

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

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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

Office of Religious: 401-278-4633 or www.diocesepvd.org

Office of the Permanent Diaconate: 401-278-4604 or www.diocesepvd.org

St. Mark Church, Cranston, Rhode Island



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Vigil

- 4:00pm † Nicholas Comella ~ Birthday & 25th Anniversary
- † Fred Aucoin ~ Birthday Memorial

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am ~ The People of St. Mark Parish ~ Pro Populo
- 10:00am † Joseph A. Gloria ~ Memorial
- † Gloria Lennon ~ Memorial
- † Franco Malong ~ Memorial
- † Dcd. Mbrs. of the Irish Ceilidhe Club ~ Memorial

Monday, March 16, 2026

Lenten Weekday

- 8:00am † Anthony Nascenzi ~ Memorial
- † Judy DiDato ~ Memorial

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Lenten Weekday

St. Patrick, Bishop

- 8:00am † Alfred Shiel ~ Memorial
- † Mary & Christopher Evangelista ~ Memorial

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Lenten Weekday

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 8:00am † Phyllis Almy ~ 1st Anniversary
- † Joseph Terenzi ~ Birthday Memorial

Thursday, March 19, 2026

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- † Diana J. Nascenzi-Marrocco ~ 5th Anniversary

Friday, March 20, 2026

Lenten Weekday

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Saturday, March 21, 2026

Vigil

- 4:00pm †

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am ~ The People of St. Mark Parish ~ Pro Populo
- 10:00am † Joseph A. Gloria ~ Memorial
- † Anthony & Rose Verdelotti ~ Memorial

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 a Mass, please call the Parish Office.



In Loving Memory

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Gary P. Pierce

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. To book one of these memorials call the Parish Office.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marilyn R. DeNardo 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.

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 March 15th

- Sunday
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday
Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday
Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday
Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53



Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 15, 2026

stewardship

The collections for the weekends of February 22nd, March 1st and March 8th will be announced in next weekends bulletin.

Second Collection

The Second Collection next weekend is the **Easter Flower Collection**
We thank you for your support!

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. 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.



2026 Catholic Charity Appeal



The 2026 Catholic Charity Appeal is now underway!
Our parish goal this year is: **\$62,843.00**

You may have received a mailing from Catholic Charity requesting a gift to the 2026 Catholic Charity Appeal. We ask that you send your gift directly to the Catholic Charity Appeal using the envelope provided. Please be assured that St. Mark Church will receive credit for any gift you mail directly to the Catholic Charity Appeal.

To give online go to: givecentral.org/2026CCA
Please prayerfully consider giving a gift to help us reach our goal. Thank you.

Please take note:

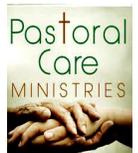
The church is open for private prayer Monday through Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.



March Month of St. Joseph

Sacraments for the Homebound

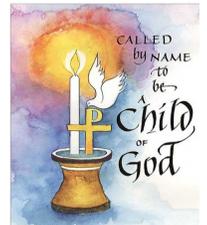
As baptized Catholics, we are called to bring Christ to others. Take a moment to consider... Do you know of a family member who is a parishioner and homebound or unable to attend Mass, but would like to receive the Holy Eucharist? Sr. Angelina and our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit the 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.



Baptism

Baptism is one of the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Baptism holds a special place in the Church since it is the "door" to all the other sacraments.

To schedule a baptism contact:
Sr. Angelina Giramma, M.P.F. at 942-1616, ext. 102 or email agiramma@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.



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 942-1616, Ext. 320. **Our next meeting is Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm in the Mother Cabrini Parish Center. All are welcome.**



Keep the Heat On

No Rhode Islander should be forced to endure frigid temperatures during the winter months. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call 421-7833 ext. 207 or visit www.heatri.com/apply-for-help. Donations accepted at www.heatri.com/donate.





Religious Education

First Penance

On Saturday, March 7th, several of our Religious Education students celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This is an important step in their faith journey, and we rejoice with them as they experience God's mercy and love in a special way. Please keep these students in your prayers:

Noah Bruzzese
Andrew Crins
Elizabeth Fowler
Landon Generali
Giacomo Laurelli
Lorenzo Laurelli

Elliana Loffredo
Violet Pascone
Lena Reilly
Gracelyn Reilly
Lila Sroka
Violet Sroka

We extend a special thank you to **Mrs. Andolfo**, our second grade catechist, for her dedication and hard work in preparing these students for this beautiful sacrament. May God continue to bless these children with peace, grace, and a deeper love for Him as they grow in faith.

