

Maneline

ST. MARK Catholic Community

Invitation to the Little Way—Making Creation Whole

By Faith Roberts

St. Therese's little way to holiness consisted of always being aware of God's presence and doing every ordinary thing with this in mind. When we think of this approach to daily holiness, we usually think of it in terms of how we relate to the other people with whom we come into contact every day. This is, of course, very important, but I have felt called to push this idea to include not only the people I meet directly but also those distant from me. In our global economy, we who live in the developed world often do not consider the consequences of our behavior on others who are out of sight and not of immediate importance to us.

What if we worked toward the idea that every little daily thing we did should be done mindfully, in gratitude to the Lord? From the food we eat to the trash we make, to whenever we act in our role as consumers, in every aspect, we take into account the bigger picture? That everything is ultimately a gift from God, that every act we do we should do for love of the Lord? This is Christian mindfulness. I want to orient my life to this simple, joyful, God-centered, sacrificial little way of living. I have failed daily in this! But still the Holy Spirit calls me to persevere. So I keep trying and failing and trying again and maybe doing something a tiny bit better, thereby not failing quite so spectacularly.

Two Lents ago, I determined to live lighter on God's green earth. I started with habits I knew I could switch to right away, for example, bringing reusable bags to the store with me and bringing my own travel mug instead of buying coffee in a paper cup. Always hauling a reusable water bottle with me. Bringing my own

“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.”

— St. Therese of Lisieux

utensils when getting take out. Saying no to straws. Because of my Lenten vow, I did not let myself cheat. If I wanted coffee but had forgotten my mug, well, I went without. It was Lent after all! If I was thirsty but had forgotten my refillable water bottle, I waited until I got home to have a drink.

I also researched many other little ways to reduce the waste we as a family generated. I educated myself on recycling and became much more conscientious. I adapted my meal planning so that I would generate less waste when cooking for my family. I made the decision to try to go zero waste in my household of seven. This was a huge change of pace for us that I imposed on everyone in the name of Lent. Probably I shouldn't have been quite so gung ho! But I keep moving forward, trying to find better methods that work for us. My frequent prayer is: Have patience with me, Lord Jesus!

Care For Creation

By Betsy Zolper

On a larger scale, can the sum of our everyday actions help preserve the gift of God's creation? Bishop Burbidge believes so. On January 16, he signed the U.S. Catholic Climate Declaration, expressing support for climate goals outlined in the Paris Agreement. Our Diocese joins 788 members of Catholic Dioceses and institutions from 40 states in this initiative started by Catholic Climate Covenant.

The U.S. Catholic Bishops believe so and stated in 2015: *“Care for Creation is a moral issue. Protecting the land, water, and air we share is a religious duty of stewardship and reflects our responsibility to born and unborn children, who are most vulnerable to environmental assault.”* We must answer the question that Pope Francis posed to the world: *“What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?”*

Actions at ST. MARK:

Our Parish believes so: ST. MARK School is composting and tackling how to effectively recycle. Many Parish programs are washing china and glasses, eschewing the “sip once and throw away” cups. A team of Parishioners is focusing on Parish energy efficiency. If you would like to join the little way of caring for Creation, look for Lenten Action for Creation at Risk in the *Bulletin* during Lent. Perhaps each of us can continue work on our part to care for Creation and orient ourselves to “this simple, joyful, God-centered, sacrificial little way of living.”



ST. MARK Joins 2019 March for Life

By Maureen Barrett

“Unique from Day One: Pro-Life Is Pro Science” was the theme of the March for Life 2019 on January 18. “Science is behind the pro-life movement. We see that medical and technological advancements always affirm the pro-life movement, for example, DNA is present at fertilization, and no fingerprint on earth, past, present, or future, is the same. We know, too, a baby’s heart beats at just six weeks, and we can distinctly observe it ourselves with ultrasound technology,” said Jeanne Mancini, President of the March for Life. “As science progresses, we see clearly that every life is unique from day one in the womb.”

The planning at ST. MARK for the 2019 March for Life started last fall. A deposit was put on the bus, announcements of the date were put in the *Bulletin*, and travelers from Pennsylvania and Tennessee called asking if we would host them for breakfast.

