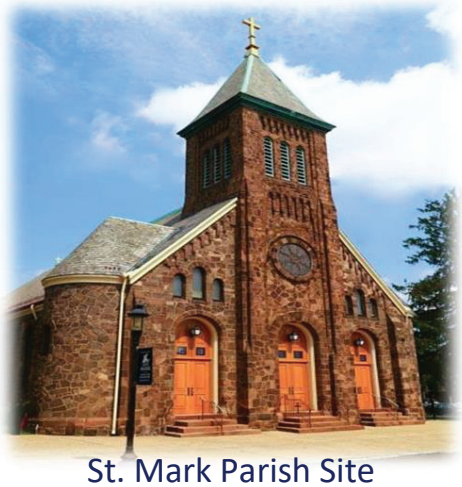
Saint Mark Parish



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Mass Schedule

Parish Site:
Saturday Vigil- 5:00 pm
Sunday- 7:30 am and 9:00 am
Weekdays: Monday-Friday 8:00 am
Holy Days- 8:00 am, Noon, 6:30 pm (Bilingual)

Worship Site:
Sunday- 10:45 am
Holy Days- 9:00 am

Devotions

Rosary: Monday – Friday before 8:00 am Mass
Blessed Mother Novena: Tuesday after 8:00 am Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Adoration:
Wednesday @7:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions:
Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm

Rosary and Prayers to Blessed Anna Maria and St. Michael of the Saints- Sunday before 10:45 am Mass

Saint Mark Parish Office:
1024 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA 19007
Open Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Phone: 215-788-2319 Fax: 215-785-4121
Email: office@saintmarkchurch.net **Website:** www.saintmarkchurch.net

ST. MARK PARISH STAFF

Mario A. Gonzalez - Permanent Deacon/Administrator
Rev. César J. Izaguirre - Parochial Vicar
Kevin Delaney - Business Manager
Joy Walker - Music Director
Maria Sanson - School Principal
Erin Melling - School Secretary
Mary Leonhauser – Parish Secretary
Juanita Diamond – Office Manager, Gift Card & Safe Environment Coordinator

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***Phone#* 215.788.2319**. **E-mail** office@saintmarkchurch.net

Saint Mark School- 215.785.0973 (Main office)

Baptisms – at Noon. First Sunday of the month, in Spanish. Fourth Sunday of the month, in English at 12:30 pm. To register for Pre - Jordan class, call Anna @ 215.788.8948 or 215.788.1600 **(English)** or Nelly @ 267.680.3610 **(Spanish)**

Catholic Daughters, St. Mark Court - Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the School Hall.

PREP for grades 1-7 at St. Mark Parish. For more information, call Mrs. Gesualdi @ 215-630-5365 or stmarkprepoffice@gmail.com or stmarkprep7@gmail.com

Cemetery Manager – Matt Corrigan -267-300-7731

Gift Card Line - 215-788.-7266. Please leave a message. **Gift Card Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm.

Matrimony - Call the rectory @ 215.788.2493 at least nine months before your intended date.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) - Please call 215-788-2319 or email office@saintmarkchurch.net.

Rito de Iniciación para Adultos (OCIA) – Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 215 788 2319.

Sacrament of Anointing - Please call the Parish Office at 215.788.2319.

Sodality – Third Tuesday of each month after 8:00 AM Mass

For all parish-related requests, including Sacramental and Eligibility Certificates, For weddings, Mass Cards, or to register with the parish, please visit our parish office Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM, or call us at 215-788-2319 for more information.

Bulletin Submissions

Due to limited space in our bulletin,
all announcements must be submitted
to our parish office in person or by email to:
Marylsmparishoffice@gmail.com
by Friday 12:00 noon, two weeks before the publishing date.
We will do our best to accommodate your request.
Thank you for your cooperation.

October 18th,2026
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Deacon's Desk

Dear St. Mark Family

As we approach the November elections, I invite us all to pause, thank God for our country, and pray for those seeking to lead it. Political argument can be frustrating. Prayer helps us approach our responsibilities with a clearer mind and a more generous heart.

This Sunday's Gospel brings our faith into the public square. Jesus answers a question about taxes by reminding his listeners of their obligations to both civil authority and God. Our responsibilities as citizens matter, and our belonging to God must guide how we fulfill them. Every person we encounter bears God's image, including someone whose political views differ from ours.

Isaiah reminds us that God can work through unexpected people, even a ruler who does not know him. The psalm calls the nations to honor the Lord. Together, these readings remind us that no earthly leader takes God's place. We can hope for good leadership while placing our deepest trust in the Lord.

St. Paul gives thanks for a community whose faith produces loving action and enduring hope. I see that same calling here at St. Mark whenever we serve a neighbor, support our school, or make room for someone in need of encouragement. These everyday choices also help build a better country.

