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ur series devoted to Saint Mark's staff (both volunteer and stipendiary) resumes this month with Associate Rector Bruce Smith. While we are blessed to have multiple clergy on staff, Bruce is the only other ordained person that is compensated through the parish budget.

In some congregations the responsibilities of the associate rector bear a remarkable resemblance to all the areas of parish life that the rector doesn't like to do! At Saint Mark's, however, we really try to find those areas of parish life which are most suited to the gifts and interests of each individual (to the extent possible).

One of the most obvious differences between our Rector and Associate Rector is that one of them is an introvert and one is an extrovert—can you guess which is which? This means that Bruce has special responsibility for new member ministry, following our guests and visitors, the welcome brunches and other areas that make introverts want to run and hide!

Bruce also brings his considerable "people skills" to the area of pastoral care, and makes numerous calls to people experiencing an illness or crisis, as well as visiting many of our shut-in or home-bound parishioners. He has primary responsibility for celebrating the Eucharist at First Community Village each month, and shares with the Rector services at Friendship Village.

After many years in the corporate world, Bruce is also a natural organizer. He gives careful attention to scheduling, the appropriate licensing by the Diocese of our liturgical ministers, and how we present the procedures of church life (such as Baptismal preparation) to the congregation and public. He has been wonderful in adapting to some of the changes made by the Rector in these areas at Saint Mark's (such as being more inclusive in our marriage and Baptismal policies, as well as on who receives communion and when).



A considerable portion of Bruce's role at Saint Mark's really looks a lot like that of the Rector. He celebrates the Holy Eucharist, preaches, baptizes, counsels, solemnizes marriages and presides over burial of the departed. At staff meetings, when there is no verger present, he even keeps his eye on the weekly lectionary and what is read when on Sunday morning.

For the last ten years the position of associate rector has been full-time (a record for Saint Mark's which has a history of difficulties when it comes to compensating two full-time clergy). Unfortunately in 2011 this position has had to become part-time. Even though giving is actually up in 2011, reserve funds which had been drawn on for the last five years to fill the full-time/part-time budget gap have been depleted.

We are blessed as a congregation that Bruce is willing to stay on in this part time capacity, and share with us the skills of a priest with over a decade of experience in ordained ministry.

Nevertheless Saint Mark's must be careful. A look at the membership statistics tell us this is very much a two full-time clergy

> congregation. As we go forward together, we do so with some very real challenges.

> First, we must be fair both to the changed situation and to Bruce.

> Second, we must be mindful of the Rector's blood pressure (pink face good, red face less good, purple face bad!).

> Thirdly, we must look for creative ways to be helpful, get involved, step forward, and in the words of Florence Lee Tim Oi (the first woman ordained as priest in the Anglican Communion),

say, "Here I am! Send me."

Finally, we need to remember that the clergy, the staff and indeed the church is supported by faithful, generous giving from the heart. For all of us to be here as the church when needed most, an ongoing investment must be made day by day.

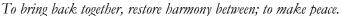
May God continue bless our wonderful and talented staff—just as God has brought together this wonderful and talented congregation to be a part of the Body of Jesus Christ in Columbus, Ohio.

Paul

LENT AND HOLY WEEK AT SAINT MARK'S

Chapel of Reconciliation

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The chapel area has been dedicated this year to all those who seek to engage in reconciliation. People are invited to take a stone from the font (near the glass doors) as a reminder of the sacred in our lives, and God's desire for reconciliation wherever there is a brokenness within us and within our world. Copies of the Daily Meditation from *Episcopal Relief and Development* are also available in the chapel.

