

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Sat. Aug. 30</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
Bernard M. Geiger	
<b>Sun. Aug. 31</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
For the Parish	
	11:00
Mike Caudill	
<b>Tues. Sep. 2</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
Charles Patterson	
<b>Wed. Sep. 3</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
Leona Drennen	
	6:00pm
	Doris Todd
<b>Thurs. Sep. 4</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
Clark Bailey	
<b>Sat. Sep. 6</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
Betty M. Williams	
<b>Sun. Sep. 7</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
Anthony Estrada	
	11:00am
For the Parish	
	5:00pm
Sylvia Arasmith	



**OUR LADY OF  
GUADALUPE CANDLE  
IN MEMORY OF  
NICK AND HELEN HARRISH**



**ROSARY**

The Rosary will be recited each Sunday at 8:10 am before 8:30 Mass.

**WHAT TO DO IF...**

**You want to baptize your baby:**

Baptisms are on the third weekend of the month during Saturday and Sunday Mass. Call Cathy Cornett at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 3203 about the preparation program.

**You want to join the parish:**

To register as a member, visit the Welcome Committee desk in the gathering space.

**You want to get married:**

Please arrange an appointment with the priest at least six months before the date you would like to be married. You must be registered in the parish.

**You want to make your First Communion or be Confirmed:**

If you are an adult, call Terry Culross at 623-6847 or Linda Clark at 623-0925. If you are in grades 1-8, call Cathy Cornett, 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 3203.

**You have a prayer concern:**

Please call Connie Wason at 623-1703 or Rose Mansfield at 623-0971, who are members of the Praying Hands Prayer Group, by Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

**You would like to arrange a Mass Intention:**

Come to the parish office and ask for the secretary.

**You want to put something in the bulletin:**

Instructions for getting announcements in the bulletin can be obtained by calling the parish office at 623-2989 and speaking with the secretary. **BULLETIN DEADLINE IS 12:00 PM ON TUESDAY.**

**You would like more information about Knights of Columbus:**

Please call Otto Rieck at 582-4112.

**You want to register your child in St. Mark School:** Call the school at 623-2989, prompt 4.

**You need a ride or can offer a ride to or from Church:** Call the parish office at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 2001.

**You wish to have an announcement read at Mass:**

Anyone wishing to have an announcement said before Mass must bring the announcement in to the Parish office for the pastor's approval by Thursday before the scheduled mass. Announcement can be emailed to:

saintmarkcatholicchurch.net.

**You would like the parish priest or parishioner to visit someone who is sick:**

Please call the parish office at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext 2002, if there is an emergency (imminent death or need of sacrament, prompt 3) or if you or a loved one are about to have surgery, are in a hospital or nursing home, or have become homebound. The priest is ready to visit, administer the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.

*Please provide the location and phone number of the person to be visited, and the time that is most convenient for the visit.*

**You want to change your name or address in the Parish records OR are leaving the parish:**

Call the parish office at 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 2001.

**You want to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes before each weekend mass.

**You would like more information about the Catholic Daughters of the Americas:**

Call Tricia Davis at 623-9184 or Laure Schadler at 624-9316.

## PASTOR'S PAGE

Notes from the Pastor:

I wanted to once again express my thanks for your continued prayers for my Aunt Edith. It was good that I had the opportunity to take a few days away from my schedule to come and be with my Aunt and my oldest sister, Marifrances. I had good, quality time with my Aunt; praying the Rosary (with her and the other residents), sharing stories and learning much about the past. Hopefully, through the prayers of many, her pain will decrease and she will continue to persevere.

This weekend you will have the opportunity to hear and read about a new ministry opportunity at St. Mark: Ministry to the sick and homebound. What a wonderful example of the Corporal Works of Mercy! Our Deacon, Jim Bennett will be organizing, training and overseeing this much needed ministry of our parish. Possibly you may know of a parishioner who is homebound, sick, in the hospital, etc. Please always make sure that you phone the parish, letting us know of individuals that are in need of Communion, a visit, and/or Anointing of the Sick. After this program gets organized, I will also begin, on the First Friday of the Month, visiting those who are visited every week by the new ministry. Again, please see the insert in the bulletin.

