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Visit wedding link on Website prior to meeting

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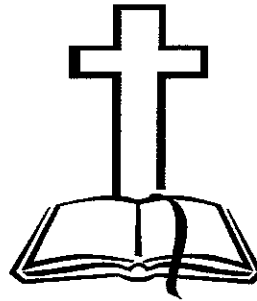
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Nolan Clagg	Greg Lanzi	Gertrude Sgroi
Sam Culotta	Kathy Matuszak	Vita Stamba
Hope DeFako	Jim Meggs	Don St. Denis
Carol Gaffney	Bobbie Mitchim	Jackie Tevendale
Tim & Mary Jo Gill	Marietta Molay	Annie Tomburello
Carlos Godinez	Georgeann Moseley	Charles&Sharon Varano
Joseph Guenther	Rosalie Nabiolo	Santo Vizzina
Gary Haworth	Mark Newton	Jeanne Welsh
David Howard	Jean Purner	Stephen Wilkens

We welcome Deacon Jonathan Howell at the 7:45 Mass. He is our newest Deacon in the Diocese and will be ordained a priest in 2018.



**The Quarterly Mass of Remembrance will be held on Wednesday August 2 at 6pm in the Chapel. Please join with fellow parishioners to remember loved ones at this time.**

## Mass Intentions

- Mon. July 24- 10:30 A.M. at Somerby Retirement*  
*Wed. July 26- 6:00 PM - Rose Ortiz*  
*Thurs. July 27- 8:30 A.M. - Jean Funk*  
*Fri. July 28 - 8:30 A.M. - Shirley Charles*  
*Sat. July 29- 4:00 P.M. - Mary Ann Piazza Harvard*  
*Sun. July 30- 7:45 A.M. - Andy Peck (SI)*  
*Sun. July 30- 10:30 A.M. - People of the Parish*

## Weekly Readings

- Mon. July 24- Ex 14:5-18 / Mt 12:38-42  
 Tues. July 25 - 2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 20:20-28  
 Wed. July 26 - Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 / Mt 13:16-17  
 Thurs. July 27 - Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b / Mt 13:10-17  
 Fri. July 28 - Ex 20:1-17 / Mt 13:18-23  
 Sat. July 29 - Ex 24:3-8 / Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
 Sun. July 30 - 1Kgs 3:5,7-12 / Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 13:44-52

### Financial Information

	<i>Week of 7/16/17</i>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 12,613
Building Fund	\$ 13,969
	<b>\$ 26,582</b>
	<i>Year to Date</i>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 441,063
Building Fund	\$ 473,518
Holy Days	\$ 10,425
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$ 925,006</b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$ 911,136</b>
Parish Debt \$1,238,849	

## Sympathy

*Let us pray to the Lord for all who have died, especially, James Doyle, father of Mary Ann Morris*

## Grief Support Group

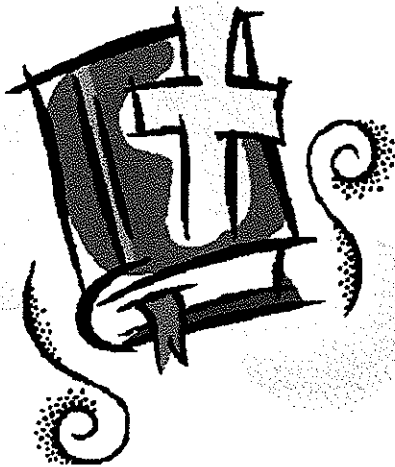


Saint Mark's Fall 2017 Group will begin on Tues., Aug. 29, at 12 noon in the PLC. Positive feedback from former attendees makes us confident that our program is helpful to those who have lost a loved one. If you would like more information or wish to attend, please contact Darlene McCulloch at 229-7134 or jamesfmcculloch@bellsouth.net before August 8th.



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

**Have you or someone you know thought about joining the Catholic Church?**  
**Have you or someone you know not completed the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist?**  
 If so, then RCIA is the beginning of the answer to those questions.  
 We will have an introduction to RCIA on Sunday **August 6** from 1-2 PM in the PLC.  
 Please join us!  
 If you have any questions please call Phil at 205- 541-5625 or email pfboettcher@att.net



## Faith Formation Registration

**It's that time of year!  
Our Parish School of Religion (PSR)  
classes begin August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

Please register your K4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Classes are available Sunday morning or Wednesday afternoon.

If you have a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader who will be celebrating First Holy Communion next spring, please register them. Completing this year of preparation is required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.

