

Roman Catholic Church of St. Mark

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MASSES:

SATURDAY EVENING: 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAYS: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 A.M.

WEEKDAYS: Monday-Friday 9:00 A.M.

HOLY DAYS: Vigil 7:30 P.M. (Day) 8:45, 10:00 A.M.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday: 9:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Closed for lunch from 12:00 Noon till 1:00 P.M.

Saturday: by appointment only

Sunday: closed

Emergency - Anytime 744-2800

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Confessions celebrated Saturday from 4:00-4:45 P.M., or you may schedule another time with a priest at the rectory.

MARRIAGE: Please call the rectory at least 7 months prior to your wedding, and before a date is finalized with the reception hall.

WEDDING TIMES:

Saturday: 1:30 and 3:00

Sunday: 2:00 and 3:00 (Ceremonies only)

PRO-LIFE COORDINATOR:

John McNamara - 744-2800

BAPTISMS: The parish community celebrates this sacrament at 1:00 P.M. on the third Saturday of each month. Please contact the rectory before your child is born to make arrangements for the Pre-Baptism program.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Periodically we have a parish celebration. However if you or someone in your family is seriously ill or going to the hospital for a serious operation, then call the rectory. Anyone going to a hospital or who may be sick at home should inform the rectory so the parish can pray for you.

R.C.I.A.: Adults seeking to become Catholic; or adults wishing to receive First Communion or Confirmation please call Mr. John McNamara at 744-9525.

A.A.: Meetings held every Sunday Evening at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center.

PRAY WITH THE PARISH:

Rosary daily before the 9:00 A.M. Mass

Eucharistic Devotion & Benediction - First Friday

1:00 P.M. to 4 P.M.

Miraculous Medal - Mondays after 9:00 A.M. Mass

Fatima Devotions - First Saturday after 9:00 A.M. Mass

**WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE YOU WORSHIP GOD WITH US! PLEASE FEEL AT HOME.
IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR AREA, PLEASE REGISTER AFTER MASS WITH AN USHER
OR COME TO THE RECTORY DURING THE WEEK. WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S PARISH.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy New Year! I ask that God bless all of you in the New Year. If anyone would like to be an usher at the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, I would appreciate the help.

Thank you for your generosity in the Christmas collection. We will have the final numbers for you in a few weeks.

January 1st, the Feast of Mary the Mother of God is NOT a holyday of obligation this year because it falls on a Monday. There will be the usual daily Mass at 9AM.

Thank you for your generosity to Fr. Tom and I with the goodies and gifts you sent up to the rectory.

Fr. Jeff

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 1, 2018

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Glennon Family -
Jim Glennon

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

9:00 AM Sabina Frey - Walter & Grace Turansky

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

9:00 AM Catherine Navetta - Maureen & Bob Sullivan

Thursday, January 4, 2018

9:00 AM Mark Bagnasco - Aunt Phyllis Silva

Friday, January 5, 2018

9:00 AM *Special Intention*, John Alexander Medina -
Michael LaFata

Saturday, January 6, 2018

9:00 AM Marilyn Bush - Steven Wygonik
5:00 PM George Steele - Ellenita Mattera

Sunday, January 7, 2018

8:00 AM John Nicholas Lalli - Frank J. Attard
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish
11:30 AM Virginia Filasky - Ken & Carrie Logan



St. Mark's is accepting weekly donations for our altar breads and/or sacramental wine used at all Masses during the week. *These donations may be memorialized in whatever manner you may wish.*



Altar Flowers

You have the opportunity each week to donate the altar flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the rectory office for details.

FINANCIAL CORNER

By: Susan Schena

**SUNDAY COLLECTION OF:
December 23rd - December 24th, 2017**

\$ 7,344.00



Leaving a Legacy of Faith

When you next update your estate plan, would you please consider continuing your lifelong support of your parish by remembering St. Mark's with a bequest?

There was no 50/50 this week

Eucharistic Adoration



Friday, January 5th, is **First Friday**. We will have *Eucharistic Adoration* at 1:00 pm with closing *Benediction* at 4:00 pm. Take some time out of your busy day and relax in the Lord's Presence.

