



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 P.M.
Sunday: 7:45 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
Holy Days: 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Confession:

Saturday: 2:30-3:30 P.M. or by appointment

Weekday Mass (Chapel):

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.
Thursday and Friday: 8:30 A.M.
First Saturday: 9:00 A.M.

Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday: 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
The Church office closed on Monday.
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Monday through Thursday: 6:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Friday: 6:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
First Friday Exposition: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

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Meet with Father Culotta @ 980-1810, ext. #2
Visit wedding link on Website prior to meeting

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Joseph Guenther	Paul Noto	Jeanne Welsh

MLK JR. HOLIDAY
MON. JAN. 16
9:00 MASS IN CHAPEL

FIRST LIGHT

Our volunteers prepared a wonderful dinner on January 4 for the ladies at First Light. It included Turkey/Ham Tetrazzini from Pat Smith, Rosie Johnson, Frances Strick, and Lou Anne Swetonic, served with a green bean dish from Darlene McCulloch, Candy Hacker, Kathy Dalesaandro, and Kathy Ranelli. Ruth Breipohl sent carrot and celery sticks with dip, and Cathy Frosina, Susan Friend, Jo Ann Davis and Darlene McCulloch provided fresh fruit, which is always welcome. Eleanora Castagnetta and Jodie James sent butter and milk, and Renee Genereux, Mary Outlaw, and Terry Lupenski sent homemade cookies. Our servers were Renee Genereux, Mary Outlaw, Maureen Birdsong, Chris Rickey and her husband Cal.

Our November 4 dinner at the Shelter included Chicken Broccoli Casserole from Susan Friend, Caroline McIntyre, Pat and Rosemarie Bruno, and Kathleen Kanen, along with dinner rolls from Lou Anne Swetnoic and Coni Edwards and fresh fruit from Darlene McCulloch, Pat Smith, Theresa Romano, and Jodie James. We also served a big tossed salad with ingredients from Mary Outlaw, Vivianne Norris, Renee Genereux, Donna Spencer, Julie Koncsol, and Jeanne Welsh. Dessert was homemade cookies from Jeanne Welsh, Renee Genereux, and Dot Kuester. Servers for that evening included Mary Outlaw, Cathy Frosina, Rebecca Standige, and Renee Genereux.

THE CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEET THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, JANUARY 19, AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL. MASS IS AT 7 PM FOLLOWED BY A MEETING IN THE CATHEDRAL ROOM.
Information: Janice Nelson,
janicehnelson@gmail.com, 205-999-1141

Mass Intentions

- Mon. Jan. 16- 9:00 A.M. - Bernadette Marino*
- Mon. Jan. 16- 10:30 A.M. - at Somerby Retirement*
- Wed. Jan. 18- 6:00 P.M. - Sharon Henderson*
- Thurs. Jan. 19- 8:30 A.M. - Mr. & Mrs. Mike Lackley (SI)*
- Fri. Jan. 20- 8:30 A.M. - Bernardette Marino*
- Sat. Jan. 21- 4:00 P.M. - Jerry Larussa*
- Sun. Jan. 22- 7:45 A.M. - Nil Turcotte*
- Sun. Jan. 22- 10:30 A.M. - People of the Parish*

Weekly Readings

- 16 Mon - Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
- 17 Tue - Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
- 18 Wed - Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
- 19 Thu - Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12
- 20 Fri - Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
- 21 Sat - Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21
- 22 SUN - Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Financial Information		
January 8th, 2017		
	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Weekend Collections	\$23,551	\$47,166
Faith Direct-Biweekly	\$15,171	\$15,171
Holy Days		\$ 1,250
Total	\$38,721	\$63,587
Parish Debt	\$1,715,757	

2017 Budget is pending approval, therefore budget figures are not yet available to report.

Grief Support Group

We will begin our spring session on Tuesday, January 17th at 12 noon in the Parish Life Center. This group has been very helpful to those who have experienced a loss. Please contact Darlene McCulloch at 2-7134 or jamesfmcculloch@bellsouth.net before January 17th for more information.



