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Chris Thompson arrived at Saint Mark's a year ago with a smile on his face, and now he has departed, still wearing a smile.

He arrived to serve as interim rector after the retirement of The Rev. Paul St. Germain as rector and prior to the arrival of our new rector, The Rev. Vicki Zust, on Sept. 1.

Not that it was an easy year for Chris and the congregation.

"Paul had been here 13 years and things were in good shape. The elephant in the room was the (COVID-19) pandemic," Chris said.

He recalled Rev. Jason Leo, the diocesan Canon for Transitions, telling him 'They won't forget you if you get them through the pandemic.'

Chris added: "When you think about it, we did. We had only two virus-related issues, both related to funerals. As far as I know, we had nobody in the hospital with the virus."

Plenty of help came from the Open Hearts, Open Doors task force organized last year by then-Senior Warden Dot Yeager. The installation of livestreaming audio/video technology to broadcast Saint Mark's services was a huge plus.

"It has been a gracious and joyous year for me."

Office Manager Melanie Jacobs and Music Director Matthew Bester "stepped up in incredible ways," Chris said. "I will be thankful and remember the incredible online Christmas pageant. What we thought was impossible became possible."

Chris and his wife, Mary Jo, now will settle back into their home in Winston-Salem, NC. Chris retired (kinda, sorta) in 2010. He has served previous postings as an interim rector; as of a few weeks ago, his future plans were undetermined. "I'm going to stay connected (serving as a priest); I'm going to do something," he said. "I'm doing what I've wanted to do (be a priest) since I was 12.

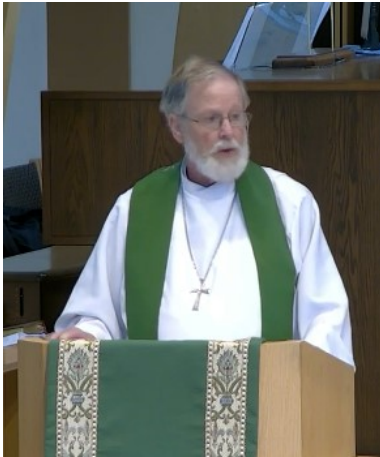
"And I'm also going to decompress. I'm going to put my grill together that's been sitting in a box since November of last year."

Chris and Mary Jo's eight grandchildren will figure into the picture, too. That's especially true for their three youngest grandchildren, who live in South Carolina, whom Chris hasn't seen since the start of the pandemic early last year.

Chris said he's optimistic about Saint Mark's, calling it a "very healthy, forward-thinking, hopeful church." He encouraged parishioners to set their goals high in their religious lives. "Christ will meet us at our expectations."

As for the past 12 months, Chris said, "It has been a gracious and joyous year for me."

Throughout the month of August, donations are being collected in thanksgiving of Chris's leadership and ministry at Saint Mark's. If you would like to make a contribution, a secure online gift can be made by clicking on [GIVE](#) on the Saint Mark's website or by texting "GIVE" to 614-665-6508. If you prefer, you may mail a check to Saint Mark's. In addition, you may also place an envelope in the collection plate on Sundays or simply contact Phil Glandon at 614-486-5806 or pglandon@gmail.com. If you would like to sign an online greeting card for Chris and Mary Jo, click on this link: <https://forms.gle/nBEKG13qbs9WyuZB6>.



The Rev. Bruce Smith will preside at the altar during August at Saint Mark's. Maybe we call him the interim interim.

He will serve following the departure of Rev. Chris Thompson, who served for the past year at transitional priest-in-charge at Saint Mark's while the parish searched for a new rector; the Rev. Vicki Züst accepted the parish call and will become rector Sept. 1.

Bruce is a familiar face. Now a priest associate at St. James in Clintonville, he retired from Saint Mark's in 2012. He has served as a supply priest for Saint Mark's and other congregations.

Bruce came to the ministry later in life, after a career with New Jersey Bell and AT&T. In addition to a bachelor's degree in history from Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, he received a master of divinity degree from Drew University, Madison, NJ and a master of theological studies degree from Methodist Theological School in Delaware, OH. He was ordained in 2001 at Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati.

