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MEANDERING OF THE INTERIM

"I believe that appreciation is a holy thing, that when we look for what's best in the person we happen to be with at that moment, we're doing what God does; so in appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something truly sacred."
Fred Rogers

I reference this incredible statement from Mr. Rogers because I needed to hear it and I am sharing with you what I needed. Considering what has been going on in our country, state and city over this past year, and while The Virus is still here, I am talking about the ugliness of what God's Children have been doing to each other. There is too much violence!

We, Children of God at St. Mark's have to rededicate ourselves and take up the banner of Love. We must hear the words of the Baptismal Covenant in our hearts and souls. Let us see the face of God in each other, acknowledge it and not afraid to embrace it.

As we hear these words during the season of Christmas, may they be the words of the Resurrection;

Let there be peace of earth

And let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be.

With God as our father

Brothers and Sisters are we.

Let me walk with my Brother and Sister

In perfect harmony.

Let us participate in something sacred.

Chris+

Transitional Priest-in-Charge



PARISH RELATED NEWS

WE CELEBRATE THE FOLLOWING GRADUATES:

HIGH SCHOOL

Cyrus Paul Hess is graduating from Hilliard Davidson High School on May 26th. He plans to study Pre-Pharmacy at the University of Cincinnati in the fall.

Debbie Mei Hodson is graduating from Upper Arlington High School in May.

COLLEGE

Caroline Lee Hess is graduating on May 8th with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Westminster College in Pennsylvania where she was a 4 year member of the Women's Swimming & Diving team and team captain her senior year.

Mathias Thompson is graduating from OSU in May with a BS in mechanical engineering and is moving to Madison, Wisconsin for a position with Epic Systems. Mathias was an active member of Canterbury Choir and Acolytes as well as Sunday School.

Please contact the office (614-486-9452 or OfficeManager@SaintMarksColumbus.org) with other graduation news.

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 Robbie Hurley at hurley.robetta@yahoo.com or to the [Parish Office](#).



SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Your search committee is ready for the next phase of the rector search. We will be receiving names of interested candidates sometime after April 30th when the window for applying closes. Then begins the period of processing and interviewing candidates. Please look on the website under the rector search picture and read all the details of the search process and the timeline we are working with.

We ask for your continued patience and prayers as we begin this critical stage. If you have questions about the search process please talk with [Elizabeth Anstaett](#), chair of the search committee.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FORMATION

Meets at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays via Zoom

To receive Weekly Notes for Children Youth and Families, email Formation1@saintmarkscolumbus.org

ALL THAT IS, SEEN AND UNSEEN – A PERSONAL REFLECTION

So much happens that we often don't see. I am reminded of this whenever I come to church and see evidence that someone was hard at work, planting or preparing the garden, installing new organ pipes, new carpet, new AV systems, recording, cleaning, collecting books, celebrating, consoling, praying, learning, and so much more. I am especially reminded of this at Easter time when suddenly the garden comes to life, the planters have blooming pansies and there are fresh flowers in the sanctuary. Just like the bulb of a daffodil that is underground, gaining energy and momentum until a beautiful bloom erupts, there is so much of that hidden work going on. The fruition of that underground work really shines at Easter, and suddenly there is a great mass of people who comes to celebrate.

It is comforting knowing that even in times where it is cold and dark, there is something special happening that we cannot see, energy working to create something beautiful and good that we don't yet know of. Some of these wonders happen overnight, others yearly, and still others over several years. To all of our community who work hard for a common good when no one can see, and for all of our natural beauty that god has given us, I am very thankful.

-Laura Skoracki

WEEKLY NOTES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Weekly Notes for Children, Youth, and Families is a new publication by the Formation Team that offers notes for upcoming liturgical readings, Formation discussions, timely announcements, and resources for faith at home and on the go.

Weekly Notes is published every Saturday during the program year and monthly during the summer. It is available on the [website for download](#), and can be sent to your [email by request](#).

Contact Rachel Dwyer-Markwardt at Formation1@saintmarkscolumbus.org.

CONFIRMATION ON PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation with laying-on of hands for those from the Columbus and surrounding areas on **May 23 at 2 p.m.** at Saint Mark's.

The confirmation service will be Livestreamed and available on demand. It will be attended In Person to the extent we are able, given public worship and gathering guidelines in effect at that time. We also hope to announce plans for an outdoor socially distanced reception following the service.

Updates as they are available are being posted to the website [Area Confirmation page](#).



