

Maneline

ST. Mark Catholic Community

Small Communities of Faith: Faith, Friends, and Fellowship

By *Mary Fisk*

“*Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them.*”
Matthew 18:20

The *ST. MARK* Small Communities of Faith (SCF) ministry hosted a wine and cheese reception following the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 16. Members of existing groups, as well as anyone interested in learning more about the SCFs, enjoyed assorted dips, fruits, and cheese and crackers, as well as lemonade and white and red wines.

SCFs, a well-established tradition at *ST. MARK*, were formed to help members of such a large Parish to benefit from growing in the Faith and sharing the Scriptures in informal settings in people’s homes. Facilitators are trained, and the groups are developed in a trusting environment. All of the SCFs use materials that include the weekly Mass readings. Some groups also explore a specific religious topic through the use of videos. The members of the groups open their meetings — usually twice monthly — with a prayer or a hymn, read the Scriptures for the following Sunday’s Mass, and then discuss the readings. Members’ insights and experiences help to make the readings very relevant to life and work in the 21st century. The meetings end with time for prayer for everyone’s intentions and often some refreshments provided by the host for each week.

Individual SCFs meet almost every evening in the week from the fall through the spring. Most groups are heterogeneous — as is the Parish. Friendships develop — and most groups also celebrate community with an “end-of-year” gathering, or a holiday or summer gathering.

Members’ Experiences

The benefits people describe are as varied as the participants themselves:

■ **Deacon John Allen:** “My wife and I have been in a SCF for 25 years. The whole experience is wonderful. I especially appreciate learning how others understand the Sunday Mass readings and what it would mean for them to live them out in life. This helps me to find more direction for my life.”

■ **Fred Heinzelmann:** “Being in fellowship with persons who share your Faith is a real blessing. It allows you to see and appreciate how God plays an important role in our lives.”

■ **Mark Edwards:** “A SCF is perfect for someone wanting to enrich their faith in a small community setting. Using the Gospel as the foundation of discussion, we share what the readings mean for us in our everyday lives. The different perspectives of each member of the group enhance the experience.”

■ **Vito Florimonte:** “My experience with the SCF sessions is related to the many interpretations that members of the group generate and discuss. Frequently, readings we have heard many times during the course of many years at Mass are enriched by the remarks of others in the group to the extent that I personally feel closer to the group and my Faith. This newfound connection to our small group can be extrapolated to the general population at *ST. MARK*, and a sense of community begins to emerge that would not have existed if the SCFs did not do the spade work to cultivate this experience. I have also noticed that as we age and our responsibilities to our family and community change, our perspectives change as well; we have more time to listen and reflect on readings, and they loom larger in our lives. We truly do become ‘companions on the journey.’”

■ **Eleanor McCann:** “Belonging to a SCF is something of a privilege. It frees me from feeling like an outsider, even



Parishioners enjoyed refreshments at the Small Community of Faith reception.

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though I am a faithfully practicing Catholic and have done my share of volunteering. It is because it enables me to relate in a familiar and even a secure and loving way, to a group of rather special people. They are special not because most are what one might call, 'a pillar of the Church', but rather because they are down to earth, charitable, caring, and genuinely nice people. And big surprise! They also struggle with the same things that the rest of us struggle with: family problems, relationships, health, jobs, and even Faith to some degree. I feel more at home."

■ **Dennis Dwyer:** "Faith needs to be practiced, studied, and taught. Our SCF meetings compel each of us to do all three. We practice our faith by assembling in Christ's name. The Greek word for 'church' is 'ekklesia', but the original meaning of 'ekklesia' is 'a people called out [of society] to assemble.' We study by reading the assigned passages in advance. We teach by sharing the meaning of the text as it applies to our lives."



An additional benefit is that SCFs offer the opportunity to get to know people we otherwise would not. People typically select a group based on how the meeting time works with their schedules.

However, when individuals come to a SCF with their desire to grow in the Faith and their openness to God's grace, wonderful things can and do happen.

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Affordable Housing Needs Community Will

By Ann Ramish

Dr. Lisa Sturtevant, a project consultant, and Vincent Rogers from the Fairfax County Redevelopment Housing Authority, gave a presentation recently on the Fairfax County Strategic Plan for Housing to the Faith Communities in Action. Dr. Sturtevant said housing should be affordable, accessible, safe, and close to jobs and shopping.

