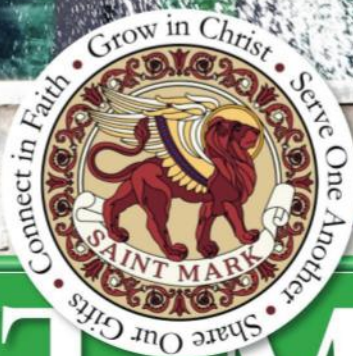


ASK. SEEK. KNOCK.

*And pray as Jesus
taught us to pray.*

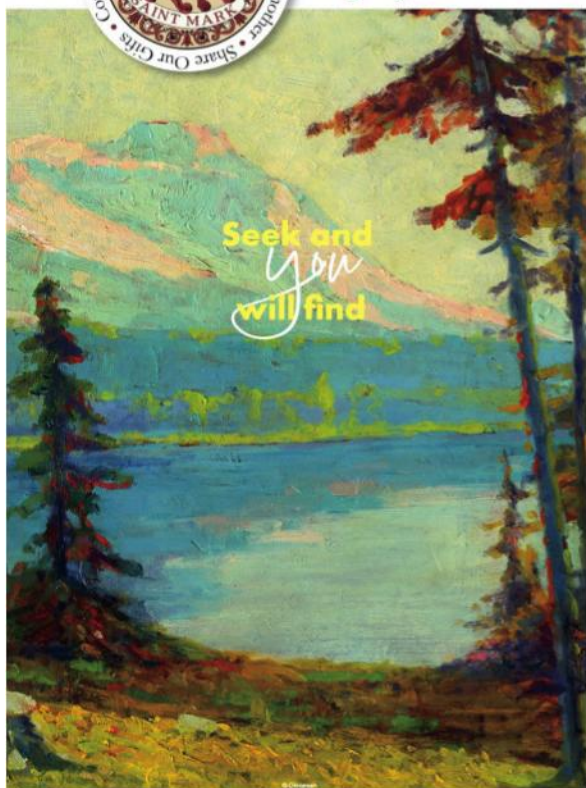


SAINT MARK

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Welcome to St. Mark



Today is the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings can be found on page 1172. Music handouts are at the entrances; see an usher if you did not receive one.

Thank you for being a part of our parish, either as a visitor or a long-time parishioner. We are thankful that you are here and welcome you back anytime for Mass, prayer in our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel or any of our programs.

At St. Mark, we believe we are all called as one by Christ to embrace the spirit of stewardship and engagement to Grow in Christ, Serve One Another, Share Our Gifts and Connect in Faith. This mission is our quest for holiness. It is by our intentional discipleship that each of us become stewards of the gifts God has given us and to share them with others. Our time, our talent and our treasure are given to us by God to share with others by spreading the Gospel and building His kingdom.

If you are interested in registering as a member of St. Mark, please go to stmarknc.org/registration or use the QR code. You may submit the form online or bring a paper copy to the Welcome Desk during business hours, including Sunday 8:30 am-12:15 pm. Forms can be found in the narthex. Please know, you do not need to be Catholic to join and come to our parish.



*At the close of Mass, join us in the Prayer to St. Michael. **Please do not leave the church until after the priests, deacons, and servers have exited the church.***

Thank you



Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Guidelines for Communion For Catholics

1. To be in a state of grace, that is to say, to be free from any unconfessed mortal sin.
2. To abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, with the exception of water and medicine.
3. To know what you are receiving and to approach the altar with devotion.
4. *St. Mark uses altar rails. Please go to the far end of the rail and either kneel to receive Holy Communion on the tongue or remain standing to receive in your hand. The distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended.*
5. *Please consume the Holy Eucharist in front of the minister of Holy Communion, before walking away.*

For Non-Catholics: We welcome you to Holy Mass and are glad you are here. Please feel free to participate by singing, standing, kneeling, etc. However, the reception of Holy Communion is reserved for Catholics in a state of grace. At the time of Communion, please feel free to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing or to remain in your pew.

See page 1302 in the hymnal for more information.

FROM THE PASTOR



In our Gospel reading from Luke, some disciples of Jesus ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus instantly offers them the beautiful prayer which we, of course, call the Our Father.

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other

words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim our complete trust in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us).

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life.

