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Father Joseph Culotta, Pastor

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*Mass Thursday at 9:00 A.M*

**Masses:**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday: 7:45 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.  
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**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.

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Monday through Thursday: 6:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.  
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First Friday Exposition: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

**Marriage Requirements at least six months in advance:**

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**The Parish Office will be closed  
Wed. – Fri., Nov. 23 – 25  
for Thanksgiving Holidays**

## Thanksgiving Mass



**Join us for Thanksgiving Mass in the  
Church at 9 AM**  
Bring your bread to be placed at the altar  
to be blessed during liturgy

## *Supper Club*

St. Mark's Supper Club is open to all adults. We meet at a local restaurant for dinner and socializing. It's a wonderful way to meet your fellow parishioners and share a meal. Our upcoming supper will be held at Mt. Fuji Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi, 120 Doug Baker Blvd. (Lee Branch Center). We'll meet at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, December 3rd. Each person is responsible for paying for their own meal. Contact for reservations is Cathy Johnson, at 266-9685 or pilgrimmta@att.net. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, December 1. To view the menu, go to: [www.mtfujisteakhousehoover.com](http://www.mtfujisteakhousehoover.com)

## Mass Intentions

*Mon. Nov 21- 10:30 A.M. - at Somerby Retirement*  
*Thurs. Nov 24 - 9:00 A.M. - Thanksgiving Mass*  
*Sat. Nov 26- 4:00 P.M. - The Faithful Departed*  
*Sun. Nov 27- 7:45 A.M. - The Faithful Departed*  
*Sun. Nov 27- 10:30 A.M. - People of the Parish*

## Weekly Readings

21 Mon - Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4 (503) Pss II  
 22 Tue - Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11 (504)  
 23 Wed - Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19 (505)  
 24 Thu - Thanksgiving Day - Sir 50:22-24  
           1 Cor 1:3-9 /Lk 17:11-19  
 25 Fri - Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33 (507)  
 26 Sat - Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36 (508)  
 27 SUN FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 2:1-5  
           Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44 (1) Pss I

### ALL LECTORS

**The 2017 Lector workbooks (MT, Cycle A) are on a  
table in the narthex.  
Please, pick up the copy that has your name on it.  
This will help with the distribution.**

## *Youth*

On Sunday December 11th there will be a 5:00 pm Youth Mass with the Youth Choir before our annual Youth Christmas Party. The party will take place from 6:00 to 7:30 with a pot luck dinner and a gift exchange game (BLAST and JCrew separate for the game). Please look for a signup sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Church Narthex (Lobby) over the next few weeks to sign up to attend and bring a Christmas Food Item. Gifts for the game need to cost around \$10.

The Annual Youth Pecan Sale Fundraiser will be the weekend of December 10 and 11th sponsored by Magoosa Pecans. These Pecans are very good and make excellent Christmas gifts, are great for baking or just a treat for yourself. There will be a variety of Pecans available with a cost between usually

### **Financial Information November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

	(Budgeted)	(Actual)	(YtDBdgt)	(YtDActual)
Collection:	\$25,921	\$37,415	\$1,333,928	\$1,374,757
Current Parish Debt				
	\$1,834,337			

*Thank you to all who brought something to share and to those who assisted with set-up and clean-up for the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner.*

## A Prayer of Thanksgiving

We are gathered here as Your family, Oh Lord.

As a family of faith and love,

we give You thanks.

As Your guests at the table of life,

we are grateful that You have set a place for us.

As Your children,

we strive to follow You in all we do.

As servants to Your will,

we acknowledge the gift of Your understanding and mercy.

As Your stewards,

we are filled with wonder in the presence of Your mighty deeds  
and accept our responsibilities in Your service.

As Your heirs,

we are humbled by the bounty You have given us,  
for each beat of our heart and each breath that we draw,  
is ours only through Your grace.

And, as Your family, we shout Your name  
and give You all glory and honor, praise and thanks.

Amen.





Dear Parishioners,

It is with mixed emotions that I share the news our Youth Minister, Daniel Henninger, has accepted a job offer in Kingsport, Tennessee to serve as youth minister of St. Dominic Catholic Church. Daniel has served Saint Mark for 2 ½ years. As some already know, Daniel's mother was recently diagnosed with cancer, the decision to resign, effective December 23, will enable Daniel and his family to be with his mother.

Although this is a temporary setback for some of your youth programs, especially in the middle of the calendar year, it is a wonderful opportunity for Daniel to continue serving as a youth minister and for his family and him to be near his mother at this important time. I am happy for Daniel and support his decision. I am grateful for his 2 ½ years of service to our young people, their families and to our entire parish. Be assured, the youth at Saint Mark and their families remain a priority for our parish. We are committed to providing youth programs that succeed in growing faith and developing Catholic identity.

