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The Monthly Parish Newsletter of

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace. That's the Prayer Book definition for sacraments: outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace. Last year, in his annual address, Paul used these words to describe a vision for what it means for us to be the Church. As the year went on, that vision manifested itself in many different ways. Outside of Paul's annual address and maybe one or two other sermons, you may not have heard us talk a lot about outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace last year, yet that idea was at the core of our thinking as major projects happened in and around our building. We made some changes to our physical space that were to be the outward signs of the inward grace found in the Beloved Community we have been called to build here in Columbus, Ohio.

It began with an altar. Two altars, really. A memorial gift, in the form of a new altar, now sits in our chapel. With that new altar, we have rearranged the space to make it more "open" and allow the chapel to be a place wherein we can more easily deepen our relationship, not just with God, but also with one another. The altar that used to be in the chapel now serves as our "Welcome" table, holding Saint Mark's mugs with information about our church that could be of use to guests and visitors. Outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace. Recognizing God's presence through welcome and relationship.

Moving furniture has not been the only change we made in 2017. We also had two separate Eagle Scout projects to enhance our lawn on the Tremont side of our campus. One of those projects created a wonderful stone path through the lawn. The other project brought in beautiful plants to place around that same area and made spots for benches. Both of these projects subtly invite the community around us to find on our property a space to simply be. A place to find rest and beauty, even if they have no intention of walking through our door. Yet more outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace. For those of you what are wondering, the benches that will complete the second project are here. We are just waiting for the weather to cooperate so they can be installed.

These changes in and around our building, however, were not the only things we did last year. We celebrated the tenth anniversary of Paul's call to serve Saint Mark's as Rector. Some of us went to Guatemala on a mission trip. We've welcomed eleven new members into our worshipping community. We welcomed six people to the household of God through the waters of Baptism. We've said prayers for those we love but see no longer. We have spent countless hours rejoicing in each other's happiness and weeping in each other's sorrow. We, the literal flesh and blood of the Church, have been outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace to one another, to our community, and to the wider world around us. That trend will not stop.

While we do not yet know whether we will be able to make another trip to Guatemala this summer, we are still committed to bearing the light of Christ beyond our immediate surroundings. In October, some of us will be going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, walking in the places where Jesus walked. This pilgrimage will not only be an amazing opportunity for those who make the trip. Those of us who remain here will also be enlivened when they come back and share their experiences with us.

In 2018, we will see the benches I mentioned just a few moments ago installed. We will also see a playground for our youngest members put in, just outside the doors to your right. We have already received a donation to cover the costs of that project from a parishioner who wants us to have an outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual grace, the kind of grace that can only be found in the joy of children at play. We have also received a donation to continue the vision for finishing the nave, bringing the paint and trim you see here in the chancel moved throughout our worship space and into the narthex.

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The very space that surrounds us will be an outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual grace. A place of welcome. A place where anyone who is seeking God's presence may find and be found by God. A place we can all gather around a common table and receive Christ's Body and Blood. A place that encourages us to seek and serve Christ in every single person, to love our neighbors as ourselves. A place that empowers and emboldens us to go out into an unjust world, seeking justice for those who cannot seek it for themselves. A place we can call our spiritual home until that day God calls us to our great reward. A place where we can be reminded that we all will one day return "to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

We are, indeed, a sacramental people. Outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace. That is who and what Saint Mark's was in 2017, and who and what Saint Mark's will be in 2018.

Almighty God: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshipped you in this place, and we pray for all of those who will worship you in this place. May all who seek you here find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday:
The Sunday of the Passion

Christ's Entry into Jerusalem and Crucifixion

Sunday, March 25

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

10:30 am The Holy Eucharist with Distribution of Palms and the Passion Narrative
Music by Saint Mark's Choir

Maundy Thursday

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, March 29

7:30 pm The Holy Eucharist with Preparation for Good Friday and Procession of the Sacrament to the Altar of Repose
Music by Saint Mark's Choir

Good Friday

The Crucifixion

Friday, March 30

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
Hymns/Organ

7:30 pm The Good Friday Liturgy with Communion from the Reserve Sacrament
Music by Saint Mark's Choir