Just a reminder that this weekend, CCD registration is taking place. As you are aware, we have moved CCD from Sunday morning to Wednesday afternoon. Registration will take place after all the Masses in our gathering space. There presently is some discussion about moving the time for the MIDDLE SCHOOL grades for CCD after Mass instead of before Mass on Wednesday. We will continue to keep you informed. If you need further information on CCD, please do not hesitate to contact Cathy Cornett.

I was besieged with calls this past weekend as it was announced on various national news channels about Dolly Parton dying of heart failure. Needless to say, this was a rumor and Dolly is "alive and well!" Several of the local news and radio stations mentioned about how she was to perform in Richmond in October -- however, it is often said, "any publicity is good publicity!"

We welcome back our ECU Students! How wonderful it was to see them all at Mass. Please introduce yourself to Brian Walsh on campus at our St. Stephen Newman Center. It will be good for you to familiarize yourself with both the Newman Center and our Parish -- know that you are welcome here and that our Church family can be a part of your family, away from home.

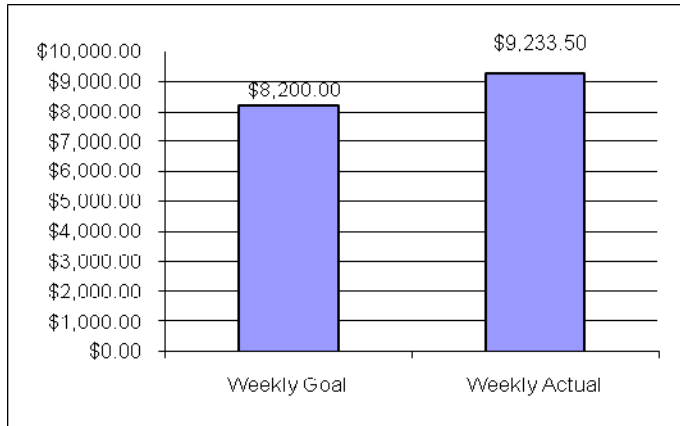
With the 12 Grand Event completed and successfully so, I want to once again, for a final time thank all those who spent the countless hours of giving their time, talent and treasure for an evening of fun and fellowship. The next EVENT on the calendar for our parish is another favorite one of mine: PARISH PICNIC! Next weekend you will be able to begin SIGN UPS for our Parish Picnic out at Lake Reba. The Parish Picnic is scheduled for the LAST SUNDAY of September 28th. *Unlike previous years, this year, both the 4 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass will be offered AT St. Mark* with only the 11:00 a.m. Mass being celebrated out at Lake Reba. Immediately after Mass at Lake Reba, we will host our picnic. *There will be no Hispanic or Newman Center Mass this weekend.*

I hope all of you have a Blessed and Peaceful Labor Day Weekend! I guess it's time to put the white pants and shoes back in storage, as Fall and Winter head this way!

As usual, let me remind you that I am available to you in my office via email at [FatherJim.Sichko@SaintMarkCatholicChurch.net](mailto:FatherJim.Sichko@SaintMarkCatholicChurch.net) or, in cases of an emergency (i.e., death or imminent need of the Sacraments), by phone at 859-623-2989, prompt #3.

See you in Church,  
Fr. Jim

**MINISTRIES**



**OUR WEEKLY GOAL: \$ 8,200.00**

**ENVELOPES: \$ 6,266.00**  
**LOOSE CASH: \$ 499.00**  
**LOOSE COIN: \$ 578.50**  
**LOOSE CHECKS: \$ 1,890.00**  
**TOTAL \$ 9,233.50**

