

St. Mark the Evangelist

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Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Holy Day: 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Daily Monday - Friday:

9:00 a.m. - Rosary 8:35 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Anytime by appointment

CCD: K-8, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. on Sunday

Office located at St. Mark - Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed Friday

PARISH STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Kyle S. Sahd

Coordinator of Religious Education: Lucy Schemel

Choir Director: Barbara Bender Youth Ministry: Brian & Vicky Patterson

Parish Secretary: Marie Truax Parish Bookkeeper: Nancy Fitz

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Parish Council - Jim Flick V.P., Alexa Stoner - Secretary

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Darlene Signore

PARISH WEBSITE: https://www.stmarkstlukeparish.org

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism: First Sunday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. Parents are required to attend a Baptism instructional class. Please call Fr. Sahd to schedule an appointment. **Both parents** are required to attend.

Matrimony: Diocesan Common Policy requires you to contact Fr. Sahd **nine to twelve months** in advance of the proposed date. For more information please call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Anointing and Eucharist: Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital or if someone is unable to attend Mass so that Holy Communion and Anointing can be offered.

REGISTRATION: New parishioners should register in person as soon as possible. When moving from the parish, please notify the office.

St. Luke the Evangelist Mission

Overhill Drive & Black Road, Mercersburg, PA 17236

Mass: Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day: Mass is at St. Mark

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sundays - after Mass Anytime by appointment



Be Watchful!
Be Alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
Mark 13:33

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark the Evangelist, Greencastle, and our Mission St. Luke the Evangelist, Mercersburg, endeavoring to live the gospel of Jesus Christ as individuals and as a community of participation of all our members in worship, believing, learning and in service. As a Catholic community of faith, hope, and love, we invite others to join us in our goal of renewal and welcome them into our fellowship.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY Dec. 2 Blessed Virgin Mary

> 9:00 AM Bishop Gainer and the Priests of the Diocese

> > Vigil for the First Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Dennis Drake

SUNDAY Dec. 3 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM (Sp. Int.) The Guthrie Family

St. Luke Mission

11:00 AM For the Parish Family

MONDAY Dec. 4 St. John Damascene, Priest

> 9:00 AM Gale Krawczak

TUESDAY Dec. 5 **Advent Weekday**

> 9:00 AM All Souls

WEDNESDAY Dec. 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop

> 9:00 AM (Sp. Int.) Deana Gibson

THURSDAY Dec. 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop

> 9:00 AM (Sp. Int.) Tony Angello Birthday

Dec. 8 **FRIDAY** The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

> 9:00 AM Roseann Lagattuta 7:00 PM Dwayne Lawrence

SATURDAY Dec. 9 Vigil for the Second Sunday of Advent

> 5:00 PM For the Parish Family

SUNDAY Dec. 10 **Second Sunday of Advent**

> 8:30 AM (Sp. Int.) Karen Gailey

> > St. Luke Mission

11:00 AM James & Margaret Bigham

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES ARE 9 AM AND 7 PM AT ST. MARK.



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from 11/12-12/9 It burns in Memory of Kay Barry.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

Please pray for the soul of **Virginia Penrod** who died recently. The parish community of St. Mark and St. Luke extends its deepest sympathy to her family and relatives.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 3, 2017**

Theme: Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Come and save us from our sins. Let us turn again to you and so be found blameless when you return in glory.

> Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2b-7

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

Second Sunday of Advent Next Week -

Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark

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Dear Parishioners.

As we begin the Season of Advent, are we spiritually prepared for the Lord's Coming? Next Monday, December 11 at 6:30PM, here at Saint Mark, we will have an opportunity to have our confession heard through a Parish Penance Service. Much like last year, we will have a number of priests from the Franklin Deanery celebrating this great sacrament of forgiveness. Please plan on attending!

With the Season of Advent, we anticipate the Coming of Christ. In the first two weeks, the readings focus on the Second Coming of Christ and the last two weeks focus on the First Coming of Christ--in His birth. Let us take time in this Advent Season to meditate on how the Lord is present within our lives and then witness to His love.

