

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Mar 7, 2009

4:00pm Helen Brisbee

Sunday, Mar. 8, 2009

8:30am For the Parish

11:00am Edith Ceraso

Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2009

6:00pm John Blomgren

Wednesday, Mar. 11, 2009

9:00am James Gilbert

6:00pm Edith ceraso

Thursday, Mar. 12, 2009

6:00pm Carolyn Walko

Saturday, Mar. 14, 2009

4:00pm Josephine Kasitz

Sunday, Mar. 15, 2009

8:30am Tanya Naples

11:00am For the Parish



OUR LADY OF  
GUADALUPE CANDLE  
IN MEMORY OF  
SHEBA HADDIX



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. 2005.

**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](mailto: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.

<b>PASTOR'S PAGE</b>
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Notes from the Pastor:

This weekend finds me away in Ebensburg, PA, my fourth visit to Holy Name Catholic Church. This probably will be my last visit to this parish -- four times is unusually high for a guest speaker. It will be good to be with Monsignor Gaus and his parish. Please keep us in prayer. I will return early Wednesday morning. Therefore, on Tuesday, Deacon Bennett will offer a communion service.

Speaking of Deacon Bennett, we welcome him (and Dot) back as they were away for some rest and relaxation time. It is good to have them both back and I look forward to our work together.

The Parish Appreciation Pledge is up and running and already over \$7,000 has been pledged. THAT IS A GOOD START, with only \$43,000 to go -- WE CAN DO THIS, IF EVERYONE CARRIES THEIR SHARE! Remember, it is not WHAT you give, it is that YOU GIVE!

A reminder to continue checking out my BLOG at [www.kentucky.com](http://www.kentucky.com) and please do not forget to get in touch with me via my FACEBOOK account.

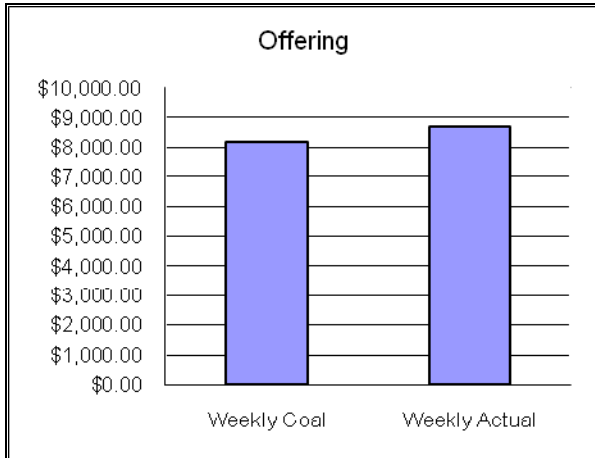
As usual, let me remind you that I am available to you in my office via email at [FatherJim.Sichko@SaintMarkCatholicChurch.net](mailto:FatherJim.Sichko@SaintMarkCatholicChurch.net) or, in cases of an emergency (i.e., death or imminent need of the Sacraments), by phone at 859-623-2989, prompt #3.

See you in Church,  
Fr. Jim

#### Lenten Reflection

- Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism—become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry—trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement—be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred—return good for evil.
- Give up negativism—be positive.
- Give up anger—be more patient.
- Give up pettiness—become mature.
- Give up gloom—enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy—pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping—control your tongue.
- Give up sin—turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up—hang in there!

**STEWARDSHIP**



<b>OUR WEEKLY GOAL:</b>	<b>\$ 8,200.00</b>
<b>ENVELOPES:</b>	<b>\$7,390.00</b>
<b>LOOSE CASH:</b>	<b>\$ 545.00</b>
<b>LOOSE COIN:</b>	<b>\$ 9.09</b>
<b>LOOSE CHECKS</b>	<b><u>\$ 770.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,714.09</b>

Over for the week + \$514.09

**Ash Wednesday: \$2,897.16**

**FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATES AND NOTES:**

The St. Mark Finance Council meets on a monthly basis. During these meetings we discuss various aspects of the financial condition of the Parish. We want to share with the parishioners items of interest:

- **Collection revenues from July 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009 are \$16,000 under budget.**
- Fr. Jim's January preaching travels to Kansas brought in donations totaling \$5,800---WOW!!!

