

ST. MARK'S CHURCH

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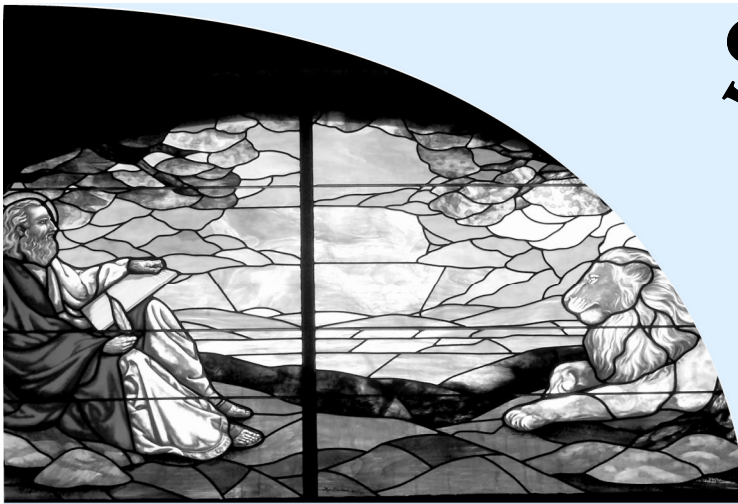
54 Kuhn Road, Rochester, NY 14612

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday from 8:30 am till 3:00 pm,

Closed for Lunch from 12:00 till 1:00 pm.

The office is closed on Fri., Sat. & Sun.



Parish Mission statement:

“St. Mark’s Parish is a Catholic, Christian Community of believers, gathered together to joyfully worship God. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we seek to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, celebrate the uniqueness and diversity of our people, and charitably minister to all.”

MASS TIMES

Weekday Rosary:

Begins at 7:30 am, Mass at 8:00 am.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 5:30 pm,

Sunday at 8:30, 10:00 & Noon.

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STAFF LISTINGS

Fr. Louis Sirianni, *Pastor*

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Sue Condoluci, *Youth Minister*

Joe Ilardo, *Music Director*

Steve Donohue, *Organist*

Theresa Nicolosi & Connie Schmeer,

Parish Secretaries

We Are The Branches... “Jesus answered them and said, “Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal”

John 6: 26-27

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4:00 till 5:00 pm

BAPTISMS

Are the 2nd Sunday of the Month at the 10:00 Mass or the 4th Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. Please call Dcn. Frank at 227-6824 to make arrangements

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

We would love for you to celebrate the sacrament of Marriage at St. Mark’s. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a meeting to begin planning your special day!

For The Weekend of January 24, 2009

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

HEALTH CARE REFORM

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUESTED

The US Senate and House of Representatives are in the process of reconciling the Health Care Reform bills that were passed by their respective bodies in 2009. This results in one bill that becomes the law of the land when the president signs it.

Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and the Congressional Representatives of our diocese need to hear from you as soon as possible.

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops advises that the Senate bill advances a pro-abortion agenda by expanding federal funding of abortion; neither bill has adequate conscience protection for health care providers, plans or employers; and it is unclear that affordability and access, especially for legal immigrants, will improve.

Please voice your concerns by sending a pre-written, instant e-mail to Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, and members of Congress who represent the Diocese. Please use the contact system available at www.usccb.org/action or call them at their local offices or through the Capitol switchboard at 202-224- 3121. Thank you for your activities of faithful citizenship.

HAITI

Thank you to all who contributed to the special collections for assistance to the Haitian people. If you would like to make additional contributions you may do so directly through Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, which is responding to victims of the massive earthquake in Haiti. To donate, please call 1-877-HELP-CRS, donate online at www.crs.org or send a check to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. In the memo portion of your check, please write: **Haiti Earthquake.**

I will be away from early Monday, January 25 until late Friday, February 5 continuing my research on the effects of rest and relaxation on the health of the parish priest. Father Bush will provide sacramental coverage for St. Mark's and the rest of the Parish Staff is ready to assist you. Next weekend, Father John Phelps, C.Ss.R. will visit our parish to speak at all of the Masses on behalf of Cross International Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas including the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central America and South America.

See you upon my return. I will keep you in my prayers and ask that you do the same for me.

Father Lou

STEWARDSHIP & ST. MARK'S

"As Christian Stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them in loving justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord."

Regular offering for January 17, 2010

Plate \$857.00

Envelope \$5,051.00

Attendance for January 17, 2010 was 796

St. Mark's fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th of every year.

