

Maneline

ST. MARK Catholic Community

ST. MARK Faith Formation Provides Opportunities for Growth and Holiness

ST. MARK has robust Faith Formation programs for adults and teens and children that offer many options for members of the Parish to continue to grow in the Faith.

Adult Faith Formation

■ **Scripture study:** The two-semester Scripture program will study the *Acts of the Apostles*. There will be 10 sessions prior to CHRISTMAS and 10 sessions after CHRISTMAS.

■ **Small Groups:** People have multiple opportunities to share the Faith in small-group settings, including Small Communities of Faith, Christians in Commerce, the French Conversation Group, Praying College MOMS, and Alpha.

■ **Parish Mission:** We are planning a Parish Mission during LENT in 2022. Additional details will be provided in the Parish Bulletin as they become available.

■ **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Jennifer Condon, Angelia Ramia, and Monica Huston entered into Full Communion with the Catholic Church on July 11 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please join me in welcoming them as full members of the Catholic Church!

We have several people currently in the RCIA process, including children, teens, and adults. The *Rite of Acceptance and Welcome* was held on Saturday, August 28, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. These people are now called *Candidates* (Baptized Christians) and *Catechumens* (Unbaptized) as they enter the period of the **Catechumenate**, which lasts until the First Sunday in LENT on Sunday, March 6. On March 6, after they participate in the Rite of Sending at ST.

MARK at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, they will travel to the *CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS MORE* in Arlington. During the *Rite of Election*, Bishop Burbidge will “elect” them to proceed to initiation at the Vigil. At this point they are called the *Elect* and enter the **Period of Purification and Enlightenment**. They will receive or complete the Sacraments of Initiation at the Vigil at ST. MARK on April 16, 2022. After completing their Sacraments of Initiation, they will be called *Neophytes* until they complete the final **Period of Mystagogy**, which ends on *Pentecost*.

Please keep all our Candidates and Catechumens in your prayers as they go through the RCIA process

Children's Faith Formation

■ **Religious Education:** Children in grades 1 through 8 begin in person Religious Education Classes on Sunday, September 19, which is Catechist Sunday! The Catechist Blessing will be done at all Masses the weekend of September 18-19.

Classes meet weekly from 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Grades 1 through 6 use *Our Sunday Visitor's Alive in Christ* Curriculum. Grades 7 and 8 use Ascension Press' *Chosen* curriculum. Many children also registered for Religious Education through our Homeschool Option and will work with their parents at home using *My Catholic Faith Delivered* curriculum.

■ Sacramental Preparation

1. **First PENANCE and First EUCHARIST:** Our 2nd graders are beginning their second year of preparing for their First PENANCE on Saturday, December 4, and their First EUCHARIST at all Masses on the 2nd

and 3rd weekends of May 2022. They prepare by attending classes and PENANCE and EUCHARIST workshops. The parents of 2nd grade students will attend PENANCE and EUCHARIST parent meetings.

2. **CONFIRMATION:** Our 8th graders are beginning their second year of preparation for CONFIRMATION. They will attend weekly classes and a weekend retreat, and they will participate in Spirit Teams to complete service projects and build fellowship. They will also meet with a Faith Formation Team Member in March or April 2022 to evaluate their readiness. The CONFIRMATION Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Burbidge on Monday, May 23.

3. **BAPTISM:** Our BAPTISM team holds monthly BAPTISM classes for first-time parents. We are currently Baptizing children once a month on Saturday afternoons.

Volunteer Opportunities

We have many volunteers who give of their time and talent to make all these ministries successful. If you would like to join any of our Religious Education ministries as a volunteer, please complete the online Volunteer Form available at the following link: <http://formation.www.stmark.org/re-volunteer-form/>

Scripture Study on the
Acts of the Apostles

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Scripture Study on the Acts of the Apostles

The *Book of Acts* is the compelling story of the First Christians. It tells how a few Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit, were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, hostile crowds, shipwrecks, riots, poison snakes, beatings, imprisonment, and long journeys. Despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men.

- Part One starts the week of September 26 and runs through the week of December 5.
- Part Two starts the week of January 2 and runs through the week of March 6.