All 9<sup>th</sup> graders are asked to register for the Sunday morning Confirmation classes. Completing this year of preparation is required to receive the sacrament in the spring.

All 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to sign up for RAP (Reflect and Praise). We have an excellent program lined up for this year to assist our high school community in encountering Christ and deepening their faith during this exciting and ever-changing time of their lives.

**Registration Forms can be found at the Greeters' Desk in the Narthex, the church office, or you can print the form from <http://stmarkrc.org/parish-school-of-religion>.**

Knights of  
Columbus



St. Mark the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council 13446 wishes to acknowledge and recognize David Peat for being selected as our Knight of the Month for June. David is a true knight in action! David's work as co-chairman of the Knights sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive was instrumental in the huge success the Red Cross had in collecting blood at this critical time of the year. David volunteered and worked the entire week for the Greene County Mission Project. David serves on the church property management committee. He helped to clean and repaint the entrance sign coming into our parking lot as well as handling or repairing many other projects around the church and rectory. David also worked as a volunteer for the Saint Mark Italian festival. He serves as the Knight's Lecturer and has been elected to serve as the Recorder of our Knight's meetings for the coming year. Please join Council 13446 in congratulating David Peat for achieving this honor and serving as a role model for all Catholic gentlemen to follow.

Please join us in acknowledging and recognizing the Jose Marrero Family for being selected as our Knights Family of the Month for June. The entire Jose Marrero family is involved in some activity or program here Jose serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Communion at Mass and on one of the teams that does a communion service every Sunday for the residents of Danberry Retirement. His wife Maria is a religious education teacher for the 2nd grade / First Holy Communion class. Jose's daughter Natalie is involved with the youth and choir ministries. His son's Andres and Elliot were Alter Servers and work with the youth as well. Elliot also just recently joined our Knights of Columbus Council. The Jose Marrero family serves as an inspiration to our Faith Community and Knights of Columbus Council by supporting and strengthening Catholic Christian family life.

# How were your children received by your parish?

Children are vital to sustaining parish life. Seventy-two percent of our reader sample told **America** that, for good or ill, the way their children were welcomed had a critical effect on their own relationship with their parish.

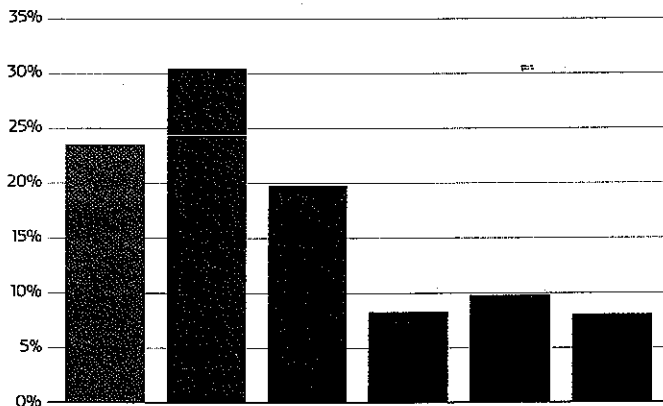
Fifty-eight percent of our readers told us that their experience of bringing children into their faith community was positive. Among these readers, 24 percent described how people had played with, engaged or included their children. Roberta Owen of Massachusetts expressed gratitude that her pastor “said not to worry about kids crying or wiggling during Mass” and described her support from a fellow parishioner, who encouraged her to breastfeed “and said what a gift it was to have babies at Mass.” Laura Fanucci of Minnesota explained how her parish’s positive response has been beneficial both to her own faith life and that of her children. “I know it is the loving welcome of our pastors and their willingness to literally take our kids up into their arms that has been formative for our sons,” said Ms. Fanucci. “Even on the Sundays that we think of as our ‘worst’ Masses—when kids have screamed, cried, had tantrums or had to be taken out of church—we’ve always

had older adults come up to us afterward and thank us for bringing them to Mass.”

The remaining 42 percent of readers were largely reluctant to characterize their children’s introduction to their parish as devoid of positive qualities, but many told us that negative interactions made bringing their children to Mass very stressful. “I have two children on the autism spectrum,” explained Megan Williams from North Carolina. “A parishioner ripped my son’s ear plug out of his ear and shook his head at us. They were plain, simple ear plugs because he can’t handle the bells at the consecration.” From Alabama, Paul Wiget reported his faith life is directly affected by how his children are received at Mass. “I hate going to church. I have to tell myself it’s about growing closer to Christ, but it just brings out the worst in me in child-policing.” For some parents, bad experiences led them to change parishes. This was true of Caprice Sauter of Washington State, who was grateful she made this decision. “It shouldn’t be so hard to take your kids to Mass,” said Ms. Sauter. “I’m glad we persevered—we’ve got wonderful devout teens.”