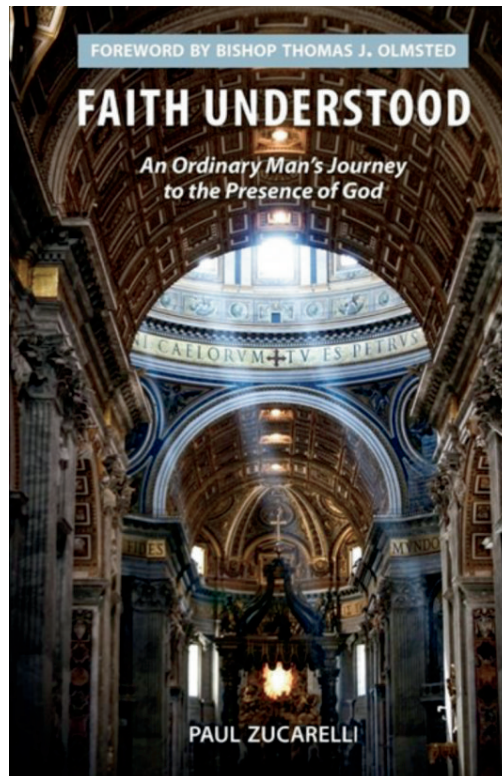
At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to pursue a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door!

He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others! Stewardship is just that simple. © Catholic Stewardship Consultants, 2025

Pastoral Pondering

Last week I was listening to an episode of the Conor Gallagher Podcast, in which the author, Paul Zucarelli, was being interviewed. I found it extremely interesting and thought provoking, so I thought I would provide a summary of his book this week.

Faith Understood: An Ordinary Man's Journey to the Presence of God by Paul Zucarelli is a memoir recounting the author's near-death experience and its profound impact on his life and faith. Zucarelli, a successful businessman and CPA, died of sudden cardiac death on Pentecost Sunday in 2017 in Phoenix, Arizona, and was revived after two hours through what he attributes to intercessory prayer and divine intervention. During this experience, he describes encountering a heavenly realm, witnessing a radiant light filled with warmth and love, and hearing a divine voice assuring him of safety, which left him with no fear of death or desire to return to his body.



The book goes beyond the near-death account, focusing on Zucarelli's spiritual transformation and renewed commitment

to living for God. It emphasizes themes of faith, hope, and love, illustrating how God uses trials to draw people closer to Him. Zucarelli shares how this event deepened his Christian faith, leading him and his wife, Beth, to dedicate their lives to evangelization, sharing their testimony across the United States. The narrative includes reflections on scripture, personal vulnerability, and five life lessons outlined in chapter nine, which readers found universally compelling and timeless. While some reviewers wished for more detailed descriptions of the heavenly experience, the book is praised for its authenticity, inspiring both believers and non-believers to explore God's presence and the power of prayer. Proceeds from the book support a charitable foundation, reflecting Zucarelli's mission of altruism.

What I found most compelling about the podcast was the author's sense of peace about how God has been working in his life since his near-death experiences. His story, which is deeply informed by his Catholic faith, shows the transforming power of God's love in the midst of life's trials and tribulations.

Saint Mark Purgatorial Society

Saint Mark offers the opportunity for you to have your loved ones remembered at a monthly Wednesday 6:30 pm Mass for a calendar year. Names enrolled for the year will also be placed on the altar during our Masses in November. To enroll a family member, please contact the Office at 704-948-0231 or complete the form on our website at stmarknc.org/purgatorial-society.

The following members were remembered on June 25.

Michelle Del Ponti and Gloria Buchanan

The following members will be remembered on July 30.

Angel Marrero Jr.
Arnold G. Langbo
Arnold C. Schmidt
Frank Gilardi
James E. Brannon
John Ryan
Kristi B. Smith

Lois Richardson
Lorraine Ryan
Margaret McCroske
Maria del Rocio Osio
Steve Edens
Vicki Edens

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 27

7:30 am St. Mark Parishioners
9 am Lisa Modzelewski
11 am † Duane Reynolds & Ilean Reynolds
1 pm Adela Borja
5 pm Richard Laube

Monday, July 28

7 am Gail Quinn
9 am † Gilbert Misner

Tuesday, July 29

7 am Elsy & Richard Riggio
9 am † John Romanowski

Wednesday, July 30

7 am † Mary Jo Lucey
† Mauro Jurisevic
6:30 pm Purgatorial Society Mass

Thursday, July 31

7 am † Mary Jo Lucey
9 am John Harrison

Friday, August 1

7 am † Dorothy Kirkley
9 am † Jason D. Herkey
7 pm Itsel Gomez

Saturday, August 2

9 am Terry Paterniti
5 pm St. Mark Parishioners

Sunday, August 3

7:30 am † John & Elizabeth Redmond
9 am † John & Donna Wingert
11 am Wes & Lisa Strickland
1 pm Gloria Echeverri
5 pm † Jose Mendoza

† Deceased

Pray for Our Military

Air Force: Airman **Gregory Burke**; Airman **Antoinio Diaz**; Capt. **Stephen Hack**; Lt. Col. **Douglas Lincoln**; Capt. **Ryan Loyd**; **Alejandro Martinez**;

Sgt. **James McCormick**; 2nd Lt **Connor Milligan**; SrA. **Benjamin Salber**; Airman **Chloe Scott**