Bruce is a board member for the Procter Center and a board member for the Bexley-Seabury Seminary Federation in Chicago. He serves as a mentor for new clergy in the Diocese of Southern Ohio and as a chaplain to retired clergy and their spouses.

He and his wife, Susan, a retired Presbyterian minister, live in Clintonville.



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...BAKE!

With these words stolen from The Great British Baking Show, we announce that the annual "Help Heal Hunger" Labor Day Bake Sale is back! Please consider how you will contribute with fabulous homemade goods, or helping with operations the day of the sale.

Monday, Sept. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saint Mark's will greet hundreds of people walking to the Arts Festival in Northam Park. After many years we are a fixture of the festival where people know they can find wonderful baked goods, free water, and popcorn! With our layaway option,

people can shop on their way and pick up when they return. While they shop for treats they get to know us a little better by seeing our campus and meeting our friendly members.

To make this day a success we need products including cookies, brownies, dog treats, jams, pies, cakes, quiches, and everything in between. Homemade donations may be dropped off in the kitchen Sunday, Sept. 5, after church or Monday morning by 10 a.m. We also need friendly people to greet our buyers and help them find something delicious. We also get to visit with other members and make new friends with visitors! The day is divided into 4 shifts: set up 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., & clean up 3 - 5 p.m. Please consider baking and working to support our friends at NNEMAP.

More information and volunteer sign ups are available on the Saint Mark's website with this link: <http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/help-heal-hunger>

If you have questions please contact Julia Johnson-Davis (juliajohnson_1999@yahoo.com or 614-397-4650). Look forward to seeing everyone at the bake sale!

From the Music Office

Matthew Bester



The call of The Rev. Vicki Zust as the next rector of Saint Mark's is exciting and welcome news for all of us! We owe the Rector Search Committee a great deal of thanks and congratulations for all the time and hard work that went into the search process. From the preparation of the parish profile to the discernment of candidates, they have done a great service for our parish.

As one search committee winds down, another may now begin its work. The search for the next organist at Saint Mark's is now underway, having been in a holding pattern for most of the past year as we waited for the rector search to reach its conclusion. We wanted the new rector to have the opportunity to be involved in the search and hiring of an important new staff member, and indeed, Vicki, the wardens, and I were able to meet about the search process within a week of her call as rector.

We have assembled a great group of parishioners for this search effort. The committee will be chaired by Ted Meyers and Matt Bester. Members of the committee include Steve Barker (representing the staff singers), Amy Brokken (representing the Canterbury Choir), Cheryl Boop (representing the Saint Mark's Choir as well as the Vestry), and Dianne Silliman (representing the congregation). Every member of the committee has a deep love for organ music and an appreciation for its role in our common worship.

The position was posted in early July, with notices sent to the American Guild of Organists and the Association of Anglican Musicians, two of the most important professional organizations for church musicians in the country. The committee will review applications beginning August 15. In the weeks that follow, we will interview a short list of promising candidates by Zoom, eventually settling on a group of two or three finalists. We will invite these finalists to visit Saint Mark's in person for final interviews and an audition, both as a soloist and an accompanist. Our hope is to have our new organist in place on or before Jan. 1, 2022.

Please keep the search committee in your prayers as we undertake this important process.

Canterbury Choir

Do you know a child who likes to sing? We are hopeful that public health conditions will allow a new season for the Canterbury Choir to begin as usual in September, and the choir is looking for new members! Open to boys and girls ages 7 to 14, the Canterbury Choir rehearses weekly on Wednesday afternoons and sings for the 10:30 a.m. service on the first Sunday of every month, from September to May. Participation in the choir offers an excellent opportunity for children to learn not only about the basics of singing and music theory but also about the Episcopal faith and its liturgy. The choir is open to all members of the community, regardless of religious affiliation, and there is no cost to participate. No musical background is required. For more information, visit www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/CanterburyChoir or contact Matthew Bester (directorofmusic@saintmarkscolumbus.org or 614-486-9452, ext. 309).



SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION



The school supply collection continues through Aug. 15. Help us stock the shelves of Huy Elementary. Remember, this year, in addition to the notebooks, pens, pencils and such, we have been asked to collect craft supplies for the classrooms. Add some items such as construction paper, pipe cleaners, bingo dotters or stickers to your cart. Thank you for helping to start the year off right for the students and teachers of Huy Elementary!



What's a hot dog without the mustard or ketchup? We'd prefer the clients of NNEMAP not have to figure that one out. Prior to the Labor Day weekend, NNEMAP is expecting a big supply of hot dogs from the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. So, Saint Mark's agreed to supply the

condiments. We bought the stores out and sent NNEMAP 180 bottles of ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise and pickle relish.



Last year, NNEMAP had a grant from the Kiwanis Club to purchase emergency diapers for the NNEMAP clients. The grant has expired. On your behalf, the Outreach Ministry has agreed to fund diaper purchases each month for the next year.

Mid-month we will purchase a large quantity of diapers in various sizes. As NNEMAP only gives a client about 12 diapers at a time, we are asking the parish to agree to assist Outreach each month in breaking the boxes of diapers down into smaller packets ready for NNEMAP to hand out to the clients in need. Please contact Bill Karl for more information mrbill.karl@gmail.com.



In June, Star House celebrated Pride Month. Why is that so important? Well, did you know about the connection between LGBTQIA+ young people and youth homelessness? 4.2 Million youth (13-17) and young adults (18-25) in the U.S. are estimated to experience some form of homelessness every year, often due to family poverty and conflict. Recent research indicates that 40% of the U.S. homeless youth population identify as being LGBTQ and that LGBTQ youth are 120% more likely to experience homelessness than non-LGBTQ youth. Most LGBTQ youth experience homelessness from being forced out of their homes by their parents. LGBTQ youth experience high levels of adversity and need safe and affirming services. Star House offers LGBTQ young people safe respite and a chance to thrive.

WOMEN AFFIRMING WOMEN'S RESPITE PROGRAM UPDATE

Many, many thanks to all of the women who filled birthday bags to make the Women Affirming Women's Respite Program so successful. The recipients were delighted to receive them from someone they didn't know who cared enough to make an effort with loving care for them. May you all be Blessed.

Thanks so much, Anice Ellis.

2021-22 Formation Survey

We are very excited to be able to resume in-person formation activities this fall. As we begin to emerge from the pandemic and as we welcome a new rector, we would like to get your opinion on what programs we offer and when and how we offer them.

Please fill out the sections that apply to your household. Feel free to skip those that don't apply to you or your household.

Adult Formation

In the past we have offered adult formation on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15. Does this time work for you? _____

What other times on Sunday would you consider attending? (check all that apply)

____ After the 10:30 service ____ 3 – 5 pm ____ Sunday Evening

Are you interested in a mid-week Bible study or other type of formation offering? _____

What days would you be interested in? (check all that apply)

____ Mon ____ Tue ____ Wed ____ Thur ____ Sat

What times of day would you be interested in? (check all that apply)

____ Morning ____ Noon ____ Early Afternoon ____ 5 – 7 pm ____ 7-9 pm

What of the following topics seem interesting to you for adult formation? (check all that apply)

____ Study of the upcoming Sunday readings	____ Faith and current social/cultural issues
____ Bible study of a book of the Bible	____ Faith in daily life
____ Bible study of a theme or topic in the Bible	____ Book study of faith-based or spiritual books
____ Bible study of people in the Bible	____ Book study of popular books on topics relevant to faith
____ Study of the human authors of the Bible	____ World Religions
____ Church history	____ Christian denominations
____ Study of one or more theologians	____ Other:
____ Episcopal Church traditions	
____ Liturgy	
____ Faith and Science	

Would you be interested in leading or co-leading a book discussion?

Are you interested in leading some other kind of adult formation session?

If you answered yes to the above, what kinds of books/topics did you have in mind?

Are you comfortable attending in-person formation events where fully vaccinated people have the option of not wearing masks?

