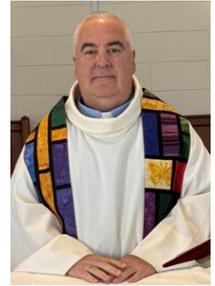




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From the Desk of Father Mark:

Preparing for the Fall Season in Faith and Community

All glory to the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world!

As the summer draws to a close and the fall season arrives, our parish prepares not only for the return of cooler weather but also for the joyful arrival of many of our snowbird friends who make their way back to our community. This is a season of renewal and reconnection, a time to focus on the importance of worship, Bible study, and active involvement in the life of our parish family. Scripture reminds us, *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God”* (Colossians 3:16).

The call to discipleship is never solitary; it is lived out in fellowship, through study of God’s Word, and in service to others. By volunteering in our outreach programs, we not only strengthen our community but also embody Christ’s command: *“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ”* (1 Corinthians 12:12). This unity in Christ is the foundation of our mission and witness to the world.

We are grateful for the faithful witness of our parish organizations. The Adoration Society of Adoration (ANS) continues to provide a spiritual anchor of prayer, while the Young Men’s Society of the Resurrection (YMS of R) offers fraternity, service, and welcome to all new members seeking to deepen their faith. Their vitality strengthens us all.

This year has also brought many improvements to our parish campus. From the repaired and upgraded parking lot, new floors in the church and social hall, and a new roof on the rectory, to new partitions in the bathrooms, an additional A/C unit in the social hall kitchen, and extensive work on refrigeration and landscaping - our community has invested in spaces that reflect our care for God’s house. Ongoing upgrades to our electrical system ensure that this work continues into the future. Each of these projects is not just about maintaining buildings, but about creating welcoming spaces where faith, fellowship, and service flourish.

Together, as we welcome back friends, strengthen our bonds of unity in Christ, and continue to serve both parish and community, we step into this new season with gratitude, hope, and renewed commitment.



Dine in or Take out from 4 - 7pm each Friday for an amazing New England seafood style meal! Order either the Haddock or Shrimp or Chicken, that comes with sides of coleslaw, potato waves and the veggie of the day! There's also complimentary tea, lemonade and coffee! The donation is \$20 per meal. If you'd like to plate share, there is a \$10 add on. Try one of our amazing, great portioned, homemade desserts from our Adoration Society for just \$3. Word is getting out about how terrific our Fish Frys are, so please keep supporting keep supporting the efforts of our Christ-centered volunteers! If you'd like to join in the fun, any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated! Even just one Friday every other month would be great! Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Bob Canfield for details (352) 454-8677

The Young Men's Society of Resurrection (YMS of R)



The next YMS of R meeting will be Thursday, October 16th at 12:00 noon in the social hall following the bible study class at 11:00am. All gentlemen of the parish are invited and encouraged to join us in fellowship. If you are new to the parish, this is a good opportunity for you to meet some of the men of our parish.

YSM of R members and their guests meet the 2nd Tuesday, October 14th at 5pm for a casual get together at the Man-cave. Usually pizza or burgers. Open to all men of the parish. For any questions please see or contact Mark Gilbert at: (410) 419-0321.

Parish News

Blessing of the Animals

On Wednesday, October 4th at 10:00am, we will have a service for *Blessing of the Animals*. We encourage everyone to attend this service with your beloved pets. It will be held outside under the canopy in front of the church.



The Ladies Retreat will be held in January 2026.

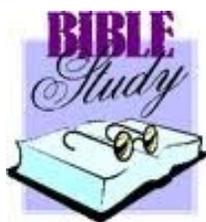
Details will be in the November newsletter



October 4th is the date of The Sock Hop Dance from 5-8pm ish. Each ticket is a \$25 donation. There are also raffle tickets for an amazing unique coffee table made by own carpenter, Bruce Russell.



New sign that was put on the church van in September.



Father Mark's bible study class meets every Thursday morning at 11:00am here at St. Paul's social hall. This ongoing class is for everyone interested in finding out more about their faith. Father Mark brings us many pearls of Scripture each week and whether you are a first time bible reader or an astute learned scriptural connoisseur, there's something special in the Word of God for everyone. You are encouraged to bring a friend.



Clean Kids Back Pack Program

Our mainstay charitable program provides local homeless school children with personal care/hygiene items all year round. Please drop off items anytime on the rectory porch or at church on Sundays in the bins at the front of the church.

Words for Thought

With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you.

2 Peter 3:8-9 NIV



Birthdays

- 3rd** Lynn Kubacki
Julie Manta
- 4th** Betty Wentzel
- 6th** Norma Dunphy
Andi Stuck
- 11th** Lyn Novak
Bob Pitel
- 12th** Jeffrey Gerstner
- 13th** Ross Waldo
- 16th Fr Frank Bartlett**
Beth Russell
- 25th** Rick Aneiro
- 28th** Kay Hansen
Tom Jeffey
- 30th** Ann Marie Cipriano
Bruce Russell



Anniversaries

- 6th** Michael & Leslie Staschak
- 16th** Al & Val Becker

* Members: if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform Debbie Niznik.

Special Offering Envelopes

The month of October is designated for the **Bishop Kardas Memorial Fund**. Please use a Love Offering envelope located in the church pews and mark it "**Bishop Kardas Memorial Fund**". This fund is used to help maintain the cottages and apartments located in Davie, Florida that belong to the Diocese.



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CLEAN KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM

DONATIONS

TOP NEEDED ITEMS



No Rinse Shampoo



Deodorant



Dental Care Supplies

Other important needed items:

- backpacks
- family size tents
- sleeping bags
- sleeping mats
- socks & underwear
- feminine hygiene products
- baby wipes
- diapers (assorted sizes)
- shaving supplies

Please make sure that donations are **new and in original packaging.**

Thank you!