Army: 2nd Lt. **Amelia Andretti**; 1st Lt. **Patrick Camatcho**; Major **Robert Caraccilo**; Lt. **Sarah Camatcho**; Lt. Col. **Michael Dragoon**; SSgt. **Darcy Fisher**; **Kyle Hawk**; PFC. **J. Parker Hogan**; Capt. **John Hughes**; Pvt. **Chaz Margo**; Maj. **Daniel McCormick**; 2nd Lt. **Maria Morell**; PV2 **Matthew Pressley**; Maj. **Stephen J. Romeo**; **Andrew Santos**; Capt. **Ramon Ricardo Tapia**; Spl. Forces **Nolan Tillotson**; **Josh Wagner**; 1st Lt. **Nick Worth**

Marines: LCPL. **Richard Breier**; Sgt. **Andrew Sales**; Maj. **Matthew Santoli**; Cpl. **Ben Holden**; 1st Lt. **Nathanael Rusciolleli**

Navy: LCDR. **Matthew Giannone**; Lt. **Albert Remmey, Jr.**; LCDR. **Jordan Mayo**; ENS. **Rory Moran**, OSSN. **Daniel Pressley**; LCDR. **Jenna Hehn Quist**; ENS. **Tyler Spear**; LCDR. **William Vey**; CTT2. **Zachary Wortham** and all service members not listed.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For...

Julie Andrews
Sarah Armstrong
John & Casey Ball
Daisy Bayona
Deidre Beck
Richard Biddy
Beatrice Bilodeau
Brian Blatchford & Family
Virginia "Gini" Bond
Kathy Brandt
Dave and Nancy Breen
Helen Sally Buff
Elaine Burkinshaw
Carmen Cabranes
Anne Caestecker
Michelle Chichone
Murphy Clark
Beth Collins
William Conklin
Tim Cunnane
Janice D'Angelo
Judy and Rich Deboer
John Deluca
Henry Diener
James Dupree
Barbara Dutty
Greg Duncan
James P. Durcan
Jack Evans
Frances & Kai Ferrell & Family
Charles Fillipo
Joseph Fiore
Tom Fox
Alan Friedl & Family
Maureen K. Frost
Carmine Gallo
Teri Gay
Denny & Monica Golden
Josette Grace
Robert Graham
Hank Griffin

To submit a prayer request, visit: stmarknc.org/prayerchain

John Grivizas
Helen Haddad
Kevin Herman Sr.
Hannah Hopkins
Jerry Jackson Jr.
Cathi Kalberier
Craig Kashuba
Karen Kastle
Gary Katz
Carol & Frank Kenny
Chris Kerstetter
Jackie Kopicki
Peggie Lauricella
Joan Lesch
Marie Ligon
Peter R. Loew
Mary Jo Lucey
Dr. Sivaramalingam
Manickavasagar
Patrick & Annette Mann
Rosina Marcucci
Vernon McCord
Cathy Milligan
Terry Milstead
Lucille Modica
Vincent Montoya
Haleigh Moss
Elizabeth Mulligan
Jamie Mulvihill
Angeles Murphy
Maria Magdalena Murphy
Carl Muti
Paul Nealon Jr.
Margaret Nelson
The Ober Family
Blanca Yolanda Ojeda
Margaret Paquette
Hazel Palmer
The Patterson Family
Fernando Paverpai
John Pecoraro
Doug Peterson

Angela Piraino
Gianni Piraino
Ella Postlewait
Nicole & Bruce Preiss
Thomas Ranney
Gretchen Rasheed
Joette Reid
Lindsay Remington
Lola Rodriguez
Madge Root
Maria Rubinos
Thomas Rynne
Ray Scouten
Phyllis Searles
Daniel Sheffield
Deacon Ronald Sherwood & Family
Mark Shields
Sue Sia
Todd Singh
Robert Somerville
Betsy Spartz
Jeff Stark
Dr. Edward Staudinge
John Williams Stoker & Family
Terri Summers
The Tate Family
Kenneth Terry & Family
Cheryl Thompson
Mike Tolbert
Alston Torres
Zaida Torres
Lucia Solis Vallarino
Robert Virgint
Caroline Vogel
Jonathan Wark
Welcome Retreat Staff
Paul Widman
Carol Woodard
Mary Jane Zimmerman

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Week of July 27, 2025

Sun. Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Mon. Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

Tue. Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wed. Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thu. Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Fri. Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Sat. Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sun. Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

STEWARDSHIP

Caterpillar Ministries School Supply Drive Now through August 3

We will have our annual drive to benefit Caterpillar Ministries, a non-profit Christian organization that helps the residents in the Huntington Park Community in Huntersville. Caterpillar Ministries serves more than 900 children, adults and seniors through faith development, academic enrichment, crisis care, and advocacy support.

St. Mark has many parishioners in this community that will benefit from your donations. They have a specific list of items needed. Please place these items in the marked bin in the Narthex July 26 through Aug. 3.