Join us for either of two Zoom sessions:

- Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

The cost is \$35.00. For more details about this study visit: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/acts-the-spread-of-the-kingdom>.

For class information or to register, contact Jean Lupinacci at jlupinacci@stmark.org.

Growing Closer to God through Alpha

By Terese Scott



[Editor's note: Alpha has been a successful program that engages and helps people in different ways. Here is one person's testimony of her Alpha experiences.]

In the early 1990s, I was drawn to *ST. MARK* by Fr. Culkin's lively and insightful homilies and the Parish's huge array of outreach activities. This felt like the church of social justice in which I grew up. As a working mother of a toddler whose husband worked swing or night shifts, I did not have much time to spend at these activities, but I appreciated that the opportunities were there. I did find time to volunteer at the Lion's Lair after the 8:15 a.m. Mass and to help JoAlice Sullivan place orders to draw Parishioners inside. I also taught 2nd grade Religious Education with Kathy Aquilina for a few years as my son entered grade school. After *ST. MARK* School opened, my son attended for 7th and 8th grade—a truly wonderful experience for him. I volunteered in the School Library, helping Mrs. Posey enter books into the Library Catalog.

Fast forward a couple of decades, and I was ready for more. As an introvert, I knew the faces of many of the others attending 8:15 a.m. Mass, but I rarely knew their names or anything more. I started attending Bible Study—the idea of deciphering *Revelation* fascinated me—and Mark and Barbara Moreau and so many others helped me feel

welcome and kept our discussion interesting. I continued with this study and met more Parishioners.

Starting with Alpha

Soon came Father Tuck at each Mass, offering food, fellowship, film, and a chance to know and follow Christ more closely—Alpha. Father really knows how to bait and set the hook. A delicious free dinner each week that someone else prepared—that is always attractive! I was no longer working at my third career, teaching in the Diocesan schools, and it would be nice to have someone else cook for a change. I was always up for a video, and no one said I *had* to talk. I could just listen and look for ways to help out.

Monday nights became Alpha night that Fall. Mary Reddy greeted each of us at the check-in table each week and welcomed us into the Msgr. Cassidy Activities Center. Yummy scents of the prepared meals filtered through the kitchen doors or from the tables behind Mary. Alpha hosts had set tablecloths and flowers up on round tables, which were surrounded by chairs. It was obvious that we were welcome at the table. I recognized some people in the room: Karen Asta (her son and mine were in the same class at *ST. MARK*). I also

recognized Iris and Dante Gill from when I worked at the Dress Code, as well as other people whom I had met at Bible Study or whom I had seen at Mass.

We sat with the same table of people each week, two hosts and several guests. Before the first meal, we learned each other's names and shared a little bit about ourselves, just as I have with you today. The tables joined in song and grace before the meals. Over the weeks, as people drifted in, we used this time to share our joys, our concerns, and our burdens, and to bring our needs for prayer intentions. I certainly had more than my share of prayer requests.

After the meal, John Mitchell from *ST. PHILIP* led us in prayer and a hymn or two, followed by the night's Alpha video. Nicky Gumbel (a “pioneer” in the Alpha program) with the globetrotting duo Gemma and Toby, led us in exploring the big questions, starting with “Is there more to life than this?” Fast-paced and engaging, the video kept our attention, asking questions of people of many faiths or no faith from across the globe, showing us there were no wrong answers, just answers that may be the same as or completely different from our own. Nicky regaled the audience

ALPHA SESSIONS

The Alpha schedule has been expanded to two sessions to accommodate busy schedules. We invite you to come see and come try Alpha.

Mondays, virtual, on Zoom

Who: All interested parishioners, families, extended families anywhere

What: 11 weeks of sessions

When: Starting Monday, September 13, from 8:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Where: Via Zoom format in the comfort of your favorite computer location at home

Sign-up: Contact John Mitchell at jhwmitchell@yahoo.com or 703-855-8976

Sundays, in-person

Who: Parents, and anyone else, during the Sunday *ST. MARK* Religious Education sessions

What: 11 weeks of sessions held during Religious Education

When: Starting Sunday, October 10, from 9:35 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

Where: In the school gym at *ST. MARK SCHOOL*

Sign-up: Contact Sarah Kirk at skirkbtr@gmail.com or 703-403-3072

Alpha

with anecdotes from experiences of his own, other Alpha members, other faith leaders, saints, and linked it all with Scripture. Each week they explored a major faith concept: prayer, healing, the Bible, the Devil. Guided by the questions from our able table leaders, we discussed the issues and questions the videos raised, bringing in our own learning and life experiences. We grew closer through the weeks, becoming prayer buddies and friends.

