

Saint Mark Catholic Church

December 16, 2018



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Masses: 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:45 & 11:30 am
Daily Mass: 8:30 am in Chapel
First Saturday Mass: 8:30 am in Chapel
Exposition after Mass until noon Benediction
Holy Days: Information in Bulletin
Perpetual Help Devotions/Benediction:
Weds. 7:00 pm in Chapel
Rosary: Mon. Tues. Weds. 7:30 pm
Mon. -Fri. 9:00am
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45- 4:15 pm
and/or call for an appt.

BAPTISMS

New or expecting parents must contact the Rectory three (3) months before the Baptism to allow sufficient time for the instructions prior to the celebration.

MARRIAGES

Contact Rectory 6 months in advance.
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Saint Mark Catholic Community Mission

TO PROMOTE THE LIVING GOSPEL OF
JESUS CHRIST AND LIVE THE
UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS

Fr. Martin Njoalu, VC, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Gerard Quinn, Deacon
Coordinator of Religious Education, Gr. 1-8
Maria Ong
Coordinator of Youth Ministry/Confirmation
Jill Watkins
Office Manager
Cathy Coolin

CHOIRS

Michael Clements 4:30
Mario Valentone 8:00
Jun Madrinan 9:45
Don Ramirez 11:30
Nelia Licudine—Children Choir
Last Sat. of month 4:30 & Various 9:45

PARISH MINISTRIES

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Altar Servers | Legion of Mary |
| Catechesis | Parish Pastoral Council |
| Choirs | Prayer Group |
| Finance | Rosary Group |
| Greeters | Sandwiches on Sunday |
| Hospitality | (SOS) |
| Knight of Columbus | St. Vincent de Paul |
| Ladies Guild | Youth Ministry |

Welcome in Jesus' Name. Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, long-time residents or the newly arrived in the parish. We thank God you are with us. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

___ New Parishioner ___ New Phone

___ New Address

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the

progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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**As you heard in the Pulpit announcements last weekend, we are having a Reception to say goodbye to our dear Fr. Martin.**

**DECEMBER 23RD RECEPTION FOR FR. MARTIN AT 1:00PM AFTER THE 11:30 MASS.**

**If you are going to attend would you please take a moment to sign up at the table at the back of the church**

**We need a head count by December 17th so we will know how much food we will need. Thank you very much.**

### **Christmas Mass Schedule:**

#### **Dec. 24th**

4:30PM Children's Mass

10:00PM Christmas Eve Mass

#### **Dec. 25th**

9:45AM

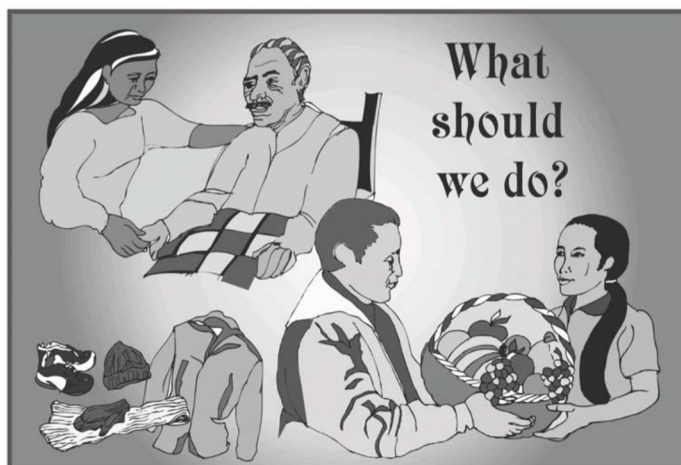
11:30AM

**January 1, 2019 HOLYDAY**

**Solemnity of Mary,  
holy Mother of God**

10:00Am

7:00PM



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**MASSSES** for the **WEEK**

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**SIMBANG GABI Novena -Advent Masses**

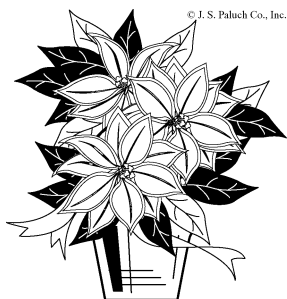
12/17, 7:00 pm at St. Mark  
 12/18, 7:00 pm at St. Gregory  
 12/19, 7:00 pm at St. Catherine  
 12/20, 7:00 pm at St. Luke  
 12/21, 7:00 pm at St. Matthew  
 12/22, 5:00 pm at Immaculate Heart Mary  
 12/23, 7:30 pm at St. Bartholomew  
 Confessions are available from 6:15 pm  
 to 6:45 pm nightly.

