - Pope Francis.

You can help by recycling clear glass, tin cans, aluminum cans, corrugated cardboard & plastics. Take stock of what your family already recycles (paper, plastic, cans...) Can you add one more thing to recycle? Better yet, commit to avoid buying something that needs recycling, especially plastic.

**IN YOUR CHARITY,** please pray for the soul of **PHYLLIS GREEN**, mother of Dave Green, who passed away recently. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

What is the command Jesus received from his Father? That he be the Good Shepherd by laying down his life for his sheep. That he gather all people into one flock by laying down his life for his sheep. We, Jesus' disciples, receive the same command from him. We are not to be "hired" hands but good shepherds who, by listening to his voice leading us, lay down our lives for others. In the Father's love we too gather all people into one flock by laying down our lives for others. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. So are we to be.



## WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. MARK, OUR PATRON SAINT, THURSDAY, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>

St. Mark the Evangelist is most often depicted writing or holding his gospel. In Christian tradition, St. Mark the Evangelist, the author of the second gospel is symbolized by a lion - a figure of courage and monarchy. Some Christian legends refer to St. Mark as "Saint Mark the Lionhearted". These legends say that he was thrown to the lions and the animals refused to attack or eat him. Instead the lions slept at his feet while he petted them. When the Romans saw this, they released him, impressed by this sight.  
*St. Mark, pray for us!*



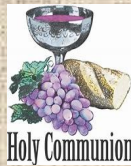
On Wed. April 24, there will not be Holy Hour or Benediction. Confession will be by appointment. Please call the Rectory (486-0569) if you're in need of Confession.

## PLAN AHEAD! ST. MARK BRUNCH! SUNDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>

*CELEBRATING ST. MARK FEAST DAY, FR. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARY and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION*  
This event is open to everyone in the parish!

*Please join us! Please sign up how many are coming in your party, to give us an idea of how many to plan for. We'll provide all food....you don't need to bring anything but yourselves & your families.*

*Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue their faith journey:*



ANDREW CLARK,  
JANE MORGAN,  
OWEN SCHAGER  
and JACK SUMMERSON

## PLAN AHEAD

MAY 2nd: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 9th: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

ASCENSION OF THE LORD:

Vigil Mass:

Wed. (5/8) @ 5:30 PM

Holy Day of Obligation Mass:

Thurs. (5/9) @ 8:15 AM

MAY 12th @ 9:00 AM Mass:

MAY CROWNING

SUNDAY, MAY 19th:

PENTECOST SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION

*St. Marys Church,  
St. Marys*

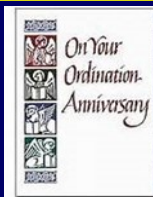


## THE GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION

The annual Good Shepherd Collection will be taken up in all parishes in the Diocese of Erie,

*THIS WEEKEND, APRIL, 20th & 21st.*

As the number of retired priests increases in the upcoming years, the Priest Retirement Plan will need to be adequately funded to meet their future needs. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of priests who have served faithfully and who serve now. It is a "thank you" for their many years of faithful service. Help provide them the same love and generosity they provided us for generations.



*Happy Anniversary to our Pastor, Fr. Paul. He celebrates his 38th Anniversary of Ordination into the Holy Priesthood on April 25, 2024!  
Love & Best wishes to you on this happy occasion!*



**ST. MARK CSA UPDATE**  
2024 Diocesan Goal:  
**\$37,823.00**

*Total Pledged to date:* \$25,677.00

*Total Paid to date:* \$17,862.00

Amazing!! Thank you all so much for your donations! Remember all donations over the Diocesan Goal amount will stay here at St. Mark/St. James. Your continued support and generosity are a blessing to our parish.