Growing with Alpha

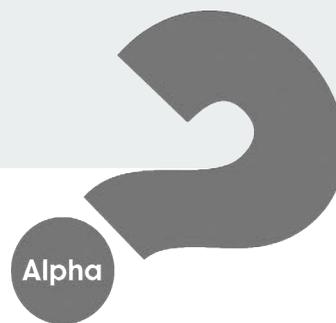
By the second Alpha course, I was ready to step up and take a bigger role. I volunteered to be a table co-host and bring a homemade dessert each week. Taking a host role brought the Alpha experience up to a new level; I was moved to contemplate the big questions even more deeply and meet a new set of mostly-new Alpha guests. It was during this Alpha course that the coronavirus became a reality, and so we learned to meet on Zoom. We lost the delicious dinners, but we gained a more intimate meeting place, free of the distractions of a room full of people and the commute. While others were suffering the isolation of the pandemic lockdown, we were keeping company with other Catholics and Christians online

and working through issues that really matter.

During the Fall, Winter, and Spring Alpha sessions that followed (I took the Summer off), I continued to co-host virtual Alpha tables, only now we could welcome guests from more distant Parishes and states—even those staying at their beach or mountain retreats! Now I was adding a little follow-up email to my current team to recap the night's discussion, share a link to the video, and eventually list the team's prayer requests. If I recalled something particularly pertinent to our discussion online, then I shared it, sometimes with a link. Zoom Alpha was a way we could look after each other and be a little less lonely.

Prayer Community

I was so blessed by all the prayers from the Alpha and Bible Study groups, as well as the *ST. MARK* Prayer Warriors, whom I joined. My husband Jim's health was poor, and he was frequently in the hospital. My brother-in-law Jim was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer and his stepmother was on dialysis. Both of them passed away in 2020: Jeff in April and Jim in December. The prayers lifted me up during these hard times.



Blessings and Benefits

Most of my life I prayed the standard pre-scripted prayers, except in times of spontaneous thankfulness (Thank you, Lord, for saving me from being hit by that car) or desperation (Lord, please, heal his wounds, his heart, and ease his pain). Through Alpha, and later through Following Christ, I became familiar with the idea of God loving me as a *friend*, and I began building a more intimate relationship with the Lord. I greet the new day with a “Good morning, Lord, thank you for this new day, for the good night's sleep, and for my family who loves me” and continue with other things I want to discuss with Him. And at the end of the day, I thank him again for the day and the opportunity to serve him, and I ask for help discerning how to serve him better. I am working into the idea of praying constantly or at least a lot more often. I still pray the pre-scripted prayers that have served Catholics well for so many centuries, and I am practicing newer ways (to me) to grow closer to Him.

Troop 1978 Scouts: Learning To Be Prepared

By Frank Anstadt

The Scouts have a long history at *ST. MARK*, which was not deterred in 2020 under COVID-19.

No big meetings: No problem, Scouts do Zoom. No indoor gatherings: no problem, we are Scouts and we can meet outdoors. 2020 and COVID-19 changed all of us, but it did not really change what Scouts do, only how we prepare.

The Scouts Mission is about preparing young people to make ethical and moral decisions over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Our Aims include character development, leadership develop-



Troop 1978 participated in the B&G Northern Tier 2021, the premier Scouts experience for canoeing and camping.

ment, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Our Program is about boys and girls learning Scouting skills in a challenging outdoor environment.

Scouting is about having fun in outdoor activities and building lifetime friendships, confidence, and physical fitness skills while experiencing once-in-a-lifetime adventures. The activities include beach camping, scuba diving, caving, skiing, backcountry hiking, and backpacking, boundary water canoe expeditions, rock climbing and whitewater rafting. Scouting is living and grooming personal values and community spirit while planning and executing monthly service projects. Scouts find their passion earning merit badges, especially the Eagle Scout rank.