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| MON.   | Hillman Cademartori Family Liv. & † |
| TUES.  | Naty Utanes †                       |
| WED.   | Jim Martin †                        |
| THURS. | Samantha Cang, Birthday             |
| FRIDAY | Emily Lim, Birthday                 |
| 4:30   | <b>DECEMBER 22, 2018 ADVENT</b>     |
|        | Mary Moreira †                      |
|        | <b>DECEMBER 16, 2018 ADVENT</b>     |
| 8:00   | Concepcion, Special Intention       |
| 9:45   | St. Mark Parishioners, Living & †   |
| 11:30  | Alison Jacobs †                     |

**POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to donate a Poinsettia, to help decorate the Altar for the birth of JESUS, please drop them off at the Church or the Rectory Dec. 17th through the 23RD

**POINSETTIAS OF ANY SIZE  
 ARE WELCOME  
 ALL COLORS EXCEPT BLUE.  
 Thank you!**



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**STEWARDSHIP  
 EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS  
 SO NO INFORMATION TO POST AT  
 THIS TIME**

In order to meet the budget for the year, on average, the weekly collection for St. Mark needs to be **\$5,800**  
*Thank you for your kind generosity!*

***WE PRAY FOR:***

*For our sick and injured*  
**Especially: Linda Yuen, Ernesto Sanchez, Jane Landucci**, for those who have ongoing sickness & daily pain and for those who care for them.

*For all the souls of the faithful departed*  
**Especially: Mary Moreira, Naomi Jimega, Annette Couture, Orelli Saduete**  
 & for all the families.

*For those serving in the military*  
 and for all the families. May they return home safely.

## 2018 MEETING CALENDAR

### MONDAY:

St. Vincent de Paul 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:15 - 9:00 p.m.  
Legion of Mary Every  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Knights Officers 1<sup>st</sup>  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Knights Council 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Group Coordinators 4<sup>th</sup> (4x/yr.)  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY:

CCD: (Gr 5-8) Sept. - May Every  
7:15-8:45 p.m.  
Confirmation - Jill 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
St. Vincent de Paul Every  
In Church 9:00-Noon  
Pastoral Council 7:00-9:00 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup>  
WEDNESDAY:  
Ladies Guild Sept-May 1<sup>st</sup>  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Baptism Class 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Finance Group 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Ladies Guild Board 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Scripture Study Sept-May Every  
10:00 - Noon  
PRAYER GROUP Every  
In Church 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
SVDP (Bread Dist.) Every  
In Church 9:00-Noon  
Choir - Jun Madrinan Every  
7:00 - 8:30pm

### FRIDAY—In Church

Children Choir Practice 5:00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Choir - Don Ramirez Every  
7:00-9:00 p.m.  
(In Church-BOTH Choirs)  
Flower Group 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Every

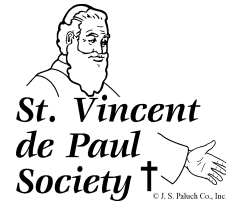
### SATURDAY

Legion of Mary meets 1<sup>ST</sup>  
Noon- 1:30 p.m.  
RCIA Every  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY

CCD (Gr 1 -4) Sept.-May Every  
9:45 - Noon  
Knights- Mass & Fellowship 2<sup>nd</sup>  
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Youth Group 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
SOS 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10:45 - 11:30 a.m.  
Youth Group (Aug.- May) 3<sup>rd</sup>  
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Mass & Fellowship

**(ALL meetings are held in Center unless otherwise indicated) ALL ARE WELCOME!  
JOIN A GROUP THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU!**



Our Saint Mark SVDP conference wishes to thank our parish for the support that you have provided in 2018. We depend on all of you at all times - Almost all of our financial support comes from the parish, plus many very helpful and useful donations, and of course your prayers and words of encouragement. Praise the Lord for the blessings you have given us!

Through your generosity in 2018, our Vincentians made 370 home visits, assisting about 300 individuals including more than 100 young children within our parish boundaries. We kept 37 families in their homes through rental assistance, and we kept the lights and water on by helping pay the utility bills.

Our fellow parishioners really came through on Thanksgiving, when you provided the sides and fixings for turkey dinners that we brought to over 40 families - Many of the Saint Mark adults and youth helped to assemble the bags, and several of you even joined us to bring the dinners to their homes! Finally, for Christmas we received 61 Target gift cards to provide for those families, providing a bit of Christmas cheer and the means to meet the necessities of the home during our cold, wet season.

We cannot express our gratitude adequately with printed words, so please know that you, our Saint Mark family, are in our prayers always.