

# St. Mark Church

235 East Fourth Street Emporium, Pennsylvania 15834

*Rev. Paul S. Siebert, Pastor*

**Pastoral Vision:** We at St. Mark/St. James glorify Jesus Christ as we . . .

**PURSUE** full and active participation rather than presume regular faith practice of our members.  
**REACT** to the changing conditions of the local Catholic community,  
**STRIVE** first and foremost for spiritual renewal in every committee, organization and activity;  
**BUILD** belonging for the various age groups, personalities, genders, and states of life;  
**INVITE** the occasional and nominal back to their spiritual home;  
**SERVE** the needs of the greater community.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Confessions will not be heard in May and June.

Anytime by appointment.

## Baptisms

At all Sunday liturgies. Baptisms outside of Mass on the second Sunday of the month after 9:00 a.m. 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 . . . . . 486-0344

## Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Mission Parish

St. James Church, Driftwood PA

Rectory . . . . . 486-0569  
Pastoral Minister . . Sister Frances Therese Matia, S.S.J.  
Religious Education Facilitator . . . . . Jennifer Abriatis  
Pastoral Council President . . . . . Dan Martuccio  
Finance Council Moderator . . . . . Jay Edel  
St. Mark Cemetery . . . . . Don Fapore  
Religious Education Center . . . . . 486-0784  
St. Mark Day Care Center . . . . . 486-2399

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

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:10 a.m. LUCY GUTGSELL (ANNIV.)  
(The Family)  
(Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:10 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE  
(Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:10 a.m. ANDY PUSCHCAR & LEO CUMMINGS  
(Tom Gavlock)  
(Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 VIGIL MASS

6:30 p.m. AURELIA 'RAL' GRIPPO  
(Thursday Night Rosary)  
(Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF VIRGIN MARY

9:00 a.m. PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES  
(The Pastor)  
(Gn 3:9-15; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:00 p.m. PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES  
(The Pastor)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 a.m. RECENTLY DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
ST. MARK C.D. of A.  
(St. Mark C.D. of A.)  
(Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8)



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

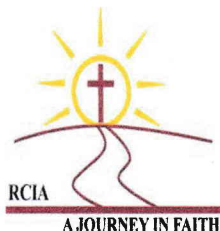


Advent is a wonderful time of spiritual preparation for Christmas. Here are some ideas for your Advent preparation:

Break out the Bible and read the weekly mass readings ahead of time. Read them in light of how they prepare you to celebrate Jesus' incarnation.

Make Advent resolutions. Resolve to give something up...permanently! We typically give up something for Lent (and many go right back to it), but consider doing it for Advent (it is the beginning of the church calendar)! Is there a habit you have been trying to break? Is there something in your life keeping you from Christ? Make an Advent resolution to give that up and grow your relationship with Jesus.

**THE RITE OF WELCOMING**



At the Rite of welcoming @ 9:00 AM mass this weekend, we welcome **SHARON 'KAY' MIX** and **JODY R. REID**, both of Emporium. They are now ready to publicly declare their

intention to continue their journey towards becoming Catholics. The Rite of Welcoming is specifically for those who are already Baptized Christians.

At this Rite, they are asked if they are ready to listen to the apostle's instructions, gather with the worshipping community in prayer and join that community in the love and service of others. They are signed with the Cross to show that they belong to Christ.

**IMPORTANCE OF THE PARISH COMMUNITY AT THE RITE OF WELCOMING**

Members of the parish community should affirm that they are ready to help and support the RCIA candidates seeking to follow Christ. We encourage all parishioners to pray for them as they continue in the initiation process over the next several months.

**Christmas in the Wilds Parade**



Join us Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM for the *Christmas in Wilds Parade*. We have a new St. Mark Banner to march behind. Then join in the fun with the *Yule Tide Carolling* event. All Parishioners are invited. Our presence

brings Christ to this event! Please come. For more information or questions, please call Jen Abriatis @ 486-7664 or Pat English @ 546-2679



**ST MARK APP**  
Download My Parish App today  
On your iPhone or Android.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF**  
**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



Vigil Mass: Thursday,  
Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM

Day of Obligation Mass: Friday,  
Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM

The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was conceived by normal biological means in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, but God acted upon her soul, keeping it "immaculate".

