St. Mark Parish

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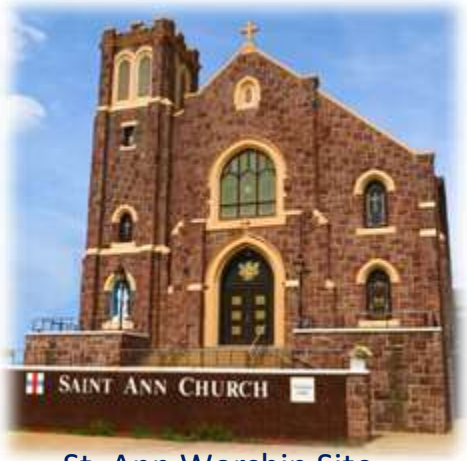

St. Ann Worship Site
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Rev. Dennis M. Mooney - Pastor

Mass Schedule

Parish Site:
Saturday Vigil- 5:00 pm
Sunday- 7:30am, 9:00 am, 10:45am
Weekdays: Monday-Friday 8:00 am
Holy Days- 8:00 am, Noon, 6:30 pm (Bilingual)

Worship Site:
Sunday- 10:30 am
Holy Days- 9:00 am

Devotions

Rosary: Monday – Friday before 8:00 am Mass
Blessed Mother Novena: Tuesday after 8:00 am Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Adoration:
Wednesday @7:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions:
Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm

Rosary and Prayers to Blessed Anna Maria and St. Michael of the Saints Sunday before 10:30 am Mass

St. Mark Parish Office:
1024 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA 19007
Open Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Phone: 215-788-2319 Fax: 215-785-4121
Email: office@saintmarkchurch.net
Website: www.saintmarkchurch.net
St. Mark School Office: 215-785-0973

On coming to the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him.

Matthew 2:11

Epiphany

ST. MARK PARISH STAFF

Rev. Dennis M. Mooney - Pastor
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Website: ***www.saintmarkchurch.net***

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Phone: **215.788.2319**. **E-mail:** office@saintmarkchurch.net

Saint Mark School- 215.785.0973 (Main office)

Baptisms – at Noon. First Sunday of the month, in Spanish. Fourth Sunday of the month, in English. To register for Pre-Jordan class, call Anna @ 215.788.8948 or 215.788.1600 **(English)** or Nelly @ 267.680.3610 **(Spanish)**

Catholic Daughters, St. Mark Court - Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the School Hall.

CCD for grades 1 through 7 - Monday 6:25 pm to 7:45 pm, at St. Mark School. September through May. For more information call: 215.964.7761.

Cemetery Manager – Mike Wade 267.394.0468

Gift Card Line- 215.788.7266. Please leave a message.
Gift Card Hours: Monday, through Friday 9:30 am-2:30 pm.

Hospitality Sunday – First Sunday of each month. September through June, in the School Hall. Following all Sunday morning Masses. *(Not held in July and August)*

Matrimony - Call the rectory @ 215.788.2493 at least nine months before your intended date. (No Friday weddings.)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - please call Mary Leonhauser at 215.964.7761.

Rito de Iniciación para Adultos (RICA) – Comunicase con Maria Berrocal al 215-801-7855.

Sacrament of Anointing - Please call the Parish Office at 215.788.2319.

Sodality – Third Tuesday of each month after 8:00 AM Mass

For all parish related requests, including Sacramental and Eligibility Certificates, Weddings, Mass Cards or to register with the parish, please stop by our parish office Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM or call @ 215-788-2319 for more information.

Bulletin Submissions

Due to limited space in our bulletin,
all announcements must be submitted
to our parish office in person or by email to:
office@saintmarkchurch.net
by Friday 12:00 noon, two weeks before the publishing date.
We will do our best to accommodate your request.
Thank you for your cooperation.

January 2, 2021
Epiphany of the Lord

My Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The word Epiphany means *"appearance"* and "*revelation."* This is the day we also end the Twelve days of Christmas. The Epiphany should be the grandest, merriest, brightest and best day of Christmastime. We remember the gifts of the Magi, the gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The spiritual meanings of the gifts are: Gold – Kingship, Frankincense – Divinity, and myrrh – symbol of the oil used for death. We have also given names to the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. For us this celebration should remind us that as followers of Christ, we are to manifest the presence of Christ in our lives through our actions and words of charity. Maybe to see ourselves as the Star of Light that guides others to Christ. There is a beautiful reflection of our Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in his Encyclical, "*Saved in Hope,"* called "*Mary, Star of Hope".* Our Holy Father writes:

"Human life is a journey. Towards a destination? How do we find our way? Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are stars of hope. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the true light…but to reach him we also need lights close by, people who shine with his light and so guide us along our way."

