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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.

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.

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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.

Sunday: 12 Noon – 7:00 P.M.

First Friday Exposition: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

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

Meet with Father Culotta @ 980-1810, ext. #2

Visit wedding link on Website prior to meeting

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## Thanksgiving Weekend Office Hours

During the coming week the office will close on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 and will reopen on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> with regular hours.

Next bulletin will have no financial information as the data will not be available on time, but it will be included in the following bulletin on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## New Parish Life Center Memorial Gift

We invite all parishioners to prayerfully consider participating in the Parish Life Center Memorial Gift Fund by making a special memorial gift. Gifts may be made for various reasons, for example, in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone, in thanksgiving or for any other reason you may wish. With the upcoming Christmas season, a gift could even be made in the name of that special person on your list that you have no idea what to give as a gift.

If you choose, gifts of \$250 and above may be recognized with a leaf on the Parish Giving Tree with personalized wording. Your gift may be submitted using the form you recently received in the mail.

Should you need a form, additional copies are available on the Greeter's Desk in the Narthex. If you have any questions, you may contact Milton Davis, 205-937-9381, Alain Gallet, 205-541-7956, or the Parish Office.

The purpose of this Fund is to contribute to the financing of the new Parish Life Center being proposed to better serve our Parish and Youth. We are confident with your continued support and generosity, we can achieve the goal of \$250,000, and for this, we thank you.

May God continue to bless you, your families and the Parish of Saint Mark.

## Mass Intentions

*Mon. Nov 20- 10:30 A.M. - at Somerby Retirement*  
*Thurs. Nov 23 - 9:00 A.M. - Thanksgiving Day*  
*Fri. Nov 24- 8:30 A.M. - The Faithfully Departed*  
*Sat. Nov 25- 4:00 P.M. - The Faithfully Departed*  
*Sun. Nov 26- 7:45 A.M. - The Faithfully Departed*  
*Sun. Nov 26- 10:30 A.M. - People of the Parish*

## Weekly Readings

**20 Mon** - 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43  
**21 Tue The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
- 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10  
**22 Wed** - 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28  
**23 Thu Thanksgiving Day**  
- 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44  
**24 Fri** - 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48  
**25 Sat** - 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40  
**26 SUN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
- Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

## Financial Information

	<u>Week of 11/12/17</u>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 27,752
Building Fund	\$ 27,338
Holy Days	\$ 920
	<b>\$ 56,010</b>
	<u>Year to Date</u>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 706,447
Building Fund	\$ 863,460
Holy Days	\$ 14,043
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$ 1,583,950</b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$ 1,424,462</b>

## Wedding Coordinators



Would you like to be a wedding coordinator? The Parish is Looking for individuals or couples who would like to serve in this joy filled ministry. You would be responsible to relate to the bride and groom prior to the wedding day and serve as contact for the parish, be present at the rehearsal, and present during the wedding. You would receive a small stipend. For more information, please contact Judy Jones at (205) 533-2065 or judyjones6@me.com



## Christmas Pageant - Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at the 4 PM Mass

Children ages 4 years to Grade 3 are invited to participate.

Practices: Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> (for about 1 hour immediately after 10:30 AM Mass)

**SIGN UP** at the Greeters desk



### Women of Saint Mark Christmas Dinner

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

6 -7 PM

Gathering with refreshments

7 -8 PM

Dinner (from the Char House)

Suggested donation \$5

All Are Welcome - Please pre-register  
At the desk or St. Terry [stmarkpa@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmarkpa@bellsouth.net)

### TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE



The Vocations Chalice will be received by the Poczatek Family at the 10:30 Mass this weekend. We thank them for hosting the Vocations Chalice in their home during this week of Thanksgiving.

"The best thing for us is not what we consider best, but what the Lord wants of us!" ~ Saint Josephine Bakhita

If you would like more information on the Vocations Chalice Program, please contact Kristin Sessions (205)529-6356 or [kprs205@hotmail.com](mailto:kprs205@hotmail.com)

*Dear Parishioners,*

*An invitation is extended for our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 AM. Traditionally the bread you will be serving at your table that day is blessed for you and your family. Thanksgiving is a wonderful day to gather for Mass.*

*A word of thanks to all who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner last Sunday especially Jeanne Welsh and the Hospitality Committee and ALL the great helpers.*

*We welcome Bishop Foley to all the Masses this weekend. I will be away so a very Happy Thanksgiving if you are unable to be at Mass on Thanksgiving.*

*We are all blessed and hopefully happy that we can experience and share in God's love each and every day. Hope and Joy,*

*Fr. Joe*

# Upcoming in December 2017

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## Holiday Pecan Sale Fundraiser for Youth

*Great for gift giving, baking, or simply enjoying!*

Our youth programs are growing and we have a lot planned for 2018. The profits from the pecan sale help fund these activities. Please help support our youth programs with the purchase of these delicious pecans.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Narthex

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### Save these Dates!

