

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 24, 2011

4:00pm Ella Marie Fletcher

Sunday, September 25, 2011

8:30am Jean Ellen Kuhn

11:00am For the Parish

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

6:00pm Leon Boarman

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

6:00pm Cheryl Geiger

Thursday, September 29, 2011

6:00pm Jean Ellen Kuhn

Friday, September 30, 2011

8:15am Cheryl Geiger

Saturday, October 1, 2011

4:00pm Teresa Townsley

Sunday, October 2, 2011

8:30am Erman Wirtz

11:00am For the Parish

5:00pm Patricia Andrews



**OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF
ERMAN WIRTZ**



ROSARY

**The Rosary will be recited each
Saturday at 3:30 pm before 4:00
Mass and 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. 2001 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:

Call Cathy Cornett, 623-2989, prompt 5, ext. 2001.

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 John Wright at 859-893-1123.

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. Announcements can be emailed to: cathy.cornett@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 Betty Lamb at (859) 248-4213 or Laure Schadler at 624-9316.

MERIDIAN CHILES

ST. MARK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNOUNCES
*"AN EVENING AMONG FRIENDS ...
A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WITH HARRY CONNICK, JR."*
DECEMBER 18, 2011

RICHMOND, KY – “We are very pleased to announce the ‘return’ of *An Evening Among Friends*,” Reverend James W. Sichko said. “We are celebrating the holidays with one wonderful Christmas concert performance by Harry Connick, Jr., and his Jazz Band Sunday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Church. The event is *‘An Evening Among Friends ... A Very Special Christmas with Harry Connick, Jr.’*”

“When Mr. Connick was here earlier this year – in late March – the response was overwhelming,” Fr. Jim said. “To have such a vibrant and faith-filled talent as Harry Connick, Jr. move heaven and earth to agree to a return engagement for one performance is just phenomenal – especially since he is in the midst of a show on Broadway and it’s so close to Christmas.” The concert will be at St. Mark Catholic Church, 608 West Main Street, in Richmond.

“Mr. Connick will be performing holiday favorites and beloved Christmas standards,” he said. “This is one of the greatest Christmas gifts to our community we can imagine.”

“Since Mr. Connick is scheduled for one show only, we’re encouraging people to go ahead and get their tickets now,” Fr. Jim explained. “There are a limited number of tickets and once the tickets have sold out – that’s it.”

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. show are \$200 each and are available *only* through Saint Mark Catholic Church by calling **(859) 623-2989** or online at **www.saintmarkcatholicchurch.net**.

An Evening Among Friends grew out of concept that St. Mark, as Church, is called to improve the quality of life and to give back what it has received. The mission of St. Mark Church is to foster gospel values through Christian education and to promote the dignity of the person, family and community through worship, service and fellowship. It will be a tremendous evening filled with music and fellowship. “We couldn’t be more pleased to have an artist of Mr. Connick’s caliber gracing St. Mark for a return appearance,” he said. “It’s the best way to celebrate the holidays!”

For more information, or to schedule an interview regarding *An Evening Among Friends*, please contact Rev. James W. Sichko directly, at (859) 338-5467.

STEWARDSHIP



WEEKLY COLLECTION	
OUR WEEKLY GOAL:	\$ 8,200.00
ENVELOPES:	\$ 6,768.00
LOOSE CASH:	\$ 641.00
LOOSE COIN:	\$ 2.42
LOOSE CHECKS:	\$ 1,360.00
TOTAL	\$ 8771.42
Over for the week +	571.42

SECOND COLLECTION DEBT REDUCTION	
GOAL:	\$70,000.00
YTD:	\$14,014.12
Jul:	\$5,755.00
Aug:	\$5,964.18
Sep:	\$3,778.63

ST MARK SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
Jul:	\$1,384.00
Aug:	\$1,517.25
Sep:	936.25

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL PLEDGED TO DATE:	
	\$20,450.50