Please donate these items only:

- Backpacks
- Loose leaf paper, college ruled
- Composition notebooks, wide or college ruled
- 1 subject spiral notebooks, wide ruled
- 5 subject spiral notebooks, college ruled
- Pencils, pre-sharpened wood or mechanical
- 2-pocket, 3 prong plastic folders, any color

Info: Karen Donahue at karen.donahue@stmarknc.org



Stewardship Spotlight: Fraternus Captains

We are all called as one by Christ to embrace the spirit of stewardship and engagement to grow in Christ, serve one another, share our gifts, and connect in faith. Fraternus is a parish-sponsored school-year program that invites young men in grades 5-12 into brotherhood with fathers, sons, and men of all ages for activities, adventure, prayer, and growth. Fraternus provides an all-male place and structure to form boys into virtuous men, bring fathers together in virtue, and ensure mentoring for young men. This spotlight is on the mentors in this group, our Fraternus Captains.



Fraternus seeks, in part, to “inspire boys to grow into men of virtue, strength, and service.” St. Mark Fraternus Commander Matt Mixa shared, “Like most things in life, the more committed we are, the more we gain. My suggestion is for every man to try Fraternus. If you were in Fraternus, fell away, and think you want to try again, please come back. Our chapter has been active for 10 years. It’s fun to see where our brothers have gone in that time. Sometimes, they graduate and return to us as Fraternus mentors. We have a good tree that bears much good fruit.”

The mission of Fraternus is “to raise men who, as fathers, will restore communities.” All men are welcome to join Fraternus and leave boyhood behind. For more information, reach out to St. Mark Fraternus Commander Matt Mixa at commander.stmark.fraternus@gmail.com or visit www.fraternus.org.

ADORATION

Then He Said to the Disciple, “Behold, Your Mother.”

By: Donna Fodale, Adoration Coordinator

On July 16 we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. I often think of all the wonderful titles that have been given to the Blessed Mother over the years. Many of us have devotion to the blessed mother under a specific title. Though all these titles are beautiful and have great significance, I am sure that one that she cherishes most is being the mother of our Lord.

Our Lord knew how special his mother was and because of the love he had for us he gave her to each of us to also be our mother.

It was there at the foot of the cross where she first received us. It was there that all of our names were written on her heart. Her mission, to help all of us come to know and love her Son as she does.

She was given the great role of being our intercessor. We often present our needs to her and ask her to bring them to her son. It makes me think of a bouquet of flowers that we present to her. She lovingly receives this bouquet from us and takes great care to make it most acceptable to present to her son. With her tender heart she asks him to receive all our prayers. How wonderful she is!

So, what does this have to do with Adoration?

As you prepare to walk into the chapel, ask her to help you love and adore her son as she does. Ask her to present all the things that you carry in your heart to him and ask her to help you become an instrument of his love and mercy the way she is. This simple prayer is transforming!

She always leads us to her son. She brings us close to him and with gentleness she places not only all your intentions but you in the center of His most sacred heart.

When we spend time with the Lord in Adoration, we know that she is there with us.

Please prayerfully consider signing up for a Holy Hour. Choose an hour that works with your schedule. Register at: stmarknc.org/adoration.

To be a sub please contact: donna.fodale@stmarknc.org

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Rediscover hope. Renew your spirit. Walk with Christ.

Don't miss the 2025 Eucharistic Congress Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5 & 6, at the Charlotte Convention Center as we come together as *Pilgrims of Hope* with fellow Catholics from across the Diocese of Charlotte! Be inspired by dynamic Catholic speakers and uplifting music, experience one of the largest Eucharistic processions in the U.S., and find renewed hope in Christ through the Eucharist. Drop in for an hour or come both days – it's totally free and flexible! Details at www.YouBelong2025.com.



Volunteer at the 2025 Eucharistic Congress

Be part of something inspiring! Volunteer during the 2025 Eucharistic Congress on Sept. 5 & 6, 2025. Roles include procession assistance, speaker support, and greeting attendees. All Volunteers receive free parking, and Ushers and Youth Track Volunteers also receive a free T-shirt. Sign up at goeucharist.com/get-involved.



Reflecting God's Light

With all of our efforts previously on the Growing Home Capital Campaign, we are a little short on our DSA goal. Please remember to donate to this important fund which provides essential support for the good work of the Diocese of Charlotte. **Currently, 382 parishioners have donated. No amount is too small so please go to charlottediocese.org/dsa or scan code to make a gift.**

St. Mark Goal:	\$403,139.00
Pledged/Paid:	\$296,848.22
Balance:	\$106,290.78

Thank you!



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PARISH LIFE

Fidelis Invites ALL Women to a Wine & Cheese Wednesday

When: Wed., Aug. 6, 7-8:30 pm

Where: Msgr. Kerin Center, Room 200



If you are interested in learning more about how you can support or volunteer with Fidelis this year, please come join the Fidelis Ladies for an evening of wine and cheese to learn more about Fidelis and how you can help.