SAINT MARK'S YOUTH GROUP – BOOK COLLECTORS AND EASTER BANDITS!



The Youth Group didn't let the COVID pandemic stop the Saint Mark's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and it happened anyway! On Easter Eve, members of Youth Group filled more than 100 colorful easter eggs with candy and quietly hid them on the front lawns of ten Saint Mark's children to find in the morning. We

think they look like Easter Bandits!

The Youth Group also coordinated the effort along with members of Outreach of collecting boxes and boxes of books which were donated to NNEMAP (See related article in the Outreach section.)

Thank you for all your good work!

20/21 PROGRAM YEAR WRAPPING UP

Children and Youth Formation will continue to meet remotely for the rest of the program year. Our last regular class together will be **Sunday, May 16**, and we encourage everyone to attend (remotely or in person) Pentecost Sunday Worship Service on May 23 - together!



OUR OWN BIG GIVE

Last month was a big month for giving on behalf of our congregation. The Outreach Ministry issued checks in April to our partners at NNEMAP, Freedom al a Cart, Starr House, the Open Shelter, and Habitat for Humanity and Women Affirming Women. Collectively, these gifts totaled \$12,000. In January we sent \$2,000 to Trinity Episcopal for the Layette Ministry. So far this year, on your behalf, Outreach has sent out \$14,000 in gifts. Thank you to everyone who has donated to Outreach to make this possible.



Last month we thanked everyone for their generous donations to the book drive. A group of Outreach Ministry Members, Formation Members and Youth Group Members delivered the books to NNEMAP several weeks ago. We had 197 books for the adults and 387 children or youth books for a grand total of 584 books weighing 569 pounds. That should give the NNEMAP clients reading material for quite some time!

We were thrilled to be able to do this for NNEMAP, but it was even more special to undertake this joint project between Outreach and Youth Group. We hope we will be able to do more of these joint projects.



There are several good news items from NNEMAP. First, visits to NNEMAP and other food pantries in Central Ohio are dropping. That means our economy is improving and folks are getting back to work. Second, due to the generosity of its support network, NNEMAP is going to be purchasing a van. This will help with both food pickups from local groceries and the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. It will also help with home deliveries to shut in clients.

St. Mark's has agreed to help NNEMAP with a new project. To increase the use of vegetables by their clients, NNEMAP is going to put together kits for chili and spaghetti sauce. The kits will contain everything needed for the finished product as well as instructions on how to do so. St. Mark's has agreed to put together spice packets for the kits.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

NNEMAP is still looking for drivers willing to assist them with home deliveries. Several St. Mark's members have been doing these no contact necessary deliveries. If you would like to donate a few hours a month to this good cause, contact [Bill Karl](#) or [Barb Keyes](#).



STREET CHURCH

On May 30th we will be taking lunch to Street Church. This is a lunch served to the participants of a short outdoor church service conducted by the staff of St. John's Episcopal Church. It is conducted on a vacant lot at the corner of Broad and Central. Everyone in the area is welcome. We prepare the lunch at St. Mark's and then take it to the service. We normally serve between 50 and 100 people. If you would like to participate in this project, contact Roberta Morton at notvmorton@gmail.com.



As the weather warms, CATCH Court participants will be meeting for lunch in the park prior to CATCH Court. Our next regularly scheduled day would be May 13 (weather dependent). If you would like to help the St. Marks team with a lunch, contact [Pat Iams](#).

Freedom's new café and bakery is open in downtown Columbus at 123 East Spring St. The new facility provides training opportunities for the participants of CATCH and the Butterfly Group. They learn how to maintain employment, as well as various restaurant and catering skills. It provides reentry into the employment sector for many of the women in the program.

The café is open for breakfast and lunch. If you have the chance, stop buy and show them some support. Try a coffee or the Don't Judge Me sandwich.



Freedom at Home continues to provide delivery of pre-made meals ready to cook and eat in your home in less than 30 minutes. This is a once a week service. Several of the Outreach Ministry members have started ordering the meals and indicate the meals are delicious and easy to finish in your own kitchen. If you are tired of cooking and would like to try this service, order from Freedom at Home on line at freedomalacart.org/freedom-at-home. Meals for two are just \$25.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Sometimes the CATCH clients need rides to places, such as; appointments, or transportation to court. If you are interested in providing the occasional ride, talk to [Pat Iams](#) and she will connect you with the Freedom/ Catch team.

