

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Mary McFarlane

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Monday – Thursday 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:**

Welcome! Individuals who actively participate with us are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*St. Mark the Evangelist Parish is  
a growing community of faith which strives  
to help its members follow Christ's commandment:  
"Love one another, as I have loved you."*

John 15:12

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE:**

**Weekend Liturgies:**

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

**Weekday Liturgies:**

Tuesday	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.
First Friday of the month	8:30 a.m.
followed by Eucharistic adoration from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	

Christmas, Easter, and Holy Days: see bulletin

Penance Saturday, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Infant Baptism Contact Parish Office

Matrimony Contact Parish Office  
(9 months in advance)

Anointing of the Sick Contact Parish Office  
(after Masses, at home, or in hospital)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday Noon

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

If you move, have a seasonal address, or change of address, phone or e-mail, please contact the Parish Office.

**Phase 1 Capital Campaign**

I am pleased to announce that our Phase 1 Capital Campaign will begin in August. This five year process of preparation, planning and proposal culminated this week with Diocesan approval. Our Parish Finance Council met on Monday night, which was providential as the approval happened on Monday. We are very excited to get this project underway. It is going to be a two part process, meaning we will use the Gale Road and Burpee Road entrances at different times. Phase 1 includes the moving of the current Gale Road entrance to the North of the marquee, which will allow greater visibility for turning into the Parish from the South. You have probably noticed the bike path is progressing and will go across our entire Gale Road property. The foresight has paid off as all these projects coincide.

I am grateful to all for your prayer and pledge to make Phase 1 a reality. The recent plea for accelerated payments on pledges secured the loan necessary to begin in August. Equally, thank you to those that made additional pledges that raised our goal. The Capital Campaign has benefited as well from donations given in memorial of beloved deceased. We have received gifts from individuals outside the Parish. All these combined gifts make a difference.

I am mindful of all the work the Finance Council Buildings and Grounds Committee has previously accomplished on various capital improvements. These endeavors indicated our Parish's financial viability. It is because of these efforts that we are able to gather in such a welcoming and beautiful environment. The genius of Jim Rabine has been a gift. His experience, education and expertise were the catalyst from the beginning to where we are now in this process. A great deal of thanks goes to Jim and Carolyn Rabine for their patience and persistence for the welfare of our Parish community.

I am hopeful that an Eagle Scout project by Matt BLANK will allow for a Labyrinth to be constructed. This Labyrinth will allow for peaceful meditation for parishioners as well as those using the bike path. The proposed site will be where the old farmhouse on Gale Road used to be between the current driveway and Atlas Township. There will be information defining the history of a Labyrinth and the ways of meditation. The discussion for a Labyrinth began about six years ago. I am excited to have this as part of the beautification of our Catholic grounds.

I am asking for your prayers during these months when all of these improvements are underway. It will be good to see each improvement come to fruition!

**Peter's Pence** is an annual National Collection throughout Catholic parishes in the United States. The purpose of this collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. The theme for this year is "Be a Witness of Charity". This is in direct response to the Theological Virtues; Faith, Hope and Charity. Your contributions bring about growth in the life and mission of our Universal Church.

Peace,

**MONDAY, July 31**

**TUESDAY, August 1**

6:00–8:00 p.m. – Vacation Bible School – Parish Center  
6:30 p.m. – Mass: Vacation Bible School / Parish

**WEDNESDAY, August 2**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish  
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center  
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2  
6:00–8:00 p.m. – Vacation Bible School – Parish Center

**THURSDAY, August 3**

6:00–8:00 p.m. – Vacation Bible School – Parish Center

**FRIDAY, August 4**

**First Friday Home and Hospital Visits**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Faith in Flint / Parish  
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – First Friday Adoration – Church  
6:00–8:00 p.m. – VBS Family Cookout – Parish Pavilion

**SATURDAY, August 5**

**National Collection – Peter's Pence**

7:00-8:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship  
4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Elaine Parker & Cheryl Parker Baxter / Family

**SUNDAY, August 6**

**National Collection – Peter's Pence**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: Victims of Hiroshima / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:30 a.m. – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage Meeting

**LET US PRAY:**

***For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service:***

SSG J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Maj. C Kaighen;  
SPC T Kenney; S/Sgt. D Kendall; CPL M Zagone

***For Our Sick:*** Those who are homebound, in the hospital or another healthcare facility.

**For Prayer Ministry Requests:** Contact Joan Turner, joanturner38@sbcglobal.net or 248-410-2286.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon, 7/31: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
- Tue, 8/1: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
- Wed, 8/2: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Thu, 8/3: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
- Fri, 8/4: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
- Sat, 8/5: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
- Sun, 8/6: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

**Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet**

**Buy Second Hand** – A lot of things can be sourced second hand. Things that have a short usage period due to growth, for example a child's bicycle, can be picked up second hand in fantastic condition and also at a fraction of the price. This saves you money and helps to reduce packaging materials.