Over the course of the next month or so, we will be introducing and organizing two new ministries within the parish.

The first ministry is the Respect Life Committee and the second ministry is the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Every parish in the Diocese of Harrisburg is asked to organize a Respect Life Committee so that an awareness of the dignity of all life can permeate the life of the parish. The Respect Life Committee will highlight all life issues from Conception until natural death.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society assists the pastor in identifying and interviewing those people within our parish or in the community who are in need of food, clothing or shelter. After speaking with those who request assistance, the committee will then see to it that their needs are met with the appropriate funds or through other means. In the Greencastle and Mercersburg area, there are many people who are in need of assistance. Over the course of the last year and a half, we have fielded about 3 calls per week from people asking for assistance. We try to help those who request help to the best our ability, since this is our responsibility as Christians--to treat others like Christ Himself-especially those most in need! There are many people who call asking for a one or two night stay in a local motel, help with rent or utilities and with gas for their automobiles. While we do refer some to the Waynesboro Community Services for assistance, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will assist me in being prudent in distributing these funds and at the same time, help those in need to get back on their feet.

Please be on the look out for further information about these two essential ministries of the Church!

May God bless you!

In Christ, Fr. Sahd

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105.00	65.00	40 Hours	60.00	
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60.00	135.00	Savings	5.00	5.00
3,746.00	4,335.00	Offertory	1,017.00	1,266.00
15.93	11.00	Children's Envelopes		
3,761.93	4,346.00	Total (Offertory & Children)	1,017.00	1,266.00
\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	Amount Needed Each Week	\$ 977.00	\$ 977.00
238.07	346.00	Surplus or (Deficit) for the Week	40.00	289.00
3,842.03	4,188.03	Surplus or (Deficit) for the Year	3,555.90	3,844.90

REDISCOVERING THE

"The word, in fact, can only be spoken and heard in silence, outward and inward."

"Ours is not an age which fosters recollection. At times one has the impression that people are afraid of detaching themselves, even for a moment, from the mass media."

"Only in silence can the word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, woman of the word and, inseparably, woman of silence."

-Pope Benedict XVI Verbum Domini, September 2010

Still as dew falls on the meadow, Softly as the seed in sod, Silent as a passing shadow, Comes the mystery of God.

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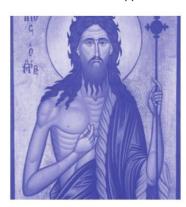
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"The voice of one crying out in the desert..."

"He must increase and I must decrease." Saint Augustine does not hesitate to declare: "All voices must decrease in the measure that one advances in the knowledge of Christ. The more wisdom reveals itself to us, the less we need the voice: the voice in the depths, the voice in the Apostles, the voice in the psalms, the voice in the Gospel. Let him come, the Word who was at the beginning! This Word who was God! Thus let the voice gradually cease to perform its function, as the soul progresses toward Christ. For God has a secret language, in many people he addresses the heart, and it is

a mighty murmur in the great silence of the heart when he says: I am your salvation."

The more man advances in the mystery of God, the more he loses speech. Man is enveloped in a power of love, and he becomes mute from astonishment and wonder. Before God, we disappear



snapped up by the greatest silence.

The wisdom of God has generated in every person a great love that nourishes the little silence of the human heart. Astonishment at the divine silence closes our mouth, like a celebrant who, performing his priestly duties before God, burns incense before the divine presence and adores in silence. Nothing in the world is more important than the silence of God. No human noises, even the sweet sound of the Gospel, can express the magnificent silence of God.

- Robert Cardinal Sarah, The Power of Silence, #86-88.

Wait ... and let the silence speak a new year of grace

Our years are typically full of busyness, the schedule only amps up as the holidays approach. For me, this year has been no exception — between work and family and other activities — it's been a year where "peace" and "silence" have not been common companions. These advent times of silence allow me to begin to settle my heart. I enter with anticipation into the silence. My

prayer is that we might all have some quiet to reflect upon the true purpose of the Advent Season. I am reminded of what it must have been like for the ancient followers of God, awaiting the coming of the Messiah.