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
REMEMBER, IT'S NOT WHAT YOU GIVE, BUT THAT YOU GIVE!**

Readings for the Week of September 25, 2011

- Sunday: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32
- Monday: Saint Cosmas and Saint Damian, martyrs**
Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102; Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Saint Vincent de Paul, priest**
Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87; Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Saint Wenceslaus, martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz, martyr, and his companions, martyrs**
Neh 2:1-8 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 137; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, archangels**
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138; Jn 1:47-51
- Friday: Saint Jerome, priest, doctor**
Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79; Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor**
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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| | Our Ill and Homebound... |
| Denny Vanstone | Tony Champ |
| Russell Elswick | Beverly Heilig |
| Milt Nichols | Tonya Estes |
| Steven Sichko | Michael O'Connor |
| Virginia Sykora | Dave Bonn |
| Frank Carey | James W. Boarman |
| Mary Powell | Marvin Bauer |
| Pat Hensley | Robert Simkins |
| Michael Parker | Sheryl Stephan |
| Jennifer Garza | Diana Parkos |
| Wanda Martin | Tom Etherington |
| Marie Sichko | Mary Lewis |
| Leon Boarman | Deborah C. Salmon |
| Sandra Gray | Bobbie Schum Lynch |
| Gerard Kuhn | Lee David |
| Sammy Tierney | Kathy Switzer |
| Terry Meek | Michael Carter |
| Iris Yerks | Ethel Robb |
| Mary E. Hill | Betty Reister |
| Julia Fields | Ann M. Hill |
| Gail King | Meredith Zellers |
| Donna Meek | Sr. Mary Thomas |
| Dr. Krista Althausen | Mary Ann Ehlman |
| Alexis Grace | Marlene Flinchem |
| Jessica Short | Julia Hinkle |
| | Our Active Duty Service Members..... |
| SPC Randy Shacreaw | LCPL Phillip Shacreaw |
| SFC Chris Ramsey | PFC Garet Potts |
| LCPL Jim West | PVT Nathan Jennings |
| SN Adam Williams | SPC John Iasiello |
| 2LT Bradley Obergfell | CW5 Bill Wason |
| CPL Michael Mullins | 2LT J. T. Hess |

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 25, 2011

MINISTRIES

Linens: Shirley West

Ministry

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
4:00PM Sat. Oct 1	Angie Currier Mary Fox	Patti Baker Dot Bennett Robert Jackowski Joanne McCrary Phil VonMann Sidney Sebastian Bob Fox	Jim Swartz Jim Morrison Anne Morrison
8:30AM Sunday, Oct 2	Angie Wright Jack Culross	Shirley West Angel King Gail King Lynn King John O'Bryan Melissa O'Bryan Bailey O'Bryan	BJ Shacreaw Joseph Abney
11:00A M Sunday Oct 2	Michael Carter Lydia Akin-Carter	Mike Schwendeman Chuck Marz Marlene Flinchum Ingrid Gautreaux Neil DiTeresa Greg Discepoli Linda Clark	Scotty Biggs Patrick Sullivan Maddie Soard

DIOCESAN NEWS

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration—October 8, 2011

For all couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, or 50th plus wedding anniversary in 2011, the Bishop will rejoice with you at Pax Christi Catholic Church (because of Cathedral construction) on Saturday, October 8th. The celebration begins with Mass at 5:00PM with Bishop Gainer presiding, followed by a reception. We are also looking for couples newly married in 2011 to be hospitality ministers. If you or someone you know is celebrating one of these jubilee anniversaries in 2011, or if you are newly married and would like to serve as a hospitality minister, please contact Penny Logan at the Catholic Center at (859) 253-1993, Ext.228 to make reservations by September 30. Please give your name, parish, mailing address, phone number, and original wedding date.

TOWN HALL MEETING

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 28th, we will have the unique opportunity to spend time with our Bishop and other parishioners from the 7 counties which make up our Bluegrass East Deanery. These Town Hall Meetings with Bishop Gainer have become great opportunities for a more intimate dialogue between the Bishop and the People of God in this area. We will begin with a prayer service in Annunciation Church at Paris at 6:00 p.m., followed by light refreshments and dialogue with Bishop Gainer. Please come with your questions, concerns or comments; you may write them down beforehand and a facilitator will ask the Bishop, or you may ask the questions directly during the meeting. Please plan to join Bishop Gainer and your fellow Bluegrass East Catholics for an evening of prayer and fellowship"

ULTREYA

Please mark your calendar and come to our October Ultreya meeting on Oct. 4 in the meeting room at St. Mark School. Social at 6:30 after Mass and Meeting from 7-8 PM. Hope to see you there.