She said that the topic of housing may be addressed in three ways: the heart, the brain, and the pocketbook. When there is safe and affordable housing, children do better. Schools do better. People of all ages experience better health, both mental and physical, and reduced stress. There is an increased likelihood of increased economic mobility and equitable access to opportunities. Commutes are shorter, and the tax base is broader. Stable housing saves money on health care, as well as emergency and police services.

She said that she does not want Fairfax County to follow San Francisco, where housing and property are so expensive that stores such as Walmart and dry cleaners are closing. Stores might even decide not to open because not enough people live in the area to do the work due to the lack of affordable housing. In Fairfax, for example, Inova might not be able to expand.

Companies are already moving from Fairfax to Richmond. She said that it is important to take steps now to make the county more affordable for service workers. When workers live in another county, the result is increased traffic and pollution and fewer taxes and customers.

"Houses are where jobs sleep at night," Dr. Sturtevant explained.

"There is no community will" to address the problem of inadequate affordable housing, Dr. Sturtevant declared. "We are losing tons of good teachers," she reported, "and we are getting a lot of teachers with no experience." Senior citizens and nursing home staff and emergency personnel all need housing. Fairfax County has more people turning 65 years than children entering kindergarten. Most seniors prefer to age in place, but they have fixed incomes. Driving can be a problem, and many need accessibility to health services and shopping. "Shouldn't the community be concerned?" Dr. Sturtevant asked.

She explained that Fairfax County has virtually no undeveloped land, and so increasing housing means increasing density, or mixed use, or taller buildings. Redevelopment is more expensive. High-rise buildings are more expensive to build than low buildings, and the rents are likely to be more expensive. At Tysons Corner, the redevelopment did not add any condos that would have provided housing opportunities for seniors.

"We can see this storm coming," stated Dr. Sturtevant. "It's much easier to plan when you can see it coming." Our choices, she continued, are to "pay now or pay later." The Fairfax County capital budget for affordable housing is \$6 million. In the past, one cent of the property tax went to affordable housing, but that is no longer the case. Arlington County, which is one-fifth the size of Fairfax County, has a budget of \$25 million.

Many people who work cannot find affordable housing. More than 90 percent of millennials want to be homeowners someday. Yet housing costs are going up, and incomes are not keeping up. From 2010 to 2015, the cost of single-family homes rose 15 percent, townhomes rose 23 percent, and condos rose 27 percent in Fairfax County. Household incomes only rose by 10 percent, but rents increased by 17 percent. "People need an income of at least \$70,560 to afford the typical rent." Yet "about 45 percent of all jobs in the county pay less than \$50,000 per year."

Obstacles to More Affordable Housing

Building housing is expensive due to rising costs of land, construction, and labor. State and local regulations are other obstacles. For example, zoning limits the construction of smaller homes and single room occupancy units (SROs). Community opposition to new housing is also an obstacle. People may associate affordable housing with undesirable neighbors, ugly buildings, dangers, and crime. Yet everyone wants to live in affordable housing. Dr. Sturtevant said, "The rent eats first," and it should not eat more than one-third of the pie.

She identified different approaches to funding sources. One is to engage corporations in investing in affordable housing. Without multiple sources of funding and public subsidies, affordable housing does not get built. Even with free land, outside funding is needed. Montgomery County requires that a certain percentage of units be affordable, but Fairfax has no such rule. "We need political will" in Fairfax, Dr. Sturtevant asserted.

Boy Scouts at ST. MARK

By Mark Brown

I am a Life Scout in Troop 1978, a Boy Scouts of America troop chartered by ST. MARK. The Troop was founded in 1975 with the goal of making Scouting fun and educational. Being in Troop 1978 has provided me with some very good lessons and encounters, including outdoor experiences, giving back to my community, and the opportunity to bond and have fun with my dad and brother.



Enjoying Nature

What is so cool about Troop 1978 is that it gives Scouts the opportunity to go camping in really interesting places every month. Being in these places, such as Civil War battlefields; the Shenandoah Mountains; and my favorite, Lake Anna, has taught me to appreciate the majesty of God's natural creations everywhere I go. Scouting has taught me to see things that may seem ordinary, like the sun setting over the Shenandoah Valley, and appreciate it as a sign of God's wonders.