Before we vote, let us take time to learn about the candidates, form our consciences through prayer and the teachings of our faith, and consider how our choices uphold human life and dignity, care for the vulnerable, and serve the common good. Let us speak respectfully, especially when we disagree.

Lord, thank you for our country and for the freedom to practice our faith. Guide all who seek public office this November. Give them wisdom, integrity, and a sincere desire to serve. Help us become thoughtful citizens and faithful neighbors. Bring peace to communities suffering from violence and division, and teach us to do our part. Amen.

May God bless you and your families,

Deacon Mario Gonzalez

Parish Life Director

Weekly Offering

October 4, 2026: $10,662.00
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October 18th through October 24th, 2026

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Please note: Names will remain *on our list for 30 days. If you want them to stay on longer, please call the office to let us know; otherwise, they will be removed. Thank you for being so cooperative.*

School & Parish Volunteers:

If you are volunteering or plan to at any time in the future, but have not turned in your forms and clearances, we ask that you visit our volunteer page by using the link or QR Code below to view the Archdiocesan requirements: https://stmarkbristol.org/safe-environment-page You can also call our Safe Environment office @ 215.788.7266 or email us @ juanitaparishoffice@gmail.com to request a packet. Thank you.

Sunday Mass Readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 45: 4-6

Cyrus, founder of the Persian Empire, will release the Jews from Babylonian captivity. There is only one God to be worshiped and loved.

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b

Paul usually opens his letters with words of thanks. Here he does so with extra motivation because this community has made a special effort to live a Gospel lifestyle.

The Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

The Pharisees and Herodians, normally bitter enemies, join forces to trap Jesus. He evades the trap and teaches a powerful lesson.

Saint Mark Church

St. Mark Church will have Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and confession following the 8:00 am Mass every Thursday.

Legacy of Life Foundation Baby Bottle Drive

If you took home a Baby Bottle envelope this weekend, please return it to church on October 24th & 25th. You can also mail it directly to the Legacy of Life Foundation, or give online at www.legacyoflifefoundation.org. Thank you for your generosity.

The St. Mark Lions 8th Grade Raffle is back!

Please consider buying a raffle ticket for $100.00 each to support the 8th-grade class of 26/27. Only 250 tickets will be sold. The grand prize is $10,000.00, with ten additional prizes ranging from $100 to $500. Tickets can be purchased from any 8th-grade student or at the parish office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. The drawing will be held on Saturday, **December 19th**, during Breakfast with Santa. The winner does not need to be present.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ATTENTION ALL 8th GRADE STUDENTS

Applications open on **October 5th, 2026,** for the **DLFF CEC Scholarship Class of 2031!**

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Saint Margaret of Castello Maternity Home Presents

Trivia Night, hosted by Lunch Money Quizzo, on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at St. Ephrem's Church Hall, 5400 Hulmeville Rd, in Bensalem. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Trivia starts at 6:30 pm. 50/50 Raffle Baskets. BYOB. Outside food is welcome. Water and soda will be available to purchase. $30.00 per person or $225.00 for a table of 8. For tickets, we accept cash, checks, Venmo @SMOCHHome, Cash App $SMOCHHome, and credit cards. Please put "Triia" in the memo line.

Exposition of Sacred Relics

Learn about the Saints and pray in the presence of more than 200 Sacred Relics at Holy Martyrs Church, 120 Allison Road in Oreland, PA. The Relic Exposition will be open on All Saints Day 2026 after 9:00 am Mass until Noon, and on All Souls Day 2026, following the 8:30 am Mass until 12:00 Noon, and from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Contact the Office to arrange a visit and a Presentation for your Church or School group at 215-884-8575 or email: www.hmrectory@holymatyrsparish.org.

A Message to Our St. Mark Family

Some of you have reached out with questions about the recent transition with Fr. Cesar and Deacon Mario, as well as the financial standing of our parish. Please know that your care for St. Mark is deeply appreciated.

We want to assure you that St. Mark Parish is financially strong and stable. Earlier this year, our Finance Council approved the Church and School budgets for the fiscal year July 1, 206 -June 30, 2027, and these budgets were also reviewed by the Archdiocese.

There are important checks and balances in place to help ensure responsible financial stewardship and accountability. The Archdiocese provides oversight of our parish finances, monitors our budget, and reviews and audits our financial records to help ensure our books are accurate and parish funds are properly accounted for. In addition, our Finance Council and parish administration regularly review income, expenses, and financial activity. These safeguards provide an additional level of transparency and accountability in the management of the resources entrusted to St. Mark Parish.

We continue to watch our expenses closely and reduce costs where we reasonably can, without compromising the pastoral support, ministries, education, and services we provide to you, our parish family.