% of Pledges Collected: 74.45%

<b>PARISH ANNUAL APPEAL</b>	
<b>Campaign Statistics as of 03/04/09</b>	
<b>GOAL \$50,000.00</b>	
Total # of Parishioners:	558
Total # Pledged:	49
% of Participation:	8.78%
Total Amount Pledged	\$10,370.00
Total Amount Paid:	\$7,719.98
Average Pledge:	\$211.63

<b>SECOND COLLECTIONS</b>	
July	Home Meals Delivery - \$1,244.44
August	Families in Need - \$1,326.12
September	St. Mark School - \$1,105.55
October	Altar Society - \$719.07
November	Home Meals Delivery - \$1,379.23
December	Altar Society - \$1,009.38
January	St. Mark School - \$2,030.98
February	Families in Need - \$1,473.82



**MINISTRIES**

Linens: Kitty Culp

	<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 Mar. 14</b>	Michael Eubanks Jack Culross	Karen Mayo Darren Norton Kathy Norton Jill Silver Jean Price Laure Schadler Phil VonMann	Micah Hall Luke Hall AJ Dunaway	Becky Etherington
<b>8:30AM Sunday, Mar. 15</b>	Randy Collins Marsha Hale	Bradley Layton Mary Layton Charles Marz Sue Marz Julia Nash Marilyn Nash BJ Shacreaw	Jack Miller Joseph Abney	Dan & Emily Jarosz
<b>11:00am Sunday, Mar. 15</b>	Sandy Sullivan Duane Gere	Minh Nguyen Jenny Rieck Evelyn Spalding Bill Sullivan Erin Sullivan Caryn Vazzanna Donna Meek	Matt Taylor Vivian Nguyen	Donna Forre

**\*\*A Reminder to all Ministers – Please be mindful of Dress Code. Gentlemen must have shirt with collar.**

**PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon- Thursday: 8 AM - 12 NOON  
 1 PM - 4 PM  
 CLOSED FRIDAY



There is still time to memorialize a loved one, or have your family name a permanent part of St. Mark history by having a name inscribed on the new Chalice. Please call the Parish office for more information.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CANDLES**

THE PARISH OFFICE HAS OPENED THE 2009 CALENDAR. CALL SOON TO GET THE DATE FOR 2009 YOU DESIRE.



CCD Schedule:  
 March 11- NO CCD  
 March 18  
 March 25

Every Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 7:30pm  
[cathy.cornett@saintmarkcatholicchurch.net](mailto:cathy.cornett@saintmarkcatholicchurch.net)

**WEEKLY READINGS**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Saint Frances of Rome, religious</b> Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28
<b>Thursday</b>	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31
<b>Friday</b>	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>Saturday</b>	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



Next High School Youth Group will meet  
 Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

6:00 Mass  
 6:30 Dinner and Meeting

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



**KNIGHT'S CORNER**

ALL FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERS: The Spring Outing to Bardstown is tentatively set for a weekend in May. More details to follow.

A First Degree Initiation will be held in the near future. We urge all men of our parish to consider becoming a member of our Council. For additional information call John Wright at 893-1123 or email at [johnw@chpl.net](mailto:johnw@chpl.net).



**RCIA**

Wed March 11, NO RCIA SPRING BREAK  
Wed March 18 6:30--8:15 St Mark gym  
Wed March 25 6:30--8:15 St Mark gym

RCIA (Rite of Christian Information of Adults)  
For more information, contact Terry, 623-6847/ email: [towen44@bellsouth.net](mailto:towen44@bellsouth.net); or Linda, 623-0925 /email: [ljclcsw@yahoo.com](mailto:ljclcsw@yahoo.com).



**NEWMAN CENTER NOTES**

Spring Break will be next week.

Coffee and Doughnuts will be suspended for Lent, but will resume on April 26th.

**CHOIR NEWS**

Choir practices for the 8:30 a.m. liturgies are held each Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 in the Church. Come and lend your voice as we prepare for the beautiful Triduum liturgies. Questions?

Call Betty Reister at 623-2573. We look forward to seeing some new faces.



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA):**

**MARCH MEETING:** CDA's next monthly meeting is Tuesday, March 17. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. (Why not join us for Mass beforehand?)

**ALL PARISH WOMEN INVITED**  
**ONLY 4 SPOTS LEFT!!**



**SIGN UP NOW:** CDA is sponsoring a women's overnight retreat, "**PRAYER: STRUGGLE OR STRENGTH,**" on Friday and Saturday, April 24-25, at Cliffview Retreat Center. Open to all women of the parish, the retreat will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. Friday and will close with Mass and end at 5 p.m. Saturday. Meals are included. Lodging will cost \$60.00 (double-occupancy room) or \$80.00 (private room). Stipends will be available. Register after Mass or call Parish office. **Four spots remaining!**

**SCHOOL NEWS**

If you are looking to attend the best school in Madison County next year, please call St. Mark School to arrange a tour - 623-2989 #4.



