

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Mar 21, 2009

4:00pm For the Parish

Sunday, Mar.22, 2009

8:30am Tom Pinnell

11:00am Edith Ceraso

5:00pm Mary Golden

Tuesday, Mar. 24, 2009

6:00pm Orta Family

Wednesday, Mar. 25, 2009

6:00pm Zilla Rose

Thursday, Mar. 26, 2009

6:00pm The Heil Family

Saturday, Mar. 28, 2009

4:00pm Minnie Felicicchia

Sunday, Mar.29, 2009

8:30am For the Parish

11:00am Frank M. Ceraso

5:00pm Mary Ruth Golden



**OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF
MARY RUTH GOLDEN**



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.

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:

As we begin this FOURTH Week of Lent, I once again encourage and challenge each of us to use this Season of Lent wisely! Increase your prayer, fast, do random acts of kindness, be faithful to the Sacraments, etc.

Speaking of Sacraments, I have decided that beginning the week after Easter, we will be making a change to the times/procedures of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Confessions will now be heard IMMEDIATELY AFTER each of the weekend Masses**, instead of thirty minutes prior for fifteen minutes. It is my hope that this switch in times will allow more individuals to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please do not forget our LENTEN FISH FRIES being sponsored by our St. Mark Catholic Schools. More information can be found not only in the bulletin but throughout the hallways of our school.

Finally, this weekend has me preaching in Vandergrift, Pennsylvania at the Church where my mother and father were married; where my brothers and sisters were baptized; where my one sister was married and my relatives were buried AND where my mother taught at the local Catholic elementary school! I am excited to return. In my absence **there still will be Communion Services, Monday - Wednesday, with Stations of the Cross on Wednesday afternoon. DAILY MASS WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY, MARCH 26th at 6 p.m.**

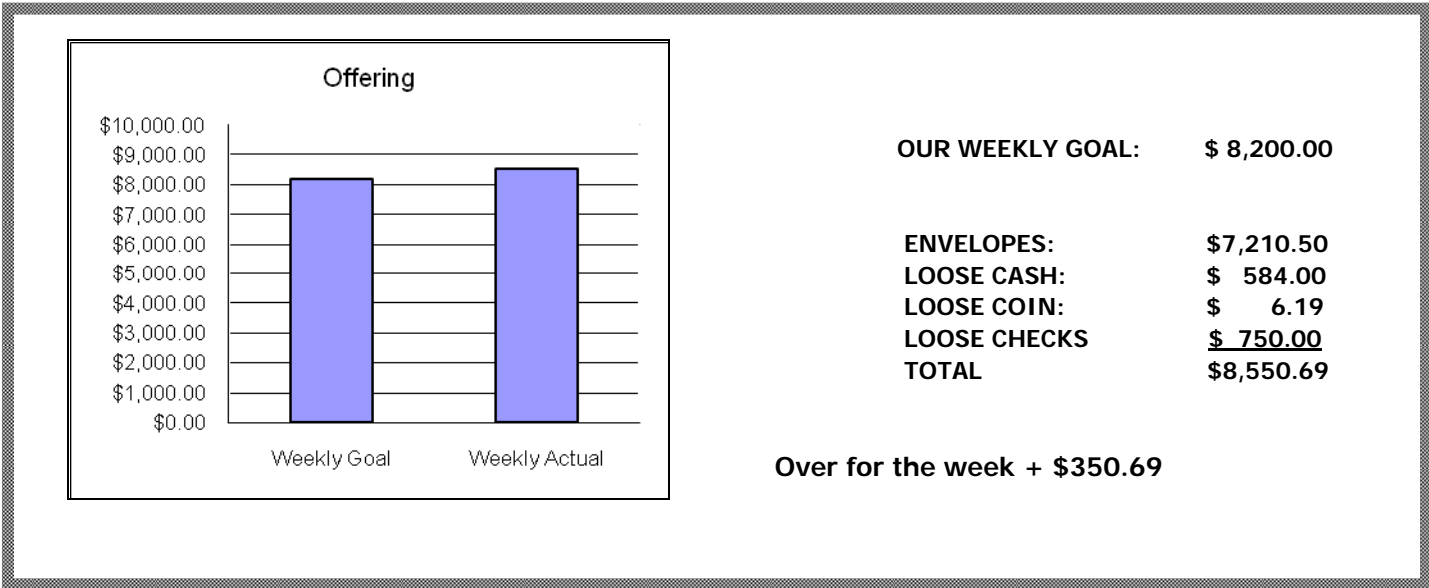
As usual, let me remind you that I am available to you in my office via email at FatherJim.Sichko@SaintMarkCatholicChurch.net or, in cases of an emergency (i.e., death or imminent need of the Sacraments), by phone at 859-623-2989.

Lenten Reflection:**The Fourth Week of Lent**

With this week, we begin the second part of Lent. We ask more and more deeply to be with and like Jesus. We desire to celebrate the approaching mystery of our salvation with greater freedom and greater joy.

