

## **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

## **Daily Mass**

Monday-Wednesday: 8:00 AM

(Holy Rosary at 7:30 AM)

## **Church Open for Private Prayer**

M-F: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

## **Contact Information**

### **Mailing Address**

9 Garden Court  
Cranston, RI 02920-5787

### **Mother Cabrini Parish Center (Parish Office)**

31 Poplar Drive  
Cranston, RI 02920-5711

### **Parish Office Hours:**

M-F: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Phone:** 401-942-1616

**Facsimile:** 401-942-1747

**E-Mail:** welcome@stmarkri.org

**Website:** stmarkri.org

## **Parish Staff**

### **Mr. Matthew Gebhart**

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**Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence**

## **Rev. Anthony Verdelotti**

Pastor

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## **Sacrament of Penance**

Saturday: 3:00 PM

## **Anointing of the Sick**

**&**

## **Holy Communion for the Homebound & Hospitalized**

Please call Sr. Angelina Giramma, M.P.F.

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call Sr. Angelina Giramma, M.P.F. before the birth of your child

## **Sacrament of Holy Matrimony**

Please call the Parish Office one year prior to the marriage

## **Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, & Permanent Diaconate**

Office of Vocations to the Priesthood: 401-331-1316 or [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com)

Office of Religious: 401-278-4633 or [www.diocesepvd.org](http://www.diocesepvd.org)

Office of the Permanent Diaconate: 401-278-4604 or [www.diocesepvd.org](http://www.diocesepvd.org)

**St. Mark Church, Cranston, Rhode Island**

# MASS Intentions

**Saturday, January 3, 2026**  
**Vigil**

4:00pm † Nancy Comella ~ 15th Anniversary  
† Fred Aucoin ~ 17th Anniversary  
† John Joseph Kurowski ~ Birthday Memorial

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00am ~ The People of St. Mark Parish ~ Pro Populo  
10:00am † Meghan Geary ~ 9th Anniversary  
† Antonietta Fedeli ~ 5th Anniversary

**Monday, January 5, 2026**  
**St. John Neumann, Bishop**

8:00am † Frank & Marion Cuiccio ~ Memorial  
† Dcd. Mbrs. of the Brantolino Family ~ Memorial

**Tuesday, January 6, 2026**  
**Christmas Weekday**  
**St. Andre Bessette, Religious**

8:00am † Gloria Lennon ~ Birthday Memorial  
† Dcd. Mbrs. of the DeOrsey Family ~ Memorial

**Wednesday, January 7, 2026**  
**Christmas Weekday**  
**St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**

8:00am † Rev. Thomas Plathottam, CST ~ Memorial  
† Dcd. Mbrs. of the Hawkins Family ~ Memorial

**Thursday, January 8, 2026**  
**Christmas Weekday**

**Friday, January 9, 2026**  
**Christmas Weekday**

**Saturday, January 10, 2026**  
**Vigil**

4:00pm † Mildred Abraham ~ 3rd Anniversary  
† Raffaele Ciunci ~ Birthday Memorial

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00am ~ The People of St. Mark Parish ~ Pro Populo  
10:00am † Eileen Morrissey ~ 9th Anniversary  
† Marion Giannasi ~ 1st Anniversary

## THE DAILY MASS BOOK

The 2026 Mass Book is available to book Masses for your loved ones. The customary offering for weekend & Holy Day Masses is \$25.00. **The stipend for weekday Masses is now \$15.00.** To schedule, call the Parish Office.

## In Loving Memory

*The Altar Candles burn in memory of*  
**Linda Laorenza**



*Please pray for the repose of the soul of*  
**Gail A. Bochner**  
*who was buried from our church.*

*Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended.  
When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death  
we gain an everlasting dwelling place in Heaven.*

## In Loving Memory

The Altar Candles and the Sanctuary Lamp can be offered in memory of a deceased loved one for a donation of \$15.00 each and the Altar Bread and the Altar Wine can be offered for a donation of \$25.00 each. If you would like to book one of these memorials call the Parish Office.



## NEW POLICY ON MASS STIPENDS & MASS CARDS

**Per the Bishop of the Diocese of Providence, effective January 1, 2026, the stipend for Masses in the Diocese of Providence has increased to \$15.00.**

**The customary offering of \$25.00 for Weekend & Holy Day Masses remains in effect.**

## Mass Cards

Remembering our loved ones, living or dead, in our Mass intentions is a noble practice. Mass Cards are available at the Parish Office. **The stipend is now \$15.00.**



## Daily Bible Readings

*Week of January 4th*

**Sunday**  
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3:5-6; Mt 2:1-12  
**Monday**  
1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Tuesday**  
1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44  
**Wednesday**  
1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52  
**Thursday**  
1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22  
**Friday**  
1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16  
**Saturday**  
1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30



## The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 4, 2026



### The collections for the weekend of December 21st:

#### Offertory

**Mass:** \$4,657.00  
**Mail:** \$1,139.00  
**Total:** \$5,796.00

#### Christmas Flowers

**Mass:** \$1,372.00  
**Mail:** \$105.00  
**Total:** \$1,477.00

#### Poor Box

**Mass:** \$70.00  
**Mail:** \$0.00  
**Total:** \$70.00

The collections for the weekend of December 28th will be announced in next weekend's bulletin.