Wednesdays During Lent

Noonday Holy Eucharist—Litany of Thanksgiving and Laying on of Hands for Healing April 6 & 13

Palm Sunday—The Sunday of the Passion

Christ's Entry Into Jerusalem and Crucifixion

Sunday, April 17

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist with Distribution of Palms and Passion Narrative

10:00 am The Holy Eucharist with Distribution of Palms and Passion Narrative Saint Mark's Choir, Music by Casals and Daley

Maundy Thursday

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 21

7:30 pm The Holy Eucharist with Preparation for Good Friday Saint Mark's Choir, Anthems by Tallis and Sitton

Good Friday

The Crucifixion

Friday, April 22

7:30 pm The Good Friday Liturgy with Communion from the Reserve Sacrament Saint Mark's Choir, Anthems by Graun and Di Lasso

The Great Vigil of Easter with Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Holy Baptism Saturday, April 23

7:30 pm The Exultet and the First Communion of Easter Saint Mark's Choir, Music by Stanford, Schütz and Russo

Easter Day—The Day of Resurrection

Sunday, April 24

- 9:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II Saint Mark's Brass, Canterbury Choir
- 11:00 am Solemn Holy Eucharist, Rite II Saint Mark's Brass, Saint Mark's Choir, Music by Stanford and Schütz

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Saint Mark's Director of Music Gary L. Garber

The Toccata from Widor's Fifth Organ Symphony has become the traditional closing voluntary for our celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection. And it is hard to imagine an organ work whose jubilant spirit could more appropriately intone the Easter message.

Charles-Marie Widor was born in Lyon, to a family of organ builders, and studied music there with his father, François-Charles Widor, who was organist of Saint-François-de-Sales from 1838 to 1889. The great French organ builder Aristide Cavaillé-Coll was a friend of the family, and arranged for young Charles to study in Brussels in 1863 with Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens for organ technique and François-Joseph Fétis, director of the Brussels Conservatoire, for composition. Afterward, Widor moved to Paris, where he would make his home for the rest of his life. At the age of 24 he was appointed assistant to Camille Saint-Saëns at the Church of the Madeleine.

In January 1870, thanks to the lobbying of Cavaillé-Coll, Saint-Saëns, and Charles Gounod, the 25-year-old Widor was appointed "provisional" organist of St. Sulpice in Paris, the most prominent of the Paris organist positions. The five-manual organ at St. Sulpice was Cavaillé-Coll's masterwork, and its spectacular capabilities proved an inspiration to Widor. His ten symphonies are a result. Despite the "provisional" nature of his appointment, which was never officially made permanent, Widor remained long at St. Sulpice. In his old age he was to quip that he had been "provisional organist" for 64 years. He was succeeded in 1934 by Michael's teacher, Marcel Dupré.

Widor's Fifth Organ Symphony was completed in 1879. The Toccata is the final movement. It will close our worship at the Great Vigil of Easter and at both Holy Eucharist celebrations on Easter morning.



Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

PARISH OFFICE NEWS

MAY 2011 Epistle Deadline: Monday, April 11:

Please all news, photos and articles to Jessie in the Parish Office via phone (486-9452, ext. 301) or e-mail:

officemanager@ saintmarkscolumbus.org

by 12 noon on Monday, April 11 (one week earlier this month due to Easter). Volunteers will fold the May EPISTLE on Thursday, April 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Canterbury Center. Please join us—light refreshments will be provided.

EASTER MEMORIALS COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 3:

After a long, cold winter, we are again looking forward to Easter. The flowers on the altar and around the sanctuary are an important part of that celebration. Contributions in memory of loved ones or in celebration defray the cost of decorating the church for Palm Sunday and for Easter. Additionally, the Flower Guild provides some of the funds needed for the outdoor planting in the church yard during the summer. Sign-up sheets and a box for your contributions will be in the Parish Hall on Sundays April 3, 10 and 17. To have the memorials listed in the Easter bulletin, Palm Sunday-April 17-will be the last day for signing up. Contributions in any amount are welcome and very much appreciated. Please make checks payable to "Saint Mark's" with "Flower Guild" written on the memo line. If you have questions, contact the Parish Office: 486-9452, ext. 301.