Each day's gospel will now be from the Gospel according to John. We can't avoid the feeling of being in a court room for a grand trial. There are "witnesses" and "testimony." It is a battle between the forces of Darkness and the Light. The opposition to Jesus mounts. It is inevitable that he will be killed. But, we know that the ultimate Judgment in the trial is against Sin and Death. We grow in gratitude and grace as we experience more deeply that this is all "for me."

STEWARDSHIP



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| OUR WEEKLY GOAL: | \$ 8,200.00 |
| ENVELOPES: | \$7,210.50 |
| LOOSE CASH: | \$ 584.00 |
| LOOSE COIN: | \$ 6.19 |
| LOOSE CHECKS | <u>\$ 750.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$8,550.69 |

Over for the week + \$350.69

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: 76.23%

| PARISH ANNUAL APPEAL | |
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| Campaign Statistics as of 03/04/09 | |
| GOAL \$50,000.00 | |
| Total # of Parishioners: | 558 |
| Total # Pledged: | 89 |
| % of Participation: | 15.95% |
| Total Amount Pledged | \$16,365.00 |
| Total Amount Paid: | \$12,474.98 |
| Average Pledge: | \$183.88 |

| SECOND COLLECTIONS | |
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| 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 |

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| March | Home Meals Delivery \$1,212.95 |
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MINISTRIES

Linens: Kitty Culp

| | Ministry | | | |
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| Mass | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Altar Servers | Welcome Desk |
| 4:00PM Saturday Mar. 28 | Bob Geiger Jean Price | Jen Price Laure Schadler Darren Norton Kathy Norton Jill Silver Phil VonMann Mary Lou Remaley | Micah Hall Luke Hall AJ Dunaway | Georgetta Swartz |
| 8:30AM Sunday, Mar. 29 | Jude Cecil E. Carroll Hale | Mary Rose Bauer Barbara Cain Charlie Chaplin Terry Culross Emma Esker Kathy Hall Patty Holly | Joshua Schwab Bailey O'Bryan | Liane Hinch |
| 11:00am Sunday, Mar. 29 | Kathy Palmer | Donna Meek Minh Nguyen Jenny Rieck Lois Scott Evelyn Spalding Caryn Vazzana Bill Sullivan | Patrick Sullivan Andrew Brockman | Donna Meek |

****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 25
April 1

April 8- **NO CCD SPRING BREAK**

Every Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 7:30pm
cathy.cornett@saintmarkcatholicchurch.net

WEEKLY READINGS

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| Sunday | Fourth Sunday of Lent 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 |
| Monday | Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54 |
| Tuesday | Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16 |
| Wednesday | The Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 |
| Thursday | Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47 |
| Friday | Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 |
| Saturday | Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53 |
| Sunday | Fifth Sunday of Lent Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 |



Next High School Youth Group will meet
Wednesday, March 25th.

6:00 Mass
6:30 Dinner and Meeting

Any questions contact Mike Reister
mbreister@att.com.



KNIGHT'S CORNER

A First, Second and Third Degree Initiation is taking place in Frankfort on Sunday, March 22. We are happy to report that several men from our Chapter will be participating in these ceremonies.

It's not too late to get your reservation in to attend the Fourth Degree Spring Outing in Bardstown on May 9th. This event is open to wives or guests. Contact John Wright at 893-1123 for more details.

The annual K of C Golf Scramble at the "Bull at Boones Trace" is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. Cut-off date and payment must be received by 05/05/09. For more information please contact Bob Geiger at 623-8408.

MEETING REMINDERS:

- Monthly Third Degree meetings are held on the FIRST Thursday of each month at the Newman Center.
- Monthly Fourth Degree Meeting are held on the THIRD Sunday of each month at St. Clare Community Building in Berea.



NEWMAN CENTER NOTES

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



RCIA

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; or Linda, 623-0925 /email: ljclcsw@yahoo.com.

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.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES

Confirmation Pictures may be picked up from the Parish Office during normal work hours. If you did not place an order already, not to worry - your pictures are still available. The cost is \$20. Please contact Cathy Cornett if you have any questions.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA):

MARCH MEETING: CDA's next monthly meeting is Tuesday, April 21. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. (Why not join us for Mass beforehand?)

ALL PARISH WOMEN INVITED
ONLY 10 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. **Ten spots remaining!**

SAVE THE DATE!!

March 30th through April 5th: St. Mark School Scholastic Book Fair!

Lion's Share Tickets on Sale now for a chance to win \$10,000.00! Drawing will be held at the Derby Party! Date to be announced.

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.

It was wonderful to see so many parishioners and school families enjoying a good meal with friends and family at the fish fry this past weekend. There were even many new faces who were just traveling through town and saw the full parking lot and wanted to support the school!! Thanks to everyone for your continued support. We appreciate the delicious donated desserts too! If you'd like to donate a dessert, please call the school at 623-2989 ext. 4 and ask for Kris Coons.

Thanks to all our volunteers, our surveys are showing that the overall Fish Fry experience has been terrific! It's a relaxed atmosphere for families with music and great service.

Total profit for the evenings of:

March 6 and 13 is \$612.00

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 24TH AND 25TH 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.