EMPOWERING MOMS GROUP

Freedom is starting an "Empowering Moms Group" Their hope is that the women in CATCH and Butterflies will take advantage of this free parenting resource where they can come together with other moms to learn constructive ways to more effectively parent and feel empowered through their interactions with each other.



STILL NEED A FEW VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE BIRTHDAY BAGS

The Women's Respite program is back this year after a COVID hiatus. For those of you who aren't familiar with Women's Respite, it is a retreat hosted for up to 25 low income single moms. This year it will be a three-day two-night stay at Ohio Dominican University July 23-25. It will be packed with fun, crafts, spas, and wonderful meals and snacks. One of the most fun activities is a surprise birthday party during lunch on the last day, complete with birthday cake. At that time, the team presents each participant with a Birthday Bag filled with all sorts of goodies just for them. St. Mark's women have been asked to provide twelve bags. In the past, members have paired up to fill a bag, although if you care to do one yourself, that's fine. You might expect to spend \$50-75 to fill a bag. Below is a list of suggestions you might want to include in your bag. Please know that you don't need to include everything on the list. They are suggestions only. I will supply the actual bags. Please contact [Anice Ellis](#) at 614-529-9597 if you wish to sign up or have questions. Let's help to make a group of single moms happy. After all, some of these women may never have had a birthday party or get gifts for their birthdays.

Fill the bags with some of these: Shampoo; Conditioner; Body lotion; Body spray; Fancy bath soap; Shower cap; Spa candle; Sunglasses; Fancy flip-flops; Bath towel; Hand towel; Washcloth; Scrubbies; Nail polish; Polish remover; Nail file; Necklaces; Bracelets; Earrings; Tshirts - L and XL; Scarves

HIS PLACE DINNERS

St John's Town Street also serves a weekly dinner to those in need. While the dinner used to be in the parish hall, since COVID, dinner has been a to go bag handed out from the sidewalk outside the church. On April 21st St. Mark's provided a chili dinner. We will be providing the dinner again on May 12. If you would like to participate in the preparation or serving, contact Sally Rechner at salrech@gmail.com.



The Homeless Families Foundation is a Columbus-based non-profit organization whose purpose is to help stabilize families who are homeless or marginally housed. They do this with an extensive network of support to provide for safe housing, financial, educational, mental health and training opportunities. You may recall they were the group that assisted the homeless teen featured on the Sixty Minutes segment about Columbus. They helped her secure an apartment. The HFF believes education is the key to ending homelessness. In the summer they run educational enrichment programs for youth from kindergarten through middle school. They also run a program to get children ready for school. They use a rapid re-housing model that moves families into permanent housing and then provides case management until the family is stable. They impact over 700 families and 1000 youth annually.

In pre-pandemic times, The Homeless Families Foundation, sponsored a festive Mother's Day Brunch which was a gathering to treat mothers (most of them single parents) who were striving to stabilize their families. It was a much anticipated time of celebration for these mothers and children. This year, since gatherings of large groups are not feasible, The Homeless Families Foundation is holding a virtual fundraiser to boost their care of these families.

Please consider donating to the May 9th #NoShowGala 2021 sponsored by the Homeless Families Foundation. Find donation information as well as further information about this organization at homelessfamiliesfoundation.org.

Preventing homelessness has become one of the areas of support of the Outreach Ministry. If you would like to assist with this contact [Roberta Morton](mailto:Roberta.Morton@stmarkscolumbus.org).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS AND ALTAR GUILD

Are you looking for a way to get involved at St. Mark's? Consider serving on our Ushering Team and/or on Altar Guild. Each of these duties require your service only once a month and the ability to switch your scheduled time if needed.

If you are interested please email or call Gloria Wylie at gawylie@att.net or 614-525-9715.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

We're seeking a small corps of office volunteers that can cover the office for short periods of time when Melanie is out sick or taking a vacation. Volunteers will only need to be present in the office for half day shifts, normally 9 to 12noon on weekdays. You will be an important part of Saint Mark's hospitality to it's parishioners and the community!

Responsibilities will include:

- answering the phone and directing messages to the correct staff member
- greeting and directing visitors
- retrieving the mail from the mailbox and sorting it
- packaging masks for use by those attending worship services and the 12-step groups

Volunteers will be asked to sign up for one or two days, but coverage over a week will be shared among several people.

No computer skills are necessary, but volunteers will have access to the office manager's computer for internet access if desired.

Please contact Melanie at 614-486-9452 or OfficeManager@SaintMarksColumbus.org if interested.



Anice Ellis's Story

Anice Ellis combines personal devotions and communal activities as she travels on her Christian journey.