**OVER FOR THE WEEK +\$1033.50**

**MINISTRIES**

**Linens:** Mary Katherine Barnes

<b>Ministry</b>				
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Welcome Desk</b>
<b>4:00pm Saturday July Sep 6</b>	Mike Eubanks Jack Culross	Patti Baker Jim Bennett Dot Bennett Michael Eubanks Terry Foster Darren Norton Kathy Norton	Micah Hall Luke Hall AJ Dunaway	Dottie Stipes
<b>8:30AM Sunday, Sep 7</b>	George Monticello Michelle Monticello	Mary Rose Bauer Charlie Chaplin Kathy Hall Patty Holly Angel King Gail King Lynn King	Joshua Schwab Joseph Abney	Larry & Pam Palmisano
<b>11:00am Sunday, Sep 8</b>	Sandy Sullivan Duane Gere	Sandy Adams Linda Clark Mark Davis Tricia Davis Greg Discepoli Neil DiTeresa Marlene Flinchem	Michael Price Lee Anne Ogle Jay Biven Matt Biven	Kathryn Maynard

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

FALL PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office Hours are as follows:

Monday 8:00am to noon

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00am to noon

And 1:00-3:00pm

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Please don't forget to pick up your Stewardship envelopes from the Parish office. We also have more directories if you need one.



Mark your calendars now!

CCD will begin on **Wednesday**, September 3rd. Please note the new day. **This is the last weekend to register for CCD classes.**

There will be a table set up in the back of the church following each Mass on both weekends. The registration fee per family will be \$35.00, which will help cover the cost of books and supplies for each student. This fee can be paid with cash, check or credit card during registration. If paying this all at once presents a challenge for you, talk to me privately and we will work out a payment schedule.

CHOIR NEWS

SING AND PRAISE

The St. Mark Adult Choir is reorganizing after a nice summer break. The rehearsals are held each Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 in the Church. New voices are always welcome. Think about it and come praise Our Lord through song. If you have questions feel free to call Betty Reister at 623-2573.



High School Youth Group will start meeting Wednesday September 3 from 6-7:30pm. Meeting will be in the gathering space in the back of church.

6:00 Mass

6:30 Dinner and Meeting

Any questions contact Mike Reister [mbreister@att.com](mailto:mbreister@att.com)

SENDING OUR PRAYERS

If you would like to send a card with your prayers to Father Jim's Aunt Edith her address is:

Ms Edith Ceraso  
West Haven Rehabilitation  
P O Box 278  
Apollo PA 15613



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA):** CDA's September meeting date is September 16.

**Save the Date!** CDA will sponsor a Day of Reflection for all women of the parish on Sat., Oct. 4. Watch for more details in future bulletins.



### St Mark Catholic School

Take the St Mark School Quiz and come up a Stellar Student!

1. Are you looking for a safe environment for your children?
2. Are you looking for an academically challenging program?
3. Are you looking for a faith-based education built on the Gospel values of peace and justice?
4. Are you looking for the extras? The school offers computer, music, art, physical education, Spanish, plus a brand new sports and activities program.

If the answer was "YES" to the above join us here at SAINT MARK SCHOOL!

Small classes, differentiated instruction, certified, qualified and dedicated administration, staff and faculty! Hot lunch program, before and after school care program. Academic excellence in a Catholic environment with superior test scores. Financial aid available on a needs basis.

For more information or to register for classes call 859-623-2989 Option 4 or email [Saintmarkcatholicchurch.net](mailto:Saintmarkcatholicchurch.net) and link to the School website. Limited openings in most grades so hurry!



**BINGO IS BACK**-----STARTING SEPT 5<sup>th</sup> 2008. EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT WITH EARLY BIRD AT 6:30 AND REGULAR BINGO AT 7:00 PM. COME AND ENJOY A GREAT EVENING.

**SEPT. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008**, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANTIQUE CAR SHOW. IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN RICHMOND----1983 AND OLDER CARS WILL BE ON DISPLAY. FREE VIEWING TO THE PUBLIC. COME OUT AND HAVE A GREAT DAY CHECKING OUT THE CARS THAT YOU OR YOUR PARENTS ONCE HAD.