APRIL EVENTS AND NEWS

Bishop's Visitation to Saint Mark's-Sunday, April 10:



On Sunday, April 10, **Bishop Thomas E. Breidenthal** will celebrate and preach at the 8 and 10 a.m. services. **Confirmation, reception and reaffirmation of baptismal vows will take place at the 10 a.m. service.** A reception will follow the 10 a.m. service—please contact the Parish Office, **486-9452**, ext. **301**, if you are able to help in preparing for this day.

C.S. Lewis Reading Group Resumes April 13:

The C.S. Lewis Reading Group resumes on Wednesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in Room 203 (above the Education Wing) and begins *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.* Copies are available in any bookstore. For more information, contact Paul at 486-9452, ext. 302 or by e-mail: rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org.

Youth Group Book Sale:

The Third Annual Saint Mark's Youth Group Book Sale continues through Palm Sunday (April 17). Drop off any donated books, videos, audio, etc., either in the Youth Center (Room 203) or in the box located under the Book Sale table. Book donations will be accepted throughout the sale, and will be available for \$1 donation. Take this time to clean out your bookshelves at home or restock them with a great new selection! All proceeds will benefit youth attending summer camp (more information on page 5) or going on the mission trip this summer to LaLabor, Guatemala. Contact Brad and Crystal Essex, be2477@gmail.com, if you have questions.

Vacation Bible School Updates:

Each adult who wishes to volunteer with children at Vacation Bible School, Sunday School or any other youth ministry needs to complete Safe Church training if they have not already done so. The next training workshop is scheduled for **Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Granville** (approximately one hour away). To register, click onto **www.diosohio.org**, "How Things Work," and "A-Z Directory." Once in the directory, scroll to and click on "Safe Church Training"—this will lead to the registration page.

The first volunteer meeting for Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, April 3 during our 11 a.m. fellowship hour in the Youth Center (Room 203). This year's Vacation Bible School will be a wild celebration of God's love beginning Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day. Registration forms will be available in the Parish Hall and in the Parish Office. We will also be holding our second annual VBS flower fundraiser this year featuring a variety of hanging baskets—order forms will be available the entire month of April in the Parish Hall during our fellowship hour together. Flowers will be available for pick-up on Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day) after the 10 a.m. service. Any questions? Contact Kathy Drobny, coordinator—by phone: 459-2056 or e-mail: kdrobny@att.net.



SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS Get Connected! Questions? Contact Jessie in the Parish Office: 486-9452, ext. 301.



Register online by Friday, April 21 or see Dot Yeager soon to sign up by mail

The Komen Race for the Cure event raises significant funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer, celebrates breast cancer survivorship, and honors those who have lost their battle with the disease.

Our team name is **Saint Mark's Episcopal**. Race participants are invited to recognize those special people in their lives who have been touched by breast cancer. "In Memory Of" and "In Celebration Of" back signs will be available at the registration area on Race Day. Take this opportunity to celebrate and honor those we love who have faced the challenges of breast cancer.

If you aren't interested in the 5K race or walk, you can always "sleep in for the cure." To get additional details or register for the event, which has a \$30 fee, go to the below site: **www.komencolumbus.org**. The "Komen Race for the Cure" tab will step you through the process. Our team name is Saint Mark's Episcopal and use 2151 for the password, when prompted. If you have any questions, please call **Dot Yeager** at **596-0826** or e-mail her at **dot-yeager@columbus.rr.com**.



Tour de H₂O—Saturday, May 21

It's time once again for the Tour de $H_2O!$ Saint Mark's was a big part of this cycling fundraiser last year, and all who participated should be very proud of the new water wells that were constructed in two rural villages in a dry area of western Kenya. The second annual Tour de H₂O is set for Saturday, May 21, 2011 at Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park in Columbus. Our goal is to raise funds to construct three much needed water wells for primary schools in western Kenya. In addition to route distances of 25 and 50 miles, this year's ride will feature a special 10 mile Children's Tour de H₂O which will include a Metropark nature tour! To learn more about the work that Tour de H_0O is supporting, please see Mark Baldwin and/or visit www.tourdeh20.org. We hope you will consider supporting the 2011 Tour de H₂O as a donor, rider or virtual rider! Your gift is helping us bring clean water to those who have none.