Community Service

Scouting also gives me the opportunity to give back to my community through helping other Scouts' Eagle Projects and serving the Parish through various tasks at ST. MARK, such as spreading mulch

around the property and cleaning up litter. These experiences have even inspired me to do my own Eagle project. My project will involve creating a landscape bed across the street from the new Vienna Community Center along Park Street that the whole community can enjoy. As said in 1 Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." Scouting gives me the opportunity to serve my community and to be a steward of God's grace.

Treasured Memories

Troop 1978 has also given me an opportunity to spend quality time with my dad and brother. Scouting allows the three of us to do many fun things

together, including camping, hiking, cooking, and canoeing. Going down the Shenandoah River in a canoe with my dad and seeing the beautiful scenery while paddling away is a cherished memory of mine that was made possible through Scouting. Scouting also lets us use our creativity while learning independence in cooking our own meals. Cooking with my brother on campouts is so much fun because we get to put our own twist on food, such as spaghetti with extra butter and our signature dessert, s'more cakes.

These are just some of the most important lessons and memories that Scouting can provide. All boys, should be able to enjoy nature, give back to their communities, and make life-long memories of the good times they had in Scouting with their friends and families. If you are interested in joining Boy Scout Troop 1978, please come to one of our weekly meetings on Tuesday nights in the Msgr. Cassidy Activities Center at 7:30 p.m. to learn more and get started on your journey through Scouting.

[Editor's note: Mark Brown is a 10th grade Student at Bishop O'Connell High School. He is also an accompanist for ST. MARK.]



The Power of Faith

By Dennis Dwyer

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus speaks of John the Baptist as *the greatest of all whom had ever been born of woman, yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he*. What did Jesus mean by this enigmatic statement? Mark's Gospel informs us that Jesus began his public ministry by proclaiming *The Kingdom of God is at hand*. The phrases *The Kingdom of God* and *Kingdom of Heaven* can both be translated as the Reign of God; it is Christ Who reigns. However, full citizenship in the kingdom of which Jesus spoke would not be possible until the promised Messiah had undergone all the things spoken about Him by the prophets. In other words, the Father's Plan of Salvation would have to be completed before the whole **Truth** about Jesus could be revealed. John the Baptist died at the hands of Herod Antipas before all these things came to pass.

The Gospel narratives reveal the full identity of Christ and why the Father sent Him. The writings of St. Paul illuminated the core **Truths** about Jesus. These **Truths** are these:

- *Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*
- *He died on the Cross in obedience to the will of His Father to atone for our sins.*
- *The Father glorified Him by raising Him from the dead.*

These **Truths** are affirmed by the Catholic Church, the Church founded by Jesus Christ on the Rock of Peter, and are to be believed. Because Jesus is the incarnate Son of God, fully human and fully divine, His *Resurrection* gained for all the hope of *Eternal Life*. By His Passion and Death on the Cross and His Resurrection, Jesus *made all things new*. St. Paul writes that whereas *the sin of Adam destroyed our relationship with God, we are a new creation in Christ*.

Faith as Gift

Faith is a theological gift received at BAPTISM. However, it is a gift that must be continually affirmed to be of value. We can read the New Testament until we are blue in the face, and we will not know that Jesus is the Son of God without faith. Faith is the miracle! The Church Fathers are in accord that

faith must come before understanding is possible.

In Biblical times, to say that a person had "faith" meant that the person lived in accordance with what they believed. Jesus taught that *those who seek first the Kingdom of God will attain everything else besides*. I know that when I am more ardent and devotional in the practice of my Catholic Faith, the *power of faith* is unleashed in my life. Peace and joy prevail in proportion to my relationship with Jesus. When I *love God according to His purpose* for me, I can sense that He is active in my life. Those incidences and coincidences in life by which God makes his presence known are what a friend of mine calls **Godsequences**.

Our Lord's stunning statement about John being *least in the Kingdom of Heaven* was not made to disparage John; rather, it was meant to startle His listeners. Throughout His preaching ministry, Jesus used hyperbole, metaphors, and other rhetorical devices to elevate the hearts and minds of the people to seriously contemplate the extraordinary life He was offering them — if they would but believe in Him. Jesus was offering them, as He offers us today, a life filled with the *Spirit of the Living God*. The Holy Spirit draws us deeper into the mysteries of the Kingdom, especially the mysteries of the Cross and of the EUCHARIST. St. Irenaeus had this quality of life in mind when he wrote, "The glory of God is man fully alive."