Students from Tennessee

The first group to experience our hospitality was 150+ students, teachers, chaperones, Principal, and School Priest from Father Ryan High School in Nashville, Tennessee. They arrived at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, and Bill Grossman welcomed them. They used our classrooms, bathrooms, and the Msgr. Cassidy Activities Center to eat and change clothes. They boarded the three buses at 7:50 a.m., before the ST. MARK car pool started, for a full schedule of activities in Washington, DC, on Thursday and Friday. The students were supposed to join us for 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, January 19, but they decided to head back to Nashville early Saturday due to the winter storm crossing the country.

Students from Pennsylvania

The second group was welcomed on Friday morning by Rick Allridge and Mark McNamee of the Pro-Life committee and provided with breakfast. There were buses from ST. SCHOLASTICA Parish from Aspinwall, Pennsylvania, and ST. PATRICK Parish from Canonsburg,



Pennsylvania. Both Parishes are in the greater Pittsburgh area. Some 60 people stopped and had breakfast before heading to the Verizon Center.

ST. MARK Participants

Later in the day, Parishioners from ST. MARK, ST. BRIDGET OF IRELAND, and ST. THOMAS à BECKET attended the 9:15 a.m. Mass concelebrated by our Pastor, Father Pat Holroyd, and former Parochial Vicar and current Pastor of ST. BRIDGET, Father Paul Grankauskas. Everyone enjoyed a light breakfast and then boarded the bus to go to the March in Washington,



DC. Before the bus left, Father Paul blessed us.

The day started out cloudy but improved as the sun came out. We stopped by the rally at 12th Street NW and Constitution Avenue, where we learned that President Trump reiterated his enduring support for pro-life laws or policies. Archbishop Joseph F.

Naumann, Chairman of the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, responded with the following statement:

“As Chairman of the U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, I commend President Trump for announcing at today’s March for Life that he will oppose repealing or weakening any existing pro-life laws or policies. These

prlife laws and policies reflect the convictions of millions of Americans, many of whom attended today’s March, that taxpayers should not be forced to fund abortions, or organizations that promote abortion, or participate in any way in the deliberate destruction of unborn human life.”

Vice President Michael Pence and his wife, Karen Pence, spoke at the rally. Jeanne Mancini stated that the Pro-Life Movement is neither Republican or Democrat. Both Republican and Democrat Members of Congress were on the stage, including Congressman Dan Lipinski (D-IL) and Congressman

Chris Smith (R-NJ). One particularly motivating speaker was State Representative Katrina Jackson (D-LA), who stated that before she is a politician, she is a Christian and therefore is Pro-Life. Senator Steve Daines (R-MT) said that he

started the Pro-Life Caucus in the Senate and 48 Senators joined him. The Senate Pro-Life Caucus sent President Trump a message that 49 senators would support his veto of any bill that took away the rights of the unborn.

Dr. Kathi Aultman, a former abortionist and current fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and

March for Life

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Gynecologists, reported the prejudice against pro-life people, both getting into medical schools and being allowed to follow their conscience and not perform abortions.

Other speakers were Ally Cavazos, President of Princeton Pro-Life, who stated that she has a genetic disability and has lived a full life; Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus; Abby Johnson, founder of

And Then There Were None; and Dr. Alveda King, Director of Civil Rights for the Unborn, the African-American Outreach for Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries.

Estimates were that more than 60 percent of the Marchers were younger than 24 years old. Young people are much



more pro-life than their parents and grandparents and are known as the Pro-Life Generation. Technology is seen as the main factor for this. These young people

grew up seeing their younger brothers and sisters via sonogram before they were born.

The date for the 2020 March for Life is Friday, January 24, 2020. Please plan on joining us!

RCIA Program Looks Forward to Easter Vigil

By Jean Lupinacci

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a conversion process for people who want to become Roman Catholic. There is a Ritual Book that outlines the process in detail, including adaptations for children older than age six years and those already Baptized and uncatechized.

There are three ritual steps and four periods in RCIA. Anyone who comes to *ST. MARK* seeking more information about joining our Faith Community is called an “Inquirer” and enters the **first period**, known as “Evangelization and Pre-Catechumenate.”

Rite of Acceptance

When they are ready, they go through the **first ritual step**, which is called “The Rite of Acceptance or Welcome.” At *ST. MARK*, this Rite occurred in September and November 2018 at two different Masses. This Ritual Step is a public declaration of their intention to begin their journey; it is also an opportunity for the members of the Faith Community to publicly acknowledge their support and joyfully welcome them. It includes the marking with the Sign of the Cross. The unbaptized are then considered “Catechumens”; the baptized are “Candidates,” and they enter the **second period** called the “Catechumenate.”