A Typical Year in Scouts

A typical year includes ten two-night campouts, one week-long summer camp, and one to two High Adventure trips per year. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills as members of a person organization (Troop) run by Scouts and mentored by experienced adults. The Boys Troop has 75 boys and the Girls Troop has 25 girls. Each Troop meets separately and has some joint activities.

Weekly Meetings are held on Tuesday nights from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at *ST. MARK*.

Recent Accomplishments

Our major accomplishments over the past year include the following:

The Northern Tier Voyageur offers Scouts an exciting and demanding experience.



■ Troop 1978 kept the Scouting program safe while continuing the outdoor programs.

■ The Girls Troop, now starting its third year, had the first Eagle Scout, who is also in the inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts.

■ The Boys Troop added 12 new Eagle Scouts since June 2020, for a total of 128 Eagle Scouts since 1975.

■ We participated in six High Adventure trips, including three crews covering 100 miles at the Northern Tier paddling and portaging.

Come join us!

Please contact us for more information about the Boys or Girls Troop if your child has completed 5th grade and is 10 years old or is between 11 and 18 years: Troop Committee Chairman Phil Root at philip.root@darpa.mil or bsatrop1978@gmail.com, Glenn Cann (Boys Scoutmaster), and Todd Lundquist (Girls Scoutmaster) at lundy569@aol.com.

Capital Improvements Prepare *ST. MARK* for the Return of Parishioners

By *ST. MARK* Catholic Church Finance Council

While the past year has been very challenging on so many fronts, the *ST. MARK* Finance Council continued to assist with Capital Improvement planning and execution enabled by the generous donations from the Parishioners. In fiscal year 2021 that ended June 30, Capital Improvements included the following:

- repairing the HVAC chillers to providing improved comfort as Masses were expanding
- having the boilers inspected and adding a service plan
- expanding the Columbarium in the Memorial Garden. The Columbarium, located behind the Church, was fully subscribed and now has 48 new units.

Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in reserving a space.

Improvement Plan for Current Year

Looking forward to the current fiscal year, the Finance Council has developed a Capital Improvement list that addresses near-term and longer-term schedule needs. In the spirit of welcoming *ST. MARK* Parishioners back to Mass, we are planning to repair the Church floor and repair or replace the church pews that are showing their age; some date back to the original Church. The piano is being replaced with a larger grand piano more appropriate for the large Church space it serves. We are researching the cost of replacing the organ, which also

is showing its age and is at risk of not being repairable.

Finally, the Finance Council continues to explore options for renovating the bathrooms. This renovation is a top item from the Parish survey several years back, but it cannot be completed within the current capital improvement resources and other major Parish needs.

Improvements 2017–20

Looking back to when the Capital Improvement Fund was begun in 2017, Parishioner support has enabled the replacement of the Rectory boiler and the sewer ejection pump, a critical health project. In addition, there have been new Chapel chairs, electrical upgrades, and the “green initiative” that converted lighting

Capital Improvements

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throughout *ST. MARK* to LEDs, which saves money and helps the environment.

Parish Support Appreciated

It is important to note that none of this

critically important infrastructure would have been possible without Parish-wide support from “green envelopes” and Faith Direct donations to the Capital

Improvement Fund. The Finance Council thanks each of you for this support! We will share more on Capital Improvements during the Fall Stewardship Campaign.

As Community Service Volunteers Reach Out To Help Others

By Bill Grossman

THANK YOU, *ST. MARK* Parishioners!

The world seemed to stop back in March 2020... but **YOU**, *ST. MARK* Parishioners did not stop! **YOU** created new ways to help those in need with food, clothes, money, shelter, and moral support.

- The Church, Chapel, and Parish offices remained open.
- You generously donated food and money to help those in need.
- You reached out to one another via phone calls and Zoom calls to stay connected.
- You continued with your ministries via Zoom meetings.
- You volunteered to keep our English as a Second Language (ESL) program together.
- You continued to feed the homeless through our Gift of Peace and FACETS programs.
- You provided a real CHRISTMAS present experience for 80 Foster children and 12 needy families.
- You helped feed the homeless through our Hypothermia Shelter program.
- Every single day, you contributed food to distribute to the many food banks in our area.
- You made dozens of blankets, hats, and baby outfits for those in need.
- Your tithing dollars provided funding to 18 different organizations that help others in need.
- You continued to lobby for the most vulnerable among us.
- Most importantly, you prayed and prayed, and your light was shining the brightest when it was needed the most.

