

Saturday, July 24th	Vigil
4:00 Joseph Allen Jr.	Birthday Memorial
Sunday, July 25th	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 People of St. Mark	Pro Populo
9:30 Dcd. Mbrs. of the Iannuccillo & Sciolto Fam.	
11:00 Angelina Rotella	Birthday Memorial
Monday, July 26th	Joachim & Anne, parents of the BVM
8:00 Antonio Carpentieri	Memorial
Tuesday, July 27th	
8:00 Joseph C. Medeiros Jr.	10 th Anniversary
Wednesday, July 28th	
8:00	
Thursday, July 29th	Saint Martha
8:00	Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday, July 30th	Chrysologus, bishop & doctor
8:00	Dcd. Mbrs. of the DiLorenzo & Giorgio Fam.
Saturday, July 31st	Vigil
4:00	Dcd. Mbrs. of the Heran Fam. Memorial
Sunday, August 1st	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30	People of St. Mark Pro Populo
9:30	Guy Gargani Memorial
11:00	Ernestine D. Laurito 9 th Anniversary

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of
Joseph C. Medeiros

The Altar Candles burn in loving memory of the
Dcd. Mbrs. of the Iannuccillo & Sciolto Fam.

Stewardship

Weekend of 07/18/2010

Offertory	\$4,746.00
Poor Box	\$79.00

Marriage Encounter

In last weekend's Gospel, Jesus said "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing." Take time away from all your worries and spend time focusing on the Lord and your spouse. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are July 23-25, September 17-19, and September 24-26. For more information and to register, call 1-800-710-9963 or visit www.wwmema.org.

Catholic Charity Fund Appeal 2010

The appeal was a great success this year. St. Mark Church totaled **\$73,256.00** in contributions, which is 96% of the \$76,000.00 goal. Thank you to all for your generosity!

Jeffrey & Barbara Barone
Chairpersons

Peter's Pence Collection

The second collection next weekend is the Peter's Pence Collection. This collection enables the Holy Father to give emergency funds to those most in need who suffer from oppression, war, disease, or natural disasters. Please be generous!

Columban Festival & Bazaar

Who: Columban Fathers

Where: 65 Ferry Road in Bristol, RI

When: **Sunday, July 25th** 12:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

What: Games of Chance, Children's Games, Cash Prize Raffles, Chicken BBQ, Chowder & Clam Cakes, Bingo

Free Parking and Free Admission

Celebration of Family Festival 2010

The festival was a great success again this year! St. Mark Church brought in **\$9,609.00** in profit. This money will be used to purchase a commercial food freezer and other items for next year's festival! Thank you to all who attended!

Doreen Archetto & Lori Levine
Chairpersons

From the Pastor's Desk:

Only one new ciborium is left to be donated by a parishioner in memory of a loved one, whose name will be inscribed on the bottom of the ciborium. If you are interested, please call the parish office for details. The parish also has several chasubles (the vestment the priest wears during Mass) that are available for donation as well. More detailed information on these will be forthcoming, but please contact the office if you are interested.

As noted on the previous page, St. Mark Church reached 96% of the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal 2010 goal! Your generosity enables the various diocesan ministries to perform the Lord's work through human hands. Thank you!

I was very happy with the incorporation over the past couple weeks of three Gregorian Chant Mass parts. These Greek and Latin translations and music are a sacred part of Catholic tradition and are to be held in high esteem. I encourage all of you to be on the lookout for more workshop dates being offered by the Gebhart brothers and to look over the Latin text of the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) so that we can get much more participation at Mass in the future.

On a side note to parents of young children; please encourage your little ones to use the bathroom before you leave the house for Mass. The stream of children (often running) up and down the aisle during the Gospel and especially during the Consecration and Eucharistic Prayer is not only distracting to others, but is not conducive to the sense of awe and solemnity that we should be trying to foster during the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Thank you for utilizing the restrooms for emergencies only.



Diocese of Providence
Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment

4th Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 3, 2010
1:00 P.M. at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence

Married couples who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, and Over wedding anniversaries in 2010 will be honored at this celebration. Couples who would like to attend can register for this event through the parish office before September 3rd. The celebration will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, and a personalized certificate for each couple. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist. Following the Mass a reception will take place for the couples and their families.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence

Office of Life and Family Ministry

Post-Abortion Outreach Ministry

“A Journey to Healing for Anyone Hurting from Abortion”

The Office of Life and Family Ministry offers the following programs for those seeking emotional and spiritual healing after being involved in an abortion

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats: A weekend retreat that provides participants an opportunity to process their pain and sorrow, form a spiritual connection with their aborted child, experience the compassion and forgiveness of Jesus and His Church, and begin a journey toward healing.

