

## **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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# **ST. MARK CHURCH**

**Cranston, Rhode Island**

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence**

## **Rev. Anthony Verdelotti**

Pastor

averdelotti@stmarkri.org



## **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.diocesevpd.org](http://www.diocesevpd.org)

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

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



**Saturday, December 13, 2025**

**Vigil**

4:00pm † Aram Abraham ~ 33rd Anniversary  
† Joseph A. Gloria ~ Memorial

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00am † Mary E. Hopkins ~ 6th Anniversary  
† Arthur DeMedeiros ~ Memorial  
10:00am † Louis Sciolto ~ 10th Anniversary  
† Gloria Sciolto ~ 7th Anniversary

**Monday, December 15, 2025**

**Advent Weekday**

8:00am ~ The People of St. Mark Paish ~ Pro Populo

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025**

**Advent Weekday**

8:00am † David Peter Bedrosian ~ 9th Anniversary  
† David & Ann-Marie Swetz ~ Memorial

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025**

**Advent Weekday**

8:00am † Lorraine DiBiase ~ Anniversary  
† Gloria Lennon & Horace & Matilda Brien ~ Memorial

**Thursday, December 18, 2025**

**Advent Weekday**

† Marc Langevin ~ 11th Anniversary

**Friday, December 19, 2025**

**Advent Weekday**

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**Saturday, December 20, 2025**

**Vigil**

4:00pm † Dcd. Mbrs. of the DeClemente & Giorgi Families  
† David Como, Jr. and the Dcd. Mbrs. of the  
Comella & Truman Families ~ Christmas Memorial

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00am † Alfred & Rose Asprinio ~ Christmas Memorial  
† Anio & Lucy Granata ~ Christmas Memorial  
10:00am † Joseph A. Gloria ~ Christmas Memorial  
† Francis & Meghan Geary ~ Christmas Memorial

**THE DAILY MASS BOOK**

The 2026 Mass Book is available to book  
Masses for your loved ones. The suggested offering for  
weekend and Holy Day Masses is \$25.00 & weekday Masses  
is \$10.00. To schedule a Mass call the Parish Office.



*Please pray for the repose of the soul of*

***Rita M. Beauné***

*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.*

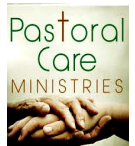
***In Loving Memory***

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.



**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.**



A MASS OFFERING

***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 suggested offering is \$10.00.

***Daily Bible Readings***  
***Week of December 14th***

**Sunday**  
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11  
**Monday**  
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27  
**Tuesday**  
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday**  
Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
**Thursday**  
Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
**Friday**  
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25  
**Saturday**  
Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38



*Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 14, 2025*

## Parish Giving

The collections for the weekend of November 30th:

### Offertory

Mass: \$4,484.00  
Mail: \$1,562.00  
Total: \$6,046.00

### Poor Box

Mass: \$40.00  
Mail: \$20.00  
Total: \$60.00

The collections for the weekend of December 7th  
will be announced in next weekend's bulletin.

### Second Collection

*The Second Collection next weekend is the  
Christmas Flowers Collection  
We thank you for your support!*

### Please take note:

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



December  
*The Month of the  
coming of Christ*

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

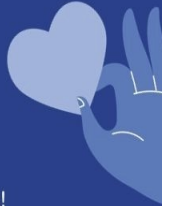
Another easy way to manage your church giving is with our **Text-to-Give** feature that is fully integrated with our Online Giving platform. You can text an amount to **401-249-4820** and your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with your phone number.



## HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

HELPLINE VOLUNTEERS  
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HOME VISIT VOLUNTEERS

We can use your help days, nights, & weekends.  
ALL are welcome - high school & college students,  
working and retired individuals, families and friends!



## HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Donations are always needed. Checks can be made payable to SVDP St. Mark Conference

\$25 GROCERY CARDS  
\$25 WALMART / TARGET CARDS  
\$25 DUNKIN' / MCDONALD

Please place checks and/or gift cards in an envelope marked "SVDP" and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or in the black mailbox at the Mother Cabrini Parish Center.

## CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO OR TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE

401-942-1616 ex. 320  
[svdpstmarkri@gmail.com](mailto:svdpstmarkri@gmail.com)

## Keep the Heat On: Help or Be Helped

*In our 21st season of helping 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:  
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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.





## St. Mark Church, Cranston, Rhode Island

### Advent Confessions:

At some point during the Advent season, students in **grades 3–8** will attend **Confession during class time**. Please review the following with your child:

- **Act of Contrition**
- **Suggested Dialogue**
- **Examination of Conscience**

Hard copies of these materials were sent home, and digital copies have been shared via **Remind**.

## Religious Education



### Confirmation 2026:

We are pleased to announce that **The Most Reverend Bruce Lewandowski** will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation here at **St. Mark Church** on **Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM**. Candidates from **St. Anthony Parish, West Warwick**, will also be joining us for this special celebration. Additional information, including rehearsal dates and times, will be shared as we get closer to the event.

### Updated Confirmation Requirements 2025-2026:

<u>Requirements:</u>	<u>Due Dates:</u> ALL due dates are <b>FIRM!</b> Assignments must be handed in <b>ON or BEFORE</b> the due date.
Service Project Proposal	<b>PAST DUE</b>
Sponsor Forms to St. Mark	December 14, 2025
Saint Report	February 1, 2026
Service Project Reflection	March 15, 2026
Letter to the Bishop	April 26, 2026

### 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**, or via **REMIND**. Students are expected to make up any missed classwork.

### 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).

### 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**.

### St. Patrick Church Mary House Food Pantry

The following items are needed:

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

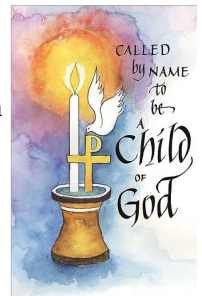
**Please no glass or perishable items!**

Thank you for your continued support, Sr. Angelina.



### 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).**



## Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 14, 2025

### St. Mark Church

Cranston, Rhode Island  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence

Dear Parishioners,

During this Advent season, we wait with spiritual anticipation for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ -in the flesh- at Christmas. We should all be preparing ourselves for His arrival with acts of penance and prayer. I invite you to renew your practice of the Catholic faith; come to Mass each weekend, pray often, and take advantage of the Sacrament of Confession. All these things will help you to enter this sacred time with a spirit of devout expectation; eager to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord. I pray that the peace that only Christ can give will be bestowed generously upon you and your loved ones. I wish you a Blessed Advent, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

In Christ,

*Rev. Anthony W. Versolatto*

### Christmas Time 2025

#### Confession

Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
11:00 A.M. & 3:00 P.M.

#### The Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Vigil Mass: 4:00 P.M.  
Night Mass: 10:00 P.M.

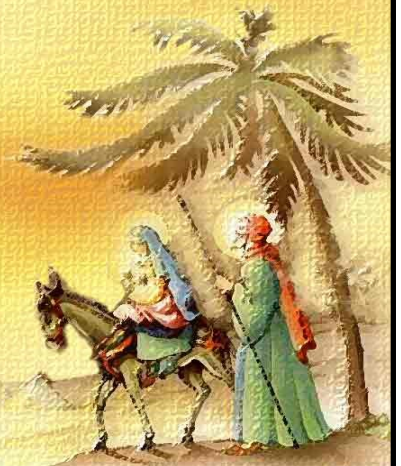
Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Day Mass: 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Vigil Mass: 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Day Mass: 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

#### The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God & The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
Day Mass: 9:00 A.M.  
The Solemnities of the Nativity of the Lord & Mary, the Holy Mother of God are  
Holy Days of Obligation



With the deadline fast approaching, we have only received **49%** of our **Christmas Angels** goal. Please prayerfully consider supporting this program.



## 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.*



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