Her recent induction into the Society of St. Simeon and St. Anna indicates she's on the right path. The society celebrates the wisdom, experience, maturity and achievements of lay and clerical members of the Diocese of Southern Ohio who are 60 and older.

Anice and her husband, Michael, joined Saint Mark's after moving in 1997 to central Ohio, where their two children were living. Michael had retired from a career as an Episcopal priest and family and individual therapist; he died last Sept. 15.

The Episcopal church has played a big role in their lives. Anice is serving her third stint as a Vestry member; she also has served as Senior Warden. Plus, she's a member of the current Saint Mark's Rector Search Committee; she had served on the previous search committee when Paul St. Germain was called as rector.

She enjoys helping manage parish affairs. "Vestry is like a close family and the congregation are all relatives," she said.

"I am very much a people person, so I really like to be involved." Church work provides "affirmation, reassurance," a way to connect to her faith, she said.

Do lay people have a calling similar to ordained members? "Oh definitely yes. I've always felt called to serve the church. My most humbling experience was when we first moved here, I was a chalice bearer. It was so moving to look into the faces of my fellow Christians, my friends, and offer the chalice."

Anice starts her day with reading and prayers. She reads from the Episcopalian publication *Forward Day by Day* and *Mornings with Jesus*, a Guideposts publication. Her favorite is *A Year of Days with the Book of Common Prayer*, written by former Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning.

She calls her devotional activities "communication with our Lord. It is inspiration to go forward."

And, she expresses her faith in a quiet but meaningful way: "I wear a butterfly pin on my shoulder, every day, almost every day, which I have done for many years. It is my way of expressing that I am a Christian. I'm not the type to stand on a street corner and wave a Bible, but I can express my Christianity through my butterfly pin by telling people what it symbolizes: the Resurrection of Christ.

"As I have gotten older, I can see where God is in my daily life," Anice said.

"God is my light and life."

IN AND AROUND SAINT MARK'S

STEPHEN MINISTRY

This pandemic and isolation have been causes for loneliness, mild depression, and just plain sadness since we cannot be with family and friends in our normal ways. If you or someone you know is feeling "low" and would like to have a Stephen Minister check in with them, please let Father Chris Thompson or one of our Stephen Leaders (Pat Barton, Michele Johnson, Dianne Silliman) know. Our Stephen Ministers are wonderful lay ministers who will just "listen and walk with parishioners" during a difficult time. Stephen Ministry visits, (mostly by phone due to the weather and the pandemic) are completely confidential and provide an opportunity to share feelings that you may not want to burden your family or friends with. Please consider this wonderful ministry.

SAINT MARK'S MEMBER CARE

The Saint Mark's Member Care ministry has provided meals for a number of parishioners over the past months. We welcome anyone who might be able to fix and deliver a meal or provide a gift card for a meal. If you or someone you know could use a few lovingly prepared meals, or if you would be willing to help, please contact [Michele Johnson](#).

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 [Regan Bohnert](#) with this information. In addition, if you are interested in helping with either meals or the new baby ministry, please contact Regan.

ST. MARK'S BOOK CLUB

St. Mark's Book Club meets every 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Next month, on May 24th, we will be discussing The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson. We will probably meet on Zoom. Pat Iams will lead the discussion. On June 28th, Barb Mayr will lead the discussion on The Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks. Anyone is welcome to join us! Please call Pat Iams at 614-582-5738 so we can put you on our e-mail list.



Butterfly Garden – Donations Needed!

If you have wandered around the church grounds lately you may have noticed some early blooming bulbs – a sure sign that spring is coming! Last summer when we began planning and forming our butterfly garden, we had a long list of hard work ahead, and work we did! With outstanding assistance from Dave Yeager and Scott, Peter and C.J. Milburn, we plotted and tilled the space, installed irrigation, and amended the soil. Now, we can start the fun stuff... planting!!

If you have butterfly or other pollinator-friendly plants that you might be dividing, we'd love to have donations for our garden. This is a community project, not a formal garden. We are looking for varieties such as Milkweed, Asters, Coneflowers, Phlox, Viola, Coreopsis and Dianthus. Planting can begin once the ground warms and things can be safely transplanted. If you have a plant to donate, please let us know by contacting: ellen.berndt@gmail.com.