First Holy Communion Rehearsals

- Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 4:15pm. (during class time)
- Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 11:15am.
- Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 4:15pm. (during class time)



First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 10:00am.

May Crowning

Sunday, May 10, 2026 at the 10:00am Mass.

Meet the Candidate

We have an amazing group of young adults preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and we would like you to meet them. Beginning next weekend, each week we will feature a brief biographical blurb of two Confirmation candidates in the bulletin. These candidates will attend the 10:00 A.M. Mass and greet parishioners in the courtyard after Mass. Please help our soon-to-be Confirmed parishioners feel welcome by introducing yourself and saying hello!

Other Religious Education Events

Lenten Penance: Offered to Grades 3–9 during class time.
Stations of the Cross: Students will participate during class.
Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction:
March 22nd at 11:00am.

Dear Parish Family,

My name is Nicole Frias, and I am organizing a sock drive to support the Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP) - Cranston, an organization that assists individuals and families in need within our community.

We are collecting **new, unopened socks** for men, women, and children. Socks are one of the most needed yet least donated items. Even a small donation can make a meaningful difference for someone facing hardship.

Please place your donated items in the specially marked boxes located at the entrances of the church.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our neighbors in need. Your kindness truly makes a difference.

With gratitude,
Nicole Frias

Updated Confirmation Requirements 2025-2026:

- | <u>Requirements:</u> | <u>Due Dates:</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| • Service Project Reflection | ~ March 15, 2026 |
| • Letter to the Bishop | ~ April 26, 2026 |

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

Confirmation Rehearsal

Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 12:30pm. (during class time)

Confirmation

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:00pm.

The Most Reverend Bruce A. Lewandowski will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon the confirmands.

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.

Be safe, be well, and God Bless,

Claudia A. Jackvony,
Religious Education Coordinator,
401-942-1616, Ext. 101 cjackvony@stmarkri.org.

Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 15, 2026

You are warmly invited to join Fr. Mahar and me for a beautiful day of contemplation, recollection, and prayer at the **National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA**, on **Thursday, April 16, 2026**.

This special pilgrimage is a wonderful opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life and spend time together in prayer, reflection, and trust in the Lord's Divine Mercy. We hope you will consider joining us for this peaceful and grace-filled day.



Departure & Return Information

We will depart from **St. Augustine Church**, 635 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence

Boarding: 7:15 - 7:30 a.m.

Arrival at the Shrine: 9:45 a.m.

Departure from the Shrine: 4:30 p.m.

Estimated arrival back at St. Augustine: 7:00 p.m.

Schedule for the Day

9:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Self-guided tour of the grounds and prayer time. [Click here to download the prayer guide.](#)

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Confessions, Adoration & Rosary

2:00 p.m.—Mass

3:00 p.m.—Chaplet of The Divine Mercy & Benediction



Food

Memorial Hall in the basement of the Shrine will be available for our group. You are welcome to bring a bag lunch or arrange to have lunch delivered.

Know Before You Go

- The Shrine Church and Gift Shop are fully accessible
- Some outdoor areas may not be handicap accessible
- Photography and videography are not permitted in the Church during Mass, Adoration, or prayer time

Cost: \$55pp • To register click here or copy this link motheroflife.org/get-involved/events/divine-mercy-bus-trip

We would love for you to join us for this meaningful day of fellowship and prayer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out, 401-421-0821.

Warmly in Christ,



Lise Desmarais
Executive Director
Mother of Life Center

Rev. Christopher M. Mahar
Chaplain, Mother of Life Center
Pastor, Saint Augustine Church

Lenten Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction



You are invited to a special **Lenten Holy Hour** with Adoration and Benediction here at St. Mark Church on

**Sunday, March 22nd,
at 11:00 a.m.**

The Holy Hour will be led by **Hannah Jefferson**, Youth & Young Adult Evangelization Consultant for the Diocese of Providence.

This beautiful Lenten prayer experience is open to **all ages**. Come spend time with the Lord and deepen your Lenten journey. Invite your family and friends - All are welcome!

Light refreshments will follow.

Sponsored by our Religious Education Program.

HOW TO LENT

All members of the Catholic Church should be aware of the following: **Abstinence from meat on every Friday of Lent, for those 14 and older, is required by Church law.**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days:

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less; that is, taking no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these regulations.

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