Fidelis is a parish sponsored program inviting girls in grades 6-12 into a sisterhood with women, young and old, leading each other to Christ. With our yes to God, we use intentional, virtuous and feminine means to form girls into women who can proclaim with confidence to God, "Paratum cor meum Deus, my heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready."

There are many opportunities to support Fidelis ranging from leading small groups during our weekly meetings, coordinating a once-a-year activity (think lock-ins, bowling, organizing volunteer opportunities), to virtual support (parent communication and data management).

You do not need to have a daughter in Fidelis to volunteer, we are calling all women, of all ages to support the young women of our parish grow into the faith-filled, virtuous women God is calling them to be. Joining us this Wednesday is not an automatic commitment, but we hope you will come and hear how you can become a part of this wonderful group of women who are joining together for the young ladies of our parish.



Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a parish to raise virtuous young women.

To ensure enough wine and cheese, please RSVP using the QR code or the link below. If you forget, we still would love to have you! RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/33hvuykk>

Contact: Alaina Duncan and Elizabeth Burke, fidelis@stmarknc.org

Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry is made up of St. Mark parishioners who have received extensive training to give emotional and spiritual care/ support to fellow St. Mark parishioners as well as to those in our community. This ministry is a confidential, one to one opportunity to receive Christian care in a comfortable meeting place, whether in your home, parish hall, or even in a park setting. We all go through times of:

Grief	Medical crisis	Terminal Illness
Children leaving home	Job stress	Natural disaster
Divorce	Spiritual crisis	Chronic health conditions
Parenting	Unemployment	Adjustment to disability
Job Loss	Being a caregiver	Rehabilitation from illness or injury
Issues related to aging	Relocation	Marital separation
Cancer diagnosis	Hospitalization	Pregnancy
Adjustment to retirement	Changes in living situations	

Stephen Ministry is here to serve you, so you don't have to suffer alone.

For more information, please contact either Leanne Vaccaro at leanne.vaccaro@stmarknc.org or Rich Kull at rkull@optonline.net or visit our website at stmarknc.org/Stephen-ministry.

www.stmarknc.org/job-opportunity

ST. MARK IS HIRING! MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR (PART TIME)

- Love working with 6th-8th graders?
- Passionate about sharing the Catholic Faith?
- Available Sunday mornings & Monday evenings, 2-3x per month?

Join our Faith Formation team to lead EDGE middle school ministry and help plan youth events.

DETAILS & APPLICATION:

Scan the QR Code

Resumes and inquiries can be sent to sarah.rider@stmarknc.org



Men's Evening with Dr. Ray of EWTN

When: Aug. 9; 6 pm (after 5 pm Mass)

Where: Monsignor Kerin Hall

We are very excited to have Dr. Ray Guarendi of EWTN speak at our next Men's Evening of Reflection. Spread the word! Have some food on us and enjoy the friendship and a talk on Manhood.

RSVP: Scan QR code

Contact: Joe Aiello, 419-787-4677, atlanticpgm@gmail.com



PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD *Conference*

SEPT | 13 | 2025

10AM-3PM

St. Mark Catholic Church
14740 Stumptown Rd. Huntersville, NC 28078

\$20 Single--\$35 Couple

Dr. Dan Schneider is a theologian, former amateur boxer, U.S. Army helicopter pilot and Gulf War veteran, who has worked for many years in the Catholic apostolate of deliverance and exorcism.

9 AM MASS, LUNCH INCLUDED, AND CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE

Join Us for a Day of Spiritual Strengthening!

Combat Evil, Cultivate Virtue

Increase Spiritual Protection for Families

**Marian Devotion: Deepen your connection
with Our Lady**

Hosted by the St. Mark Family Ministry

Guest speaker

DR. DAN SCHNEIDER



Mary's Women of Joy Fall 2025 Study: "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" with Kathleen Lewis

When: Thursdays., Sept. 18 through Dec. 4

Where: Parish Hall

Mary's Women of Joy announces its exciting fall series exploring the life of freedom offered by the Holy Spirit! "Interior Freedom" and "In the School of the Holy Spirit" by Father Jacques Philippe serve as the content for the series, and Kathleen Lewis acts as teacher and guide through 12 weekly sessions.

Learn to meditate on God's Word, cooperating with the Lord's transforming graces. In a supportive community of women, consider what the Scriptural invitation to live authentic freedom means in your life!

Space is limited, so register early at stmarknc.org/mwoj

\$45 Non-refundable registration fee; includes study materials.

Online registration is open until August 10.



Two sessions available that include prayer, worship, teaching, small group discussions, coffee, and delicious snacks.