SUPPER GROUP

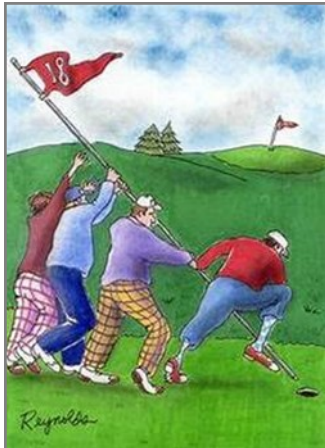
We will continue meeting on the first Saturday of each month. **All ages, singles, and couples are welcome.** If you are interested in joining us, please forward your email address to gawylie@att.net and you will be included in future meeting notifications. For additional information please call Gloria Wylie at 614-525-9715.

Zoom link is:

<https://saintmarkscolumbus.zoom.us/j/96770888927>

WOMEN OF SAINT MARK'S

A social (virtual) gathering for the women of Saint Mark's. Tuesdays at 3:00 pm. **If you are dialing in**, dial 312-626-6799 and then add 918 6326 1255 ##. If you are **joining by internet**, click [HERE](#). Contact Michele Johnson with questions, michelelbjohnson@gmail.com.



Never give up!!

THE SAINT MARK'S GOLF LEAGUE

Season #15

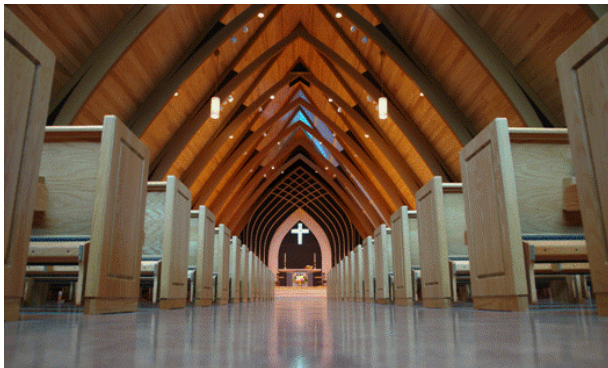
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Info: Bruce Johnson

614-406-2234

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST IN EASTER SEASON

Wednesday Eucharist will continue at 8:00 a.m., in person, indoors and [livestreamed](#) on Wednesdays in an abbreviated service, lasting about 20 minutes.



TECHNOLOGY "HANDHOLDING"

Do you need some guidance or technical assistance in tuning into Saint Mark's Sunday Services or viewing previously broadcast services? Do you know someone who might need help in listening to a service using their telephone? If you would like to be contacted for livestreaming, computer, church website, or other technology-related assistance please reach out by calling the church office at 614-486-9452 or sending an email to av@saintmarkscolumbus.org. While we may not be able to solve every one of your problems, we will do our best to get you confidently connected. We're here to help!

ADULT FORMATION

The Episcopal Church Through Stories and Conversation

The Diocesan Formation Team is offering a five-week class via Zoom on Tuesdays from 7 – 8:30 pm April and May. And it is not too late to join! Classes will be recorded and available to watch on demand. Contact: [Emma Helms-Steinmetz](#) for more information and links to join.

This series is designed especially for those pursuing confirmation but is appropriate for anyone wanting to listen in or join conversations of faith, history, liturgy and theology in The Episcopal Church. See also the [Adult Formation](#) page on the website.

SISTERS IN FAITH

Sisters in Faith is a small group of women dedicated to discussing books of a spiritual nature. We meet once a month on the third Monday at 7 pm until about 8:30 p.m. We usually discuss a book for about an hour, then share current needs for prayer. All sharing is kept confidential. If you are interested in joining us, contact Pat Iams, 614-582-5738 or pati51@aol.com.

THE MARKSMEN

The Marksmen are a group of guys that get together to just "hang out" and chat. Typically the group gathers on the fourth Wednesday of each month, but during this time, they are meeting each week at ~7:45pm via Zoom. All should feel free to simply "drop in" for some good fellowship.

Send an email to: "thestmarksmen@gmail.com" for more information.

Saint Mark's Migration Ministries

Our Mission:

Saint Mark's Migration Ministries welcomes the stranger in our midst

⇒ **support refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants**

⇒ **serve, engage, learn, and educate.**

Currently, our committee meets virtually once a month, usually on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
We would love to have you join us.

For more details or to add your name/email for our news and meeting information, please contact Joyce Acton – 614-560-9219 or actongroup@gmail.com.



Please visit

<http://SaintMarksColumbus.org/calendar/>

for the most up-to-date calendar,
as events and meetings may change with little notice!