We, too, must wait. We wait upon the Lord to hear the cries of our hearts . . . We wait upon the Lord to see justice for the oppressed . . . We wait upon the

Lord to feel hope in the midst of our despair and challenging times . . . We wait, in a season structured to remind us of silence and darkness, to see light and hear shouts of hope . . . We wait . . . We wait also for Him to return again . . . that in His coming, the world might again be made right.

- Mae Elise Cannon

"Watchfulness" as Preached by Blessed John Henry Newman

"True Christians, whoever they are, watch, and inconsistent Christians do not. Now what is watching?... Do you know the feeling in matters of this life, of expecting a friend, expecting him to come, and he delays? Do you know what it is to be in unpleasant company, and to wish for the time to pass away, and the hour strike when you may be at liberty? Do you know what it is to be in anxiety lest something should happen which may happen or may not, or to be in suspense about some important event, which makes your heart beat when you are reminded of it, and of which you think the first thing in the morning? Do you know what it is to have a friend in a distant country, to expect news of him, and to wonder from day to day what he is now doing, and whether he is well? Do you know what it is so to live upon a person who is present with you, that your eyes follow his, that you read his soul, that you see all its changes in his countenance, that you anticipate his wishes, that you smile in his smile, and are sad in his sadness, and are downcast when he is vexed, and rejoice in his successes?

To watch for Christ is a feeling such as all these; as far as feelings of this world are fit to shadow out those of another.

He watches for Christ who has a sensitive, eager, apprehensive mind; who is awake, alive, quick-sighted, zealous in seeking and honoring Him; who looks out for Him in all that happens, and who would not be surprised, who would not be over-agitated or overwhelmed, if he found that He was coming at once.

And he watches with Christ, who, while he looks on to the future, looks back on the past, and does not so contemplate what his Savior has purchased for him, as to forget what He has suffered for him.

This then is to watch; to be detached from what is present, and to live in what is unseen; to live in the thought of Christ as He came once, and as He will come again; to desire His second coming, from our affectionate and grateful remembrance of His first."

(Parochial & Plain Sermons, Volume 4, #22)

 Sunday
 Mk 13:33-37

 Monday
 Is 2:1-5

 Tuesday
 Ps 72

 Wednesday
 Is 25:6-10

 Thursday
 Matt 7:21-27

 Friday
 Ps 98

 Saturday
 Is 30:19-21

DAILY READINGS

FOR ADVENT

"There was a tiny

whispering sound.

When he heard this,

Elijah hid his face."

- 1 Kings 19:12-13

SECOND WEEK

FIRST WEEK

 Sunday
 Mk 1:1-8

 Monday
 Ps 85

 Tuesday
 Zech 2:14-17

 Wednesday
 Ps 103

 Thursday
 Lk 1:26-38

 Friday
 Matt 11:16-19

 Saturday
 Sir 48:1-11

THIRD WEEK

 Sunday
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

 Monday
 Jer 23:5-8

 Tuesday
 Jgs 13:2-7

 Wednesday
 Is 7:10-14

 Thursday
 Sgs 2:8-14

 Friday
 Lk 1:57-66

 Saturday
 Lk 1:67-79

FOURTH WEEK Sunday Ps 89

Daily Lighting of the Advent Wreath

As we make the Sign of the Cross, the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord. *R*/. Who made heaven and earth.

A song may be sung as the candle is lighted
O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Opening Prayer

Open our minds and our hearts, O Lord, to hear your word of promise!
Send us the Holy Spirit to guide us through these holy days.
Quiet our worries and anxieties and help us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior,
Jesus Christ who is Lord for ever and ever.
R/. Amen.

Scripture Reading (see Daily Readings)

A reflection may be shared about the Reading

Concluding Prayer

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us,
He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,

let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

As we make the Sign of the Cross, we say:

May the Lord bless us,

protect us from all evil,

and bring us everlasting life.

R/. Amen.