## HOW WERE YOUR CHILDREN RECEIVED AT YOUR PARISH?

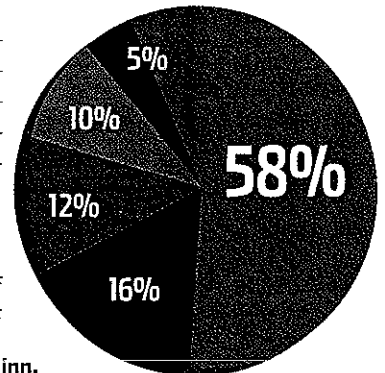
■ People engaged, played with or included your child	24%
■ People smiled at your child	31%
■ People helped you with your child	20%
■ People glared at your child	8%
■ People ignored or avoided your child	10%
■ People shushed or scolded your child	8%



These results are based on reader responses to a poll promoted on Facebook, Twitter and in our email newsletter.

## HOW WOULD YOU CHARACTERIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE OVERALL?

■ Positive	58%
■ Somewhat positive	16%
■ Neither positive nor negative	10%
■ Somewhat negative	12%
■ Negative	5%



*“[My positive experience] makes me even more committed to become the kind of older generation that reaches out with intentional welcome.”*

Laura Fanucci, St. Michael, Minn.

## HOW SIGNIFICANT WAS THIS EXPERIENCE?

**72%**  
OF READERS SAID THEIR EXPERIENCE CHANGED THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR PARISH

Liturgical Schedule	Saturday July 29, 2017 4:00	Sunday July 30, 2017 7:45	Sunday, July 30, 2017 10:30
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Communion</b>	Rebecca Blythe, Cathy Johnson, Beverly Huddleston, Tom Huddleston, Phil Boettcher	Jose Marrero, Lou Inzinna, Katherine Rall, Sammy Romano, Charles Varano	Bonnie Murphy, Heidi Swanson, Geri Elkourie, John Elkourie, Marsha Floyd, Malynda Guarisco, Rosemary Johnson
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim Smith, Brandon Moseley, Ryan Christopher Campisi, Pat Kantaris	Kurt Friend, Amos and Bobbie Mitchim	Milene Panzica, Rob Haley, Kevin and Rachel Camp
<b>Lector</b>	Ree Morin - 1 Dolorene Sackman - 2	Jim E. Smith Jr -1 Darlene McCulloch - 2	Sandy Fleury - 1 Teresa Palmer - 2
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Mike and Pat Kantaris	Sammy and Theresa Romano	Leonard and Heidi Mueninghoff
<b>Altar Server</b>	Gail Sanson, Dolan Wilson, Emma Zaiontz, Nicholas Foster, Brianna Braden	Mary Keithleen Favela, Elizabeth Mitchim, Delaine Coleman, Jessica Heberlein, Emelia Mitchim	Kristy Gray, Sam Lynch, Jacob Porco, Jonathon Porco, Kathryn Lynch, Mary Molay
<b>Greeters</b>	Pat Smith, Linda Grainger, Karen Kapp	Ken and Marie Lorek	Sarah Hebert, Ercelle Burrus, Laura Hughes
<b>Altar Linens</b>	Tracy Pflaum		
<b>Cantors</b>	Alex Slocum	Kathryn Garaca	Alex Slocum

## FLOWERS for MARY

In this Marian year we are attempting to have fresh flowers in front of Mary's statue. If you would like to assist, call Camilla 908-3686 or sign up on the bulletin board. Dates available: July 29-30, Aug. 5-6, Aug. 19-20, Sept. 9-10, Sept. 23-24, and all of October and November.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

WE ARE STILL SEEKING A MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTER THAT REQUIRES FLEXIBLE 4 HOURS A WEEK THAT WILL INCLUDE WEEKENDS AND SOME EVENINGS. PLEASE CONTACT FR. JOE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE POSITION AS THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL JULY 31.

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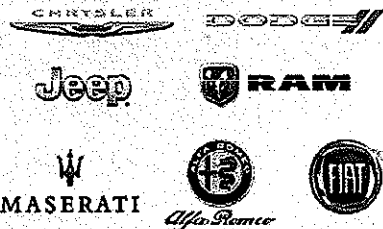
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