The Great Vigil of Easter

with Holy Baptism

Saturday, March 31

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

Easter Day

The Day of the Resurrection

Sunday, April 1

9:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Canterbury Choir, Saint Mark's Brass

11:00 am Solemn Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Saint Mark's Choir, Saint Mark's Brass

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

MATTHEW BESTER

Holy Week at Saint Mark's

It is hard to believe that the journey of Holy Week is less than a month away. I encourage you to make the time to attend all of the major services of this most special week, including Palm Sunday, the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil), and Easter Sunday. Each service has its own unique character and its own special part to play in the Holy Week experience. (Image: "Noli me tangere" by Veronese.)

Holy Week services with choir:
Palm Sunday: March 25, 10:30 a.m. (Saint Mark's Choir)
Maundy Thursday: March 29, 7:30 p.m. (Saint Mark's Choir)
Good Friday: March 30, 7:30 p.m. (Saint Mark's Choir)
Great Vigil of Easter: March 31, 7:30 p.m. (Saint Mark's Choir)
Easter Sunday: April 1, 9 a.m. (Canterbury Choir and Saint Mark's Brass)
Easter Sunday: April 1, 11 a.m. (Saint Mark's Choir and Saint Mark's Brass)

Canterbury Choir to Participate in Treble Choir Festival

The Canterbury Choir has been invited to participate in a special Treble Church Choir Festival at First Congregational Church in downtown Columbus the weekend of April 13–14. During the weekend, the choristers will work with renowned choral director Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, Immediate Past Artistic Director of The American Boychoir, who will serve as Guest Conductor of the festival. The weekend will conclude with a public concert at First Congregational Church (444 E. Broad Street) on Saturday, April 14, at 4 p.m. Please consider making time to attend this concert so that we can show our support for our dedicated choristers.

Choral Evensong by the Canterbury Choir

Please save the date of Sunday, May 20, at 4 p.m. for a service of Choral Evensong for the Feast of Pentecost, led by the Canterbury Choir. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully received in support of the Canterbury Choir Fund, which assists in the training and enrichment of the choir, including its annual spring outings. A reception will follow. Please come and support our young choristers, who work so hard throughout the year to enrich our worship services with beautiful and meaningful music.

OUREACH MINISTRY

The Outreach Ministry (Committee) meets the second Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Canterbury Center. We want to invite any and all of you to attend the meetings. Discussions center around our wide-ranging projects, which are mentioned regularly in the Sunday Bulletin. The common ground of almost every project is that, whenever possible, we wish to have parishioners participating in the ministries. We have local, regional, national, and international projects, but the emphasis is always on being present with our partners in each endeavor. Please join us for information and fellowship. We promise not to put you in charge of anything - at least not in the beginning! Please contact Pat Iams or Marilyn Smith (current Chairs) if you have questions.

ANNUAL OUTREACH COLLECTION PROJECTS:

- **January:** Baby food collection for NNEMAP.
- **February:** Dental supplies collection (toothpaste, brushes and floss) for NNEMAP.
- **March:** Bar soap and shampoo collection for NNEMAP.
- **April:** Dish soap or laundry detergent collection for NNEMAP.
- **May:** Collection for Guatemala starts: Children's shoes, dental supplies or Spanish books.
- **June:** School supply collection, filling book bags. Also, the Respite Birthday bags.
- **July:** School supply collection continues. Guatemala collection concludes.
- **August through October:** Grooming kit collection for NNEMAP.
- **November and December:** The Giving Tree. Items collected are based on the ornaments chosen.

NNEMAP food pantry
Near Northside Emergency Material Assistance Program

January NNEMAP Recap
In January we had 1333 family visits, and served a total of 3893 family members. This was despite the cold weather and being closed for three days due to weather.

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch Set for Saturday, April 21st.
This year our event will be held at the King Avenue United Methodist Church at 299 King Avenue. The event is a potluck luncheon and begins at 11:30 am until 1:00. Volunteers and guests are invited! The event includes a speaker and entertainment. Stay tuned for more information.

