

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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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.

## Padre's Portion

August 13, 2017

## Weekly Calendar

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blue Ribbon Committee met this past Tuesday. Our discussions centered on the various activities for the Anniversary Year, which begins December 2017 through November 2018. It is always exciting to participate in the planning that will be memories for a lifetime. As a Parish, we are certainly grateful for the original charter members who had the initiative to begin our history. Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Pig Roast commemorates the first Mass that was held at the Atlas Township Hall, above the Goodrich Library. The 5:30 p.m. outdoor Mass is followed by food and fellowship. For those of you that are new, this takes place in the pavilion area. In the case of inclement weather, the Mass will be held in the church and the meal in the Parish Center. There will be a sign up in the Gathering Space to help prepare the number for the food. Please plan to attend, meet new parishioners and enjoy!

Previously in the bulletin, we have kept our Parish community up to date with Accelerated Payments, New Pledges and Installment Payments information. After this week's bulletin, we will no longer include this information as we move forward with Phase 1. The Witness to Hope Phase 1 is possible because many parishioners responded to the need for getting the Parish loan approved. The ongoing pledge payment process will continue to reduce the debt. As your Pastor, I thank all of you for your pledge commitments that enable us to build upon the vision of the Parish Charter Members.

**Accelerated Payments** – You can pay online per instructions given the first time: [www.witnesstohope.net](http://www.witnesstohope.net) and click on Donations at the bottom. Checks made payable to Witness to Hope, with St. Mark the Evangelist in the memo line. Put in the collection or the Parish Office. To date, the total of accelerated payments is \$26,195.

**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, \$16,033 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).

**County Fairs** in Michigan are favorite memories from my younger years. I hope the excitement of preparing, having and repeating such traditions keeps going on for years. There are many skills that youth can develop through participating in county fairs. I am always glad to hear from our youth about what they are doing each year, whether showing livestock, growing crops or completing projects. Especially as we move more and more into technology, the need to have youth "outside" themselves is paramount. The importance of real life relational skills must be fostered. The Genesee County Fair is August 21-27<sup>th</sup>. I plan to attend and relive my childhood years. Michigan has a rich tradition of county fairs throughout the summer. I hope you will be able to attend the Genesee County Fair for family fun, food and festivities!

Peace,

**MONDAY, August 14**

**TUESDAY, August 15**

8:30 a.m. – Assumption Mass: World Peace / Parish  
6:30 p.m. – Assumption Mass: People of the Parish / Parish  
7:00 p.m. – Commission Chair Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, August 16**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Summer Traveling / Parish  
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center  
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2  
7:00–9:00 p.m. – Youth Group

**THURSDAY, August 17**

**FRIDAY, August 18**

**Hospital Visits**

7:00-9:00 p.m. – Youth Group Movie Night

**SATURDAY, August 19**

**Baptism Weekend, Mission Sunday**

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Anniversary of Death of Dick Daly / Daly Family

**SUNDAY, August 20**

**Baptism Weekend, Mission Sunday**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: Diocese of Khulna / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Art Sans / John & Patty Candiloro  
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word

**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 Deceased:** John Sabo, father of Mary Ann Emick.

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

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon, 8/14: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;  
Mt 17:22-27  
Tue, 8/15: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,  
9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28  
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56  
Wed, 8/16: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17;  
Mt 18:15-20  
Thu, 8/17: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6;  
Mt 18:21 — 19:1  
Fri, 8/18: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24;  
Mt 19:3-12  
Sat, 8/19: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;  
Mt 19:13-15  
Sun, 8/20: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15,  
29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**Outdoor Mass & Annual Parish Pig Roast – Aug. 26**

Our annual Parish Pig Roast will take place on Saturday, Aug. 26, beginning with an outdoor Mass at 5:30 p.m. Parish Life sponsors this annual celebration in remembrance of the first parish Mass celebrated 39 years ago. Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets and join your parish family for a fun evening of celebration. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time NOTHING TO FEAR

A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. "Because God gets lonely for his people" was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today's Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don't turn to God for saving help until we're in a bind. Peter's role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter's faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying "Lord, save me!" is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God's hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us.

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

August 5 & 6

Weekly Collection .....	\$4,045.00
Online Giving .....	\$1,939.00
Children .....	\$ 13.00
Youth .....	\$ 1.00
Peter's Pence .....	\$ 530.00

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### Peter's Pence

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works in the Peter's Pence Collection. Your contributions will be combined with those of our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to be a witness of charity. May God bless you.

### Mission Appeal – Aug. 19 & 20

This year our Mission Appeal is August 19 & 20. It is for Fr. Taposh Sonjit Halder's Diocese of Khulna in Bangladesh. He was scheduled to present at our Parish, but due to a scheduling conflict, I will be preaching on his behalf. Many of you will remember meeting him in September 2016. He completed his license in Pastoral Theology June 2017 in Rome and will begin his Doctorate at the San Giovanni Lateran University.

### Counseling Support for Parishioners

Many individuals struggling with depression, anxiety or anger, as well as addictions, can find support through Catholic Charities. For counseling and support resources, please visit [www.HaveHopeGetHelp.com](http://www.HaveHopeGetHelp.com). This website is specifically designed to help connect those seeking counseling to local Catholic Charities agencies.

Reference cards are available through the Parish Office or the Gathering Space.

### Welcome to our new parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners Jon and Sheila Frelick.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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For many of us, time on the water, whether a lake, a river or the ocean, brings a sense of solace and relaxation. But in reality, the sea represents a truer sense of uncertainty and fear. Water in ancient times brought about fear of the unknown with unstable waters, sea creatures and the mystery of what lies beyond the safety of land. Today's story in the Gospel gives us another image of Jesus as the one who can conquer the fears of the unknown, even the fears of the chaos and turmoil of the waters in our lives. Take heed of his call in the midst of his disciples' fears, "Do not be afraid."

Sometimes our lives are so full of chaos and turmoil that we feel as though we are trying to walk on a terrible, turbulent ocean. School, work, finances, relationships, sickness; all add to our stress. We wonder how we are going to make it through it all. There are times we would just like to hide from everything. But we can't. We have to leave the boat and respond to Jesus' call to join him on the water. He conquers chaos and turmoil. We have to trust him. Listen to him once again, "DO NOT BE AFRAID." Walk the Talk! Be Peace!

Deacon Ron

### Religious Education Formation (REF)

- For Grades K-12. Begins Sunday, September 24th. (K-5: 11-12:30pm, 6-12: 6-7:30pm).  
Registration Weekends: 9/9-10, 9/16-17, after all masses.

### Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** Meets the First Saturday of each month, 7-8am, Prayer, Fellowship, and learning how to be the man, the father, the husband, the son, the co-worker that God needs us to be.

### St. Mark Youth Group

- **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.
- **Youth Group at the Crim Finish Line Water Station!** St. Mark YG will be working the finish line water station at the Crim Festival of Races Saturday, August 26th, 6am-1pm. All youth and families are welcome to join us. Sign up at Summer YG or email Deacon Ron.

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- Are you interested or do you know someone who is interested in completing the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and learning more about becoming Catholic. Contact Pam Bachner (Director of RCIA) [hpbach@charter.net](mailto:hpbach@charter.net) or Dcn. Ron. Sessions will begin in September.

### 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.