So, what is standing in the way of our living this extraordinary life? Too often, we put our trust in things of this world rather than in Jesus. Mother Teresa, now St. Teresa of Kolkata, taught us what is most important in life when she said, "I was not called to be successful, but to be faithful." Teresa heard Jesus calling, and she followed.

Faith Resources

Recommending reading for Bible study: the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scriptures series, especially Deacon John Allen's favorite, "*The Gospel of Mark*" by Mary Healy; "*Jesus: A Pilgrimage*" by James Martin" is excellent. To get to know our faith better, there is no better source than the video productions by

Bishop Robert Barron and his *Word on Fire* Ministry. Of special note, I recommend the "Catholicism" and "Pivotal Players" series, as well as the "Untold Blessings" and the "Eucharist" video lectures.

Note: Dennis Dwyer has an Advanced Catechist certificate from the Diocese of Arlington and a master of theological studies degree from the Washington Theological Union. He teaches New Testament studies and church history at Bishop O'Connell High School.

Weekend Food for Fairfax Children

Thank you to all involved interfaith service project! ST. MARK is partnered with a mosque, MakeSpace, and a synagogue, Olam Tikvah, to prepare Blessings in a Backpack, a project to provide weekend food for needy children in Fairfax County. This was the Day to Serve project on Sunday, October 22, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the MakeSpace location, 6082 Franconia Road, Suite C, Alexandria.

Food for Others delivers the food to the schools for the children. This event will be an opportunity for service hours. We hope participants will bring some food for the packs. Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/events/464678980599453, and sign up to bring food on the spreadsheet at the end of the detailed project description. Bring some friends, too. For more information, contact Ann Ramish, ramishteam@outlook.com.

Doing the Father's Will

By Bill Dalgetty

Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven." (Mt. 7:21)

How do we know if we are doing the Father's will? Several cross-referenced Scriptures to these words of Jesus may provide clarification.

■ The Apostle John says, "Let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth" (1 John 3: 18). Declarations of love are fine, but unless they are supported by actions, they ring hollow and fade.

■ James says, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." It does not do us any good to read or listen to the Word of God and then not do what it says. James says it is like looking at yourself in the mirror and then immediately forgetting what you look like (James 1: 22-25).

When we think about fulfilling God's will, we often think of the big decisions in life, such as the following: Where will I go to college? What should be my major? Should I consider a religious vocation? Should I marry? What kind of job should I seek? Where should I live? How many children does God want us to have?

"Let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth"
(1 John 3: 18).

However, the small, everyday decisions are often just as important in fulfilling God's will, because they tend to set the pattern or habit that determines whether we fulfill God's will with the larger decisions.

I recently encountered one of those small decisions. As a Eucharistic Minister, I take Communion to residents at a local nursing home once a month or more. Our usual practice is to have a group service for those who are ambulatory, and then to go to individual rooms for those who are not, and then to the third floor where the Alzheimer residents reside.

The Social Director informed me that one of the Alzheimer residents was indisposed. That left only one other person, whom I will call Shirley, who is usually sleeping and most of the time does not receive Communion.

My first reaction was to skip the third floor and return home, but then I thought maybe I should check to see if Shirley was awake. It turned out that she was in the third floor dining room just finishing her breakfast. I went to her table and asked if she wanted to receive Communion. She did not respond. I knelt down on one knee by her chair, put my hand on her hand, and asked if she wanted to say the Lord's Prayer. She nodded yes, and we slowly recited the Lord's Prayer together.

I again asked her if she wanted to receive Communion, and she said, "I want to be a good girl." I said, "Shirley, you are indeed a good girl and God loves you very much." She then received Communion. The next thing I knew she was grabbing my hand and kissing it. I was a bit embarrassed as I withdrew my hand, but I realized that in her uninhibited way, she was responding to God's love. I was just standing in as his agent.

It was a small decision to go to the third floor, but both Shirley and I were the beneficiaries.

[Editor's note: Bill Dalgetty has a weekly blog, *Christ in Life and Work*. Additional articles are available at <https://christinlifeandwork.com>.]

October Is the Month of the Rosary

By Mary Fisk

The Church dedicates each October to the Blessed Mother and particularly to her special devotion, the Rosary. For 800 years, Catholics have reflected on the events of the New Testament through the eyes of Jesus and Mary. Each set of Mysteries is shot through with lessons for us nearly 2,000 years later.