Preview of next Sunday's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 60: 1-6 (20 ABC)
Psalm: Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:2

**PRAY FOR THE SICK
AND THEIR CAREGIVERS**



Susan McFee, Edward Heinssen, Frank Mordola, Gloria Mazza, Susan Quinn, Melanie Quintos, Santa Inguanta, Steve McCune, Keri Lynn Stromski, Ruth Bradley, Catherine J. Navetta, Joan Mueller, Ryan Brady, Roberta Gerish, Rosemary Fleming, Bernadette Salvador, John Schlauraff, Judi Lynch, Christine Lopiccolo, Frank Henn, Geraldine Sheets, Dana Jendrzewski, Walter Simonsen, William Watson, Jennifer Tomforde, Florence Lynch, James K. Glennon, Olga Camero, Joseph Olivo, Kristie Cleary, Ralph Lopez, Louise Knepple, Julie Esposito, Frances Roman, Samantha King, Melissa Black, Patricia Dansereau, Pasquale Cervini, Frank Lumia, Dana Hertzovitz, Helene Kenney, Kathleen Hynes, Luz Cadena, Diane Guarnieri, Fran Alvino, Joseph Minerva, Donna Byrnes, Jeanne Hughes, Donna Mirasola, Rene Macadaeg, Marguerite Danielsen, Helen Klopfer, Blanche Simonsen, Joe Durran, Suzanne Hallock, Carol Rougas, Doreen Farrell.

If you know of any of the above names that should be removed from the list due to a return to good health, please inform the rectory office at 744-2800.

Names will be removed on the first of each month, unless we are notified. Kindly call the rectory with any updates. Thank you.

Altar Servers

We welcome any children in the third grade or older who've received their First Holy Communion to join St. Mark's Altar Servers. It's a special way to serve God, be part of our parish community, and fulfill church volunteer requirements for Confirmation.

For more information, contact Carla Silva or Marianne Minarik. E-mail: altarservers@stmarksrcc-shoreham.org

Thought for the Week

There is a little cartoon where one little creature asks the other:
What is a New Year's resolution? The other little guy responds:
"It's a 'to-do' list for the first week of January."

Every year we torture ourselves with resolutions for the new year. How about we go a little easier on ourselves, and make the changes in our lives that are more do-able? In doing this, *all we want is to become a little more like the person Jesus wants us to be.*

The Eucharist

How about this resolution? Let's try to approach the Communion table in *awe*, knowing more deeply every time we receive the Blessed sacrament that we are *really* receiving our Lord and Savior. This is not a *representation* of Him, but really *Him!*



Respect Life

Always choose life. From the *"womb to the tomb"* we are all God's precious and *unrepeatable* creations!



Words from Pope Francis

"That is how one builds peace, saying, 'no' to hatred and violence—with *action*—and, 'yes' to fraternity and reconciliation."

A Scripture to Ponder.....

"In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice;
In the morning I lay my request before you
and wait expectantly."
(Psalm 5:3)



Christmas Cards

We will again be collecting your Christmas cards to be made into tags for next year's "Giving Tree". Please place the cards you have received in the box in the lobby of the church. (We just need the front of the card.) Thank you! This way the images on those cards will bless someone next year!!

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Just a Thought...

Our rituals, our written or memorized prayers, can become so familiar to us, that if we don't really work at it, we sometimes end up saying them, without really thinking about what we're doing. As a result, instead of bringing us *closer* to God, saying a lot of rote prayers can actually be a way to *avoid personal contact with God*. I can be so busy "*praying*" that I fail to "*hear*" God, fail to reflect on the thoughts that pop into my head, fail to recognize insights that God is trying to give me. "*Ah, don't bother me right now, God. I'm praying.*"

(from: *21 Ways to Worship—Vinny Flynn*)

A Little Humor



A New Year's Day Prayer for All:

Dear Lord, so far this year I've done well!
I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy,
grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent.

I'm very thankful for that.

But, in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed,
and from that time on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help!
Amen!

Clothing and Food Donation Dates for 2018

Food:

January 6 & 7
February 3 & 4
March 3 & 4
March 31 & April 1
May 5 & 6
June 2 & 3
June 30 & July 1
August 4 & 5
September 1 & 2
October 6 & 7
November 3 & 4
December 1 & 2

Clothing

January 20 & 21
February 17 & 18
March 17 & 18
April 14 & 15
May 19 & 20
June 16 & 17
July 14 & 15
August 18 & 19
September 15 & 16
October 20 & 21
November 17 & 18
December 15 & 16



FAITH FORMATION
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Lynn Fein, Director

We are always happy to hear from any families who would like to find out more about our parish offerings which enable the children, teens, parents and grandparents opportunities to increase their faith and grow closer to the Lord. We offer weekly formation for children and teens, a Liturgy of the Word for children at our 9:30 Sunday Mass, preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, a Youth Group and Youth Masses followed by get-togethers for seventh through twelfth graders, discussion and sharing for parents and grandparents and seasonal events for the entire parish. You are invited to call or e-mail the Faith Formation Office to discover the many ways your family can be involved, or to register your children for our classes.

