

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 16, 2009
4:00pm The Heil Family
Sunday, May 17, 2009
8:30am Rusty Elswick
11:00am For the Parish
Tuesday, May 19, 2009
6:00pm House Family
Wednesday, May 20, 2009
6:00pm Betty M. Williams
Thursday, May 21, 2009
6:00pm Thomas Pinnell
Saturday, May 23, 2009
4:00pm Father Jim
Sunday, May 24, 2009
8:30am For the Parish
11:00am Rusty Elswick

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 immediately after all of the weekend masses.

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

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

Father Jim will be away next week and will celebrate Mass intentions while away. Communion Services will be held.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CANDLE IN MEMORY OF AYMARA CASTILLO



ROSARY

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Notes from the Pastor:

It definitely was a joyful day, in the midst of all the tragedy/struggle people of Madison County have been facing with the recent tornado, to celebrate with our Parish Family FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY! All of the children were very well behaved, reverent and had the desire to know Our Lord in such a special way. Again, I thank each of you who played such a vital role in this beautiful and holy celebration: THANKS!

Just a reminder: now that Eastern Kentucky University has ended its Spring Term, Sunday evening Mass at the Newman Center is discontinued until the beginning of the Fall Semester. I wish to thank all of our college students for their dedication and leadership this past year, especially thanking Brian Walsh, our Campus Minister.

And as our college students are on summer vacation, so too will we be on "hiatus" from coffee and donuts for the summer! We still can gather for fellowship and sharing, just minus the extra calories and caffeine!

This week, I am writing my pastor's notes early, as I am about to "take off" for our Annual Priests Convocation! It is that time of the year where we gather as a Presbyterate and take the needed time to catch up with one another, share a meal, pray and learn. It will be good for us to be together.

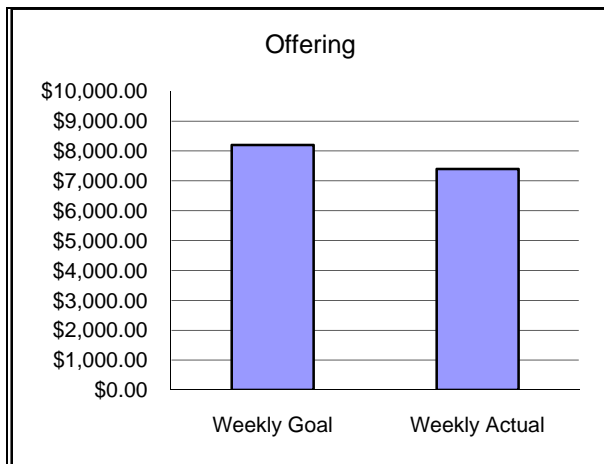
This next week, I literally will be a "traveling fool!" Yep, I said it! My schedule goes something like this: Immediately after this weekend's 11:00 a.m. Mass I will fly to Texas. On Monday morning (the 18th) I will leave Texas and fly to West Palm Beach, Florida to pick up a check from a benefactor (more on that later). I will return to Texas the next day, Tuesday the 19th. On Friday evening, the 22nd of May, I will fly from Texas to Philadelphia, PA to preside at the Internment of Mary Kay Kasitz's mother on the morning of Saturday, May 23rd. I will then depart back to Texas that afternoon. On Sunday, May 24th, I will give the Baccalaureate Address at my High School Alma Mater: West Orange-Stark High. On Monday, May 25th, Sydney and I will get in a rental vehicle and travel back to Richmond! I ask for your prayers for safe journeys and uneventful experiences.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR BISHOP'S/DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL ENVELOPE. Remember: It is not WHAT you give but that you JUST GIVE! SO many of us receive so many blessings from this annual appeal and we must in turn show our gratitude not only to the Bishop, but to the Diocese and our God for the generosity shown to us. I will keep you posted on our progress. But please, no more begging or prodding from me: Let's step up to the plate and get this done!!! (A reminder: That should we not reach our goal, which is NOT an option for me, the shortfall is assessed to us by the Diocese!)

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, prompt #3.

See you in Church,
Fr. Jim

STEWARDSHIP



OUR WEEKLY GOAL: \$ 8,200.00

ENVELOPES:	\$5,855.00
LOOSE CASH:	\$ 728.00
LOOSE COIN:	\$ 23.29
LOOSE CHECKS	<u>\$ 790.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,396.29

Under for the week - \$803.71

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

GOAL: \$23,000

PLEGGED TO DATE: \$7,301.12

Remember: It is not **WHAT** you give, but **THAT** you give!