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Mark Church!*

### Second Collection

*The Second Collection next weekend is the  
Church in Latin America Collection  
We thank you for your support!*

### **Year-End Contribution Statements**

Year-End Contribution Statements will be mailed to ALL registered parishioners this year.

You **DO NOT** have to submit a request for a Contribution Statement.

**Contribution Statements will be mailed by January 31st.**

### **Sacraments for the Homebound**

As baptized Catholics, we are called to bring Christ to others. Take a moment to consider... Do you know of a family member who is a parishioner and homebound or unable to attend Mass, but would like to receive the Holy Eucharist? Sr. Angelina and our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit the sick and homebound members of our parish. If you, or someone you know would like to be ministered to, please contact **Sr. Angelina at 942-1616.**



### **Please take note:**

The church is open for private prayer  
Monday through Friday  
9:00am to 2:00pm.



### **ONLINE GIVING**

Online Giving is a safe and secure way to give to the parish. If you would like to learn more or you would like to sign up for Online Giving please visit our parish website at [stmarkri.org/olg](http://stmarkri.org/olg). If you do not have access to a computer and would like to sign up call the Parish Office and we will be glad to help you.



Online Giving

### **TEXT-TO-GIVE**

Another easy way to manage your church giving is with our **Text-to-Give** feature that is fully integrated with our Online Giving platform. You can text an amount to **401-249-4820** and your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with your phone number.



### **The Missionary Image of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" will visit St. Mark Church Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

**4:00pm - 5:30pm** Exposition,  
Adoration, & Veneration  
**4:15pm** - Divine Mercy Chaplet  
**4:30pm** - Presentation of  
Guadalupe Miracles  
**4:45pm** - Rosary  
**5:05pm** - Veneration of Image  
**5:20pm** - Benediction



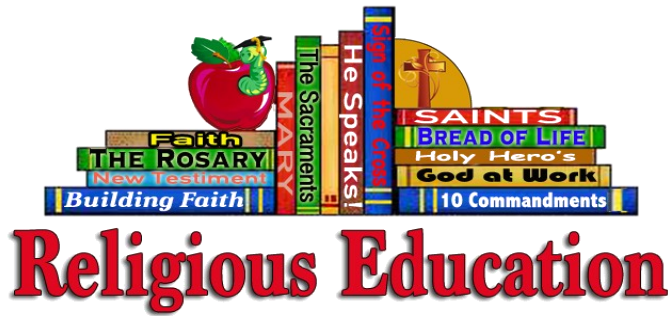
The Missionary Image is the actual color and size replica of the original Miraculous Image of Our Lady which she left on Saint Juan Diego's Tilma.

This is one of four that travels the world.

It was blessed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by the Rector of the Basilica, Msgr. Diego Monroy to bring conversions, reverence for life, sanctity of the family, and solidarity of the Church in America. Please join us to honor Our Lady and view this Blessed Miraculous Image.



## St. Mark Church, Cranston, Rhode Island



# Religious Education

### Classes Resume:

Classes for Grades 6 - 9 will resume this weekend **Sunday, January 4th.**

Classes for Grades 1 - 5 will resume on **Tuesday, January 6th.**

### In Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No classes for Grades 6-9 on **Sunday, January 18th.**

No classes for Grades 1-5 on **Tuesday, January 20th.**

### Updated Confirmation Requirements 2025-2026:

#### Requirements:

- **Sponsor Forms**
- Saint Report
- Service Project Reflection
- Letter to the Bishop

#### Due Dates:

- ~ **PAST DUE**
- ~ February 1, 2026
- ~ March 15, 2026
- ~ April 26, 2026

ALL due dates are **FIRM!** Assignments must be handed in **ON or BEFORE** the due date.

**Absences:** If your child will be absent, please notify us in advance. Contact us by phone at **401-942-1616, Ext. 101**, by email, [cjackvony@stmarkri.org](mailto:cjackvony@stmarkri.org), or via **REMIND**. Students are expected to make up any missed classwork.

### The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will visit St. Mark Church on:

**Tuesday, January 27th from 4:00-5:30pm.**

Several of our Tuesday Religious Education classes will participate in the prayer service:

**Grade 3** students will lead the congregation in praying the Rosary.

**Grade 5** students will lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**Parents:** Please drop your **3rd & 5th grade** students off at the church by **4:00pm** that day.

**Grades 1 & 2** will meet at their regular class time in the Mother Cabrini Parish Center. However, if you have a 1st or 2nd grade student that would like to attend this event with a parent, they may do so. Please let us know ahead of time if your child will be attending the prayer service with you so that they can be excused from class.

### Religious Education Calendar:

The 2025 - 2026 Religious Education Calendar is available on our webpage [www.stmarkri.org/reled](http://www.stmarkri.org/reled).

**Be safe, be well, and God Bless,**

Claudia A. Jackvony, Religious Education Coordinator,  
401-942-1616, Ext. 101 [cjackvony@stmarkri.org](mailto:cjackvony@stmarkri.org).