Saturday, May 1**6:30PM:** Supper Group ([Zoom](#))**Sunday, May 2**

Preacher: The Rev. Bruce Smith

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Outdoors, In Person)**9:45 AM:** Children's Formation ([Zoom](#))**10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Indoors, In Person and Live Streamed)**8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Monday, May 3****5:30 PM:** AA - Men's Group (Parish Hall)**Tuesday, May 4****1:15 PM:** Clergy Lectionary Study (Youth Lounge)**3:00 PM:** Staff Meeting ([Zoom](#)), Women of St. Mark's ([Zoom](#))**7:30 PM** Vestry Meeting ([Zoom](#))**Wednesday, May 5****8:00 AM: Wednesday Eucharist** (Indoors, In Person and Live Streamed)**7:00 PM:** Prayer Group ([Zoom](#))**7:45 PM:** The Marksmen ([Zoom](#))**Thursday, May 6****6:15 PM & 8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Friday, May 7****8:00 PM:** AA Groups (Parish Hall)

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Sunday, May 9

Preacher: The Rev. C. Christopher Thompson

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Outdoors, In Person)**9:45 AM:** Children's Formation ([Zoom](#))**10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Indoors, In Person and Live Streamed)**8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Monday, May 10****5:30 PM:** AA - Men's Group (Parish Hall)**Tuesday, May 11****1:15 PM:** Clergy Lectionary Study (*Youth Lounge*)**3:00 PM:** Staff Meeting ([Zoom](#)), Women of St. Mark's ([Zoom](#))**Wednesday, May 12****8:00 AM: Wednesday Eucharist** (Indoors, In Person and Live Streamed)**1:00 PM:** Stephen Ministry Meeting ([Zoom](#))**7:45 PM:** The Marksmen ([Zoom](#))**Thursday, May 13****5:30 PM** Stephen Ministry Meeting ([Zoom](#))**6:15 PM & 8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Friday, May 14****8:00 PM:** AA Groups (Parish Hall)

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Sunday, May 16

Preacher: The Rev. C. Christopher Thompson

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Outdoors, In Person)**9:45 AM:** Children's Formation ([Zoom](#))**10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Indoors, In Person and Live Streamed)**8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Monday, May 17****5:30 PM:** AA - Men's Group (Parish Hall)**7:00 PM** Sisters in Faith ([Zoom](#))**Tuesday, May 18****1:15 PM:** Clergy Lectionary Study (Youth Lounge)**3:00 PM:** Staff Meeting ([Zoom](#)), Women of St. Mark's ([Zoom](#))**Wednesday, May 19****8:00 AM: Wednesday Eucharist** (Indoors, In Person and Live Streamed)**7:00 PM:** Prayer Group ([Zoom](#))**7:45 PM:** The Marksmen ([Zoom](#))**Thursday, May 20****6:15 PM & 8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Friday, May 21****8:00 PM:** AA Groups (Parish Hall)

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Sunday, May 23*The Day of Pentecost*

Preacher: The Rev. C. Christopher Thompson

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Outdoors, In Person)**10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Indoors, In Person and Live Streamed)**2:00 PM:** [Area Confirmation](#)**8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Monday, May 24****5:00 PM:** June Epistle Deadline**5:30 PM:** AA - Men's Group (Parish Hall)**Tuesday, May 25****1:15 PM:** Clergy Lectionary Study (Youth Lounge)**3:00 PM:** Staff Meeting ([Zoom](#)), Women of St. Mark's ([Zoom](#))**7:00 PM:** St. Mark's Migration Ministries Meeting**Wednesday, May 26****8:00 AM: Wednesday Eucharist** (Indoors, In Person and Live Streamed)**7:45 PM:** The Marksmen ([Zoom](#))**Thursday, May 27****6:15 PM & 8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Friday, May 28****8:00 PM:** AA Groups (Parish Hall)

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Sunday, May 30*Trinity Sunday*

Preacher: The Rev. C. Christopher Thompson

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Outdoors, In Person)**10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Indoors, In Person and Live Streamed)**8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Monday, May 31***Memorial Day - Office Closed***5:30 PM:** AA - Men's Group (Parish Hall)



SAINT MARK'S

Part of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Saint Mark's held its first worship service in 1951 in a converted Methodist church in Grandview. Ground was broken in 1953 for the Parish Hall (now the Education Building) where services were held until the current Nave and Sanctuary was completed in 1958. Office space in an adjacent building was purchased in 1989. Major renovations of the entire facility occurred in 2004 and 2008 creating a campus today that empowers Christ's ministry within and beyond our parish.

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