We thank you for your continued generosity. Your support makes it possible for St. Mark's to meet its weekly expenses, which currently run approximately \$8,000.00. We thank you for sharing your Treasure with us!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 25th

Religious Education

Tuesday, January 26th

11:30 am Seniors on the Move

1:30 pm Prayer Shawls

Wednesday, January 27th

4:30 pm Children's Choir

5:00 pm Choir Pot Luck Dinner- Old Church

7:00 pm Adult Choir

Sunday, January 31st

Religious Education

11:00 am Middle School Youth Group

Monday, February 1st

Religious Education

7:15 pm Bible Study

Tuesday, February 2nd

6:30 pm Men's Club

Wednesday, February 3rd

8:30 am Martha & Marks

4:30 pm Children's Choir

7:00 pm Adult Choir

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study on *The Gospel of John*

“Study” is not the best word to describe the Monday evenings that we gather together at St. Mark’s Church to deepen our relationship with Jesus through Sacred Scripture. Jesus taught us that loving God and putting that love into practice by loving our neighbor is what is most important. Our Monday Evening Bible Study helps us to deepen our relationship with God by coming to know Him better through the Sacred Scriptures. It is so important for us to come to know God through the study of the Sacred Scriptures that St. Jerome said that, “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

The Gospels particularly focus on Jesus Christ and are especially revered in our liturgy. You may have noticed that the reading of the Gospel is the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word and that the Book of the Gospels is carried in procession to solemnize the entry of Jesus as the Word of God into the assembly. When the Gospels are proclaimed we are asked to stand during mass and to respond “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ”. So the Gospels have a special place in Sacred Scripture and our bible study will focus not only on the beauty and rich expression and imagery in John’s Gospel; but particularly the most pervasive theme in John – the revelation of God as a family!

Please **Come and join us on Monday, January 18, 2010 at 7:15 P.M. in the “Old Church”** to pray, share our faith and grow closer to Jesus through the Gospel of St. John. Please park and enter by the doors on the east side of the building. Our study will use the “*Ignatius Study Bible – The Gospel of John*” by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch which will be provided to you on the first night.

Our Monday Bible Study group will meet on the following Mondays at 7:15 PM in the “Old Church”: Feb. 1, 8, 22; Mar. 8, 15, 29; Apr. 12, 19; May 3, 17, 24.

FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTER

Attention Young Adults:

Jonathan Schott, of the Diocese of Rochester is presenting a talk about chastity, entitled “Is Chastity about Just Saying No?”. The discussion will be on the virtue of chastity, abstinence, and dating as Catholics.

This presentation is part of ‘Theology on Tap’ which offers opportunities for young adults to gather to discuss and reflect on issues of faith.

This presentation will be at TC Riley’s, 200 Park Point Dr., Rochester, NY 14623 beginning at 7:00pm. For more information call 328-3228x1218.

Attention Youth of St. Mark’s Parish:

Are you in grades 9-12 and looking for a way to bond with other Catholic youth and build leadership skills in a Catholic camp-style environment? High School youth are invited to attend FOUNDATIONS for Catholic Youth Leadership for youth who would like to explore leadership essentials and those who would like to learn more about leadership. FOUNDATIONS is a week long experience in identifying personal strengths, learning styles, Catholic Identity and using leadership skills in the context of the Catholic Church—skills that will last a lifetime. This is a Diocesan sponsored event that will take place at Camp Stella Maris, from Sunday February 14th through Friday February 19th.

Also, there is an opportunity for high school youth to attend the 2010 Franciscan University Youth Conference in Steubenville, Ohio from July 16-18th. This year’s theme is ‘The Word Became Flesh’. Many of our teens over the years have attended this conference and have enjoyed it immensely!

For more information on either or both of these upcoming events, please get in touch with Sue Condoluci, youth minister, at 227-6824 x9, or scondoluci@dor.org.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, January 30th 5:30 pm

Lector Kevin O'Geen
EMHC Ellen Stewart
EM Lenora Colrautolo
EM Anthony Colrautolo
EM Maureen Santiago
EM Nancy Weiland
Altar Server See Bulletin Board
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Greeter Tony & Lenora Colrautolo
Greeter Sandy & Steve Bligh

Sunday, January 31st 8:30 am

Lector Connie Schmeer
EMHC Joe Denninger
EM Chris Muscato
EM Gerry Hassett
EM Ann DiStefano
EM Bob Hefner
Altar Server See Bulletin Board
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Greeter Ann Denninger
Greeter Connie Schmeer

