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 at 2:30 p.m.
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, SSJ
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

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 18
JACK GUISTO
(Jen & Family)
(Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a)

TUESDAY, MAY 19

(Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20
JERRY PUSL (MONTHS MIND)
(St. Mark Family)
(Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15)

THURSDAY, MAY 21 ~ *ASCENSION OF THE LORD*
9:00 AM DONALD (PATRICK) WALKER (ANNIV.)
(The Family)
(Acts 1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20)

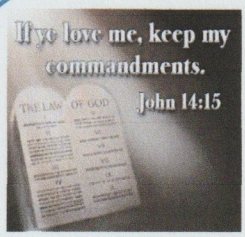
FRIDAY, MAY 22
MARGARET SIMON (ANNIV.)
(Paul & Beth Malizia)
(Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)

SATURDAY, MAY 23

ST. JAMES
MATTHEW & KATHRYN ZOSCHG SR.
(The Family)

ST. MARK
MAXINE GEORGE
(Jean Dunkleberger)

SUNDAY, MAY 24
PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
(The Pastor)
(Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a)



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE STRENGTH OF FAITH

Jesus promises us that "I will not leave you orphaned; I will come back to you and you will have life." Our faith, nurtured in this great paschal season, tells us that God-made-flesh is God-with-us, never abandoning us and always filling us with life. Jesus loves us so much that, even after his death, resurrection, and ascension, he remains with us. He is, after all, Emanuel, 'God with us,' but now through his living, sanctifying Spirit.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD: THURSDAY, MAY 21st

The Ascension of Jesus is the departure of Christ from Earth into the presence of God. The narrative in Acts 1 takes place 40 days after the Resurrection: *Jesus, in the company of the disciples, is taken up in their sight after warning them to remain in Jerusalem until the coming of the Holy Spirit; as he ascends a cloud hides him from their view, and two men in white appear to tell them that he will return "in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."*

Ascension Mass will be Livestreamed @ 9:00 AM 5/31/2020

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Bishop Persico will host a *Virtual Town Hall Meeting* on Thursday, May 21st @ 7:00 PM. Parishioners will be invited to sign up through *ZOOM*, and will be able to submit questions by email for the Bishop. If you're interested, please go the diocesan website:

https://www.eriercd.org/

The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacraments this week

IN THANKSGIVING OF ANSWERED PRAYERS

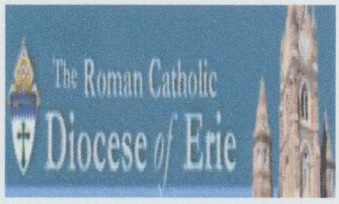
By: Gina Smith

MAY ~ MONTH OF MARY

Since we have more time at home, let's not miss opportunities to pray together. Along with Pope Francis, I encourage family Rosary and other family prayer that fits for your household. Family meals and mealtime prayer would be a great start!

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departures and transitions. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions. "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."



DIOCESE OF ERIE

New protocols for Covid 19 yellow phase. Effective Sunday, May 10, 2020: Restore periods of confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with social distancing. All present are to wear masks, (excluding the priest when functioning on the Altar).
At St. Mark, Holy Hour with confessions will occur Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. Confession will begin Saturdays @ 2:30 PM. Suspension of all public masses continue during this time. Elderly and those at risk are encouraged to stay home. After May 20, 2020, decisions may be made possible for the next steps to be taken toward a gradual lifting of restrictions.

Other items:

- Dispensation from Sunday obligations remains in place.
- A dispensation from the Easter duty of sacramental confession is granted throughout the Diocese of Erie.
- Regular pastoral visits to hospitals and homebound remains suspended. Priests and deacons (no Lay Ministers) may visit *homebound for emergency Sacramental visits.*

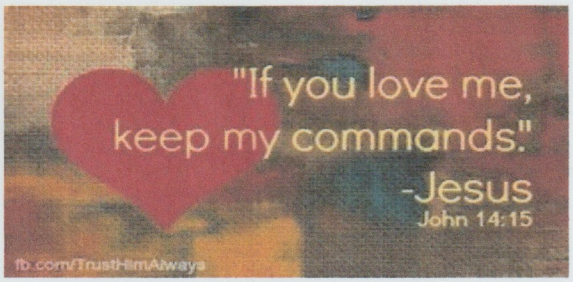
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Due to the pandemic, the *INTERNATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION* will not be taken up this year. If you've already made a donation to this collection, it will be applied to next year's collection.
In addition, *PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION* will be moved from June 27-28, 2020 to October 3-4, 2020.

May 17, 2020 Sixth Sunday of Easter **Gospel: John 14:15-21 (Promise of Paraclete)**
Question of the week: Adult: The Spirit gives us inner wisdom and strength. When have you experienced this?
Youth: The Holy Spirit makes you strong inside. When do you need to be strong?

ST. MARK CHURCH EMPORIUM, PA

ST. MARK EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:
5:00 PM –
9:00 AM –



SOCIAL DISTANCING

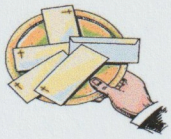
Social distancing is to be practiced during this pandemic. For your personal safety, please try your best to abide to this.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday (17th)	9:00 AM – *SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*
Wednesday (20th)	6:00 PM – Adoration of Blessed Sacrament ~ *Intentions ~ Peace & Unity in our Country*
	6:00 PM – Confession
	7:00 PM – Benediction
Thursday (21st)	*9:00 AM – HOLY DAY ~ FEAST OF THE ASCENSION (Livestreamed on FB)*
Saturday (23rd)	2:30 PM – Confession
	5:00 PM – *LIVE STREAM MASS*
Sunday (24th)	9:00 AM – *SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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



May 9-10, 2020:
St. Mark: $4,065.00
St. James: $348.00

Thanks to all those contributing during these difficult times. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

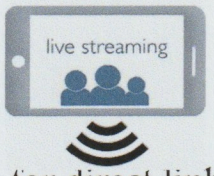
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you at this moment sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you are already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

NOTICE

To comply with the latest government requirements, a *face mask is required* to be worn to enter all buildings.

Including, St. Mark Rectory office & St. Mark Church buildings (i.e. the Church, O'Connell Hall & Religious Ed. Center).
Please continue to follow social distancing practice



LIVE STREAMING MASS

You can go to our web page, www.stmarkemporium. for direct links. While there are no open masses at this time, St. Mark Church will be LIVE STREAMING weekend masses and daily masses on our Facebook page, *St. Mark Catholic Church, Emporium.*
Daily Mass is @ 8:15 AM.
Weekend Masses: 5:00 PM Saturday & 9:00 AM Sunday
(Mass will be available on YouTube following live streaming, at Saint Mark Emporium PA.)

SPRING CLEANING?

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While activities have been suspended, we've been doing spring cleaning in our facilities.
Along with regular TLC, here's some of what we've been doing:

- Cleaned and waxed O'Connell Hall floors & restroom floors
- Daycare: sanitized floors, halls & restrooms
- Rel. Ed. Office floors cleaned & waxed.

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