During the Catechumenate, they embark on a deeper journey into what it means to become Catholic and to become a part of the *ST. MARK* Faith Community. The Catechumens and Candidates gather weekly to learn more

about the Catholic Faith. At these weekly sessions, they hear about such topics as the Faith, the Mass, Scripture, the Incarnation, Sacraments, Prayer, Liturgical Seasons, and Christian Moral Life. They also attend Sunday Mass together with their sponsors. After the homily, they are dismissed with a Catechist who helps them to dig deeper into the Scripture Readings for the day. They are also, through their sponsors and others, invited to participate in various *ST. MARK* events and activities to get to know our faith community better.

Rite of Election

On March 10, we will send the Catechumens and Candidates to the Bishop for the second ritual step the “Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion.” At this point, they are now known as the “Elect” and enter the **third period** of “Purification & Enlightenment.” This is an intense period, coinciding with LENT, which will include three Scrutiny Rites. The Elect consider seriously their commitment to become Catholic and explore what they need to do to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation.

Sacraments of Initiation

After prayer and discussion with RCIA team members, sponsors, candidates and catechumens, the decision is made when to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. If they are ready, they will go through the **third and final ritual step**, the celebration of the “Sacraments of Initiation” at the EASTER Vigil and become “Neophytes,” entering the

final period of “Mystagogy.” During Mystagogy, they will continue to meet as a group to share and discern. They will reflect on the mysteries, which include the sacraments and also the sacramental life we live.

ST. MARK has eight adults in the RCIA process as of January 31, 2019:

Inquirer:

Jamal Hadieh

Catechumens:

Sean Lindenmuth

Christina Prisbe

Jessica Prisbe

Chang Suh

Karen Wawrzasek

Candidates:

Stacey Ashman

Joe Wawrzaszek

ST. MARK also has four children, ranging in age from 8-14 years, in the RCIA process:

Catechumens:

William Jones

Audrey Valdez

Lauren Valdez

Evan Wawrzaszek

Please pray for all those in the RCIA process!

Countdown to CONFIRMATION

By Ana Lisa Pison

We are in the final months of preparation for CONFIRMATION, which will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. The Most Reverend Michael Burbidge will be the main celebrant. Please pray for our CONFIRMANDI in these final weeks.

Retreat Weekends

Our preparatory retreats will be held in March: the boys' retreat will be March 15-17, and the girls' retreat will be March 22-24. Following the retreats, the prospective CONFIRMANDI will be interviewed by members of the Parish.

Spirit Teams

Spirit Teams are a major component of CONFIRMATION preparation at *ST. MARK*. They consist of small groups of 9 to 13 7th grade students in the Religious

Education program, the School, and those being Homeschooled and provide **service, spiritual, and social** opportunities for students to help prepare them for CONFIRMATION that they will receive in 8th grade. Spirit Teams replace the service hour requirement in some Parishes. Living our Catholic faith is more than just knowing information and attending Mass. Spirit Teams provide a unique opportunity for valuable and meaningful formation and practice of our faith that can only occur outside of the classroom. The ultimate goal is to make disciples of Christ and to foster community.

Several factors are considered when forming Spirit Teams, including school affiliation, geographic location, and familiarity with other members of the team. All teams include both genders and a mix

of schools. Spirit Teams meet about once every six weeks, with at least nine meetings to cover the service, spiritual, and social aspects of the sacramental preparation. Team leaders are responsible for planning their own activities, with the input of the team.

Volunteers Needed

We need help with the CONFIRMATION Reception following the Mass. Help is needed to serve refreshments and to process the robe return, as well as to clean up during and after the reception.

We are planning for the 2020 Sacrament of CONFIRMATION. If you would like to volunteer to help at the May reception, or to help with a Spirit Team next year, please contact apinson@stmark.org or nweaver@stmark.org for more information.

ST. MARK School Places Third in State Cyber Robotics Coding Competition

By Jeanne K. Bliss

Students, faculty, and parents at *ST. MARK* School braved the elements to vie for the top spot in the Virginia State Finals of the Cyber Robotics Coding Competition (CRCC), held at the Virginia Commonwealth University's (VCU) College of Engineering in January. The effort paid off, as the school's two teams both placed in the top 10 for the entire state. One team placed third, earning the students \$16,000 worth of scholarships if they attend VCU.