NNEMAP Adopts Windsor STEM Elementary School
Windsor STEM Elementary is located only two miles from NNEMAP. It is an historically low performing school, with 100% of their children qualifying for free breakfast and lunch programs.

Our partnership began last year with meetings on what their school needed. The principal has worked with Mid-Ohio Food Bank in the past, and knew that helping their students with emergency food was a need. We have begun supplying Windsor with 100 bags of 10 items for their neediest students to take home on Fridays for the weekend. The response from the students has been great. We will continue to work with the school on future needs.

SOAP AND SHAMPOO NEEDED

During the month of March we are collecting soap and shampoo for NNEMAP. NNEMAP director Roy Clark says that that personal grooming items are always scarce, and the need for these items is great. NNEMAP is able to purchase food items from Mid Ohio food Bank but non-food items like baby supplies, grooming supplies, toilet paper they depend on donations from individuals and churches.

The Outreach Committee has ear marked certain months to collect these item from our generous congregation. In the past we have collected baby food, dental supplies and whole grooming kits. There is a calendar of monthly collections at the outreach table in the parish hall.

The month of March we will collect bars of soap and bottles of shampoo. The dollar stores are a wonderful place to find these items at a reasonable cost. Those of you who have every used the small hotel bars of soap and small bottles of shampoo know first hand how fast they are used up. Most of the time, when we have soap and shampoo, these are what our clients have to choose from for their families. Let's see if we can give them choices from regular size products! If you would like to help with this please place your items in the basket on the Outreach table. If you have questions please contact Bill Karl or Barb Keyes. Thank you for your support for NNEMAP.

MY BROTHER'S CLOSET

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Columbus Urban League

On Sunday, February 18th, Adult Formation gathered to hear about the Outreach project "My Brother's Closet." This non-profit was established by the Columbus Urban League 5 years ago to outfit ex-offenders with business attire to look appropriate for job interviews. But before the fitting (complete with professional tailors), each man must participate in at least five of the 22 classes offered by the Urban League to promote the adjustment to the community outside the prison walls. Classes include "Getting Ready for Work; How to Parent; Choose to Change, and Father to Father." Urban League also provides classes for high school senior boys for summer employment (include grooming and interviewing.)

Saint Mark's collection of men's dress clothing for My Brother's Closet will be from **March 4 to April 1**

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

Episcopal Relief & Development
Healing a hurting world

Toks Ogungbadero, regional coordinator for ERD in our Diocese, spoke at Adult Formation on Sunday, February 11th. While ERD provides funds and physical help, in conjunction with local partners, to needs and disasters all over the world, Saint Mark's could specify funds for certain projects, if we wish: Hurricane aid in Puerto Rico, Flooding in Houston, or mosquito netting in Africa, for example. The ERD website also has a spot to register if you wish to someday participate in helping at a project. Toks would also like for Saint Mark's to name a representative to the Diocesan ERD. That position rarely involves any meetings, but would be a conduit for information and feedback about ERD. Please contact the office (614-486-9452) if you might be interested in learning more about the work of the Episcopal Church around the world.

CATCH COURT- THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH

We will make lunch for 50 in the kitchen at Saint Mark's at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 8th. We will take the lunch to the Franklin County Court House at about 11:20 a.m. and stay to serve food and listen to Court proceedings until 2:30 p.m. Please let Pat Iams know if you could help with lunch and/or attend Court.

IN AND AROUND SAINT MARK'S

APRIL EPISTLE DEADLINE IS MARCH 19

Please submit all news, photos and articles to Melanie in The parish office by 12 noon on Monday, March 19 via email if possible: officemanager@saintmarkscolumbus.org. Volunteers will fold the April EPISTLE on Thursday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the Canterbury Center. Please join us if you can!