In the past few months, we have been pivoting back to our pre-COVID ways of helping as we welcome our wonderful *ST. MARK* volunteers back into our facilities.

■ **FACETS:** We have welcomed back those who prepare meals for the homeless of Fairfax through our FACETS Hot Meals program. Dozens of volunteers came back to *ST. MARK* to cook, package, and deliver over 100 dinners in March. They have been back twice since then, as this program calls to serve the homeless through on the 4th Monday evening of every other month. Our volunteers use this opportunity as a Small Community of Faith to bond, to pray, and to serve. If you would like to get involved please contact Dave Kent at davidkent057@gmail.com. We thank Carol Dieterle for her many, many years of leading this group.

■ **Funeral receptions:** We also have welcomed back our amazing volunteers who help with our Funeral Receptions. As we have reopened our doors for receptions in the Msgr. Cassidy Activities Center, following Funeral Masses, we have had many such events. Our wonderful volunteers, led by our Chairperson, Claire Fontaine, help to set up, to serve, and to clean. Doing this allows the grieving family members and friends to celebrate the life of the deceased and enjoy each other's company without the worry of hosting such an event. If you would like to help, please contact Claire Fontaine at aime-claire@gmail.com.

Many thanks also go out to our wonderful Funeral Reception Baker volunteers, as they provide homemade desserts for these Funeral Receptions. We especially thank our Chairperson, Mary Lou McIntire, for coordinating the volunteers in this ministry. If you would like to help with baking yummy desserts, then please contact Mary Lou at mary_lou_mcintire@yahoo.com.

Other ministries that have resumed serving those in need include the following:

■ **The Gift of Peace/Embry Rucker meals:** On the first Thursday of every month, we gather a variety of foods at *ST. MARK* to be delivered to the Reston Shelter. Volunteers prepare these food items at home and bring them to the *ST. MARK* kitchen by 9:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Items to prepare can be found on the *ST. MARK* website on a Sign Up Genius under the Service icon, or visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050548a9ae2aa02-feed>.

■ **Matthew 25:** People can donate food anytime to our Matthew 25 section in the *ST. MARK* Narthex. The current list of needs is always on the *ST. MARK* website or at the Information Desk in the Narthex. All items are delivered to a variety of places in need, including the Lamb Center, FamilyPASS, and the St. Lucy Food Warehouse.

■ **ESL:** ESL is always in need of volunteers to help those seeking to improve their language, skills, and knowledge of the English Language. We hope to resume in-class sessions in the Christian Formation Center. Please contact Monica O'Keefe at monica-johnok@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer.

■ **Other opportunities:** In the near future, we are going to need help with our Thanksgiving Clothing Drive, CHRISTMAS Giving Tree, and Hypothermia Shelter. Please visit our website for more information on how you can help.

Thank YOU so much for all that YOU do to keep that *ST. MARK* spirit alive through serving others!



Spotlight on Sarah Lundquist

By Lynne Finta

As you may know, Sarah Lundquist is the Religious Education/Youth Ministry Administrator at *ST. MARK*. Sarah sat down with me for an interview in August and talked about her background, her job responsibilities, and her family. This article captures the essence of our discussion. Sarah was originally from northern Illinois but grew up in Berkeley, California, returning to the Chicago area to attend Northwestern University, where she was a Voice Performance Major. Sarah and her husband moved to the Vienna area in 2004, joining *ST. MARK* shortly thereafter. She soon became heavily involved in the Music Ministry, where she still serves as a Cantor, primarily in the 5:30 p.m. Choir. Sarah led the music for Vacation Bible School for several years and also volunteered in the Religious Education/Youth Ministry (RE/YM) Office on Sunday mornings.

