Revitalization & Realignment - Continuing the Conversation #4
What happens to the various programs, activities and committees of newly merged communities?

When parishes merge, each of them brings its resources to the new merged community. That is all its people resources, physical resources and its financial resources (and its debts) now belong to the new parish community. The former parishes' Pastoral Councils, Finance Councils and committees will be dissolved. There will be a need to create new councils and committees with members drawn from all the communities that were merged to create the new parish.

The many people who had served in ministries in the former parishes now will be called to collaborate in the new merged one. For example, there will be a new music ministry (choirs, instrumentalists, cantors etc.) drawn from the whole merged community. The religious formation programs (children, youth and adult) will be built upon the many talents and energies of the people from the whole new parish community. Other programs will also benefit from the increase in the number of gifts and talents that can be available in the new merged parish.

In short, where there are more gifts and resources it is possible to provide fuller, more extensive pastoral service. The priests and people who are in these new merged communities will be called upon to assess the needs of the parish as they do now. With this, they can determine where best to use the increased talents and gifts available for the service of all. In the new parish community, the gifts of all can be the way of revitalization in the coming years.

Pre-Authorized Debit System - If anyone would like to start this system of donation, forms are available in the foyer. Please fill out and drop in collection basket in an envelope along with a VOID cheque.

If you are new to the Parish we would like to hear from you, or if you are leaving the area, please let us know.
Register Update:
Please fill out this form and put it in collection basket or give to greeter. Thank you for helping to keep our records up to date.
Name
Address
Phone
New in Parish ____ email:_____ Moving out of ____
Moving within the Parish____

Parish of St. Mark

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MISSION STATEMENT

From three communities and beyond called into one to be Word of God. In a spirit of friendship, sharing of life and energy, faith and appreciation, we commit ourselves to accepting all who come and to be present to them, and from our gatherings open ourselves to our neighborhoods and to the wider church.

Pastor: Father Owen Burns

Mass Times: Sat. 5 p.m.
Sun. 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Parish Council Chair – Pat Carey

Baptism, Marriage, Catechetical Ministry - contact office.
Reconciliation - Sat. after Mass or by appointment

December 9th – 10th, 2017 – 2nd Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 40 1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3 8-14 Mark 1 1-8
December 16th-17th, 2017 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2, 10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

2nd Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord…" - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

Announced Masses

Tues.	Dec. 12 7:00 p.m.	Emma Galluchon (Anniv)
Wed.	Dec. 13 9:00 a.m.	Don Donnelle (Anniv)
Thurs.	Dec. 14 7:00 p.m.	Scott Donovan
Fri.	Dec. 15 9:00 a.m.	Debbie Doherty
Sat.	Dec. 16 5:00 p.m.	Betty Spear
Sun.	Dec. 17 9:00 a.m.	For Parishioners
	11:15 a.m.	Joyce & David Webber

Scheduled Events — Dec. 10th – 17th

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun. Dec.10	Pathfinders	7:00 pm	Rm5-7
	Christmas Show	7:00 p.m.	Church
Mon.Dec.11	Adult Music Prac.	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
	Consoling the Heart of Jesus	7:30pm	Room#1
Wed.Dec.13	Parish Council	6:30pm	Room #1
Fri. Dec. 15	Finance Committee	10:30a.m.	Room#7
Sun.Dec.17	Decorating the church	12:15a.m.	Church

Condolences to:
Allan and Jackie Beckingham and family on the death of Allan's sister Donna Beckingham

St. Mark's Christmas Show

St. Mark's Music Ministry, Mark's Men and our Master of Ceremonies, Bob Doherty, invite you to join in a celebration of all things Christmas on Sunday, December 10th, at 7:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of carol singing and story telling. Admission is a free will donation, with proceeds going to support families in need at Christmas, through our Care and Concern Committee. Coffee, tea, and Christmas cookies will be served downstairs after the singing.

Religious Formation - 849-5111

Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162
Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

Dec. 10- Family Day 10:05 a.m.
Jan. 14 – Sessions resume

NEEDED Urgently:
Catechists are still needed:
Grade 6 – 2 catechists

URGENT

2018 Sunday Envelopes

Please pick up your 2018 Sunday envelopes as soon as possible to save the church hundreds of dollars in postage. All envelopes are on the table on the Pettingill Road side. After Dec. 17th please drop by the office to pick up your box of envelopes.

HELP NEEDED!

– To prepare the church for our Christmas celebration, volunteers are asked to help on December 17 at 12:15 p.m Pizza will be served after decorating at 1:00 p.m.

Memorial Donation for Flowers

The Art and Environment Committee are asking for donations of poinsettias for our Christmas Celebrations. A card may accompany the item with the donor's name, or in memory of loved one.
They may be brought to the church by December 20th If you prefer to make a money donation, Art and Environment will purchase your poinsettia for you.

Required Weekly	$ 5,555.00
Sunday Collection, December 3rd	$ 5,334.15

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday, Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 25th
Christmas Day
11:15 a.m.
NEW YEAR'S AND
FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday, Dec. 31st – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 1st – New Year's Day
11:15 a.m.

Ministry sign up sheets for Christmas and New Year's Masses are in the foyer. Please consider signing up for the Mass you will be attending.

Christmas Board – A list of needs is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Choose an item, write your name and phone number on one half of the tag and place in the box provided. Return the item wrapped with the other half of the tag attached.

Turkey Donations for Christmas Families

Care and Concern Ministry are looking for donations of turkeys to provide to our Christmas families. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

Attention Please

Following the Christmas Masses we will be withdrawing communion by way of the cup as the flu season begins. We will restore the cup in time for holy week celebrations at Easter. Our first concern is the well-being of our people. If you have a cold please refrain from taking the cup.
Liturgy Committee

See the back page on Revitalization & Realignment