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 March 31, 2009 are now only \$17,000 under budget. Way to go!

Fr. Jim's preaching travels to Vandergrift, Pennsylvania during March brought in donations totaling \$2,800 for a total of \$18,000 so far this year!

As we close out St. Mark's Annual Parish Appeal we want to thank those who contributed for their generosity.

MINISTRIES

Linens: Debbie Pandaru

Ministry				
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Welcome Desk
4:00PM Saturday May 23	Mike Schwendeman Nancy Wigand	Patti Baker Dot Bennett Bill Durbin Terry Foster Robert Jackowski Joann McCrary Sidney Sebastian	George Nichols Haley Nash	Georgetta Swartz
8:30AM Sunday, May 24	Randy Collins Marsha Hale	John O'Bryan Melissa O'Bryan Billy Simon Denny Vanstone Susan Vanstone Shirley West Bob Yerks	Jack Miller Joseph Abney	Linda Maxwell
11:00am Sunday, May 24	Ann Merriman Connie Wason	Sandy Adams Linda Clark Mark Davis Tricia Davis Greg Discepoli Neil DiTeresa Marlene Flinchem	Michael Price Patrick Sullivan Andrew Brockman Noah Beard	Donna Meek

****A Reminder to all Ministers – Please be mindful of Dress Code. No Tennis shoes and Gentlemen must have shirt with collar.**

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER ONE SATURDAY MORNING A MONTH TO HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH, PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE GATHERING SPACE OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE!!!!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17
Monday	Saint John I, pope, martyr Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Saint Bernardine of Siena, priest Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
Friday	Saint Rita of Cascia, religious Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47; Jn 16: 20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday	Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

PARISH OFFICE NOTE

New stewardship envelopes for July 2009 through July 2010 will be mailed to parishioners mid-June. Please call the Parish office by May 21 if you have moved and provide your new address. Thank you.

RCIA

Wednesday, May 20 6:30-8:00pm St. Mark Gym

RCIA (Rite of Christian Information of Adults) For more information, contact Terry, 623-6847/ email:



NEWMAN CENTER NOTES

NO NEWMAN CENTER 5:00pm Masses UNTIL
SCHOOL RESUMES in the FALL



KNIGHT'S CORNER

Many, many accolades to all Brother Knights who responded so quickly Friday night to Otto Rieck's call for help after the tornado struck their home. Their quick response helped to minimize some of the damage and loss of their clothing and furnishings. Some brothers were there until well past midnight. Our prayers go out to Otto, Jenny and their daughters, as well as all parishioners who sustained losses as a result of this storm.

Meeting Reminders:

-Monthly Third Degree meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of each month at the Newman Center.

-Monthly Fourth Degree meetings are held on the **Third Sunday** of each month, at St. Clare Community Building in Berea.



Next High School Youth Group will meet
Wednesday, May 20th

6:00 Mass
6:30 Dinner and Meeting

Any questions contact Mike Reister
mbreister@att.com.

CHOIR NEWS

Choir practices for the 8:30 a.m. liturgies are held
each Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 in the
Church. Questions? Call Betty Reister at 623-
2573. We look forward to seeing some new faces.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA):

Beginning with our May meeting, we will be
hosting a guest speaker monthly who will
touch on topics of fellowship, community,
knowledge and spiritual growth. Our first
speaker, Arlene Mattingly, will share her own
experience as a breast cancer survivor. Please
join us this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the school
cafeteria to learn more about breast cancer.

May CDA Meeting: CDA's next monthly
meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m.
in the school cafeteria.

MANY THANKS

Dear Fr. Jim,

My wife and I were in the congregation during
Lent when you spoke at St. Gertrude Church.
Your talks were life changing to us. We
appreciate your sacrifice in coming to our
parish. We hope to see you again in future
Lenten seasons.

May we ask for your prayers for the following:
my son's house burned down in February, total
loss, no one was hurt. My parent's and
cousin's village in Italy (Barisciano) was
damaged and destroyed by the recent
earthquakes. Our grandson has been
diagnosed with a form of seizures that he will
live with until he grows out of them at age
seven.

Thank you. We will keep you in our prayers.

With best wishes,
Eugene and Joan Iagnemma

To St Mark Parishioners,

On behalf of the Hagan family, I would like to
say thank you to all of whom were involved in
making the passing of our mother, Phyllis
Hagan, more comfortable. I would especially
like to say a special Thank You to Father Jim
for the caring and compassionate person that
he is. Our Parish is so fortunate to have him
during such a difficult time. Also, to Betty
Reister, the choir, and the bereavement
committee for such wonderful food after the
service. We appreciate each and everyone of
you for whatever part you played.