Let us with God's help be the lights in our families and communities to guide others to Christ.

Today, our Spanish-speaking Community will celebrate, at Mass, the Epiphany with the coming of the Magi – The Three Kings – who will present the offertory gifts. This celebration occurs in Spanish-speaking countries, in the South, Central America, the Caribbean, and many parts of Europe. We consider this day our Little Christmas (as my mother called it), and all the decorations would be left up.

Thank you for all your prayers and most generous donations to our parish this Christmas Season and throughout the year. A Blessed, Healthy, and Happy New Year!

Your brother in Christ,

Father Mooney

Weekly Offering

December 19th, 2021: $9,753.00
Christmas Flowers $1,817.00

Your generosity is appreciated!

January 2nd, thru January 8th, 2022

Sanctuary Light

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Margaret Giordano by Diane Ward

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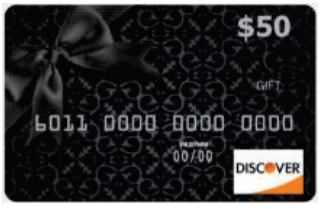
Please note: *Names will be kept on our list for 30 days, if you want them to stay on longer, please call the office to let us know, otherwise they will be removed. Thank you for your cooperation.*

School & Parish Volunteers:

If you are volunteering or plan to at any time in the future, but have not turned in your forms and clearances, we ask that you visit our volunteer page on the school website under the ***"Support our School"*** section, by using the link or QR Code below: http://stmarkbristol.org/support-our-school/safe-environment/, to view the Archdiocesan requirements. You can also call our Safe Environment office @ 215.788.7266 or 0 email us @ juanitaparishoffice@gmail.com to request your packet. Thank you



Saint Mark Gift Cards

Our Gift Card Program now is offering $50.00 Discover Cards! Like our Visa cards, there is no activation fee and it gives you 5% cashback if used at participating stores. It earns 1.25% rebate. These Discover gift cards can be ordered in denominations of $50, $100, and $250. The $50. cards are available for purchase at our office now. Call us @ 215 788 7266, to order these, our Visa or any other gift cards in time for Christmas, and throughout the year.

Holy Hour

We invite you to our Spanish Holy Hour on Friday, January 7th, at St. Mark Church at 7:00 pm. Theme: The Three Kings. All are welcome!

Holy Trinity Grade School Graduates-2022

Holy Trinity school will be celebrating our 70th anniversary. We are trying to find our Alumni to create an Alumni mailing list for an event being planned for November 2022. If you are a Holy Trinity graduate, you can update your contact information on the parish website (http://holytrinitymorrisville.org) in the Alumni section under "*Service and Social!"* Or you can send your updated information through the Rectory or School. If you would like to be involved in tracking down fellow classmates, contact Eileen (Homko) Coyne '71 at eyecoyne57@gmail.com

Home & School Fundraiser

Shorti coupons are back for just $5.00! These coupons do not expire, and can be purchased all year through Home & School or the parish office. **"*Gotta have a WaWa!"***

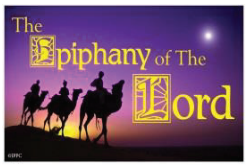
Essay Contest

The Third Annual Christ is Alive! Essay Contest is excited to announce and to invite you to participate! It is open to students in grades 3 through 8 who are enrolled in Catholic school or parish religious education. All they have to do is describe a moment they felt close to God. Only one page please. Papers will be due by March 31, 2022. The winner receives $100.00 and a Bible, the winner's teacher or catechist receives $100.00, the winner's class receives $100.00 for a class celebration, and the winner's school or parish receives $200.00. Over $5000.00 in prizes will be awarded to two winners in each grade. More importantly, students who participate have a chance to reflect on their own experience of God and to proclaim the Good News that Christ is Alive! Thousands of students have participated since the contest began. Visit the Christ is Alive! Essay Contest webpage for contest details and entry forms. Or contact Jim Grondin, 1 574 784 1050 Toll free 1 800 348 2227.

Praying the Rosary for the Unborn

Please join the Knights of Columbus as we pray the Rosary for the end of abortion in America. For the protection of human life from the moment of conception to the point of natural death. This rosary will take place on Friday, January 21st, 2022 at 7:00 pm at St. Mark Church. Thank you!