The four-week-long statewide competition, sponsored by VCU and CodeVA, included 35 public and private schools from across the state, engaging nearly 2,500 students. Sixteen schools earned spots at the State Finals, where students worked in 32 teams of two, including *ST. MARK* students Valentina Rozo (8th grade), Frankie Anstett (8th grade), Ava Romeo (7th grade), and Finley Tarr (7th grade). Valentina and Frankie took bronze, missing 2nd place by only one point. Ava and Finley placed 10th.

Organized by Intelitek STEM and CTE Education Foundation, the CRCC is a virtual coding competition that provides students and educators with the opportunity to build STEM-related skills using a cloud-based simulation platform



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ST. MARK students and faculty accept awards at the Virginia Cyber Robotics Coding Competition Finals. Left to right: Melissa Jacoby, K-5 computer teacher, Finley Tarr (gr. 7), Ava Romeo (gr. 7), Valentina Rozo (gr. 8), Frankie Anstett (gr. 8), Jeanne Bliss, 6-8 computer teacher.

featuring a virtual, 3D-animated robot. The CRCC is open to all middle schools in Virginia, recognizing the importance of inclusion and diversity in STEM education. "The Cyber Robotics Coding Competition strives to engage all students in computer science experiences to foster an interest in STEM and coding early on," said Ido Yerushalmi, CEO of Intelitek.

"We are so proud of our students for shining in this state-wide event. We feel strongly that by focusing our instruction on critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and teamwork, that they will succeed in any number of challenges across multiple disciplines, including coding," said Darcie Girmus, Principal at *ST. MARK*.

According to Trevor Pope, CRCC Competition Master, "Coding is a valuable skill and essential form of literacy for today's job market, not just for today but for the future. The CRCC competition builds a solid foundation for students to learn computer science skills in an incredibly engaging way. It is a wonderful opportunity for Virginia students."

ST. MARK School was recently named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence for consistently high test scores. For more information about the School, visit stmark.org/school, or call 703-281-9103.

[Editor's note: Jeanne K. Bliss is the computer teacher for grades 6 through 8.]

Altar Servers Participate in Liturgical Ministry

By John Kuchenbrod

From BAPTISM, each of us is called to participate in the life of the Church. One of the first opportunities available for our children and youth to serve in a “particular ministry” at Mass is the Altar Server Ministry. Fourth graders and older students are welcome to participate in this ministry.

ST. MARK currently has 50 active Altar Servers, ranging from fourth grade to high school. You may even see a college student helping out at times when a Crucifer is needed! Altar Servers normally serve at one or two weekend Masses per month; several also participate at the 9:15 a.m. Friday Mass attended by ST. MARK School students and faculty.

I have served as the Altar Server Coordinator since November, having first been trained by my predecessor, Michelle Anstett. Coordinators serve two-year terms. I conduct training sessions two to three times a year and do “on-call” training as the need arises. I oversee our scheduling system that allows Altar Server families to sign up online on a more real-time basis. I work with the Worship Commission to ensure that special Masses during various liturgical seasons (especially CHRISTMAS and the EASTER TRIDUUM) have the necessary number of Altar Servers participating. I find the work very rewarding—it is great to see young people who are excited about ministering at the Mass!

Training Sessions

Altar Servers go through training sessions based on their role in the ministry. They first learn about processing with the candles, assisting with the wine and handwashing, and participating in the

Mass. Sixth grade and older students can be trained as a Crucifer, where they learn about processing with the Cross, holding the Roman Missal for the priest, helping the priest or deacon prepare the altar, assisting with the Presentation of the Gifts, and clearing the altar. Finally, eighth grade and older students can be trained as a Thurifer, after which they can assist with the use of incense at Holy Thursday and Funeral Masses and at the Benediction at the end of Exposition of the BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Altar Servers’ Insights

Here are some comments from some of those Altar Servers and their families:

■ **Elizabeth Brown** is in her sixth year as an Altar Server and participates in the 8:15 a.m. Choir. She has served for Bishop Burbidge on multiple occasions, as well as at the Easter Vigil and Good Friday. Elizabeth notes, “As a young woman in the Church, I consider altar serving to be a great privilege; it is one of the only ministries in which I can fully participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the most important part of the Catholic Mass.”

■ **Andrew Turner** is in his sixth year as an Altar Server. “I love serving the Benediction because it helps me to feel close to Jesus in the Eucharist.” His mother, Jeanine Turner, has noticed that the ministry has helped her children “understand the flow of the Mass and feel closer to the celebration.”