Sunday, December 10th  
Youth Mass 5:00 pm  
Youth Christmas Party  
6:00-8:30 pm



Join us for Mass with the youth choir and stay for a holiday get-together with food, fun and festivities.

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## CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 16th - 10:00 am  
Chelsea Christmas Parade

Saint Mark is sponsoring a float in this year's Christmas parade - its theme is *Joy of the Season*. Come help us spread the holiday cheer!

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It's our First Annual Breakfast with Santa!  
Sunday, December 17 8:45 - 10:15 am

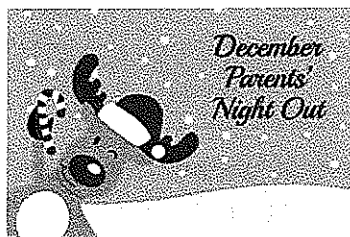
Jolly Saint Nick will be joining us! Lots of time to visit with Santa. Bring a camera and a hearty appetite.



## DROP n' SHOP Parents' Night Out

Saturday, December 9th  
5:00 - 9:00 pm

Register at  
[stmarkfcy@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmarkfcy@bellsouth.net)



Everybody could use a little more time during the holidays! Drop the kids with us for a fun-filled night of games, ornament decorating, festive food, and holiday entertainment.

Liturgical Schedule	Saturday November 25, 2017 4:00	Sunday November 26, 2017 7:45	Sunday November 26, 2017 10:30
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Communion</b>	Rebecca Blythe, Ruth Cook, Suzy Gray, Beverly Huddleston, Tom Huddleston	Annamaire DiCihara, Lou Inzinna, Tony Inzinna, Nancy Ladshaw, Theresa LoMonaco	Jenny Camp, Joe Scotch, Keri Eitzen, Eleanora Castagnetta, Theresa LoMonaco, Marsha Floyd, Malynnda Guarisco, Ana Hall, Vincent Lovoy
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Burns, Thom Berry, Connie Bailey, Ray Morin	Amos Mitchim, Giovanni Garza, Wayne Gwaltney, Michael Rall	George Juneman, Kevin Camp, Rachel Camp, Paul Jones, Mary Grace Tucker
<b>Lector</b>	Darlene McCulloch - 1 Ree Morin - 2	Milton Davis -1 Jim E Smith, Jr. -2	Lisa Arrington - 1 Teresa Palmer - 2
<b>Mass Coordinators</b>	Mike and Pat Kantaris	Sammy and Theresa Romano	David and Eleanora Castagnetta
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Mary Kathleen Favela, Emma Zaiontz, Brianna Braden, Levi Hardegree, Ella Sclara, Daniel Ospina	Lisa Heberlein, Tilly Gwaltney, Jessica Heberlein, Troy Gwaltney, Laura Valderrama	Elizabeth Camp, Anna Arrington, Kathryn Lynch, Sam Lynch
<b>Greeters</b>	Larry and Joanne Angell, Connie Bailey, Linda Grainger	Anthony and Diane Cuicchi	Peter Bibbo, Ercelle Burrus, Ryan Christopher Campisi
<b>Altar Linens</b>	Terry Lupenski		
<b>Cantors</b>	Cynthia Brown	Kathryn Garaca	Allison Creel



**Advent Morning of Prayer  
Mary, Patroness of the Americas**

**Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>  
10 to 11:30 AM**

**Followed by Mass at Noon**

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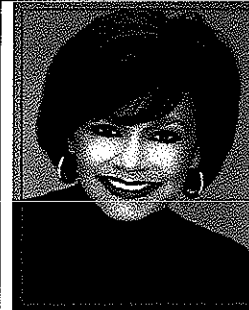


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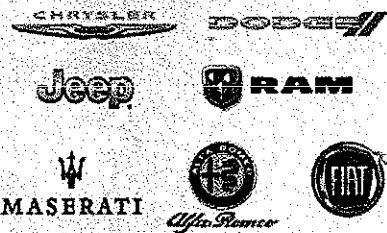
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