Other comments on adult formation:

Youth Formation

These questions are written so either parents or youth can answer them. Read “you” as a youth answering for themselves and “your youth as a parent answering for their child(ren)

If we offered a formation time for youth on Sunday, when would you (or your youth) be able to come?

☐ 9:30 – 10:15 ☐ 10:30 – 11:15 ☐ Right after the 10:30 service
☐ Later Sunday afternoon ☐ Sunday evening

What topics in formation would interest you/your youth?

<input type="checkbox"/> How the Bible became a book	<input type="checkbox"/> What do Episcopalians believe?	<input type="checkbox"/> World Religions
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser known Bible stories	<input type="checkbox"/> What do I believe?	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Christian Denominations
<input type="checkbox"/> The hard sayings of the Bible	<input type="checkbox"/> Church History	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith and Science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith in Daily Life	

We are going to try youth group once a month following the 10:30 service this fall. What kinds of activities are you interested in having as part of youth group?

We are going to work on helping our youth find ministries at St. Mark’s that interest them. Which of the following would you (or your youth) be interested in?

<input type="checkbox"/> Usher	<input type="checkbox"/> Canterbury Choir	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship
<input type="checkbox"/> Greeter	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Mark’s Choir	<input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan Youth Activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee hour host	<input type="checkbox"/> Helping with children’s formation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)
<input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild	<input type="checkbox"/> Helping in the nursery	
<input type="checkbox"/> Acolyte	<input type="checkbox"/> Outreach	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reader		

Are you comfortable attending in-person formation events where fully vaccinated people have the option of not wearing masks?

Which age category are you/is or are your youth? (check all that apply)

☐ Middle School ☐ High School

Other comments on youth formation:

Children's Formation

In the recent past we have had a casual gathering for children on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:15 during adult formation and more formal Sunday School beginning at 10:30 with children returning to the service at the peace. We are going to start with this schedule but are looking at other options in the future.

Which parts of Sunday morning formation do you anticipate your child/children participating in?

- ☐ My children will attend 9:30 – 10:15 only
☐ My children will attend 10:30 to the peace only
☐ My children will attend both
☐ My children will usually not attend Sunday morning formation
☐ Other:

Are you interested in volunteering as a teacher's assistant during Sunday Morning children's formation?

If you answered yes, how often could you be available?

- ☐ All the time ☐ Most of the time ☐ Some of the time
☐ At various times ☐ Other:

Are you comfortable having your child attend in-person formation events where fully vaccinated people have the option of not wearing masks?

Other comments on children's formation:

Wednesday Evening Program

We are looking at ways to restart and rethink the Wednesday Evening dinner & formation program this year.

Did you attend any Wednesday evening dinners/programming before COVID?

If yes, about how often did you attend?

- ☐ Frequently (more than 10 times) ☐ Sometimes (5 to 10 times) ☐ Occasionally

If you decide to attend this year, how often will you consider attending?

- ☐ Every week ☐ Twice a month ☐ Once a month

Would you be willing to volunteer on occasion to help with the meal and clean-up?

Other comments on the Wednesday evening program:

In Closing

Note that we will continue to offer options for digital formation programs this year. We are working to figure out which offerings will work as genuinely hybrid, which ones might work for synchronous and which ones might work for asynchronous presentations.

Other comments on formation in general:

Name: _____

Please check the box(es) that best describe you and members of your household.

- ☐ Adult
- ☐ High School student
- ☐ Middle School student
- ☐ Late Elementary student (grades 3 – 5)
- ☐ Early Elementary student (grades K-2)
- ☐ Preschooler
- ☐ Other:

Send by email to info@saintmarkscolumbus.org or Fax:614-486-4023

Or you may complete the survey online by scanning this QR code with your smart phone.



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God Moment # 11 "And a little child shall lead them."

A couple of Sundays ago, a young girl—maybe 7 or 8 years old—was walking around the sanctuary greeting people. She was very pleasant, well-spoken and polite. She also was carrying her trusty iPad, but she was not using it. She just had it with her.