### Register as a Parishioner

If you have been attending Mass here on a regular basis do not presume that you are automatically registered here.

If you haven't received mail from St. Mark Church, you are most likely not registered.

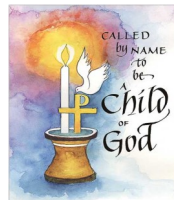
If you are over 18 you need to be registered on your own and no longer under your parents. To register please call **Sr. Angelina at 942-1616** or visit [stmarkri.org/register](http://stmarkri.org/register).



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is one of the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Baptism holds a special place in the Church since it is the "door" to all other sacraments. As the Catechism proclaims, "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1213)

**For information or to schedule a baptism contact:**  
**Sr. Angelina Giramma, M.P.F. at 942-1616, ext. 102**  
**or email Sister at [agiramma@stmarkri.org](mailto:agiramma@stmarkri.org).**

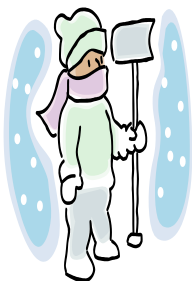


### Sponsor Certificate Requests

To qualify as a Godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation you must be registered with the parish.

If you are over 18 you must be registered on your own not under your parents, participating in Sunday Mass regularly for 6 months, Baptized and Confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church, and if you are married your marriage must be recognized by the Roman Catholic Church.

For information call **Sr. Angelina at 942-1616, Ext. 102.**



### Winter Weather Advisory

If there is a cancellation of **Mass, Religious Education classes**, or a change in **office hours**, it will be announced on the Rhode Island Broadcasters Association Cancellation System. Updates will also be recorded on the parish phone system and published on our website at [www.stmarkri.org](http://www.stmarkri.org).

### St. Patrick Church-Mary House Food Pantry

The following items are needed:

**Canned Soups, Cereal, Jelly,  
Peanut Butter, Pasta, Tuna,  
and non-perishable food.**

**Please no glass or perishable items!**

Thank you for your continued support, Sr. Angelina.



## *The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 4, 2026*

### **Keep the Heat On: Help or Be Helped**

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RI households stay warm.***



The Diocese of Providence heating assistance campaign “Keep the Heat On” is a program that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. Since 2005, your generous support has provided more than \$4.6 Million in heating assistance to more than 18,452 Rhode Island households in need.

#### **TO HELP:**

If you would like to help local families this winter, send tax-deductible donations to:

Keep the Heat On,  
One Cathedral Square,  
Providence, RI 02903  
or donate online at [www.heatri.com/donate](http://www.heatri.com/donate).

#### **TO BE HELPED:**

If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, go to the website at [www.heatri.com/apply-for-help](http://www.heatri.com/apply-for-help) or for more information call 401-421-7833, ext. 207.

### **HELP OR BE HELPED**

Find Food Assistance at our Catholic Food Banks.

The Diocese of Providence, through the Office of Catholic Charities & Social Ministry, supports families and individuals in need across Rhode Island with food assistance programs.

A variety of food pantries are available throughout the diocese to help you or your loved ones.

Each pantry has its own schedule.

We also encourage everyone to support your local food pantry whenever possible; together, we can help ensure no one goes hungry.

To find a list of Catholic Food Banks in RI go to [www.dioceseofprovidence.org](http://www.dioceseofprovidence.org)

and click on the About tab, then go to

Find Assistance at our Catholic Food Banks.

### ***St. Vincent de Paul - St. Mark Conference***

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, or if you would like to join our ministry, call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - St. Mark Conference at 401-942-1616, Ext. 320.



**Our next meeting is Thursday, January 8th at 6:30pm in the Mother Cabrini Parish Center. All are welcome.**



## ***Christmas Angels 2025*** ***Gentle Reminder*** ***November 30th to December 21st***



**St. Mark Outreach Ministry supports this program.**

Funds received will be used to purchase gift cards for families, allowing them to purchase physical necessities and modest gifts that the children and families would normally receive for Christmas.

On behalf of the recipients, thank you for your faithful generosity as in the many past years.

**There are a few ways to support this program:**

1. **ONLINE** at [www.stmarkri.org/angels](http://www.stmarkri.org/angels)
2. **TEXT** a message to 401-249-4820: type the **dollar amount**, then type **ANGELS**
3. **CHECK** payable to **St. Mark Church**, in the memo line write **ANGELS** and place in an envelope marked **ANGELS**.

When attending **Mass**, you can place it in the **collection basket** in an envelope marked **Angels**, or drop it in the **BLACK MAILBOX** at the **MOTHER CABRINI PARISH CENTER**, or mail to: **Attn: ANGELS, St. Mark Church, 9 Garden Court, Cranston, RI 02920**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: **Sr. Angelina** at 401-942-1616, Ext. 102 or [agiramma@stmarkri.org](mailto:agiramma@stmarkri.org)

***Thank you for embracing this way of giving for our Christmas Angels.***

**To date we have received 83% of our Christmas Angels goal.**

**We continue to accept/welcome contributions** so that we may achieve our goal.  
**On behalf of the recipients, thank you for your continued support of this program.**



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