**Thursday Morning: 10 am–12:30 pm,
Kerin Family Center Parish Hall**

**Thursday Evening: 6:30-7pm Hospitality, 7-9 pm Study
Kerin Family Center Classrooms**

Info and Registration: stmarknc.org/mwoj.

Contacts:

Morning session – Pat Thierfelder patbill725@icloud.com

Evening session – Margie Vermilion, vptinc@yahoo.com

Mary's Women of Joy is a sisterhood that celebrates our beauty and dignity as beloved daughters of God and honors the feminine genius so perfectly expressed by our Mother Mary. Entrusted to the heart of Mary and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, MWOJ seeks to encounter Jesus Christ more deeply through prayer and the Catholic study of scripture and Church teachings. Fostering relationships with one another, MWOJ encourages and supports women in their spiritual growth, understanding, and appreciation of the Catholic faith.



Physical Healing Prayer & Praise Night

When: July 29: The Rosary starts at 7 pm and the Prayer and Praise is from 7:30-8:30 pm

Where: In the church

We would like to invite you to come and spend an hour praising God and opening ourselves to His healing touch. Come for physical healing, or just to experience God in a profound way as we worship our Lord in prayer and song. If you have never been to these evenings, please pray to see if God wants you to come. If you have been in one of these evenings, consider coming back to support what God is doing during these times of prayer and praise.

Contact: Fernando at 252-412-9978 (call or text)

This Week on Formed

Week of July 27, 2025

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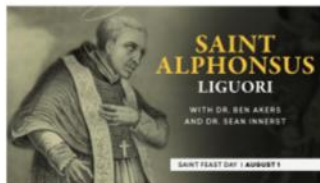
The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey

The Violinist is a must-watch documentary that chronicles the inspiring life of a humble Capuchin friar known for his deep faith, simplicity, and profound impact on those he served. Featuring personal stories from the people who knew Bl. Solanus, the film showcases his remarkable ability to inspire others, sharing heartwarming anecdotes about his modest lifestyle and passion for playing the violin.



Ignatius of Loyola

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called "The Saint of Second Chances," St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.



St. Alphonsus Liguori | Catholic Saints

Born to a noble Italian family and known as the "Prince of Moral Theologians," St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.

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Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Congratulations to **Nigel MacEwan**, **Lina Hernandez**, and **John Nickl** on their Final Profession of Vows into the Lay Carmelite Order.

In his homily, Fr. John Putnam reflected on standing atop Mount Carmel in the Holy Land — from the simple church rooftop, looking out across the valley below — and imagining the early Carmelites who climbed that mountain to "commune with God and dedicate their lives to Our Blessed Lady." That same spirit echoed in our parish as these three individuals made their public commitment to live the Carmelite way — a life of prayer, detachment, and deep love for Christ and Mary.

May their witness inspire all of us to answer the call to holiness — and to climb the mountain of the Lord with trust and joy.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Lay Carmelite Community at St. Mark meets monthly for fellowship, prayer, and formation. If you would like to learn more about becoming a lay Carmelite, please email the Community Director, Charlotte Naegele at naegelec@gmail.com.





Coming Up at St. Mark:

Every Week...

Tuesdays, 1-2 pm, Parish Hall

Young in Spirit Exercise Class

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Church

Holy Face of Jesus Prayer Group

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Church

Rosary Prayer Group, Church

Thursdays, 10 am

Millions of Monicas Prayer, Church

Special Events...

Sunday, July 27

New member Meet and Greet

Caterpillar Ministries School Supply Drive

Tuesday, July 29

Rosary, 7 pm; Prayer and Praise 7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 6, 6:30 p.m.

Mass and Holy Hour of Reparation

Saturday, August 9

Men's Evening of Reflection

Friday, August 15

Assumption of Mary

Holy Day of Obligation: Offices closed

August 16 and 17

Ministry Fair

Friday, August 22, 9 am

Respect Life Mass & Rosary Vigil

Sunday, August 23

Anniversary Dedication of St. Mark

Monday, September 1

Holiday: Labor Day, offices closed

Friday and Saturday, September 5 & 6

Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress

Wednesday, September 11

Annual Blue Mass

Friday, September 12

Healed and Restored Gala

Saturday, September 13

Family Ministry Armor of God Conference

Wednesday, September 24

Young at Heart Luncheon

Saturday, September 27

SeptemberFest Parish Social

Events subject to change. Watch for more details in the weeks before event.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth Ministry July 2025

We have group meetings on Sunday Nights during the school year, Bible Study during the week, and conference, pilgrimage, and retreat offerings throughout the year. Get plugged into the communication methods listed below and use the QR code to sign up!

Want to receive text message notifications about High School Ministry events?

We use REMIND messaging to text parents and teens weekly activities, reminders, or schedule changes. Sign up by texting **@smhsym2025** to the phone number **"81010."** Get

Connected! Instagram: @stmarkncyouth

Email: augustine.free@stmarknc.org



THIS SUNDAY, JULY 27
6-8 pm

All Middle and High Schoolers are invited to an end-of-summer tropical bash!