JACK OF SPADES is nearing the \$25,500 mark. Be sure and buy your tickets from any Knight or call Mike Parker at 859-625-4677. Someone is going to win this jackpot very soon.

Don't forget BINGO, held weekly at the Galaxy Bowling Center. Earlybirds at 6:30 and regular game beginning at 7:00. If you haven't joined us, come on out! It's fun and a great way to show support to the Knights who in turn support many ministries within our parish.

THIRD DEGREE: Meets on the First Thursday of each month at the Newman Center at 7:00 PM

FOURTH DEGREE: Meets on the Third Sunday of each month at St. Clare (Berea) meeting room at 5:00 PM.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)

October meeting will be October 18 after 6:00pm Mass.



Choir practice is held in the church every Wednesday evening from 7:00 – 8:30pm.

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September 25, 2011

Please come and join us!

Contact Betty Reister for more information



Liturgy and Life



At its heart, the Eucharist is a sacrament of communion, bringing us closer to God and to our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. If we live the fruits of the Eucharist in our daily lives, we will fill our families and our communities with the life-giving qualities that the Liturgy brings: hospitality, concern for the poor and vulnerable, self-offering, and thanksgiving.

An ancient saying in the Church reads "*lex orandi, lex credendi*," meaning that the law of prayer is the law of faith. More loosely: as we pray, so we believe. To that we might add *lex vivendi*, meaning that as we pray, so we believe, and so we live. In the third edition of the *Roman Missal*, the bishops and translators have taken great care to ensure that the prayers accurately and fully reflect the mysteries of our faith. Thus, the words that we pray in each liturgical celebration will help to form and strengthen our understanding of the faith.

However, if the effects of the Liturgy stop at the doors of the church, we have not made our prayer and our faith part of our law of living. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) teaches that the Eucharist helps us to grow in union with Christ, avoid sin, increase in charity, strengthen communion with our brothers and sisters, and recognize Christ in the poorest and most vulnerable members of society (see CCC, nos. 1391-1397). But what does that mean in daily life?

LIVING A LIFE OF PRAYER

Our prayer lives should not be limited to a single hour on Sunday mornings. In fact, the richer our prayer lives are throughout the week, the more fully we will be able to enter into the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. Here are some ways to make your daily life more prayerful:

- ✦ Try attending daily Mass at least once a week. Your parish may have an early morning Mass, or a church near your job may offer a lunchtime Mass.
- ✦ Stop in a church before or after work or on your lunch hour for fifteen minutes of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- ✦ Make it a practice to say grace before every meal—even if you are eating in the car.
- ✦ Schedule time for family prayer at least once a week. This prayer can be as simple as saying the Our Father or a decade of the Rosary together.
- ✦ Take time during the week to read or listen to the readings for the upcoming Sunday. The readings are available online (in print and audio) at www.usccb.org/nab.
- ✦ Begin your day with a brief prayer of thanksgiving to God, offering your day to him.
- ✦ End your day with an examination of conscience, looking at your successes and failures in what you have done or what you have failed to do. If you are aware of serious sin, receive the Sacrament of Penance before you receive Holy Communion again.

LIVING A LIFE OF LOVING SERVICE

Celebrating the eucharistic Liturgy and receiving Holy Communion should strengthen us to conform our lives more closely to the example of Christ. As Jesus knelt before his Apostles to wash their feet (see Jn 13), giving them an example of humble service, so must we who bear the name Christian live our lives in service to our brothers and sisters.

To help us in this endeavor, Church Tradition has identified works of mercy. These fourteen practices demand great sacrifice and generosity, but they also draw us more deeply into conformity with the Lord. Focusing on one of these works each week may be a practical way to integrate them into our personal, family, and parish lives.