■ **Joseph Molinini** has been an Altar Server for just over two years, and one of his first Masses in the ministry was memorable. He was one of two



Altar servers prepare for Mass: Shown left to right are Sarah Zakreski, Crucifer Anna Zakreski, and David Fronzaglia.

servers for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, and both of them had just gone through their initial training. He recalls, “Even though I had only served once ever, I was the older so I took on the role of Crucifer. Father Paul quietly directed me through what I was supposed to do. After that I was never nervous about serving again!” His mother, Meagan Molinini, has noticed the impact Joseph has had on their family. “Joseph has two younger brothers. When Joseph serves, the younger ones feel just as much pride knowing that their brother is on the altar assisting the priest during Mass. It is such a positive influence to them and creates a more personal connection to the Mass.”

■ **Caitlin Holtaway** was trained in December to be an Altar Server. “I was excited when I heard them announce at Mass that fourth graders could train to be Altar Servers because I always wanted to try it. I am so glad I did because it is fun. It makes me feel happy to be part of the Mass.” Her favorite part about serving is “meeting new people who serve and getting to know them better. I always make a new friend each week!”

MARCH SAINTS AND BLESSEDS

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| 4 St. Casimir | 17 St. Patrick |
| 6 Ash Wednesday | 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem |
| 7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs | 19 St. Joseph |
| 8 St. John of God | 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo |
| 9 St. Francis of Rome | 25 The Annunciation of the Lord |

Celebrating the Real St. Patrick

By Mary Fisk

Celebrations of St. Patrick's Day usually focus on green beer and controversial parades and plastic shamrocks. The real man and his journey are far from these festivities — and infinitely more enduring.

Patrick was born in Roman Britain circa 387 AD. As the son of an official in the Roman empire, he enjoyed a privileged life, received a solid education, and enjoyed festivities with friends. All of these comforts were taken away from him suddenly, when he was kidnapped by invading tribes and sold into slavery to a Druid chieftain across the sea in Ireland.

Wrenched away from all that he knew and loved, he was sent out to the open countryside as a shepherd. We may think of shepherding as a bucolic lifestyle, but it was far from that. Stripped of even basic human dignity, he was alone with his flock in the hills for months at a time. He endured the physical discomforts of cold and damp, rain and sleet, as well as the grief of separation from loved ones. He writes in his *Confession* that in his former life of comfort, he had strayed from God. Now, in the dark and cold nights, with the wind whistling and the wolves howling, he found God again. He tells us he prayed 100 times during the days and another 100 times during the nights. In these years of hardship, a bond of love with his Lord was forged that would never again be broken.

Patrick eventually escaped, walking 200 miles to the sea and returning home. Here he could have stayed, surrounded by all he had once held so dear. Eventually, however, he felt the urgent call to return to the land that had enslaved him and to

In the manner of the Celts, Patrick's enduring prayer describes how he surrounded himself completely with the power and love of God to fortify him each day. God's grace enabled him to defeat the spiritual and physical dangers and to preach the Gospel so successfully. His vision can help us to find strength and endurance so many centuries later.

... Christ be with me, Christ within me,

Christ behind me, Christ before me,

Christ beside me, Christ to win me,

Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,

Christ in hearts of all that love me,

Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,

The strong Name of the Trinity,

By invocation of the same,

The Three in One and One in Three.

By Whom all nature hath creation,

Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:

Praise to the Lord of my salvation,

Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

bring its people to Christ and His Church. Tradition says that his uncle was St. Martin of Tours and that Patrick traveled to France to study and prepare himself for his spiritual mission. He spent more than 20 years in France and perhaps Italy in study and immersion in the growing tradition of monasticism. Finally, in 432 AD, after the incumbent Bishop Palladius had been martyred, Pope Celestine sent Patrick to Ireland as his replacement.

Patrick labored tirelessly in an initially hostile setting for some 30 years. The hostility came primarily from the established Druid religion, whose priests held great

political power as advisers to the kings. He received many death threats but persevered. He was soon joined in his missionary work by Bishops and priests from the continent of Europe that was in the turmoil of the fall of the Roman Empire and the ensuing chaos.