January 14, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

In December after meeting with the Diocesan Consultors, Bishop Baker approved our revised plans for a new Parish Life Center. The revised plan will delay the completion of the proposed office space in the lower area of the new Life Center as well as renovations to the dedicated Youth Center. By revising our plan into two phases and reducing the cost, the Parish will have the reserved funds available to meet the loan requirements of the Diocese without having to incur an additional Capital Campaign.

Construction for Phase One will begin in spring of 2018. Next weekend as we begin our Annual Stewardship Pledge Drive more information will be provided at Mass and mailed to parishioners. The good news is that our plans for additional facilities to grow ministries are on track.

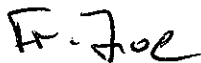
Also in December, the Pastoral Council accepted the recommendation of the Youth Work/Study Committee to create a full-time position to coordinate all youth and family ministries at Saint Mark. The Committee's recommendation for restructuring was made after investigating other Catholic parishes in the Diocese and reviewing our existing structure. The new proposed structure will be a better investment for the parish by providing families and their children more resources to strengthen their Catholic faith and identity. The Pastoral Council has formed a Search Committee with the task of advertising the new ministry position and finding a qualified candidate who would begin work at Saint Mark in July 2017.

In addition to this new full-time position, two part-time Youth Ministers will be hired to coordinate our BLAST Middle School and JCrew High School Youth Groups. Daniel Henninger, our former full-time Youth Minister, resigned in December due to his mother's illness. During the interim months (January – June), several parishioners have volunteered to keep the momentum of our youth activities going until the new positions are filled. I am grateful for their commitment to the youth of our parish and for the good work of our Youth Work/Study Group. The restructuring of our Youth Program will add approximately ten to fifteen thousand dollars to our annual budget.

Finally, I want to share that Susan Webb, our part-time Coordinator for P.S.R. and Youth Sacraments, is not available for a full-time position and has submitted May 2017 as her departing date. After serving for thirteen years, the Spring Semester will be a wonderful opportunity for our Parish to celebrate Susan's contributions to Saint Mark and let her know of our appreciation.

There are many challenges and fresh starts that await us as we begin the New Year. I am grateful for what you do that helps our parish plan for the future. We all have a role to play sharing our time, talent and treasure. I'm confident that God will bless the work we share in 2017 and beyond.

Hope and Joy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Joe". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Fr. Joe Culotta

Pastor

Parish School of Religion School Calendar 2nd Semester 2017

January 15	January 18	NO CLASSES, Dr. MLK
January 22 Grade 6 Reconciliation	January 25	
January 28 (Saturday)		CONFIRMATION RETREAT 9:30 am (Confirmation Requirement)
January 29 Grade 5 Reconciliation	February 1	
February 4 (Saturday)		First Reconciliation 1:00 pm
February 5	February 8 Grade 6,7,8 Reconciliation	Dr. Dale Wisely/ Parent Meeting 9:00 Social Hall
February 12 NO CLASS	February 15 Classes meet as usual Grade 3,4,5 Reconciliation	"FIND YOUR RHYTHM" TM Special Family Drum Circle Event and Dinner SUN 3:00 Social Hall
February 19	February 22	NO CLASSES. President Day
February 26 Grade 3 Reconciliation	March 1 ASH WEDNESDAY	Dr. Dale Wisely Parent Meeting 9:00 Social Hall
March 4 (Saturday)		First Communion Retreat 9:15 am
March 5 SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS	March 8 SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS	
March 12	March 15	Fun and Faith Fair-Sunday 9:00 Grades 3, 4, 5, 9 Students (Confirmation requirement)
March 17 (Friday)		PSR Family Stations of the Cross and Dinner 6:30 pm
March 19	March 22	
March 26	March 29	NO CLASSES, Spring Break
April 2	April 5	NO CLASSES, Spring Break
April 9	April 12	
April 16	April 19	NO CLASSES, Easter
April 23 (9 th Gr. Confirmation Practice)	April 26	
April 29 (Saturday) Feast of Saint Mark		First Communion Practice 10:00 am
April 30	May 3	
May 6 (Saturday)		First Communion 4:00 pm
May 7 Final Class Mary Crowning 10:30 am	May 10 Final Class	
May 17 (Wednesday)		Confirmation 6:30 pm