Dinner, games, flower leis, and slip-and-slide kickball!

**Dress for a messy South-Seas themed party,
and be sure to bring a towel!**

Questions: augustine.free@stmarknc.org



Please join us
to say *farewell* to
seminarian

James Tweed

Sunday,
August 3

reception after
the 9 am
in the Parish Hall.

James has served a pastoral year at the parish before being ordained to the priesthood. It has been a joy to have him at St. Mark and we are grateful for his presence on the altar, in the community, and at the parish.

He will return to Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology with the hope of being ordained a deacon this winter and then a priest in 2026.



Thank you to Deacon Michael Lugo for serving at the parish this summer. His last day at the parish will be August 3.

He will return to Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology for his final year of priestly formation.

Please keep both James and Deacon Lugo in your prayers that they may be ordained priests next summer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LAMB Clay Shoot Fund Raiser

When: Fri., Sept. 26, 2025 (rain date October 10);
Arrive 8 am, and Finish at 1 pm

Where: Four Branches Sporting Preserve, 425 Poplar Hill
Church Road, Polkton, NC

Cost: \$125 per individual; Lunch and Breakfast provided

LAMB Foundation of N.C., Inc., a public 501 (c) (3) charity of the Knights of Columbus Monsignor Joseph A. Kerin Council #12654, will hold a Clay Shoot fundraiser to assist the "Least Among My Brethren," people with intellectual disabilities within our local community.

The Clay Shoot event will start at 8:00 am with check-in, registration and breakfast. Teams will be assigned to starting stations on a one-mile course. A Knights representative will give welcoming remarks and Four Branches manager will conduct a safety briefing. The event will begin about 9 am.

Up to twenty-five teams of four members each will engage in a friendly and exciting competition. Each team will rotate through 15 stations laid out over a beautiful course, shoot at clay pigeons with 12 or 20 gage shotguns and keep score on the number of clays hit. Loaner shot guns are available at no additional cost. Golf carts are provided for easy transport between stations. After the competition, participants will enjoy a luncheon and hear from representatives of some of the charities benefitting from this fund raiser. Prizes will be presented to the highest scoring teams.

All experience levels are invited: beginners, intermediate and advanced clay shooters. Beginners will be paired on teams with experienced clay shooters.

Scan the QR Code above to register for this event and pay the \$125 fee.



FAMILY MINISTRY



SAINT MARK
FAMILY MINISTRY

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Feast Day July 31

A=4	B=9	C=2	D=11
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Art work by Anna Morelli

St. Anne & St. Joachim

Feast Day July 26

O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne this grace, that of them should be born the Mother of your incarnate Son, grant, through the prayers of both, that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your people.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and

ever.

Amen



Art work by Anna Morelli





Third Annual Hope for Healing Gala

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AT 7-10 PM

2025

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Charlotte Young Professional Catholic Event: More Than Advice, The Life-Changing Power of Mentorship

When: Tue., July 29, 7-9 pm

Where: Capitol Towers North: 4350 Congress St, Charlotte

Young Professional Catholics are invited to a special evening with accomplished executives as they share powerful insights on how mentorship has shaped their careers and transformed their lives. This intimate panel discussion will dive deep into the real stories behind professional success - the mentors who opened doors, the guidance that changed everything, and the relationships that continue to drive growth.

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SAVE THE DATE! WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27TH AT 6:30PM

A Special Mass of Hope and Faithful Persistence, followed by a reception with
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We will gather in the spirit of St. Monica as we find encouragement in her example of persistent prayer, especially when waiting for our loved ones to return to, or join in, the Faith.



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27TH 2025
AT 6:30PM

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Sun 8:15 am-12:15 pm | Phone: 704-948-0231

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Mass Schedule

Mon/Tue/Thu: 7, 9 am

Wed: 7 am, 6:30 pm

Fri: 7, 9 am

7 pm (Spanish)

Sat: 9 am, 5 pm Vigil

Sun: 7:30, 9, 11 am, 1 pm (Español), 5 pm

All Masses may be watched live: stmarknc.org/livestream

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Please do not attend Mass if you are sick, have a fever or are in a high-risk group.

Confessions

Confessions are held 45 minutes prior to the start of Mass for a 30 minute duration.

In addition, Wednesday: 6 pm — 7:15 pm and Saturday: 3 pm — 5 pm

Rosary in the Church

Tue: 7—7:30 pm

Wed: Immediately preceding 6:30 pm Mass

Sat: Immediately preceding 5 pm Mass

Sun: Immediately preceding 7:30 am Mass

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Available in the Monsignor Bellow Adoration Chapel in the Family Center. See stmarknc.org/adoration for complete details.