Above: Emily Baldwin along with Sarah and Paul Renner at the 2010 Tour de $\rm H_2O.$

Procter Summer Camp Season Begins June 17:

"Procter Summer Camp is committed to bringing campers into a faith-based community. We provide experiences, instruction and an introduction to ministry in the Episcopal Church. In this unique program, campers select their own learning focus in each camp week. These formation tracks, partnered with great activities, a safe environment, lifelong friends and amazing fun, make Procter Summer Camp an experience of a lifetime."

Laura Crone from Saint Mark's will be a camp counselor this summer. For more information and to register, check out www.youth.diosohio.org or contact Rob Konkol, Director of Youth Ministries and Summer Camping Program via e-mail, youth@diosohio.org or by phone: (800) 582-1712, ext. 160.

KEEPING CONNECTED TO ONE ANOTHER:

BRUCE'S SERMONS ON FACEBOOK:

The texts of sermons preached by Associate Rector Bruce Smith can be found on the "Saint Mark's Episcopal Church" Facebook page and are usually posted within a few days.

RETIREMENT COMMUNITY SERVICES:

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on the second Thursday of each month at Friendship Village in Dublin. Bruce and Paul share responsibility for this ministry and we are often assisted by The Rev. John Sanders, a retired Episcopal priest and resident at Friendship Village. On the third Thursday of each month, Bruce celebrates the Holy Eucharist in the chapel at First Community Village. There are a number of Saint Mark's parishioners at each community and the services are open to anyone who wishes to attend. We gather at 11 a.m. for worship, which is followed by lunch.

LENTEN SCHOOL:

Several members of Saint Mark's have participated in this year's Deanery Lenten School held at St. Patrick's in Dublin on March 15, 22, 29 and April 5: **Patti Blakey, Anice Ellis, The Rev. Michael Ellis, Mary Kirkey, The Rev. Bruce Smith, Marilyn Smith, The Rev. Susan Smith** and **Mary Jane Weals.** The Rev. Bruce Smith will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, April 5. The programs have begun at 6:30 p.m. with the Holy Eucharist, followed by a brief time of fellowship. Classes have been held each Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A SPECIAL DAY AT PROCTER:

Associate Rector Bruce Smith, chair of the Affirmative Aging Commission in our diocese, served as co-host at the annual meeting of the Society of Sts. Simeon and Anna. The event, which also included retired clergy and their spouses, was held at Procter Conference Center on Tuesday, March 22. The morning began with registrations and coffee, with just about 100 lay and clergy from all over the diocese. We gathered in Christ Chapel for the Holy Eucharist at which the **Rev. Canon Karl Ruttan** (who will be leading Saint Mark's Vestry retreat on April) was our celebrant and preacher. During the Prayers of the People we remembered all of the members of the society who had died in the past year, including Larry German from Saint Mark's. Immediately following the service, Bruce and the Rev. Nancy Hardin (past chair of the Commission) formally welcomed nine new members of the Society, highlighting their rich and varied ministries to their congregations and to the our diocese. Attending this event from Saint Mark's were Michael and Anice Ellis, Nancy Johnston and Bruce and Susan Smith.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION—CONGRATULATIONS!

