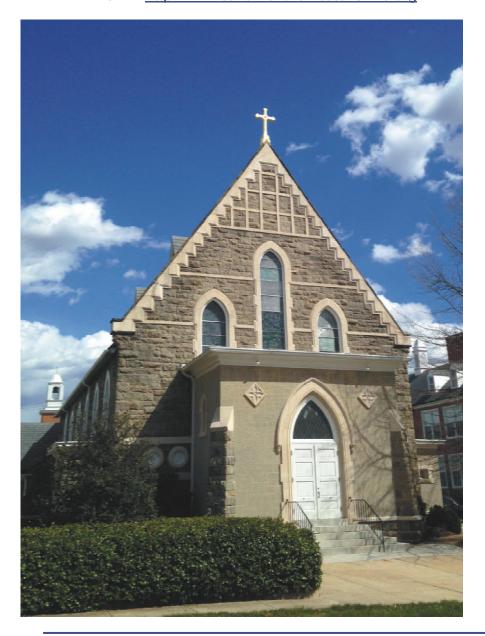
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MASS SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS

Monday thru Friday 7:45 AM - Chapel Saturday 8:00 AM - Chapel

SATURDAY:

4:00 PM - Church

SUNDAY:

7:30. 9:00 & 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM - Church

CONFESSIONS

3:00 PM Saturday - Church

Rev. Christopher J. Whatley

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Rev. Hamilton Okeke

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MISSION STATEMENT: Grounded, fortified and nourished by the Eucharist, the members of St. Mark Church share with all the unconditional love of God through active witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ by learning, living and loving our faith.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: New Parishioners are requested to register at the Parish Center Office as soon as possible. Please notify the Parish Center of any address or phone number change as soon as possible.

EUCHARISTIC FAST: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine." "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour." (Canon 919 1&3)

BAPTISMS: Parish policy requires that families must be registered parishioners for at least six months prior to having a child Baptized. The Sacrament is celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. A parent must register with the Parish Office at least one month prior to the requested date; new parents must also attend a Baptismal Preparation session.

SACRAMENTAL PREP: The Archdiocese requires that children registered as candidates for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation must be regularly participating in an approved religious education program during the sacramental year, as well as one year prior.

CARE OF THE SICK: If a member of your household is seriously ill or hospitalized, please contact the Parish Office Ext. #1. In case of a true life/death emergency, please call (410) 744-6560 Ext. 302 so a priest might respond.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My message for this weekend will address the Annual Appeal. It is important to understand that St. Mark Parish will conduct the Appeal with Announcement Weekend on Feb 29/Mar 1 and Commitment Weekend on Mar 7/8. Please note that the goal for our parish was miscalculated. Some of the printed materials you will receive or have received identifies our goal as \$91,994. The correct goal is \$78,930. God willing, I will speak at all of the Masses on Commitment Weekend and encourage you to participate in this very critical fundraiser for so many Ministries of the Gospel. Please pray as to how you can assist the work of Christ.

Bishop Madden returns to celebrate the second Confirmation Liturgy at 3:00pm this Sunday, Feb. 9th. There will be NO 5:00pm Mass this Sunday. As we pray for those to be Confirmed, each of us might choose to consider how the Gifts of the Holy Spirit impact our lives and enable us to enrich the lives of others. Let us pray that our "faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God" (I Cor. 2:5).

In Our Lord,

Fr. Whatley

Readings for the Week of February 9, 2020

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16 Sun: Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7. 9-13/Ps 132/Mk 6:53-56 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84/Mk 7:1-13 Tue: Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37/Mk 7:14-23 Thu: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106/Mk 7:24-30 Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81/Mk 7:31-37 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106/Mk 8:1-10 Sat: Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

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PARISH FINANCES for the weekend of February 1/2:

Offertory\$	10,806.00
Loose\$	3,438.00
Total\$	14,244.00
Maintenance\$	2,662.00
Poor Box\$	679.00

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Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

IMPORTANT MASS ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Mark will not offer 5:00pm Mass on Sun, Feb 9 because the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at a special Liturgy in the Church at 3:00pm this Sunday. We are proud to welcome our Confirmation candidates as they complete their initiation into Christ's Church!



Mass for the Intentions Week

7:45 AM John DeCrete Mon, Feb 10 Tues, Feb 11 7:45 AM Muriel Franc Wed, Feb 12 7:45 AM St. Mark Parish & School 7:45 AM Mr. & Mrs. S.H. Klinkhamer Thurs, Feb 13 Fri, Feb 14 7:45 AM Hugh & Mary Carter Sat., Feb 15 8:00 AM Ken May 4:00 PM Paul Meyer & Roberta Bowen Sun, Feb 16 7:30 AM Dennis Fleming 9:00 AM Edward F. Goodwin, Jr. 11:00 AM Michael F. Hilditch, Jr. 5:00 PM Tim Blake

In Loving Memory

Please pray for all deceased members of our community. Especially: James Finley Ransone, Wilfred J. 'Jerry' Roesler and David Schultz.