#### NEWMAN CENTER NOTES

Starting Next Weekend the Newman Center will resume sponsoring Coffee and Doughnuts after the 8:30am Mass to help benefit Newman programs. We look forward to seeing you there!

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends will be held at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH on 12-14 September 2008 and 10-12 October at the Cliffview Retreat Center in Lancaster, KY.

For reservations, contact Keith & Lori Maurmeier, 1-800-547-1251, code 00, [www.Esharing.org](http://www.Esharing.org). Join in this special blessing for your relationship and marriage Sacrament.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for men and women suffering from abortion. Men regret abortion and need healing, too.** We express a warm welcome to those men who have been involved in any way with abortion. Perhaps you helped make the decision for your girlfriend or wife to have an abortion. Or maybe you are suffering because of an abortion you could not stop? Perhaps you are married to a woman who experienced abortion before you met her and you find your current relationship with her is being impacted by some of her symptoms. If you identify with any of these situations, there is hope for healing at Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. The next weekend retreat is Sept. 19-21 in Lancaster, KY (45 mins. South of Lexington). Cost of retreat is \$165. **Scholarships are available for those in need.** For confidential registration, please call Sharla toll-free at **877-792-3330** or e-mail [sharlaky@yahoo.com](mailto:sharlaky@yahoo.com). For more information about Rachel's Vineyard Retreats regarding men, please visit online at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) and click on the "**For Men**" tab, or call 877-HOPE-4-ME.

**Natural Family Planning Classes  
Begin September 12**

Register now for Lexington's next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class series, to be held one Friday night per month for three months at St. Joseph Office Park Building. The class begins September 12 and continues on October 10 and November 11. For more information, contact Tom and Kathy Fister in Georgetown at (502) 863-3437 or via email at [tkfister@netzero.net](mailto:tkfister@netzero.net). Cost is \$135 per couple, and includes all necessary study materials.

NFP is a moral, safe, non-chemical, and effective method for couples to delay or achieve pregnancy. Couples who consistently practice the symptothermal method of NFP enjoy a 99% rate of effectiveness, while also strengthening their marital intimacy and communication. NFP is fully Catholic, but being Catholic is not required.

## St. Mark Ministry to the Homebound (SMMH) Begins . . .

- **Who is served?** SMMH ministers to ill individuals (persons in hospitals, residences, nursing homes) and persons who are restricted to their residences or nursing homes.
- **What's the objective?** The intent of SMMH is to extend the pastoral role of the clergy to provide a healing, caring community to those who find it difficult to attend Mass.
- **How does the process work?** Requests for this ministry will be through the parish office. The parish secretary will contact the Pastor, who through the Deacon, will assign the Extraordinary Ministers.
- **When is this ministry performed?** Immediately after Communion, the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will take the Blessed Sacrament to persons who are unable to attend Mass due to an illness, injury or restriction.
- **Who is eligible to minister?** Roman Catholics in good standing who feel called to this ministry.
- **How do I know what to do?** The Deacon will conduct training classes to prepare our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.
- **Would I minister alone?** The plan is for the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve in teams of two.
- **How often would I minister?** Persons will perform this ministry approximately twice a month.
- **When does SMMH start?** The weekend of September 6-7.
- **How do I get involved?** After Mass, sign up at the registration table in the gathering space.

St Mark's 2008  
*12 Grand Event!*

*A Huge Success!*

If you attended, you already know how much fun it was!

Between the Silent Auction, the live Auction, the Sealed-bid auction, the great food and of course the \$12,000 Raffle a great time was had by all!

And a very special thanks goes to all who helped bring the final event to life, especially to the committee members:

Angie Browning  
Bob Jackowski  
Ken Fisher  
Sue Marz  
George Monticello

Angie Joyce  
Charlotte Hill  
Mary Kay Kasitz  
Tricia Davis  
Michelle Monticello

Ann Hill  
Jill Obergfell  
Mary Rose Bauer  
Tricia Mitchell  
Father Sichko

The event was one of true community development and we raised a good amount of money for the parish too.

And to all who attended: Thank you!