Five Joyful Mysteries

We see Mary's acceptance of God's invitation to participate in the salvation of all people, Mary's visit of assistance to the home of her cousin Elizabeth, Jesus' birth, His presentation at the temple in observance of the law, and His finding in the temple where He was doing His Father's business.

Five Sorrowful Mysteries

We revisit Jesus's Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane as He submitted His will to that of His Father, Jesus's brutal scourging by the Roman soldiers, His crowning with thorns, His staggering under the weight of the cross, and His death that we might live.

Five Luminous Mysteries

We witness Jesus's BAPTISM in the Jordan, His first miracle at Cana, His proclamation of the Kingdom of God, the manifestation of His divinity at the Transfiguration, and His most precious gift of the EUCHARIST.

Five Glorious Mysteries

We celebrate His Resurrection, His return to the Father at the Ascension, the



birthday of the Church at Pentecost, Mary's entrance into eternity at her Assumption, and her coronation as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Contemplating Christ

Saint Pope John Paul II observed, "To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ.... In contemplating Christ's face, we become open to receiving the mystery of Trinitarian life, experiencing ever anew the love of the Father, and delighting in the joy of the Holy Spirit."

What the Apostles Mean to Us

By Jack Smith

Persia, Egypt, Italy, the Middle Eastern Basin, India — did the Apostles ever get around! Once they received the message from Jesus and the Spirit, the Apostles showed a dogged determination to spread the Word at any cost — a mission that is now our “job.”

The Apostles came through boot camp while Jesus was among them. They honed their skills at spreading the Word when Jesus sent them on their way to preach and heal. They learned that Jesus does the picking — so that Matthew, a hated tax collector/extortionist, would be one of their company. They learned to live with the two hotheads — James and John, the sons of thunder.

To a man, the Apostles showed cowardly behavior as their Leader was arrested, tried, and executed. However, to a man, they showed great courage after the Spirit came over them on Pentecost, the birthday of the Church.

The Apostles give us a lot to consider. We will copy all or some of their behavior.

Providentially, the Spirit showed the Apostles the road, the Way. The Spirit does the same for us.

While they traveled the Way, their experiences were hardly smooth. There were disagreements, sometimes sharp, over whether pagan converts should be bound to observe the Jewish Law, and over how closely the Christian community should be identified with Israel. James, the Bishop of Jerusalem, and Paul locked horns on this issue. James won the battle, and Paul won the war — all brokered by Peter. The Spirit was truly with the Apostles then.

Despite these difficulties, all of the followers of Jesus uniformly proclaimed the essentials of the Christian Faith. There is no evidence to the contrary. The Church was unified in doctrine and authority. Although local churches set up by the Apostles and Paul exercised a great deal of independence, they were clearly subject to the authority of the Apostles. We have the witness of the 16th century European settlers and missionaries finding evidence of St. Thomas in the religious lives of peoples in India.

The Apostles devoted many years to spreading the Gospel until at length, almost all were killed for their Faith. All Christians owe the essentials of their doctrine to the teachings of the Apostles, which have been handed down by subsequent generations over two millennia. That doctrine was presented by Jesus to the Apostles and worked in them by the Spirit.

Although the Apostles were more concerned that future generations know Christ rather than themselves, it is important to appreciate what it is that the Apostles — role models — accomplished to preach a unified message that lives and inspires today. The Apostles passed down to us the Teaching of Christ, who chose each of them for this purpose — warts and all.

All of the Apostles were faithful to Christ's charge to go and make disciples of all nations. We in northern Virginia are the fortunate recipients of their labors.

The Apostles, courageous and committed, showed us The Way. Is it not our job to follow their example?

Visit A Prison Virtually —

Learn How To Help Prisoners in Virginia

The Corporal Works of Mercy include a mandate that most of us seldom consider, “to visit the imprisoned.” We are suggesting a journey to address that charge by Jesus. The *ST. MARK* Committee on Peace and Justice is presenting an evening of visual presentations and discussions on the situation for prisoners in Virginia. We will explore the treatment and mistreatment of some prisoners. We will see movie presentations of the conditions of their lives and how some prisoners and prison managers regard solitary confinement. We will consider how prisoners are prepared to reenter normal society. After an hour of visual presentations, we will discuss how persons like ourselves can become better informed on the issues of the Christian treatment of prisoners. We hope to consider actions we might take to “Visit the Prisoners” with improved treatment.