Corporal Works of Mercy

- ✦ Feeding the hungry
- ✦ Sheltering the homeless
- ✦ Clothing the naked
- ✦ Visiting the sick
- ✦ Visiting the imprisoned
- ✦ Giving drink to the thirsty
- ✦ Burying the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- ⊗ Converting sinners
- ⊗ Instructing the ignorant
- ⊗ Advising the doubtful
- ⊗ Comforting the sorrowful
- ⊗ Bearing wrongs patiently
- ⊗ Forgiving injuries
- ⊗ Praying for the living and dead

Our parishes and civil communities offer numerous opportunities to live out these works, from assisting with religious education classes or volunteering at a food bank to encouraging our legislators to put forward policies that protect the life and dignity of each person. As we grow in conformity to Christ, we see more clearly that all people are made in the image and likeness of God (see Gn 1:26) and so have an inherent value and dignity. By helping to build a more just and compassionate society, we act as Christ's Body in the world.

IT ALL COMES BACK TO THE EUCHARIST

Living the Christian life is not easy. "What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life. Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ . . . preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism. This growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion, the bread for our pilgrimage" (CCC, no. 1392).

And so, each Sunday, we return to the eucharistic table, bringing all our efforts of the previous week, the good and the bad, the successes and the failures, the

joys and the sorrows. We gather with our brothers and sisters in the Lord and, together with our priest, we join these efforts to the perfect sacrifice of Christ, asking that God will receive what we offer back to him in humble thanksgiving. The *Catechism* explains it as follows:

The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering. (CCC, no. 1368)

Then, strengthened by Holy Communion, we are once again sent forth into the world to glorify the Lord in our lives.

REFERENCE

Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2000.

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Conscience Rights Violated by HHS *“Interim Final Rule”*

Contraception and Sterilization

“On August 1, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued an "interim final rule" that will require virtually all private health plans to include coverage for all FDA-approved prescription contraceptives, sterilization procedures, and related "patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity." These are listed among "preventive services for women" that all health plans will have to include without co-pays or other cost-sharing -- regardless of whether the insurer, the employer or other plan sponsor, or even the woman herself objects to such coverage”

(The National Catholic Bioethics Center).

CALL TO ACTION: Please send an e-mail message to HHS by visiting www.usccb.org/conscience

The implications are that Catholics will be forced to participate in health benefit plans that violate basic moral principles and force cooperation with intrinsic evil practices. Employees of the Catholic Diocese (parishes, schools, and mission entities) may lose health care benefits, being forced to find coverage individually. It will not be possible for the Diocese to participate in health plans that fundamentally violate the Church teaching and moral principle that life is sacred and inviolable from conception to natural death. This is a public policy tragedy of epic proportion in the making.

Strongly encourage our families to respond as Faithful Citizens in making their voices heard in favor of protecting the rights of our moral conscience.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: September 30, 2011

LAST CALL FOR YOUR **RECIPES!**

We still need more recipes, it would be great to get one from each of our school/parish families!

You may submit your recipes in the box in the narthex,
online at <http://recipes.go2king.com/>
or email them to
angelking@gmail.com.
Make sure to assign an author to your recipe

Please submit by



SEPT. 30th!



2 Child Care Workers Needed

St. Mark Catholic School's After School Program

Hours: 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Monday - Friday

Beginning January 3, 2012

Contact: Connie Fischer, Lead Teacher
859-623-2989 option 4

COME JOIN US IN FUN AND FITNESS AT THE
St. Mark Gym!



Monday evenings @ 6:45pm



Come try it out! You will enjoy it!

Place: St. Mark Church & School Gym

Date: Every Monday

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Cost: \$35 for 8 weeks (\$10 will go to the school!)

If you have any questions, feel free to call or email our Zumba Instructors:

Martha 606.224.9399/yapri04@aol.com

Priscilla 606.224.5811/priscadi@aol.com

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

Eleven weeks from this weekend, the Christmas spirit will be in the air as everyone will be shopping at St. Mark, be it buying their Cookie Trays, Cakes, Pies, Candy, Homemade Bread and anything and everything they will need to tempt their palates. They can also shop at Grandma's Christmas Shoppe and buy their Christmas cards, decorations, wreaths and trees, and then head over to Grandpa's Attic where tables will be stacked with dishes, household items, baby items, books, furniture & the list goes on & on. However, none of this will be possible without the generosity of our wonderful parishioners, with both their time and donated items. So, please mark the dates of **Friday, Dec. 9th (set-up day), Saturday, Dec. 10th, (the Bazaar and after-Mass sale) and Sunday, Dec. 11th, (selling after 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Masses)** and help us to make this the best bazaar ever!!!