Transitions can raise questions, but they can also open the door to renewed growth and unity. Thank you for your prayers, your patience, your trust, and your continued dedication to St. Mark.

Kevin Delaney
Business Manager, St. Mark Parish

Conwell-Egan Catholic Winter Craft Show November 1st, 2026

The Holiday Craft Show at Conwell-Egan Catholic High School in Fairless Hills is set for Sunday**, November 1st.** Doors are open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The event features more than 130 vendors and crafters. The Ladies' Association of Conwell-Egan (L.A.C.E.) sponsors the event, which benefits the school's students, faculty, and administration. Shoppers can purchase a variety of crafts, handmade products, jewelry, baked goods, and so much more. L.A.C.E. members sell chances to win two $500.00 drawings throughout the day. All crafters donate to a basket raffle. Baskets are drawn off at the end of the craft show. Santa Claus makes a guest appearance for free photos with the kids. Conwell-Egan is located at 611 Wistar Road in Fairless Hills. For more information, call 215-945-6200 or email LACE@conwell-egan.org.

Saturday, October 17th, St. Ignatius of Antioch

5:00 pm
Joseph & Kathleen Demetor by Kathy Bley
Marion Flood by Catholic Daughters

Sunday, October 18th, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am
Pura Bartolazo by Michele Sootkoos
Beverly Kalinowski by Lorraine Hoffman

9:00 am
Nereida McCulley Breustedt by Cheryl Valosky
Victoria Perez Bazquez 2nd Anniversary
by Son Mario Rivera & family

10:45 am
Anthony Muccie by Mary Muccie & sons
John Petolillo Sr. by Ralph & Monica DiGuiseppe
Rose Kirk by Pat Kirk & family
Susan Pirollo by Tom & Rose Marie Logan
Shirley Volponi by Joseph Lentz & Maria Fitzgerald

Monday, October 19th, St. John de Brebeuf

8:00 am
John & Sally Sabatini
by Daniela Nicely Family & Tiffany Pereira & Family
Nereida McCulley Breustedt by Haydee Neives

Tuesday, October 20th, St. Paul of the Cross

8:00 am
Donald McCloskey by the McCloskey family
Nereida McCulley Breustedt
by Rick, Sandy, & family

Wednesday, October 21st,

8:00 am
Larry Anderson by Lee & Angela Hendershot
Nereida McCulley Breustedt by Haydee Nieves

Thursday, October 22nd, StJohn Paul II

8:00 am
Mary Ennis 30th Anniversary by Russell family
Andrew J. Flail 7th Anniversary by Catherine Flail

Friday, October 23rd, St. John of Capistrano

8:00 am
Rosalie Gervasio 3rd Anniversary by Children
Antonia Ostrowski by Rita & John Salamone

Saturday, October 24th, St. Anthony Mary Claret

5:00 pm
Maria Gomez by family
Evelyn Pembrook by Carolyn Collins
Mary Anne Roche

Sunday, October 25th, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am
Marie Gales 14th Anniversary
by Will Gales & family
Beverly Kalinowski by The Wollard family

9:00 am
Jose Gonzalez by Gladys Mendieta
Nereida McCulley Breustedt
by Virginia Acevedo & family

10:45 am
Marlene Stiltner by Ralph & Monica DiGuiseppe
Arthur D, Helen R. & John Younglove
by Helen Younglove
Judith Potena by the Lenahan family
Joe T. & Betty O'Brien by O'Brien children

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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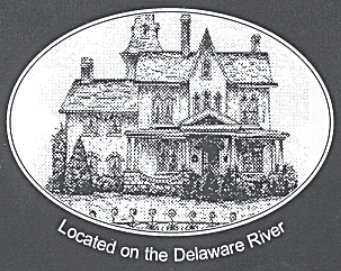

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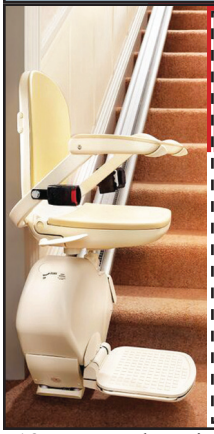

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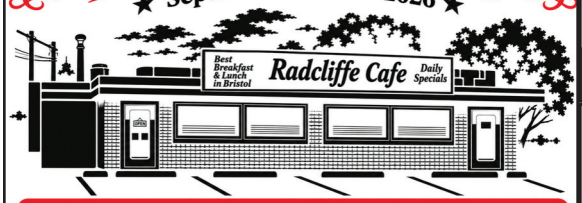

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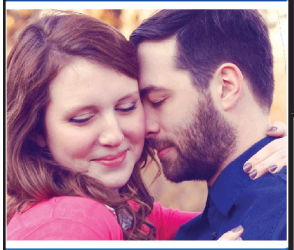

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