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

It's March and time again to begin preparing for Easter. An important part of that celebration are the flowers at the altar and around the sanctuary. Contributions in memory of or in celebration of loved ones defray the cost of decorating the church for Palm Sunday and Easter. In addition to flowers in the church, contributions to the Flower Guild provide some of the funds needed for outdoor planning in the church yard during the summer. Again this year we will have special envelopes in the pews to receive your donations. The envelopes also have a space on the back for you to write your designation. They can be placed in the offering plate or in the familiar box in the Parish Hall on March 11th, March 18th, or March 25th. 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT SAINT MARK'S - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Saint Mark's will be hosting weekly dinners in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays beginning at 6:00 p.m. You and your family are invited to join members of the Canterbury Choir community for food, fellowship, formation, and fun!

SAINT MARK'S MEMBER CARE

Saint Mark's Member Care ministry provides meals to parishioners who are in need of some help due to illness, recovery, or other situations. If you or someone you know could use some help with meals, please contact the office (614-486-9452). We have a team of parishioners who are happy to serve in this way.

We also have a New Baby ministry which provides a welcoming rose and muffins to families with a new baby in the house. If you know of a family with a new baby, please contact (614-486-9452) with this information.

WELCOME KNITTERS (AND OTHER NEEDLEWORK ENTHUSIASTS)

The Saint Mark's Knitting Circle meets the first and third Thursday of each month in members' homes. We meet from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM to work on prayer shawls, baptism blankets and lap blankets for church members and others in need. We are also knitting scarves, hats, and other warm apparel to distribute to the community in the fall and winter. We welcome knitters of all ability levels including beginners! Anyone who is interested in this ministry, please contact the parish office: 614-486-9452 or officemanager@saintmarkscolumbus.org for further information.

SAINT MARK'S MUGS

Part of our welcome to newcomers includes a complimentary Saint Mark's Mug with information about the parish and a nutrition bar. Parishioners will also be able to purchase mugs ($10 each, with proceeds helping to fund the project); checks can be made payable to Saint Mark's with "Mug" in the memo line. You can simply drop your donation in the offering plate or in the office, then take your mug home and enjoy the "spirit" of the power bar.

IN AND AROUND SAINT MARK'S

EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY - MARCH 23, 2018 - BRAHMS "REQUIEM"

Announcing the Third Annual Episcopal Night at the Symphony, Friday, March 23rd, 2018 at the Ohio Theater in Columbus - The Columbus Symphony Orchestra and Chorus performing the Brahms' "Requiem." This event, for Episcopalians in Central Ohio is once again being hosted by Fr. Bruce Smith of St. James, Columbus and Fr. Paul Williams of St. Andrew's, Pickerington. Ticket prices for Orchestra Seating (we have reserved a block of seats) are $45 per person and include food at the reception, 2 drink tickets (beer and wine are 2 tickets, non-alcoholic drinks are 1 ticket. Other alcoholic drinks are available for cash.) We expect both Rossen Milanov and Ronald Jenkins to join us before the concert. Checks should be made out to Bruce Smith and mailed to 627 Yaronia Dr. N. Columbus, OH 43214. Please include your email address. Your check guarantees your reservation. Deadline for reservations WITH CHECKS is: MARCH 7, 2018. We are hoping for an even larger turnout this year. This is a great way for parishioners and clergy to connect with other Episcopalians throughout Central Ohio.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

The Formation Committee is looking for someone willing to co-ordinate Vacation Bible School at Saint Mark's for Summer 2018. If you think you might like to participate in this ministry in this position, please contact the office (614-486-9452) or speak with one of the clergy. This ministry has had lots of energy in the past and there is currently room for lots of creativity and fun. There will also be support from previous staff members. Thanks for considering serving the children and families of our parish in this capacity.

"SPRING AHEAD" FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - MARCH 11

Just a reminder: Daylight Savings Time begins on March 11, so don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday night.
Daylight Savings Time officially begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 11, so be sure to set your clocks forward one hour!

ARE YOU NEW TO SAINT MARK'S?

Sometimes figuring out how to become a member of a parish is confusing. Here is how to officially join Saint Mark's! Once you feel prepared to join, you may enter the church through **Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, Letter of Transfer, or simple "Declaration."** Each depends upon where you are presently in your religious affiliation. It sounds complicated—but it really isn't. Go to Saint Mark's website (www.saintmarkscolumbus.org), click on "About Us," and you will find a link to either download a Membership Form or complete the Membership Form online. You can also obtain a copy of the Membership Form by calling the Parish Office (614-486-9452). After completing the form, you will get instructions for anything else that needs to be completed. Welcome aboard!