Hospitalization

If you or your loved one are in an area hospital, call the Parish Office to reach one of the Priests. The Priests offer Confession, bring the Holy Eucharist to you or administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Baptisms & Weddings

The use of the Church for Baptisms, Weddings and other Sacramental events is available to active parishioners. Contact the Parish Office. (Please note that weddings and baptisms cannot be celebrated during Lent.)

Financial Counseling

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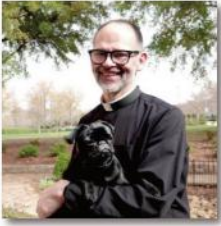
Divorce Support Group

For anyone going through separation and/or divorce. Meetings are held Monday evenings at 7 pm in Room 204. If parish offices are closed, meetings are held at Lowe's Foods, exit 23.

Contact: divorce.support@stmarknc.org



ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL



En nuestra lectura del Evangelio de San Lucas, algunos discípulos de Jesús le piden a nuestro Señor que les enseñe a orar. Jesús les ofrece instantáneamente la hermosa oración que nosotros, por supuesto, llamamos el Padre Nuestro.

El Padre Nuestro es verdaderamente la oración de un mayordomo. En ella,

invocamos a Dios de una manera íntima, como Padre.

Pedimos que se haga Su voluntad (¡no la nuestra!) y que venga Su reino (¡no el nuestro!). En otras palabras, recordamos que Él es nuestro Creador, que todo es Suyo y que nuestro enfoque en la vida debe estar en Sus prioridades, no en las nuestras. Entonces le pedimos que supla nuestras necesidades (que nos dé el pan de cada día), que perdone nuestros pecados y que nos proteja del mal. Es decir, proclamamos nuestra completa confianza en Su provisión para nosotros y misericordia hacia nosotros. Nosotros también nos comprometemos a extender misericordia nosotros mismos (así como perdonamos a aquellos que pecan contra nosotros).

Al rezar las palabras del Padre Nuestro, reconocemos esta verdad básica sobre nosotros mismos y Dios: Dios es nuestro Padre, y somos amados e infinitamente bendecidos por ser Sus hijos. Esta es la base de una forma de vida de mayordomía.

Al final del pasaje evangélico, Jesús nos anima a buscar una relación con el Padre: ¡Pídele, búscalo, llama a su puerta!

Él está ansioso por bendecirnos a nosotros, sus hijos.

¡Recuerda que esta semana, entonces ve, sé una bendición para los demás! La mayordomía es así de simple. ©

Consultores de Mayordomía
Católica, 2025

Reflexión pastoral

La semana pasada estaba escuchando un episodio del podcast de Conor Gallagher, en el que se entrevistaba al autor, Paul Zucarelli. Me pareció extremadamente interesante y estimulante, así que pensé en proporcionar un resumen de su libro esta semana.

Faith Understood: An Ordinary Man's Journey to the Presence of God de Paul Zucarelli es un libro de memorias que relata la experiencia cercana a la muerte del autor y su profundo impacto en su vida y fe. Zucarelli, un exitoso hombre de negocios y contador público, murió de muerte súbita cardíaca el domingo de Pentecostés de 2017 en Phoenix, Arizona, y fue revivido después de dos horas gracias a lo que él atribuye a la

oración intercesora y la intervención divina. Durante esta experiencia, describe que se encontró con un reino celestial, fue testigo de una luz radiante llena de calidez y amor, y escuchó una voz divina que le aseguraba seguridad, lo que lo dejó sin miedo a la muerte ni deseo de regresar a su cuerpo.

El libro va más allá del relato cercano a la muerte, centrándose en la transformación espiritual de Zucarelli y su renovado compromiso de vivir para Dios. Enfatiza los temas de la fe, la esperanza y el amor, ilustrando cómo Dios usa las pruebas para acercar a las personas a Él. Zucarelli comparte cómo este evento profundizó su fe cristiana, lo que lo llevó a él y a su esposa, Beth, a dedicar sus vidas a la evangelización, compartiendo su testimonio en todo Estados Unidos. La narración incluye reflexiones sobre las Escrituras, la vulnerabilidad personal y cinco lecciones de vida esbozadas en el capítulo nueve, que los lectores encontraron universalmente convincentes y atemporales. Si bien algunos críticos deseaban descripciones más detalladas de la experiencia celestial, el libro es elogiado por su autenticidad, inspirando tanto a creyentes como a no creyentes a explorar la presencia de Dios y el poder de la oración. Las ganancias del libro apoyan a una fundación benéfica, lo que refleja la misión de altruismo de Zucarelli.

Lo que me pareció más convincente del podcast fue la sensación de paz del autor sobre cómo Dios ha estado trabajando en su vida desde sus experiencias cercanas a la muerte. Su historia, que está profundamente informada por su fe católica, muestra el poder transformador del amor de Dios en medio de las pruebas y tribulaciones de la vida.

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-Salmo 23: 1-3

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