On behalf of the women and babies we serve, thank you for your continued support by hosting our annual Baby Bottle Drive. Your leadership and fearless defense of the Church's teaching on the dignity of human life is a beautiful witness. Gifts from your parish for the Legacy of Life Foundation Baby Bottle Drive total $4,086.50. We are grateful to St. Mark Parishoners who generously gave their time, talent and treasure during the drive! We humbly ask that you keep the women we serve in your prayers as their circumstances change daily, leading them back to abortion, which requires intense counseling until their baby is born. Thank you!



Reflections by Rev. Peterson

"They returned to their country by another way." What a near fairy tale ending to this lovely but significant episode in the Christmas story. Whether they were the traditional three figures (based on the number of gifts) or of an unknown head count; whether they were astrologers, or kings, they represent us, the Gentile world, coming to pay homage to the newborn Messiah. As happened before in those days of wonder, the wise men received a warning in a dream and escaped the clutches of the malignant monarch Herod. Instead they mounted their humped "*desert ships"* and headed East, never to be seen again.

But here may I interject a question, *"home to what?"* Adhere to studying the stars? Perhaps, but we know that no one who comes to Jesus goes away the same. My imagination supplies one possible answer: In their newfound lives they became evangelizers, eager to tell the world about Him whom they had seen lying in the manger. The same One whom they had gifted with items not found in stables. They now had a new purpose in life. That leads into the subject of our individual purpose in the grand scheme of things. What is it? What specifically are we called to do for God here below in order to live with Him forever above in heaven? Will we tackle it a bit better now that a brand new year has arrived?

Prayer, for believers at least, is the main component of the search. Allow me now to bring to your attention the most helpful words of St. John Henry Cardinal Newman. He presents his thought with his characteristic eloquence and that pertinent wisdom displayed every time he put pen to paper. I have carried the following with me for years.

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another, I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good. I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace; a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I but keep his commandments. Therefore, I shall trust Him. Whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him. In perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about.

He may take away my friends; He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate; make my spirits sink; hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about."

God love you and give you His peace in this New Year!

Saturday, January 1st,
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 am Joseph & Mable Romano

Sunday, January 2nd,
Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 am AOH by Ancient Order of Hibernians
Martha Wilson, by Sue Duffy
9:00 am Gerald Malamut by Hector & Carmen Berdicia
10:30 am Nick Siano by John & Peggy Di Paolo
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel D'Ambrosio & family by N. Sospetti
Joseph Mancini by Ray & Mary Catherine Bunda
Margaret Giordano by Rita, Maria, & Joseph Lentz
10:45 am Herb W. Phillips Sr. by Ed & Sharon Wallace
Julie Kmiec by Stella Manna
Mary Nolan by family

Monday, January 3rd, Holy Name of Jesus
8:00 am Larraine Lucisano by Dave Fallon
Ceferino Rivas by Maria, Carmen, & Denny

Tuesday, January 4th, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:00 am Joseph P Carrello by Arleen Carrello
Bernadette DeMilio by Hett family

Wednesday, January 5th, St. John Neumann
8:00 am Amelia Ann Rhinehold by Bradeis & Crawford families
Mary McIlvain by Helen Younglove

Thursday, January 6th, St. Andre Bessett
8:00 am John Franceschini 50th Anniversary by family
John Kalinowski by John & Mary Anne Roche
Mike Fitzpatrick 2nd Anniversary by family

Friday, January 7th, St. Raymond of Penafort
8:00 am Larraine Lucisano by Mary Antonelli
Mary Palumbo 3rd Anniversary by Palumbo family
Luke Antonelli by Mary

Saturday, January 8th,
5:00 pm Polly Hoffman by Lorraine & John
Larraine Lucisano by Joe & Anna Larrisey

Sunday, January 9th,
Baptism of the Lord
7:30 am Danette Brown by Sam & Linda Fenton
Mary Walker by John & Mary Anne Roche
9:00 am Danny Santiago by Nereida McCulley Breustedt
Sonia Soto by Soto family
Clyde Aragon by wife
10:30 am Nicholas Siano by Marie Bomentre
Laura Barber by Barber family
Mr. & Mrs. Frank D'Ambrosio & family by N. Sospetti
Joseph Mancini by Michael & Joan Duva
10:45 am Marge Castor by Stella Manna
Sam Mullay 1st Anniversary by wife Nadine
Luke Antonelli by Mary

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