The Hagan Family

COMMUNITY NEWS

MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Renowned author Katherine Valentine will be the guest speaker at a Magnificat Breakfast on June 6, 2009 from 9 AM to Noon at the Parish Life Center, Room A, Cathedral of Christ the King, 299 Colony Blvd., Lexington, KY. Katherine is the author of "A Miracle for St. Cecilia's" and "The Haunted Rectory," a columnist at Catholicmom.com, and a regular guest on the Diocese of Hartford, CT media broadcasts. She has appeared on national radio and television shows, including Good Morning America, the Biography Channel, and Lifetime Cable. Come hear how God restored her life and led her to direct a whole new ministry. Please bring an extra rosary for a special mission. Child care and transportation are available. To register, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with a \$10.00 check by June 1 (payable to Magnificat) to Laura Westbrook, 3336 Braemer Dr., Lexington, KY 40502. Tickets will be \$12.00 at the door. Call Laura Westbrook at (859) 277-1427 (laurawestbrook@insightbb.com) or Sue Sopala at (859) 224-4908.

SUMMER FUN

Join us for the Lexington Catholic Soccer Camp! For girls and boys, all levels of skill, ages 6-13. Camp dates are June 8-11, 8:30 am to 12 Noon. (No camp on Friday). For more information, call Coach Terry Quigley at 859-278-7307.

VBS NEWS

What: Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Where: St. Mark School
When: Sunday, June 7 - Thursday, June 11
from 6:00 - 8:00pm
Who: Any child currently in Pre-K through 5th Grade is invited to participate

NEEDED: at least 30 people age 11 - 111 who would like to help out during the week

ALSO NEEDED: Snacks - please see signup sheet in gathering space

CONTACT:
cathy.cornett@saintmarkcatholicchurch.net or call the church office @ 623-2989 prompt 5 ext. 2005



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. Fourteen openings remaining.

St. Mark

Richmond KY



May 2009

Dear Parish,

This past Tuesday there was a special meeting of the School Board and Finance Council to discuss the current financial condition of the school. The purpose of this correspondence is to inform you that there is a current financial situation in the school and the parish that requires the immediate attention of all interested parties at St. Mark.

The meeting on Tuesday evening was called to discuss the nature of the problem and to give both groups, as well as the principal and the diocese, an opportunity to work together to address possible solutions. As of today, we are working to develop options that will be presented to Father Sichko and the diocese through the joint planning of the school board and the finance council. The superintendent of schools and the chief financial officer from the diocese are working to support this effort.

Our task is two-fold. First, in the short term, we must develop a budget for 2009-10 which is balanced, or very close to being balanced. To do that, it will be necessary to make some adjustments and changes in the structure and operation of the school that decrease expenses and/or increase revenue. No options are off the table at this time. Decisions on this first priority must be accomplished quickly, prior to the end of this school year.

Our second priority is to establish operational procedures for the parish that will define a clear procedural timetable for addressing these important questions in the future. **No decisions have been made at this time, but there is one directive that has been clearly defined. St. Mark School will be open next school year and there will be a concerted effort to adjust our planning and make corrections leading to a viable school that will have the opportunity to succeed in the future.** Some of the items that have been discussed as possible solutions to the financial situation include, but are not limited to, increase in tuition, reduction of staff, looking at new revenue options, and combination of grades. Within all of these discussions is a continuing effort to maintain the quality of the school to the best of our ability in the process. Any final decisions must pass the scrutiny of the pastor and finally the Diocese of Lexington and the Bishop.

For a variety of reasons, this process is complicated and is taking place later in the school year than what we all desire. A schedule for addressing this situation has been established that involves joint planning by the school board, finance council and diocese. A meeting with teachers was held Wednesday afternoon at the school with teachers and a second meeting was held with parents on Wednesday evening in the church after Mass at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information and to hear questions and suggestions. A meeting of the entire parish will be scheduled for May 17th, at which all are welcome. As soon as final decisions are made about the 2009-10 school year, all will be notified.

It is important for everyone to be well informed, positive and willing to work toward being a part of the solution to the issues that we are facing. St. Mark School is a treasure well worth our hard work, support and prayers during the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

William Farnau, Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Lexington

Paul Doty, Principal, St. Mark School

Rev. James W. Sichko, Pastor

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)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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.