This event is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Msgr. Thomas Cassidy Activities Center. For more information, contact Ann Ramish, ramishteam@outlook.com.

M&MS Upcoming Events

October

- Wednesday, October 18: Potluck lunch, with presentation by Mary Schlesinger on Brain Training for Seniors
- Wednesday, October 25: Day trip to the Eastern Shore, including the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad/Blackwater Wildlife Refuge and lunch in Cambridge

November

- Wednesday, November 1: After Mass Coffee Social 9:45 a.m., with presentation by Deacon John on the Gospel of St. Mark
- Wednesday, November 15: Thanksgiving Luncheon Feast
- Wednesday, November 29: “Amazing Grace” musical at the Museum of the Bible, Washington, DC

December

- Wednesday, December 6: After Mass Coffee Social 9:45 a.m.
- Saturday, December 9: Joe Kolasch's Christmas Party
- Thursday, December 21: Moscow Ballet at George Mason, 7:30 p.m. performance

ST. MARK Celebrates Fall Festival



The Parish celebrated the annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 24, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Kelly Boyle served as the Fall Festival Chair. Thanks to the hard work of dedicated volunteers and Staff members, all who came enjoyed great food, carnival rides, music, a dunk tank, and lots more.

The *ST. MARK* Activities Center (SMAC) Team, assisted by the Knights of Columbus, prepared the hot dogs and hamburgers, bratwurst, sauerkraut, and cookies and apples. Claire Fountaine made the chili. The CONFIRMATION Teams were responsible for setting up and serving the hot and cold drinks. Any extra food was shared with the Reston Shelter. Many others pitched in to set up the tables and to clean up after the Fall Festival ended.



Milestones

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

- John and Tamara Bird
- Matthew and Marie Chen
- Timothy Cremen and Alana Prills
- Richard and Nora Encinas
- Dorothy Kelly
- Brett and Elizabeth Leis
- Abramo and Juliana Mastroianni
- Patrick and Sandra McDonough
- Kevin and Jacklyn Mosher
- William and Sara Odell
- Todd Owen and Claudia Villar
- Paul and Megan Pickersgill
- Philip and Kristin Root
- Tyler and Emily Ross
- Jeffrey and Katherine Smeraglinolo
- Roman Tejada and Romina Benitez
- John and Mandy Waddell
- Jason and Lauren Wallenhorst
- Jason and Leah Whitaker

BAPTISM

- William Andrew Camporeale
- Nora Jane Goldberg
- Owen Conor Mai
- Penelope Lilah Patac

MATRIMONY

- David DiSilva and Kimberly McCarthy

DEATHS

The following Parishioners entered into eternal life:

- Ivonne Cuñaro
- Faye Morin
- Chuck Smerdzinski
- Karen Latham
- Shelba "Shelly" Radomski
- Sue Reardon

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Mark Your Calendar

October

- October 22 Newcomers' Lunch 1:00 p.m.
- October 22 Day to Serve @ MAKESPACE 2:00 p.m.
- October 26 Trunk or Treat
- October 26 Visit a Prison Virtually 7p.m.
- October 29 Parish Breakfast

Join the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign

The nationwide **Annual 40 Days for Life Campaign** began on **September 29** and will continue until **November 5**. *ST. MARK* will participate by peacefully witnessing to the inherent dignity of human life through prayer at the abortion mill at 900 Washington Blvd., Falls Church, on Thursday, **October 12**, and Thursday, **October 19**. Anyone who would like to participate can join the group for Mass at 9:15 a.m. and carpools following Mass, or meet the group at the abortion mill at 10:15 a.m.

November

- November 1 *All Saints* Holy Day of Obligation
- November 2 *All Souls* Day
7:30 p.m. Mass of Remembrance
- November 3 First Friday Adoration
10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.
- November 2-9 CFC Library Book Fair
- November 5 Donuts after 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Masses
- November 10 Movie Night
- November 11 Veterans' Day
- November 12 Youth and Family Mass 6:00 p.m.
- November 20-26 Thanksgiving Clothing Drive
- November 26 Solemnity of *Christ the King*



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