As Office Administrator for the RE/YM Office, there are a lot of things for which she is responsible. Sarah's primary duties are to maintain information, assist Parishioners however she

can, and support two Directors. Whether it is handling event and RE registration forms, Baptismal certificates, or payments for Bible Study books, many things cross her desk. She has to keep everything well organized and ensure the Office has and produces everything it needs. Sarah told me that she loves answering questions and helping people, seeing it as a truly customer service job!

Talking with Sarah, it is clear she is devoted to her husband, Todd, as well as her two daughters, who both attend James Madison High School. She told me their older daughter will be starting college next year. Todd works for the U.S. Government and is also a captain in the Navy Reserves. The couple lived in Norfolk early in their relationship when Todd was on active duty, relocating to Milwaukee for four years before moving to Oakton.



Apart from music and singing, which she has studied seriously since age 10 and figures prominently in her life, Sarah also enjoys movies, travel, and history. Colonial Williamsburg and Boston are some of her favorite destinations. She would love to visit Prague, Budapest, and (the other) Vienna. Perhaps one day, she will again perform in

stage productions.

Finally, I asked Sarah to share three "fun facts" about herself people might not know:

- Fun Fact (1): She is in her second year as Secretary for the Madison High School PTSA.
- Fun Fact (2): She worked for many years as a copyeditor and proofreader in Chicago and New York.
- Fun Fact (3): She had the privilege of singing for Queen Elizabeth II, among other dignitaries!

ST. MARK Ushers Serve in Many Ways

By Nestor Folta

Ushers are the face of the church at *ST. MARK*; the people whom Parishioners and guests first see when they enter the Church. An Usher's welcoming face and kind words help to set the stage for comfortable and mean-



ingful worship. From the first minute people step into the Church until they walk out the doors, Ushers are tending to all the needs of the Assembly, such as helping with handicap seating, ensuring Communion is served to all, responding

to anyone who appears in distress, and ensuring the safety of all people in the Church.

A Personal Experience at a Recent Mass

I was guiding people across the wires in the aisle for video livestreaming when a Parishioner tripped, lost her balance, and started falling face-first to the floor. By the grace of God, I was able to catch her just inches from impact of her face with the floor. The subsequent murmur in the crowd made clear that many had seen exactly what happened. Although I am the one who caught the Parishioner, the real hero is the Usher Team Captain, for identifying the potential tripping hazard and ensuring an Usher was assigned to that location to respond in the case of an accident.

Each Mass has a designated Usher Team Captain, who is like a theater stage

manager, ensuring that each Usher is assigned specific duties and sections of the Assembly to serve. Some of you may have already been approached by an Usher before Mass starts and asked to carry the gifts, (bread and wine) from the Baptismal Font to the Celebrant at the Altar. The Ushers also make an accurate headcount at Mass to ensure that there are enough hosts for Communion, guide the Assembly through gift collections and Communion, ensure the gifts are securely deposited, and assist with almost any need when called upon to help.

Whatever the problem, issue, or convenience, Ushers are proud to help and serve you! Any parishioner 16 years of age and older is encouraged to become an Usher. We take pride in what we do for the Parish! Please contact Nestor Folta at 703-628-4006 or masterfolta@gmail.com for more information or to join an Usher team.

Parish Hosts Annual Summit of Directors of Youth Ministry

By Kevin Flores, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry



Kevin Bohli, Director of the Office of Youth Ministry, welcomed over 70 Directors of Youth Ministry to the Summit.

went around to each table greeting everyone to thank them for their ministry.

The Arlington Diocese's Annual Summit of Directors of Youth Ministry was held in August at ST. MARK. Bishop Burbidge celebrated the Mass. In his homily, he mentioned the theme, "Do This in Remembrance of Me," saying that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Bishop Burbidge joined the Summit participants for lunch after Mass and

Youth Activities Starts New Year of Activities

ST. MARK Youth Ministry welcomes back our wonderful youth with an in-person **KICK-OFF** for both High School youth and Junior High youth this fall!

■ The first Youth and Family Mass of the new Academic year was held on September 12. *This Mass will now be on the second Sunday of every month.* Dinner and the activity afterward will resume in January. In April, the Mass will be on the first Sunday because April 10 is Palm Sunday.