A Blessed New Year to all of our families as we journey through 2018, continually seeking the Lord and ways to grow closer to him. Weekday classes for our Levels 2 through 8 will resume on Tuesday, January 2. However, our Liturgy of the Word for Children at our 9:30 Mass is offered each Sunday throughout the year, as we gather weekly with our parish community and join in the celebration of the Eucharist.

SAINT MARK'S YOUTH MINISTRY

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN 7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADES



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Our next Youth Mass is Saturday, February 10 at 5 p.m., followed by a get-together in the parish center. We invite all of our young people from seventh through twelfth grades and their families to join us in the celebration of the Eucharist, followed by our get-together with pizza and activities.

Our upcoming dates for our weekly gatherings are: January 8, 22 and 29 and February 5, 12 and 26. All seventh through twelfth graders are invited to come and to bring a friend for discussions, prayer, activities, service and snacks. We meet from 7 to 8:30 in our parish center.

Please contact the Faith Formation Office with any questions about St. Mark's Youth Ministry.

FAITH FORMATION

Even though our Liturgical Year began on the first Sunday of Advent as we prepared for the Lord's coming, we certainly join in the excitement of a New Year as 2018 begins, knowing that the Lord comes to us each and every day through the various encounters and situations in our lives. The beginning of any new year provides the opportunities for us to reflect on our own faith and perhaps ways we wish to enrich our prayer life, contemplate on or increase our knowledge of the beautiful teachings of our faith, participate in the many ministries our parish has, truly be present both physically and spiritually at Mass or set aside time daily to read and meditate on the Scriptures.

Many of our families will be experiencing growth in faith through an opportunity that several parishes in our diocese, including ours, will be participating in this Lent. We were first informed about this project when I attended a Professional Day at the Seminary back in the fall. We were told that the American Bible Society will be providing free Bibles to any parishes who wished to engage in this experience. The Catholic Family Bible Experience will allow families to read the books of the New Testament in 8 weeks through an innovative book, approved by Pope Francis. Families will read a number of pages each week and once a week practice the ancient Catholic prayer method of praying with the Bible called *Lectio Divina*. Since the family is a place where values are taught and nurtured, this New Testament reading program specifically for families has brought tremendous results in areas where it has already taken place. A quote from a family who has participated truly reflects the anticipated outcomes: "This has helped us to grow as individuals and has given us the opportunity to work more effectively with the subjects of forgiveness and liberty; it has given us the opportunity to see the values and virtues of each family member reflected. This helps us to strengthen our relationships inside and outside the home." While attending a follow up workshop provided by the diocese to implement this program, I was able to order Bibles for 55 families from our parish who have decided to take advantage of this opportunity for enhancing their families' faith life. I thank these dedicated families for their willingness to partake of this unique chance for growth in our faith. We are all looking forward to beginning this spiritually enriching experience in February. Please keep these families in your prayers, that as their lives are transformed through the reading of Scripture, they may be at peace and clearly see the plans God has in store for them.

As the teens in our second year of Confirmation preparation continue to discuss what it truly means to be a Catholic in today's world, they have been asked to carefully select their sponsors who will present them to the bishop on the day of Confirmation. The Church has always viewed the role of the sponsor as a serious one, whether that person is chosen by the parents when their child is baptized or chosen by one who will be confirmed. The sponsor serves as a role model of faith for the teen, being fully initiated into our faith through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and is also one who practices his or her faith especially by joining in the celebration of the Eucharist weekly. I provide opportunities for the sponsors to reflect on and discuss their role several times throughout the year. Our first gathering for the sponsors is being offered on Wednesday, January 10 at 7 p.m. or Friday, January 12 at 10 a.m. I share with the sponsors what the teens are learning and then also provide them with topics and questions that they can use to continue the discussion with the young person they are sponsoring. The sponsors are encouraged not just to attend Mass with the teens, but also to read the Bible together, pray together and share with the teen why they have chosen to practice the Catholic faith. The parents, as primary religious educators of their children, are invited to be a part of these gatherings so that they too will partner with us during this very special time in their family's life. The families and I are so grateful for the continued prayers of our parish community for the young people and their sponsors.

In the peace of Christ,
Lynn Fein
Director of Faith Formation