Sunday, January 31st 10:00 am

Lector Eugene Drexel
EMHC Rick Monnat
EM Kimm Wesley
EM Joe Wesley
EM Lois Kendrick
EM Rita Hoock
Altar Server See Bulletin Board
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Greeter Rick Monnat
Greeter Lorraine Julian

Sunday, January 31st Noon

Lector Larry White
EMHC James Gelormini
EM Dottie Denninger
EM Virginia Newland
EM Kathleen Kent
EM Gail Woytek
Altar Server See Bulletin Board
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Greeter Larry & Katie White
Greeter Diane Neatrour

News & Notes For January 24th

St. Mark's Parish Retreat

St. Mark's will host a Parish Retreat starting the 2nd week of Lent, February 28-March 3, from 7:00 pm till 8:15pm. If you are interested in attending but require transportation, please contact Lucy Arena at 392-4102 or Mark Martello at 581-0230.

Year End Statements

Statements of Parishioner Contributions for the 2009 Tax Year will be mailed out of the Parish Office next week, January 25th. If you do not receive a statement please contact the Parish Office at 227-6824.

Seniors on the Move

The Seniors on the Move will be meeting this Tuesday, January 26th at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall for a Bring Your Own Lunch meeting. As always dessert and beverages will be provided.

Cross International Catholic Outreach

Father John Phillips will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross International Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America & the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas including the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central America & South America.

Second Collection For Haiti

Thank you all very much for your generosity. Our 2nd Collection for Haiti last weekend brought in \$3,061.00. If you still wish to give to the cause, please put your offering in the Regular Collection in a envelope marked "Haiti".

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

**Ladies—Would You Like a Faith Lift?
Want to Peel off the Mask...so Jesus can Shine
through You**

Then come join Rochester Magnificat on Saturday, **February 6, 2010**

8:30 a.m. Mass at St Pius Tenth church,
3070 Chili Ave.

9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:45 "Faith Lift" teaching by Father Mike Mayer.

10:30 a.m. Conclude

There will be an opportunity for personal prayer.

The local winner of the Magnificat raffle (trip to Rome) will be drawn.

There is no charge for the morning, but a free-will offering will be accepted.

**Please RSVP to Kathy Murty 436-1284 or
Jane Jennings**

Save the Date:

**March 13th next Magnificat breakfast will
be at the
Diplomat**

MEN'S CLUB

Do we have your number yet?

You still have time to participate in the Men's Club February Daily Number Fundraiser. Gee that's quite a mouthful...Seriously, it's easy to get involved and help out.

- Get a Lotto Form letter that can be found in the church narthex by the exit.
- Fill in your name and address and return it to church collection in an envelope with your payment.
- Keep the top portion of the form letter that has your number and February Calendar of prizes.
- Do that and you are now entered in the February Daily Number Fundraiser. Watch the numbers and hope you win!
- Over \$900 in prizes was paid out last year. Last day to submit your numbers is in the Sunday, January 31st church collection.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 23rd

5:30 pm *Mary Malak* by Stan Malak, Joe & Pat Martin

Sunday, January 24th (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 am *June Thorpe* by Sam Lippa

10:00 *Laura Leone* by Seniors on the Move

Noon *For The People of St. Mark's Parish*

Monday, January 25th

8:00 am *Renee Catron* by The Sullivan Family

7:00 pm Holy Hour for Retreat

Tuesday, January 26th

8:00 am *Andrew Hudak* by Dan & Mary Consilio

Wednesday, January 27th

8:00 am *Marian DePasquale* by Albert & Mae Faiello

Thursday, January 28th

8:00 am *Barbara Senft* by Agnes & Frank and Florence & Frank

Friday, January 29th

8:00 am *Frank Distefano & Jerry Ronzo* by Ann & Pat Distefano

Saturday, January 30th

5:30 pm *Sam Gruttaudauria* by Ernie Ross & Daughter Judy

Sunday, January 31st (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 am *Cindy Ferrari* by The Family

10:00 *Josephine Schuler* by Bob & Susan Bauer

Noon *For The People of St. Mark's Parish*

Sanctuary Lamp

For Margaret & Robert Scott

By April & Christopher Bush

Prayers Requested

The following members and extended members of our Parish Family have had prayer requests made for them: **Dr. Margaret Andrews,**

Anthony DiPonzio Jr., Hannah Keenan,

Mary Cosentino, Peter Glavin, Marie Kaufman,

Joseph Caffarelli, Martine DiStefano, Rosario

Gulino, Jane Panzer, Gabriella Mattioli,

Domenic Longwell, Mary Philippone and Vincent

DiStefano.

Liturgy of the Hours

Week III