■ **Sunday, September 19, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**—The **High School Kick-Off** will be held in the CFC Gym. This event is open to all High School youth and their friends. Come and enjoy hot pizza, games, music, fresh popcorn, crazy inflatables, plus lots of chances to win amazing gift cards and prizes!

■ **Friday, October 1, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**—The **Junior High School Kick-Off**

will be held in the CFC Gym. This event is open to all Junior High School youth (6th to 8th grades) and their friends. There will be hot pizza, games, music, fresh popcorn, crazy inflatables, plus lots of chances to win amazing gift cards/prizes!

■ **Thursday, October 21, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**—The **High School Diocesan WorkCamp** Information Meeting will be held in the Msgr. Cassidy Activities Center. Parents and High School Youth are invited. We are already planning for next June's Diocesan WorkCamp week. We want YOU to be part of our ST. MARK WorkCamp team! We are looking for contractors, adult leaders, and home-base volunteers, too!

Our website youth.www.stmark.org has been revamped and updated. If you have any questions, please email Kevin Flores at kflores@stmark.org.

October Feasts and Saints and Blessed

- 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor
- 2 Feast of the Guardian Angels
- 3 Saint Theodora Guérin
- 4 St. Francis of Assisi
- 5 St. Maria Faustina Kowalska
- 6 St. Bruno
- 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
- 8 St. John Leonardi
- 9 St. Denis and Companions, Martyrs
- 10 St. Francis Borgia
- 11 St. John XXII
- 12 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
- 13 Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
- 14 St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- 15 St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor
- 16 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
- 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- 18 St. Luke the Evangelist
- 19 St. Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions, Martyrs
- 20 St. Adeline
- 21 St. Hilarion
- 22 St. John Paul II
- 23 St. John of Capistrano
- 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
- 25 St. Antonio de Sant' Anna Galvão
- 26 St. Peter of Alcantara
- 27 Blessed Bartholomew of Vincenza
- 28 Feast of Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles
- 29 St. Narcissus of Jerusalem
- 30 St. Alphonsus Rodriguez
- 31 St. Wolfgang of Regensburg

Milestones

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

BAPTISM

Isabella Lee Adanti
Serene Njukang Akana
Max James Bradley Boyd
Gwendolyn Rose Devine
Luke Elias Harris
Sophia Chen Kelly
Cooper James Krull
Paul James Matthews
Even Joseph Phung
Henry David Rose
Hazel Veronica Rosenlund
Joseph Bernard Seltman
Elizabeth Marie Snyder
Kendrick Afanwi Tangiri
Abigail Joy Tiani
Laurine-Zhane Rani Viban

DEATHS

The following Parishioners entered into eternal life:

John Bartyczak
Julia Franke
Shari Fronzaglia
Ludovico "Lou" Giordano
Mary Shannon
Jeanne Torres

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| 1 First Friday EUCHARISTIC Adoration 10:00 a.m.
Junior High Kick-Off 6:30 p.m. | 17 Second Sunday Sustenance 9:30 a.m.
High School Rally 12:00 p.m.
Bereavement Group 3:30 p.m. |
| 3 Bereavement Group 3:30 p.m. | 18 Alpha via Zoom 7:00 p.m. |
| 4 Alpha via Zoom 7:00 p.m. | 19 Boys' CONFIRMATION Retreat Meeting 7:00 p.m.
College MOMS Meeting 7:00 p.m. |
| 6 Christians in Commerce 7:00 a.m. | 20 Christians in Commerce 7:00 a.m. |
| 7 Embry Rucker Food Delivery 9:00 a.m. | 21 Diocesan WORKCAMP Information Meeting
7:00 p.m. |
| 8 Junior High Friday Night | 24 Bereavement Group 3:30 p.m. |
| 10 Bereavement Group 3:30 p.m.
Youth and Family Mass 6:00 p.m. | 25 Alpha via Zoom 7:00 p.m. |
| 11 Alpha via Zoom 7:00 p.m. | 27 Christians in Commerce 7:00 a.m. |
| 13 Christians in Commerce 7:00 a.m.
Care for Our Common Home 10:00 a.m. | 29 Girls' CONFIRMATION Retreat Begins |
| 14 Girls' CONFIRMATION Retreat Meeting 7:00 p.m. | |