Students are to arrive promptly at 9:00AM for Sunday classes / 4:30 PM for Wednesday classes.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council met on January 8th and discussed the following items:

- Reviewed the updates for the Youth Ministries and Steering Committee for the new Parish Life Center
- Started reviewing the Pastoral Council Constitution

ADULT ED

Our Adult Education/Faith Formation program, *"The Family of God"*, continues next Sunday, January 22, with a presentation by Fr. Frank Muscalino titled: "The Vision of Pope Francis...a Church of Mercy". Please join us in the parish life center, from 9 AM to 10:15 Am as we begin anew in 2017.

Our Adult Education program, *"The Family of God"*, will feature presentations and speakers on a variety of topics that are sure to be of interest to all parishioners. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

An Interfaith Dialogue Celebrating Mutual Respect and Kindness:

A priest, a rabbi, and an imam will explore their common heritage as children of Abraham in a public forum at Prince of Peace Catholic Church on Thursday, January 26, at 7pm. Rev. Ray A. Dunmyer of St. Thomas Catholic Church, Dr. Sameh Asal of BIS Hoover Crescent Islamic Center, and Rabbi Jonathan Miller of Temple Emanu-El are the panelists.

Please RSVP to mike.brown@popcatholic.org
or 205-822-9125 to reserve your seat.



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Liturgical Schedule	Saturday, January 21, 2017 4:00 PM	Sunday, January 22, 2017 7:45 AM	Sunday, January 22, 2017 10:30 AM
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Jenny Camp, Ruth Cook Beverly Huddleston Tom Huddleston Sonny Jones, Darlene McCulloch Bill Welsh, Sharon Zaleski	Paul Albano, Jodie James Theresa LoMonaco Vincent Lovoy, Katherine Rall	Keri Eitzen, Geri Elkourie John Elkourie, Marsha Floyd Ana Hall, Sarah Hebert Joe Scotch, Tom Slonneger Heidi Swanson
Ushers	Mike Burns, Connie Bailey Thom Berry, Kevin Camp Rachel Camp	Sammy Romano, Giovanni Garza Faye Valencia VOLUNTEER NOW	Rob Haley, Jay Aycock George Juneman, Milene Panzica Mary Grace Tucker
Lectors	Cathy Johnson - 1 Rebecca Blythe - 2	Milton Davis - 1 Jim E Smith Jr - 2	Donna Francavilla - 1 Lisa Arrington - 2
Altar Servers	Anja Trierweiler Elizabeth Camp, Emma Zaiontz Ella Sciara, Elizabeth Zaleski	Tanner Gray Bella Garza, Jessica Heberlein Ethan Lee, Laura Valderrama	Anna Arrington Jonathon Porco, Luke Rakers Grant Rakers, Zach Rakers
Mass Coordinators	Bill & Jeanne Welsh	Jodie James	David & Eleanora Castagnetta
Greeters	Joanne Angell, Larry Angell Connie Bailey, Tom Lager	Anthony Cuicchi Diane Cuicchi	Ercelle Burrus, Sandee Rhodes, Myrna Scotch, Jean Tucker
Altar Linens	Gerie Elkourie		
Cantors	Susan Richards	Ken Jannot	Allison Creel



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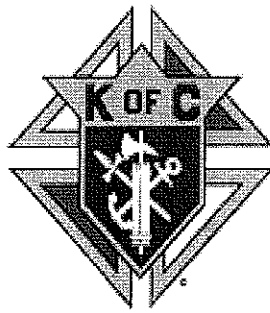
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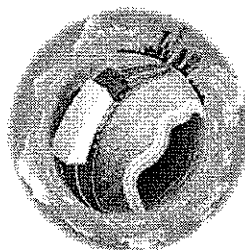
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