Daniel has served the parish by leading our middle school BLAST program as well as our two high school programs RAP and JCrew. In addition, he has helped invite the youth to fully participate in the life of the parish through the Feast of Saint Mark, Rhythm of God, Vacation Bible School, and our Greene County Summer Mission. I am especially grateful for the youth trips and retreats that he spearheaded enabling our young people to experience the Spirit of the Universal Catholic Church outside of our parish and diocese.

I know the young people of our parish and their families will especially miss Daniel. However, the opportunities for him to continue parish youth ministry and be with his mother are priceless. So we support him and his family with our prayers, love and best wishes.

There are several challenges for us during the coming transition particularly staffing BLAST, JCrew and RAP. I am seeking your help to work hand in hand in filling the gaps and successfully completing the coming semester. Our goal is to find volunteers and others who can temporarily coordinate these activities until a more permanent solution can be found by hiring an additional parish staff person. If you are interested in volunteering during the transition or would like to share your thoughts contact me or Sister Terry.

As you know, last spring the Pastoral Council began an evaluation of our youth programs, including PSR, looking at successes and challenges. In the fall the Pastoral Council established a Youth Work/Study Committee to review our parish's existing structure for youth ministry and to make recommendations for future structure and staffing. The parishioners serving with me on the committee are Lisa Arrington, Cindy Bobo, Terry Gray, Candy Hacker, Tom Heberlein, David Porco, and Gail Sanson.

The Youth Work/Study Committee will present a summary report to the Pastoral Council in January. At that time, we will initiate the process of searching and filling any needed staff positions to grow our existing youth ministry programs. There is work and prayer ahead in transitioning our youth ministry and planning for future staff. I am confident with your support and God's Grace, we can structure and staff a youth ministry program that enables families and young people to encounter Christ and to grow in faith, service, prayer and friendship.

Hope and Joy,

*Fr. Joe*  
Fr. Joe Culotta  
Pastor

Liturgical Schedule	Saturday, Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	Sunday, Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> 7:45 am	Sunday, Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 am
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Gerri Elkourie Cathy Johnson Ann Penton JoAnne Rixey Charles Varano	Theresa LoMonaco Vincent Lovoy Jose Marrero Darlene McCulloch Ginny Willis	Eleanora Castagnetta, Marsha Floyd Malynda Guarisco, Ana Hall Theresa LoMonaco, Teresa Palmer Joe Scotch, Steve Shoemaker Heidi Swanson
<b>Mass Coordinators</b>	Sammy & Theresa Romano	Mike & Pat Kantaris	David & Eleanora Castagnetta Coley & Richard Robichaux
<b>Lectors</b>	Ree Morin - 1 Rebecca Blythe - 2	Michael Matlock - 1 Jim E Smith Jr - 2	Marilyn Chiaramonte - 1 Donna Francavilla - 2
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Burns, Thom Berry Ray Morin, Larry Swetonic	Chris Moore, Pat Kantaris Caleb Moore, Jonah Moore	Milene Panzica, Paul Jones George Juneman, Phillip Troha Mary Grace Tucker
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Mary Keithleen Favela Matthew Marquet, Ella Sciarra Robert Marquet, Emma Zaiontz	Elliot Marrero Jessica Heberlein, Elizabeth Mitchim Emelia Mitchim, Laura Valderrama	Brianna Braden Ethan Lee, Jonathon Porco Nicholas Foster, Levi Hardegree
<b>Greeters</b>	Linda Grainger, Karen Kapp Tom Lager, Rae Sarver	Anthony Cuicchi Diane Cuicchi	Ercelle Burrus, Sarah Hebert Laura Hughes, Myrna Scotch
<b>Altar Linens</b>	Diane Stith		
<b>Cantors</b>	Cynthia Brown	Kathryn Garaca	Kathryn Garaca

## Women of Saint Mark

We will meet for Reflection and Prayer on Tuesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 10 - 11:30 AM followed by Mass at Noon.

**No Scripture Classes on Nov. 23 or Nov. 24**



### ADVENT TIME

- Help needed setting up **Christmas Trees** Dec. 11 after the 10:30 Mass (for about an hour)
- **Decorating the Church** on Sunday Dec. 18th after the 1 PM Mass
- **Children's Advent Program** Dec. 11th (Sunday) 2-3:30 PM in the Parish Hall
- **Children's Pageant Practice** on Dec. 4, 11, 18 after the 10:30 Mass (only 1 hour)

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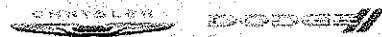
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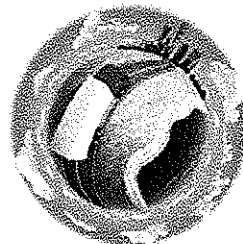
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