"A special congratulations to the youth who will be confirmed at the 10 a.m. service on April 10—Carolyn Botti, CJ Botti, Sarah Drobny, Alex Tannous, Mallory Tannous, Katie Turner, Mathias Thompson and Emma Wheeler. Saint Mark's is truly blessed by your hard work and dedication!" —*Kathy Drobny*, *Journey to Adulthood* coordinator

April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10 Confirmation Bishop's Visitation 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 AM Journey to Adulthood 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Confirmation 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Reception 8:00 PM AA Groups	II May 2011 EPISTLE Deadline 3:00 PM Girl Scouts 5:30 PM AA - Men's Group 7:00 PM Sisters in the Faith Women's Group 7:00 PM Saint Mark's Men's Group	12 9:30 AM AI Anon 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:00 PM Weight Watchers	13 12:00 PM Noonday Eucharist 12:30 PM Bridge Club 4:30 PM Canterbury Choir 7:00 PM AA Group 7:00 PM C.S. Lewis Reading Group	14 9:30 AM Volunteer Folding 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist at Friendship Village 6:15 PM AA 7:30 PM Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM AA	15 I:00 PM Chair Volleyball 7:30 PM Canterbury Choir Outing 8:00 PM AA Groups	16 9:30 AM OA 12:00 PM Altar & Flower Guild Set-Up
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Interested? Breakfast and Bible Group:

A new group for men? Michael Ellis invites men of any age to meet on Tuesday mornings at 7 a.m. at Panera Bread on Tremont Rd. Bring a Bible, any translation, get your coffee, bagel and/or goodies and come to our table. We'll read through a selected book of the New Testament and discover what it seems to be saying to us about faith and how it impacts our lives. The group will adjourn promptly at 8 a.m. so men can head for work or the rest of their day. Is there enough interest to form a group beginning on May 2? Let's find out. If you might be part of such a group, leave word with Jessie in the Parish Office (486-9452, ext. 301), or call Michael at 529-9597.

Save The Date:

Newcomer Brunch and Welcome Class in May, June

Sunday, May 22 after the 10 a.m. service: Newcomer Brunch and tours of Saint Mark's for all those new to our community of faith since this past September.

Sunday, June 5 at 7 p.m. in the Chancel: "Welcome to the Episcopal Church" with our rector, Paul St. Germain. Join us for an overview of the history, traditions and missions of the Episcopal Church.

More detailed information about these programs will published in the May edition of The EPISTLE.

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Holy Week 2011 at Saint Mark's

Palm Sunday - April 17, 8 and 10 a.m. Maundy Thursday - April 21, 7:30 p.m. Good Friday - April 22, 12:00 noon Good Friday - April 22, 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter - April 23, 7:30 p.m. Easter Day - April 24, 9:00 a.m. Easter Day - April 24, 11:00 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist with Distribution of Palms and Passion Narrative The Holy Eucharist and Preparation for Good Friday Stations of the Cross & Communion from the Reserve Sacrament Good Friday Liturgy with Communion from the Reserve Sacrament The Exultet & First Communion of Easter The Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Saint Mark's Brass & Canterbury Choir Solemn Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Saint Mark's Brass & Choir



Saint Mark's, a parish in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, held its first worship service September 9, 1951 in a converted Methodist Church in Grandview. Having achieved parish status in 1953, Saint Mark's broke ground for a parish hall the next year. Services were held in the parish hall from 1955 until our magnificent church was completed and dedicated in March 1958. The house next door was purchased and converted to become the All SAINT MARK'S Saints Center, dedicated in August 1989. Renovations and the construction of the Eldred Johnston Parish Hall were completed in 2005.

SAINT MARK'S VESTRY MEMBERS' PHONE NUMBERS Barb Keyes, Senior Warden Phil Glandon, Junior Warden Trent Porterfield, Youth Warden Elizabeth Anstaett, Formation Patti Blakey, Fellowship Steve Brindza, Communications Justin Griest, Stewardship BJ Hauswirth, Outreach Anne Johnson, Outreach Ted Keller, Communications Suzanne McConnell, Formation Bill Reddington, Stewardship Dianne Silliman, Small Groups Darlene Sullivan, Small Groups Karen Swartz, Fellowship Dot Yeager, Treasurer Barbara Hyre, Clerk

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