Invite • Welcome • Connect

The Diocese of Southern Ohio is sponsoring a one-day training on Saturday, March 10, on a new approach for how to improve a church's practices around membership growth and congregational impact. Invite Welcome Connect is described as "designed to accommodate congregations of all sizes, the work has been integrated into 40 dioceses in The Episcopal Church, seminaries, colleges, and other parts of the Anglican Communion. The ministry crosses all social, economic boundaries, and explores the ways creativity and relational ministry go hand in hand in effecting culture change. The assessment tools, surveys, checklists, and ministry materials are designed to be adapted based on the interests and needs of a particular locale."

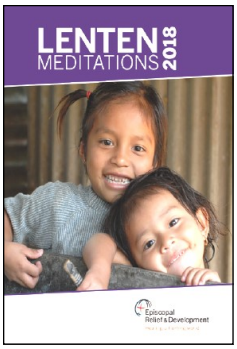
You can read more about how this approach was developed at this link: http://www.invitewelcomeconnect.com/ and register (free) for the event (yes, a road trip to Cincinnati) here: http://diosohio.org/events/event/invite-welcome-connect/.

Please contact Dot Yeager if you are interested, have questions or would like to discuss.

LENT AT SAINT MARK'S 2018
"THE GREAT EXPERIMENT"

During the season of Lent, a number of offerings for spiritual disciplines and growth will be made available on many platforms. Among them are:

ERD Lenten Meditations



Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) 2018 Lenten Meditations booklets will be available outside the chapel. Pick one up to guide you spiritually through this Lenten season. Great if you have 5 minutes to read a daily meditation.

Pray as You Go

A daily prayer and meditation resource. Great if you have 10 minutes a day to listen to a prerecorded meditation based on Scripture. Can be accessed on the Saint Mark's website and via the Android/iOS app.

Ancient Faith – Open Minds

The ancient tradition of spoken Morning Prayer – Wednesdays 7:30 am in the Chapel of Reconciliation. LIVE STREAMED from Saint Mark's FACEBOOK page here: https://www.facebook.com/saintmarkscolumbus

The Bible Project

[A] non-profit animation studio that produces short-form, fully animated videos to make the biblical story accessible to everyone, everywhere. Great if you have 5-10 minutes to watch a video. Can be accessed through the Saint Mark's website.

Lent Madness

Learn about the saints recognized by the Church in a fun way, loosely based on the NCAA basketball tournament of a similar name. Great if you have 5-10 minutes a day to read about the saints and vote on which ones you think should advance to the next round.

Practicing the Presence of God: A Spiritual Retreat in Lent

A day-long retreat during which you can reflect on your experience of God's presence and learn new ways of deepening your relationship with God, and with yourself. Offered on four different Saturdays during Lent, each held in a different location around the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Great if you have a Saturday (9am – 3pm) to go on a retreat.

March 10: Calvary, Clifton (Cincinnati)
March 17: St. Margaret's, Trotwood (Dayton)

The Daily Office from Mission St. Clare

A resource for doing the Daily Office (Morning, Noonday, and Evening Prayer, and Compline) as found in the BCP. Great if you have 20-30 minutes a day. Can be accessed by website and Android/iOS app.

The Good Book Club

Join others across the Episcopal Church as they read through the Gospel of Luke during the season of Lent and the Acts of the Apostles during Easter. Great if you have 5-10 minutes a day to read Scripture. Reading schedule is available online.