Healing the Wounded Heart Support Group: A confidential support group that deals with the emotional and spiritual conflicts associated with an abortion with two offerings:

- Pre-retreat group for those who have *never* attended a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat Weekend
- Post-retreat group for those who *have* experienced a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat Weekend.

Both groups will meet for 4 – 6 sessions.

Project Rachel: A ministry of healing and reconciliation comprising “one-on-one” sessions with a priest who will welcome and counsel you in a prayerful atmosphere of respect and sensitivity.

If you or someone you know is interested in any or all of the above programs, please call Carol Owens at 401-421-7833 extension 118. All calls are strictly confidential!



Ask a Seminarian

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Questions about the liturgy, the sacraments, spirituality, apologetics, doctrine, Church history, or current Church events? Do you sometimes wonder why we do something a certain way here at St. Mark when another parish does it differently? Just want a seminarian’s take on a current issue? If so, please send your questions to Matt Gebhart, our resident seminarian. He will answer your questions, and if need be, *find* the answers to your questions, or just give his informed opinion if the question warrants it. Take this opportunity to increase your knowledge of the faith. No question is dumb or insignificant. Send them via the collection, e-mail them to matg23@cox.net or stmarkri@aol.com, submit them through the parish website, or ask in person. See the next page for some great questions and their answers. Keep the questions coming in!

Ask a Seminarian

Q: Can a former active parishioner of St. Mark who moved and is now a practicing Catholic at another parish still have his/her Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at St. Mark Church?

A: Absolutely! It is virtually assured that a Mass of Christian Burial (Funeral) can be held at St. Mark for this former parishioner. Remember, the Catholic Church is universal; indeed that is what the word “Catholic” means. Each individual parish in the diocese is just a small part of our larger local Church (The Diocese of Providence.) The local Church is just a small part of the larger worldwide universal Church. That is the beauty of being Catholic as opposed to a member of a local Protestant denomination, which is often, but not always, individual and not associated with any other faith group. Wherever life takes you, you can still have an active faith and sacramental life at any Catholic parish, because putting aside small details, each parish is the same. The same Mass is celebrated, the same sacraments are administered by priests, and the people all share the same faith in the truths of the Church. Although at the time of death, the pastor of St. Mark may inquire as to why the person is no longer an active parishioner, this is only to confirm that the person still held and practiced the faith. It is very common for people to request burial from a former parish or one in which they grew up in and received all their sacraments.

Q: How long does it take to become a priest?

A: There is no straightforward answer to this question, because in recent years the candidates for priesthood have been so diverse and have come from many different walks of life. I will try to describe three different situations in answering this question. This answer is relevant to today’s formation structure, not past ones. Over time the Church has changed the ways in which she prepares men for the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

The first example is that of a man who has just graduated high school and feels called to enter the Seminary. If accepted, he will spend four years in a College or Minor Seminary, such as the current Our Lady of Providence Seminary. The man spends these four years in formation as well as completing a Bachelor’s Degree in Philosophy, taking Theology classes, Latin classes, and other in-house formation offerings. The seminarian then hopefully gets promoted by the local bishop to Major Seminary where he spends another four years attaining a Master’s Degree in Theology or equivalent Pontifical Degree. Some seminarians also take additional classes to specialize in particular degree areas such as Moral Theology, Liturgy, Patristics, Biblical Theology, etc. All in all, this process takes a minimum of eight years.

Secondly, if a man enters Seminary while he is already in college, like I did, he completes his Bachelor’s Degree at Minor Seminary (one to three years,) as well as completing all the above-mentioned formation areas, before entering Major Seminary. I for instance will spend a minimum of six years in formation, five more at the time of this writing.

Thirdly, if a man has already gone to college, received a Bachelor’s Degree, and entered the workforce, he is required to spend one to two years in a Pre-Theology program completing the previously mentioned formation areas and required credits in Philosophy. Depending on one’s age, this takes place either at Minor or Major Seminary before the person is assigned to four years of Theology studies.

As of this time, the Church requires all men who are candidates for priesthood to spend a minimum of six years in formation, regardless of one’s academic level or age. This rule is sometimes controversially waived for older men in their 40’s and 50’s by the local Bishop or Seminary Rector. Candidates can also be assigned to Pastoral years, in which they spend a year ministering in a parish, while maintaining their status as a seminarian. Some dioceses require all their men to take this year at some point in their formation, often after they are ordained to the Transitional Diaconate. The Diocese of Providence does not require this Pastoral year for all candidates.

This was a long answer, but each situation is different and is dealt with on a case-by-case basis. A good range is anywhere from five to nine years.