In the course of engaging in the primary work of bringing Christianity to the pagans—without bloodshed—Patrick and his disciples founded and expanded a series of monasteries throughout the country that became centers of faith

and learning, attracting students from throughout Europe and as far away as Greece and Russia. Ireland became “the land of saints and scholars.” In the dark centuries on the continent when so much learning was lost, the monks in Ireland preserved the great store of knowledge from the Greek and Roman empires; these monks returned this knowledge to the continent in the sixth and seventh centuries. Within one century after Patrick's death in 461 AD, his successors had founded more than 80 monasteries throughout Europe.

So as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day in 2019, we can learn much from this remarkable man—slave and evangelist of Ireland, priest and Bishop, scholar and lover of God. His willingness to follow His Lord and give himself completely to the service of others quite literally changed the history of Ireland — and of the entire Western world.

Save the Date! Inner Healing Lenten Retreat

**Praise and Worship,
Eucharistic Adoration, and
Healing Mass**

Friday, March 15:
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 16:
9:00 a.m.-4:00p.m.

Join us to experience spiritual healing, renewal, and the love of God during this Lenten retreat!

The retreat will be led by Fr. Thomas Bobby Emprayil, VC (Vincentian Congregation founded by St. Vincent de Paul)

For more information, email info@divinemercurypraiseva.org or call 703-223-5605 or 703-938-3774.

ANNUAL RETREAT HELD AT PRIESTFIELD



The Annual Retreat for Fr. Pat and the Parish Staff, School Staff, and Pastoral Council members was held at Priestfield, West Virginia, from January 25 to January 27.

Staff participants included the Administrative, Religious Education, and Youth Ministry members; School Staff included both Faculty and Support members; and the Pastoral Council members included both At-Large Representatives and Commission Representatives.

M&Ms Calendar of Upcoming Events

March

- 5: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast and presentation by Fr. Tuck
- 13: St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Auld Shebeen
- 27: Bus to Library of Congress and Capitol and lunch
- 29: M&M Soup & Stations Night

April

- 3: Coffee Social after 9:15 a.m. Mass
- 17: Potluck Luncheon
- 24: Bus to Dumbarton Oaks and lunch at Old Europe

May

- 1: Coffee Social after 9:15 a.m. Mass
- 15: Potluck Luncheon
- 29: Bus to Botanical Gardens and lunch at Ft. Myers



Tim Zens and children enjoy a Movie Night in the Msgr. Cassidy Activities Center. The film, "Small Foot", was about a community of Big Foots (Yetis) who live on a mountain top, completely isolated from humans. When one Big Foot encounters a Small Foot (human), an uproar ensues since they do not believe in Small Foot. About 130 adults and children attended the event, and one family really got into the mood as can be seen from the Big Foot pajamas they wore.

Milestones

NEW PARISHIONERS

ST. MARK welcomes the following new Parishioners to our Parish family:

Alanna Baker
 Michael and Nancy Bradley
 Robert and Catherina Candela
 Edson and Glenys Chavez
 Steven Fennel and Mary Hoang
 Ryan Horner
 Stephen and Minshin Kim
 Vincent Low and Lucy Chang
 Patricia Markarian
 Virginia O'Connor
 Dina Reed
 Courtney Seltman
 Michael and Melissa Seltman
 Brad and Tara Swelstad
 Paul and Maureen Whittington

MATRIMONY

James Philip Thompson
 and Tracey Anne Shea

BAPTISM

Rose Katherine Duhon
 Aaron Christopher Hyman
 Zachary Michael Nickerson

DEATHS

The following Parishioners entered into eternal life:

John Altmiller
 Helen McGoldrick
 Mary Pattan
 George Terry

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Mark Your Calendar

March

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| <p>1 First Friday Eucharistic Adoration opens at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>2-3 High School Workcamp mulch orders</p> <p>3 Eucharist Workshop 2:00 p.m.
Youth and Family Mass 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>6 Ash Wednesday: Masses at 6:15 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>7 Embry Rucker Food Delivery 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>8 Children's Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>9-10 High School Workcamp mulch orders</p> <p>10 High School Leadership 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>13 The Light Is On for You PENANCE 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>14 <i>ST. MARK</i> School Kindergarten Open House 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>15-17 Boys CONFIRMATION Retreat</p> <p>15 Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>16 Day of Retreat starts 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>17 Christ House Food Delivery 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>20 The Light Is On for You PENANCE 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>21 High School Workcamp Meeting 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>22-24 Girls' CONFIRMATION Retreat</p> <p>22 Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>25 <i>ST. MARK</i> School Open House 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>27 The Light Is On for You PENANCE 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>29 Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>30 High School Workcamp mulch delivery 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p> |
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