**ADVENT FAMILY DAY**



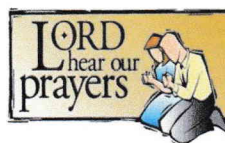
Today, Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, following morning mass, in O'Connell Hall. There will be a special presentation: **ADVENT and CHRISTMAS IN THE HOLY LAND**

By Fr. Paul, & Team Holy Land! They will show photos of the places of: *The Annunciation* (Nazareth), *The Visitation* (Ein Karem), *The Nativity* (Bethlehem) and other sacred places as they continue talking about their recent trip.

Please join us for breakfast & Advent activities!



**IN YOUR CHARITY,**  
Please pray for the soul of **JOSEPH HAGEN** who passed away recently. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



**ATTENTION LECTORS:**

As discussed at the Lector Evening recently, extra copies of the weekend Intercessions will be available in the Sacristy on Fridays, for those who do not receive them by e-mail.



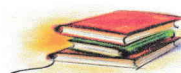
**ADVENT CONFESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**@ 7:00 PM at**

**ST. LEO'S in RIDGWAY PA.**

*(There will be no confessions heard at St. Mark on Wed. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.)*

*Confessions will be available on Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 PM)*



2017-2018 Sunday Missal is available in the Rectory.



**MASS ATTENDANCE**

NOV. 18-19, 2017

St. James: 4:30 PM - 56  
 St. Mark: 6:30 PM - 98  
 9:00 AM - 153

NOV. 25-26, 2017

St. James: 4:30 PM - 45  
 St. Mark: 6:30 PM - 125  
 9:00 AM - 168

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

NOV. 18-19 2017

St. James: \$511.00  
 St. Mark: \$3,690.40

NOV. 25-26, 2017

St. James: \$196.00  
 St. Mark: \$3,876.65



**CHRISTMAS GIVING CRIB**



The Christmas Crib is set up & ready in the church.

If you know anyone who is in need this Christmas season, please submit their names, ages, sizes, and gift wishes, and put in an envelope marked "Christmas Giving Crib". Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket, or call Darlene Vogt (486-1683), or the rectory (486-0569), with information or questions. *Wrapped gifts, with the giving crib label placed securely on the gift, should be returned by Sunday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> to the church.*



**VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED**

We are in need of help cleaning the church before Christmas.

If you can help clean the church on Monday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM, please bring your bucket, cleaning rag and a smile. Many hands make light work ☺

The Sanctuary Lamps Burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week in

**LOVING MEMORY OF  
 TILLY & ARNOLD NELSON  
 and RUTH HULTS**  
 From Bev Coppersmith



**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF VIRGIN MARY**

THURS. DEC. 7<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM – W. Smith, F. Pizzella, M. Leightley, S. & L. Zoschg

FRI. DEC. 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM – J. Grimone, L. Cooney, B. & J. Keller, D. Gennocro

WEEKEND OF DEC. 9-10

5:00 PM – J. Gore, P. Housler, M. Leightley, L. & D. Summerson

9:00 AM – B. & J. Keller, P. Rodgers, D. Dunkle, K. Strycula

**LECTORS:**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF VIRGIN MARY**

THURS. DEC. 7<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM – Jane Kamats

FRI. DEC. 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM – Janice Fitch

WEEKEND of DEC. 9-10

5:00 PM – John Sidelinger 9:00 AM – Phil Burkhouse

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF VIRGIN MARY**

THURS. DEC. 7<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM – Nick Crisp & Emilia Copp

FRI. DEC. 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM – Andy DeLucia & Toni Dresser

WEEKEND of DEC. 9-10

5:00 PM – Sarah & Maggie Abriatis

9:00 AM – Abbi & Delaney Rowan

**CHILDRENS LITURGY:**

Nicia McAulay



**SCHEDULE OF EVENT**

Sunday	(3 <sup>rd</sup> )	9:00 AM - RITE OF WELCOME 10:00 AM - ADVENT FAMILY DAY ~ O'CONNELL HALL 10:15-11:30 AM - Religious Ed. Class Grades 6-11
Wednesday	(6 <sup>th</sup> )	3:30 - 5:00 PM - Religious Ed. Classes Grades 1-5 6:00 PM - Adoration of Blessed Sacrament ~ <i>Intention ~ Peace in the World</i> No Confession 7:00 PM - Benediction
Thursday	(7 <sup>th</sup> )	6:30 PM - Vigil Mass- Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday	(8 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00 AM - Holy Day of Obligation Mass
Saturday	(9 <sup>th</sup> )	2:30 PM - Confession
Sunday	(10 <sup>th</sup> )	3:00 PM - Penance Service {Grades 6-11 Rel. Ed. class}