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:13a, 14

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Thank you for your immeasurable generosity to my family in Nigeria. I am encouraged by your generosity and willingness to help. Although they lost everything in the fire. you have, through your kindness, put them on the path to recovery. St. Mark is an amazing parish and it has been a blessing to be here with you. You have not only inspired me but you have also given hope to my family. Thank you so much for all that you do. God bless you all.

Fr. Hamilton Okeke

<u>* OUR DAILY BREAD CASSEROLES URGENTLY NEEDED! * YOU CAN HELP! * FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14! *</u>

We'll be making our next food delivery on Friday, February 14. Please prayerfully consider helping those who rely on Our Daily Bread for their main daily meal! Pans with the recipe and drop-off information are available at the Church exits.

CASSEROLE DROP-OFF: Please bring your frozen casserole(s) to the Courtyard (area between the church & school) on:

- Thurs, February 13 from 6:30-7:30PM for Cub Scout Pack 456 to collect or -
- Fri, February 14 from 8:00-8:30AM for the volunteers to pack for transport.

Thank you for helping to feed the hungry! For more information, please call the Parish Office at 410-744-6560, ext. 1.

Would you like to serve lunch with us at Our Daily Bread? Extra hands are always a God-send! Please note: you must register with Our Daily Bread before offering your time! Please call 443-986-9031 and say that you are with St. Mark-Catonsville. It's an easy process, but it must be done in advance!

ST. MARK SCHOOL NEWS

410-744-6560, x 2 ● www.stmark-school.org



St. Mark School has been providing quality Catholic education in the heart of Catonsville since 1889! We continue that proud tradition today for students in PreK 3 – Grade 8. Please visit our website or call the school office to schedule a tour!

WALK-THROUGH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 4!

Please join us the first Wednesday of the month (when school is in session) for Walk-Through Wednesdays! Drop in anytime from 9:00-11:00am as St. Mark School opens its doors for tours and a brief information session and Q & A. Please call the school office for more information - $410-744-6560 \times 2$.

Learn and Bring Christ to the World!

ST. MARK'S EVENING ROSARY

Monday, February 10 • 7:00pm • St. Mark Chapel Special Intention: Strength & Healing for "Little Abby"
Please join us as we gather to pray the Rosary, pray for peace & healing in our communities, nation & world and lift our voices in song & praise!
We will also offer prayers for Abby, the 4 year-old daughter of a St. Mark faculty member who is battling a brain tumor. All are welcome!

HOUR OF GLORY: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to Fr. Hamilton's college class schedule and work demands, the Hour of Glory will not be held until further notice. Fr. Hamilton regrets this change and hopes to revive the Hour of Glory in the future.

TOILETRIES NEEDED!

St. Mark is collecting toiletries to benefit **Breaking Bread with the Hungry** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Travel size soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion & toothpaste are needed, as well as wash cloths & full-sized deodorants. Please place your items in the collection baskets in the vestibule.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS COMMITTEE MEETING: MARCH 2

Interested in putting your faith into action through social outreach projects & social justice advocacy? Join us! Our next Committee meeting will be at 7:00pm on Mon, March 2 in the Coakley Room (Parish Center). Contact Ellen Draper for more info: stmarksocialjusticecommittee@gmail.com. All are welcome!

CALENDAR NOTES

Did you know that St. Mark Parish supports the Lazarus Caucus, Inc., a faith-based non-profit that provides assistance to the residents of the Westside Men's Shelter in Catonsville? They are in need of helping hands! If you would like to learn more, plan to attend Lazarus Caucus's next meeting on Mon, Feb 10 at Salem Lutheran Church. Check out their website: www.lazaruscaucus.org.

Maryland Right to Life invites you to attend 2020 Life Lobby Day on **Tues, Feb 11** in Room 142 of the House of Delegates Building on Bladen Street in Annapolis (enter from Rowe Blvd). Grab a friend and go make your voice heard. For more info & to register, visit www.mdrtl.org.

Maryland Right to Life also asks you to express opposition to Maryland's proposed bill to legalize Physician Assisted Suicide by contacting your representative. To take action, please visit https://www.mdrtl.org/assistedsuicide.html.

The Maryland Catholic Conference (MCC) will host its first ever *Virtual Day of Action* on Wed, Feb 19 when Catholics from across Maryland will join together to send emails, make phone calls, or take other action on state issues. Please visit https://www.mdcatholic.org/2020dayofaction.