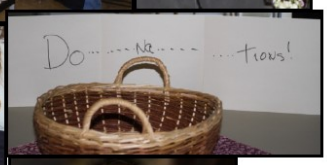
Stewardship of Ourselves: Our Souls and Bodies

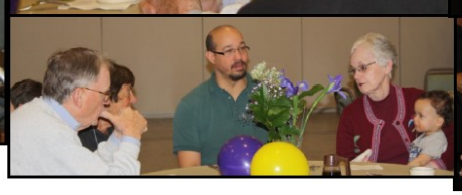
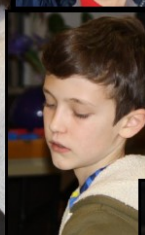
During the season of Lent we take time to reflect on the stewardship of our physical, emotional and spiritual well being. Take a moment to pause and reflect on what *you* might do to care for your physical, emotional and spiritual self. Ideas from Saint Mark's Vestry members have fallen into the following categories:

1. Health and fitness
2. Spiritual reflection and focusing
3. Studying scripture
4. Performing Christian acts

Saint Mark's will be providing evening discussions on stewardship of our souls and bodies on a few Wednesday nights during Lent. Watch for sign-up sheets for these programs in the Parish Hall.

God Moment#28
Shrove Tuesday 2018



MARCH BIRTHDAYS
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Birthdays are not included in Saint Mark's online version of this publication

to ensure privacy of our parishioners.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We offer condolences to:

Rev. Dr. Paul St. Germain whose mother, Beverly St. Germain, passed away February 5, 2018 in Vermont.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER is *a new printed project to enhance communication among parishioners. It comes from a long standing tradition in the Church of England where certain public records were officially recorded in the great ledgers of their parish church. You can sign up for weekly email updates about Saint Mark's on our website www.saintmarkscolumbus.org, click on "Join Our Mailing List."*

PARISH RELATED NEWS

We share the following:

The Drew family would like our Saint Mark's family to know that Joanne was recently diagnosed with a recurrence of breast cancer. It is fortunate this was caught early, but surgery and recovery will mean 2-3 months off work with limited activity for Joanne (surgery is scheduled for March 12). Colleagues of Mark's from OSU hosted a drive-thru boxed bbq lunch in February to help raise funds to help pay for co-insurance expenses and housekeeping help. Donations can also be made online through a go fund me website (https://www.gofundme.com/forjoannedrew).

PARISH RELATED NEWS reprises the tradition at Saint Mark's to share important information that may be of interest to members of the parish. If you know of the birth or marriage of someone related to the parish (but not a member as recorded in the parish register), a job change, retirement, achievement, student news, etc., we invite you to share it with us (and with the permission of the individuals involved, of course!) so we may pass along the good news. Information may be sent to the Parish Office at 614-486-9452 or officemanager@saintmarkscolumbus.org.