St. Mark Catholic School is hosting Friday Fish Fry's during Lent in the gym from 5:00 - 7:30. They will be held every Friday from March 6 through April 3rd. Please come out and support the school while enjoying a tasty fish dinner with your friends and family.

We know that St. Mark has a reputation to have some of the best bakers in town! If anyone would like to bring a dessert to share, we would love your donation! We would need your desserts on Friday March 20, Friday March 27, Friday April 3, and Wednesday, April 8. If you would like to help, please contact Kris Coons at school, 623-2989 option #4.

**Friends, Christians, Parishioners, lend us your trash.**

This year St. Mark School will be participating in the Kentucky Educational Speech and Drama Association's State Forensic Tournament in March 2009. To raise funds they are collecting empty cans. In the hallway, by the cafeteria, you will see a large cardboard drop-off box. All we ask is that before you bring them rinse out the cans.

**Thank you so much for supporting our parish children.**

St. Mark Speech and Drama Team

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Right to Life News.** During this Lenten season our community will unite with 200 other cities across North America for "40 days for Life." This campaign has generated measurable lifesaving results. Some areas have reported a 28% drop in local abortions. Join us this Lent for 40 days of prayer and fasting, or, if possible, stand for Life in public witness in prayer and take a positive pro-life message through media, church, and public visibility. For more information: 859-277-4917 or [www.40daysforlife.com/Lexington](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Lexington)

Also please join the "Red envelope drive" to stop the abortion agenda from DC. It is a simple message. For information on this drive call (623-8431) or [checkchuc@aol.com](mailto:checkchuc@aol.com). You will be joining hundreds of thousands in this effort.

**Empty Bowls Project**

Help fight hunger in Madison County. On Friday, March 20, at the First Baptist Church, 425 Eastern Bypass, will present the Empty Bowls Project. The minimum donation is \$12, and your donation will include a handmade pottery bowl, homemade soup, bread and a drink. All of the proceeds will go to feed the hungry in Madison County through the following programs: God's Outreach Community Food Bank, Food Bank of Kentucky River Foothills, Home Meals Delivery and the Salvation Army of Madison County. The bowls are provided by local potters and ECU art students. Times for the event are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 623-4028.



ST MARK CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA  
INVITE ALL WOMEN OF  
ST. MARK PARISH TO JOIN THEM AND GUEST  
SPEAKER  
CAROLE CHUK TO OUR RETREAT  
"PRAYER: STRUGGLE OR STRENGTH"  
APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup> 2009



Carole serves the Church of the Assumption, Bethlehem, PA as Director of Christian Ministries

REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER BY PHONE PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE 623-2989. CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED.

# An Evening Among Friends Encore Series

St. Mark Catholic Church  
608 West Main Street  
Richmond, KY 40475  
December 19, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

- **Valet Parking**
- **Only 500 tickets available**
- **Reception with hors d'oeuvres prior to the performance**
- **Performance by Patti LaBelle**
- **Desserts and aperitifs after performance**



## An Evening Among Friends: The Encore Series Reservation Form

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ ticket (s) or \_\_\_\_\_ pew (s) to  
Ring in Christmas with Patti LaBelle at the following level:

- General Admission: \$175 per person**
- Meet and Greet with Patti LaBelle: \$500 per person**  
*Limited to 50 tickets*  
*Includes special pre-performance reception with Ms. LaBelle in the St. Mark Church gathering space, personalized photo with Ms. LaBelle and Preferred Reserved Seating*

- Group Seating: \$2500 per pew for 8 guests**  
*Includes Preferred Reserved Seating and Patti LaBelle memorabilia for each guest (please list below)*  
  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets may be purchased by cash, check, or credit card in one payment or in installment payments at a minimum deposit of \$50 per ticket, with the entire cost paid **prior to October 19, 2009.**

*Checks should be made payable to  
St. Mark Catholic Church.*

- Enclosed is my entire payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- Enclosed is my first installment of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

For credit card orders, please complete the back of this form.

*To submit your reservation, complete this form and then mail the form to the parish office, place it in the collection basket at Mass, or drop it by the parish office.*