Bishop Madden will lead a **Prayer Walk for Peace** on **Wed, Feb 19** from 5:30-7:30pm at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 4502 Park Heights Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215. All are welcome. Come out and support our Bishops' efforts to bring Peace to our communities.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore's 41st Annual Social Ministry Convocation will be held on Sat, Feb 29 from 8:00am-3:30pm at Mercy High School, 1300 East Northern Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21239. The keynote speaker, Ancel Augustine, D. Min., former Director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, will present Who is My Neighbor? Confronting a Culture of Fear. To attend this event with other St. Mark parishioners, please contact Ellen Draper: stmarksocialjusticecommittee@gmail.com by Fri, Feb 14.

MUSIC AT ST. JOSEPH—COCKEYSVILLE

Carnival & Dances Featuring Charm City Winds Sun, Feb 23 ● 4:00pm

A freewill offering will be taken up and a Mardi Gras reception immediately follows the concert. All are welcome!

MARRIED COUPLES RETREATS

March 20-22, 2020 — or — March 27-29, 2020 Priestfield Retreat Center, Kearneysville, WV

Spend a special weekend with your spouse and come away spiritually refreshed and enlightened! For more information, please contact Elaine Galeone at retreat2020@gmail.com or 410-252-5355. Weekends fill up quickly!

THE ROAMIN' CATHOLICS: St. Mark's Travel Group

Trips are open to all! For reservations, please contact Carol Suarez at <a href="mailto:stranger:stran

TRIPS FOR 2020

Apr 28-30: Virginia Beach/Williamsburg/Virginia Military Tattoo — Cost: \$379, which includes 1/2 day in Williamsburg with dinner, 2 nights oceanfront lodging in Virginia Beach with breakfast & dinner, performance of the VA Military Tattoo.

May 19: Chesapeake City, MD — Cost \$99, which includes town tour, pontoon boat cruise on the C&D Canal, lunch at the Chesapeake Inn, narrated tour through thoroughbred horse farms & wine tasting at an Eastern Shore winery.

June 23: Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island — Take a ferry from Liberty Park, NJ to tour the new museums. Lunch on your own at the Statue. Cost: TBD (\$25 reservation).

July 8: Jersey Boys at the Historic Fulton Theater in downtown Lancaster, PA — Cost: \$118. See the *Best Musical* winner at both the Tony & Olivier Awards make its regional debut at a beautiful, historic theater. Lunch at the Fulton Steamboat Inn.

ARCHDIOCESAN MISSIONS OFFICE

An Afternoon of Wine & Chocolate Sun, Feb 9 • 3:00-5:30pm www.highhopesforhaiti.org/events

It's the perfect time of year for wine and chocolate while spreading some love to the poorest children of Haiti. Our Certified Sommelier will take you on a journey of delicious chocolate and wine pairings, all to benefit the Archdiocesan Mission in Haiti. Join us at the Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department Hall for this fantastic event! Tickets are \$30 and are on sale now! For more information, call 410-547-5498.

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Women's Center West is our local resource for women experiencing crisis pregnancies. Please call 410-788-4433 or visit https://www.womenscenterwest.com/.

Suffering after abortion? Project Rachel provides healing retreats and a referral network. Please call 410-625-8491 or visit www.project-rachel.net.

HOLY INNOCENTS MINISTRY

This Archdiocesan program provides ministry to families who have lost children to miscarriage. If you have experienced the heartbreak of miscarriage and would like information about burial and memorial options and/or spiritual and emotional support, please call the helpline at 410-547-3142 or email holyinnocents@archbalt.org. For more information, please visit www.holyinnocentsbaltimore.org.

Burying the Ashes of Those Cremated

Do you have ashes of loved ones at home and need an economical way to lay them to rest? The Archdiocese is initiating the *Ministry of the 14th Station: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb* to bury ashes in sacred ground. For details, visit cemetery@archbalt.org or call 410-547-5375.

"BEARING FRUIT" INFERTILITY RETREAT

Sat, Feb 29 • 9:00am-12:00pm

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Couples struggling to conceive and/or with pregnancy loss are invited to attend

This is a FREE educational and healing program, with an optional Adoption Information Program from 1:00-2:00pm. The retreat will feature discussions on topics related to fertility issues and adoption from a Catholic perspective. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. Our speakers include: Dr. Monique Ruberu (OB/GYN specializing in NaproTechnology); Julie Tomko (Creighton Model practitioner & director of the FertilityCare Center of Baltimore); Amy Erardi (pastoral care coordinator for the Archdiocesan "Holy Innocents" miscarriage ministry). The Adoption Information Program will feature representatives from Catholic Charities, Bethany Christian Services, and more. To register for the Healing Retreat, Adoption Information Program, or both, please contact Cathy Applefeld at capplefeld@yahoo.com or 410-592-2496.

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