

# Mission Statement

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We, the parishioners of St. Mark, Fallston, of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, gather according to the Roman Catholic tradition to 'tell the story' and 'break the bread' — the story of Jesus, the Christ. This story enables us to talk about God and ourselves. By virtue of our Baptism, we commit ourselves to the mission of Jesus Christ which is the building of God's Kingdom here on earth.

We realize that our foremost task is to become a COMMUNITY — a community in which the words of Sacred Scripture ring true; "See how they love one another", and "By their fruits you shall know them". As a community we will nourish our own religious life in order that we may witness to the saving presence of God in the world.

Therefore, we strive to be:

- ❖ a **WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY** —through enlivening liturgies and sacramental celebrations, to praise our God and Father and to nourish ourselves by our common sharing at the Lord's table.
- ❖ a **LEARNING COMMUNITY** —through openness of mind and heart to further nourish ourselves and our children by growing in knowledge and understanding of our religious roots and traditions.
- ❖ a **WITNESSING COMMUNITY** —through our words and actions to reach out to those baptized Catholics who have separated themselves from our table, to our Christian brothers and sisters in the area and to our world of work and play
- ❖ a **SERVING COMMUNITY** —through our efforts to search out and respond to the needs of the lonely, the poor, the handicapped, and the troubled in our area and in any region where "the works of Jesus" should be made visible.

We pray that our minds and hearts will be open to respond to God's call to truly be the "People of God".

## **GOALS OF THE MISSION STATEMENT**

1. *To provide an increasingly open, prayerful, affirming and enlivening style of worship.*
2. *To strengthen community by providing various opportunities for people to come together.*
3. *To broaden the scope of Christian Education towards understanding and living our Faith.*
4. *To provide opportunities to evangelize and reach those in need.*
5. *To provide for adequate facilities and funding for present and future needs.*
6. *To develop a better understanding of the diversity of ministries within the church.*