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 **10:00 AM** Epistle Folding and Fellowship **1:00 PM** Knitting Group **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club **6:15 PM** AA **7:30 PM** Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal **8:00 PM** AA	2 *Assistant Rector's Day Off* **1:00 PM** Chair Volleyball **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club **8:00 PM** AA Groups	3 **9:30 AM** OA **12:00 PM** Altar & Flower Guild Set-Up
4 *The Third Sunday in Lent* *Preacher: Paul St. Germain* **8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist, Rite I **10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Canterbury Choir **11:30 AM** Fellowship Hour **12:00 PM** Youth Group **4:00 PM** Choral Evensong with Saint Mark's Choir **8:00 PM** AA Groups	5 *Rector's Day Off* **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club **5:30 PM** AA - Men's Group **7:00 PM** Vestry Meeting	6 **9:30 AM** Al-Anon **10:30 AM** Saint Mark's Staff Meeting and Lunch **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club	7 **7:30 AM** Morning Prayer **12:00 PM** Noonday Eucharist **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club **4:30 PM** Canterbury Choir Rehearsal **5:00 PM** Stephen Ministry Meeting **5:00 PM** Spiritual Direction Meeting **6:00 PM** Wednesday Weekly Dinners **6:00 PM** Stephen Ministry Training	8 **9:00 AM** Stephen Ministry **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club **6:15 PM** AA **6:30 PM** Women's Respite Planning **7:30 PM** Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal **8:00 PM** AA	9 *Assistant Rector's Day Off* **1:00 PM** Chair Volleyball **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club **8:00 PM** AA Groups	10 **9:30 AM** OA **12:00 PM** Altar & Flower Guild Set-Up
11 *The Fourth Sunday in Lent* *Preacher: Christopher C. Richardson* **8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist, Rite I **9:30 AM** Confirmation Class **10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Saint Mark's Choir **11:30 AM** Fellowship Hour **11:30 AM** Outreach Meeting **12:00 PM** Youth Group **8:00 PM** AA Groups	12 *Rector's Day Off* **8:00 AM** Jr Explorer Club - Spring Break **5:30 PM** Spiritual Direction Meeting **5:30 PM** AA - Men's Group	13 **8:00 AM** Jr Explorer Club - Spring Break **9:30 AM** Al-Anon **10:30 AM** Saint Mark's Staff Meeting and Lunch **12:30 PM** Noonday Book Group	14 **7:30 AM** Morning Prayer **8:00 AM** Jr Explorer Club - Spring Break **12:00 PM** Noonday Eucharist **12:30 PM** Bridge Club **4:30 PM** Canterbury Choir Rehearsal **6:00 PM** Wednesday Weekly Dinners **6:00 PM** Stephen Ministry Training	15 **8:00 AM** Jr Explorer Club - Spring Break **11:00 AM** Holy Eucharist at First Community Village **1:00 PM** Knitting Group **6:15 PM** AA **7:30 PM** Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal **8:00 PM** AA	16 *Assistant Rector's Day Off* **8:00 AM** Jr Explorer Club - Spring Break **1:00 PM** Chair Volleyball **8:00 PM** AA Groups	17 **9:30 AM** OA **12:00 PM** Altar & Flower Guild Set-Up
18 *The Fifth Sunday in Lent* *Preacher: Paul St. Germain* **8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist, Rite I **9:30 AM** Confirmation Class **10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Saint Mark's Choir **11:30 AM** Fellowship Hour **12:00 PM** Youth Group **8:00 PM** AA Groups	19 *Rector's Day Off* **8:00 AM** Jr Explorer Club - Spring Break **12:00 PM** Epistle Deadline **5:30 PM** AA - Men's Group **7:00 PM** Sisters in Faith	20 **9:30 AM** Al-Anon **10:30 AM** Saint Mark's Staff Meeting and Lunch **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club	21 **7:30 AM** Morning Prayer **12:00 PM** Noonday Eucharist **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club **4:30 PM** Canterbury Choir Rehearsal **5:00 PM** Stephen Ministry Meeting **6:00 PM** Wednesday Weekly Dinners **6:00 PM** Stephen Ministry Training	22 **9:00 AM** Stephen Ministry **10:00 AM** Epistle Folding and Fellowship **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club **6:15 PM** AA **7:30 PM** Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal **8:00 PM** AA	23 *Assistant Rector's Day Off* **1:00 PM** Chair Volleyball **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club **8:00 PM** AA Groups	24 **9:30 AM** OA **12:00 PM** Altar & Flower Guild Set-Up
25 *Palm Sunday* *Preacher: Christopher C. Richardson* **8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist with Distribution of Palms **10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist with Distribution of Palms **11:30 AM** Fellowship Hour **8:00 PM** AA Groups	26 *Rector's Day Off* **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club **5:30 PM** AA - Men's Group **7:30 PM** Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal **7:30 PM** Monday Night Book Group	27 **9:30 AM** Al-Anon **10:30 AM** Saint Mark's Staff Meeting and Lunch **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club	28 **12:00 PM** Noonday Eucharist **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club **4:30 PM** Canterbury Choir Rehearsal **6:00 PM** Stephen Ministry Training **7:30 PM** Mark's Men	29 *Maundy Thursday* **3:00 PM** Jr Explorer Club **6:15 PM** AA **7:30 PM** Holy Eucharist with Preparation for Good Friday and Procession of the Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, with the Saint Mark's Choir **8:00 PM** AA	30 *Good Friday* **8:00 AM** Jr Explorer Club - No School **12:00 PM** Stations of the Cross **7:30 PM** The Good Friday Liturgy with Communion from the Reserve Sacrament, with the Saint Mark's Choir **8:00 PM** AA Groups	31 **9:30 AM** OA **12:00 PM** Altar & Flower Guild Set-Up **7:30 PM** The Exsultet and the First Communion of Easter with the Saint Mark's Choir

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