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS**

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God's question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE**

July 8 and 9

Weekly Collection .....	\$3,830.00
Online Giving .....	\$1,265.00
Children .....	\$ 0.00
Youth.....	\$ 0.00

**Capital Campaign Payments**

**Accelerated Payments** – You can pay online per instructions given the first time: [www.witnessstohope.net](http://www.witnessstohope.net) and click on Donations at the bottom or via check made payable to: Witness to Hope, with St. Mark the Evangelist in the memo line. Put in collection or the Parish Office. To date, the total of accelerated payments is \$25,295.

**New Pledges or One time Payments** – Please use envelopes and cards that were provided by Witness to Hope. These are in the Gathering Space or Parish Office. To date, \$15,433 in new pledges has been received.

**Installment Payments** – Reminder letters will go out if you made a pledge with installments. These letters will include payment envelopes and instructions.

**Questions** – Any questions about tax forms, notifications or etc. Call Colleen Andrews at 517-342-2461 (diocese).

**Peter's Pence Collection – Aug. 5 and 6**

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged; join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage 2018 – April 8-18**

St. Mark Parish is planning a pilgrimage as part of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. Countries to be visited are Portugal and Spain. Cities include *Lisbon, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Madrid and Barcelona*. If you are interested please contact the parish office. There will be an initial meeting on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**First Friday Adoration – August 4**

Spend an hour of prayer/reflection with the Lord Friday, August 4. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

**FAITH FORMATION****Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation**

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Do I pray to change God's mind or do I pray to have the courage to be open to have God change mine? That is a question that I think we need to ask ourselves each day and each moment we place ourselves in prayer before our God.

Yes, it is very human to pray to our Lord for the THINGS we need to make our lives easier. Maybe it's a better job, more resources to pay our bills, a better way to communicate with those we struggle with in our relationships, better health, that new thing that might help us look better in the eyes of our neighbor, maybe a new home. We want to ask God to look at our lives and respond to OUR NEEDS. Yes, that is only human. In 1 Kings today, Solomon is praying to God as he is preparing to become the next King of Israel. God says, ask and you shall receive. But Solomon doesn't ask for things, power, or resources. He asks for understanding, an understanding that will teach him to lead with integrity, not force. He doesn't try to change God's mind, he asks God to help him see life as God sees it. And God gives him that understanding.

Maybe, just maybe that is our prayer today...pray to have the courage to be open to seeing and living as God needs us to.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! –  
Deacon Ron

**Vacation Bible School**

- **St. Mark VBS** – STARTS TUESDAY! August 1-4, 6-8pm- Maker Fun Factory: Created By God! K-5th graders invited to sign up, registrations available at our website or through the parish office. 6th-12th graders and any adults who would like to volunteer email Dcn. Ron [stmarkdff@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarkdff@hotmail.com).

**St. Mark Youth Group**

- **Summer Youth Group:** Every Wednesday, 7-9pm meet at the Pavilion. Fun, Prayer & Pizza, all 6th-12th graders invited to participate, bring \$3 for pizza.
- **Youth Group at Goodtimes in Goodrich!** Saturday, August 5th the youth of St. Mark will be helping with the community celebration. Kid Zone and Movie Night. Come to Summer Youth Group and Sign up to help. Great Service Hours.
- **Youth Group Movie Nite!** Under the Pavilion, bring your own chair and a snack to share, August 18th, 7-9pm, all 6th -12th graders welcome, bring a friend.

**Adult Faith Formation**

- **St. Mark Men's Fellowship** – 1st Saturday of the Month, 7-8am. Next date: August 5th.

**Adult Backpacks Needed**

The Social Justice Commission will be collecting adult backpacks starting in August and continuing through the fall for Catholic Charities. They are to be used for the homeless. Sales for backpacks often begin this time of the year. A collection bin will be in the Gathering Space.