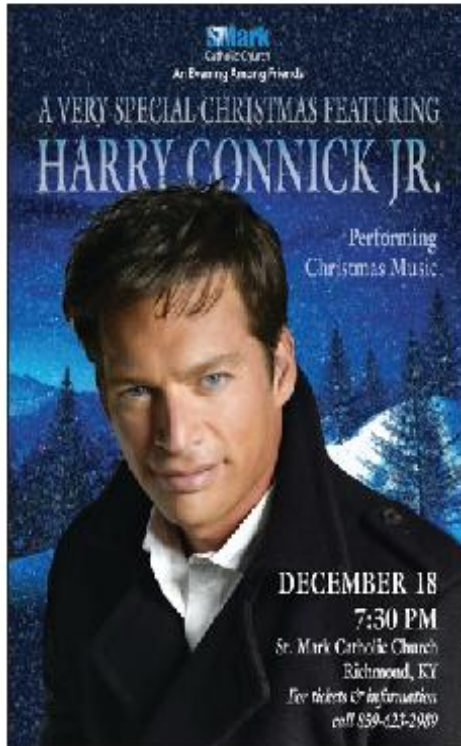
On Saturday, while at the local Farmers' Market, I mentioned to one of the vendors that I had to start making my jam for our church Christmas Bazaar but did not mention the church. Her reply was "Your church has the best baked goods in town". We have heard this year after year so we hope you will start getting out your recipes and making plans to bake lots of different goodies. Also, now that the evenings are getting longer, how about cleaning out your attic, basement, garage and closets. You'll enjoy less clutter and help make the bazaar a success. If you cannot store these items until the bazaar, please contact someone listed below so we can arrange to put it in our warehouse.

Now, for the exciting news: Mary Deltry, who joined our church 4 years ago, has offered to assist me with the Bazaar, something I have needed for a long time. She has already been helping me with the warehouse and will also be writing the bulletin notices. If you have any information you think will be of interest to pass along, please contact her at the phone number listed below. I am so appreciative of her much-needed offer of help. THANKS TO MARY AND ALL OF OUR LOYAL HELPERS!

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 25, 2011

Carol Kinelski (623-7511) Mary Deltry (408-5113) Anna Etherington (623-3931)
Cookie Trays: Charlotte Hill (369-3931) Raffle: Kitty Culp (623-9209)



**An Evening Among Friends
A Very Special Christmas
Featuring Harry Connick Jr**
*St Mark Catholic Church
608 West Main Street
Richmond, KY40475
Sunday, December 18, 2011
7:30PM*

- Valet Parking
- Reception with hors d'oeuvres prior to the performance
- 75 Minute Performance by Harry Connick, JR.

**600 SEATS STILL AVAILABLE
FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED**

AN EVENING AMONG FRIENDS

Reservation Form

I would like to reserve _____ pew(s) or _____ ticket(s) for the Evening Among Friends Event
 A Very Special Christmas Featuring Harry Connick Jr.
 at the following level:

- General Admission: \$200 per person
- Meet and Greet with Harry Connick, JR:
 \$500 per person
Limited to 25 tickets
Includes special pre-performance reception with personalized photo with Mr Connick and Preferred Reserved Seating
- Group Seating: \$3000 per row for 8 guests
Includes orchestra seating and Harry Connick, JR. 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 installment payments at a minimum rate of \$75 per ticket, with the entire cost paid prior to March 1, 2011.

*Checks should be made payable to
St Mark Catholic School*

- Enclosed is my entire payment of \$ _____
- Enclosed is my first installment of \$ _____

For credit card orders: (\$4.00 processing fee not included)

Visa MasterCard Discover American Express
 Card Number: _____
 Cardholder Name: _____
 Cardholder Address: _____

 CID: _____ Expiration Date: _____