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ATTENDANCE

November 18 & 19

St. Mark 5:00 PM **167** 8:30 AM 183

St. Luke 11:00 AM 81 Total 431



November 25 & 26

St. Mark 5:00 PM 208 8:30 AM **174**

St. Luke 11:00 AM 96 Total 478

40 Hours - 75 Thanksgiving - 80

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MINISTERS: Sat. Dec. 9 Dale Sheller

Sun. Dec. 10 Leo Sprankle, Brian Patterson

St. Luke Dec. 10 Alexa Stoner

LECTORS: Sat. Dec. 9 Fred Young

Dec. 10 Jim Flick St. Luke Dec. 10 Rita Barone

SERVERS: Dec. 9 Sat. Jordan Gorbsky, William Young

Dec. 10 Gavin & Liam Martin Sun. St. Luke Dec. 10 Thomas Fink, Dale Miller

USHERS: Sat. Dec. 9 L. Farley, J. Farley. Available Ushers

TEAM # 2

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SECOND COLLECTION...

TODAY - December 3rd This second collection will help some families for Christmas. We will use this collection to purchase gifts for these family's needs.

LOCAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

Dec. 11 - Mon. St. Mark, Greencastle - 6: 30 PM

Dec. 13 - Wed. Our Lady of Visitation, Shippensburg- 6:30PM

Dec. 17 - Sun. St. Andrew, Waynesboro - 6:30 PM

Dec. 19 - Tues. Corpus Christi, Chambersburg - 6:30 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

DECEMBER

3 Following Mass, the children will gather in the front pews of the church for a brief catechesis on the Mass with Fr. Sahd.

Christmas Program Practice after CCD in Vaughn Hall.

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ADULT CATECHESIS

Date - Sunday, Dec. 3 at 9:45 AM in the Parish Rectory Topic: Wonder

Join us in an open discussion on the Wonder of the Incarnation, God's Christmas gift to us.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Next Meeting ~ Wednesday, December 13 at 1 PM in the rectory. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Please contact Donna Flick for details 717-643-0782.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE IN THE MILITARY...

Brian Flick - Navy Son of Jim and Donna Flick



Holy Hour

Thursday, December 7, 2016

from 6 PM to 7 PM a Holy Hour which includes Evening Prayer and silent prayer in front of the Eucharistic Lord will be held in St. Mark Church.



Food Pantry News

The Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry collection is Next Week - December 9 & 10 Items most needed

at the food pantry at this time are:

salad dressing, cookie mixes, cake mixes, soups, cereal, rice mixes, stuffing mixes, sweet potatoes, potato mixes, and canned meats such as salmon, tuna, and chicken.

Money will be used to buy Hams for Christmas. Thanks in advance for your generosity to those most in need in our community.

PCCW ~ WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Monday, December 18th ~ 6PM

at the Blue Heron Events Center, Greencastle.

Please sign the poster on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. Cost is \$20.00 per person.

Menu - Salad, Roast Beef, Chicken Parmesan, Whipped Potatoes, Vegetables and Desserts.

Hope to see you there!

Fall Bible Study **WISDOM**

Please join the Fall Bible Study from Emmaus Road Publishing's "Come And See" study on Wisdom. Our participants will be guided through the Books of Wisdom and Sirach.

The next class is on Thursday, Dec. 7th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Vaughn Hall. Call or text Julia Zoretich at 717-372-5828.

"All wisdom comes from the Lord and is with Him forever." Sir. 1:1

VOLLEYBALL -

This season volleyball will start on Wednesday, January 3rd at 7PM in the social hall. Players must be 18 years of age or 16 years of age, if accompanied by a parent. (male and female) Please contact Arthur Gibson at 301-491-8716 (call or text) with any questions.



St. Mark & St. Luke **Youth Group News**



SUNDAY, Dec 10TH from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

(moved from Sat the 9th)

Meeting all 9th to 12th grade students are welcome to join us. Subject - God's Infinite Mercy and David Grady will be addressing the awesome Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fri - Sat Dec 15-16 - Christmas party lock-in with St Andrew in Waynesboro.

Mount 2000 - February 9 - 11, 2018

We still have 3 spaces available - if you are interested in attending this weekend-long Eucharistic Retreat for 9th to 12th grades. Please contact Vicky Patterson at stmkyg@gmail.com by December 1st.

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