By and by, she came to the ushers' bench where Dot Yeager and I were sitting. She was quite interested in the usher name badges Dot and I were wearing. We explained that one was needed in order to be ushering. Dot then asked her if she would like to help during the passing of the offering plates. When the time came, she joined Dot and processed to the altar.

She followed instructions precisely. She joined the other ushers in the narthex.

She then sat down at the ushers' bench and followed the rest of the service. She knew the prayers. She knew the responses.

As I listened to her, I recalled something one of the Lent Madness authors had said: *"If you don't have children in the pews, you don't have church."*

The God Moment was, and is, the confirmation given by that young lady that, indeed, we have church at Saint Mark's.

Thanks be to God.

If you would like to share your God Moment, please contact Jim Keyes (614-459-1189, or jimkeyes17@gmail.com)

WOMEN OF SAINT MARK'S FELLOWSHIP

The women of Saint Mark's Fellowship group have been meeting by Zoom during COVID. We will begin meeting in person for the month of August assuming this is possible. We will plan to meet at the church at **1 p.m. on the first and fourth Tuesdays in August**. We will also be available over Zoom at that time. In September, we will plan to combine with the knitters and stitchers who meet in person in members' homes. The dates and times for those meetings will be announced in early September by email to members. If you would like to join us to make baby items for our layette ministry or prayer shawls and baptismal blankets for church members, please contact Michele Johnson, Barb Keyes, or Leslie Winters. If you just want to join for fellowship, that is also great! (We may put you to work!)

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Did you know that we have 14 Stephen Ministers who provide caring visits with members of Saint Mark's who are going through a difficult or just lonely period in their lives. Our ministers complete 50 hours of training in walking with and listening with anyone who is experiencing grief, a life transition with work, illness, moving, family changes, or loneliness. All meetings and information is kept confidential. Please do not hesitate to let the rector (Rector@SaintMarksColumbus.org) or one of our Stephen Leaders (Pat Barton, patricia-barton@columbus.rr.com, Dianne Silliman, dlsilliman@gmail.com, or Michele Johnson, michelelbjohnson@gmail.com) know if you or someone you know might like to meet with a Stephen Minister.

MIGRATION MINISTRIES

Saint Mark's Migration Ministry meets following the 10:30 a.m. service every 4th Sunday in the Canterbury Center in the office building. Please contact Joyce Acton if you wish to join the meeting (actongroup@gmail.com or 614-560-9219). Our mission is to welcome the stranger in our midst, support refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants, and to serve, engage, learn, and educate.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We welcome the following into the Body of Christ through baptism:

Christine Clover, baptized on July 22.

Welcome Christine!

We celebrate a recent new member:

Brenda Hammersley, who transferred from Charleston, SC on July 8. Welcome Brenda!

We welcome the following new participant in Saint Mark's ministries:

Nnedi Obianagha, a medical student at OSU who has joined the usher team! Welcome Nnedi!

We send best wishes along to the following parishioner who are leaving the area:

Sally Taylor moved to Lake Forest, IL. We wish Sally the best as she begins her new journey.!

We offer condolences to the family of:

David Campbell, who passed away on February 19th at the age of 85.

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.roberta@yahoo.com or to the [Parish Office](#).

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the month of August, office hours will be limited; 9 a.m. to Noon, Monday through Friday. Office Manager Melanie Jacobs will focus on designated special projects during the rest of the day in preparation of new rector The Rev. Vicki Zust's arrival in September.

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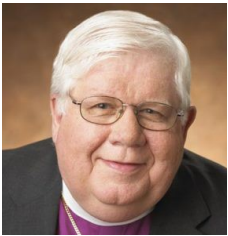
WELCOME RECEPTION FOR THE REV. VICKI ZUST - SEP 5

Please join us as we welcome The Rev. Vicki Zust on her first Sunday at Saint Mark's September 5 after the 10:30 worship service. All are welcome!

START-UP SUNDAY AND PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY FAIR

The 2021/22 formation program year will get underway on Sunday, September 12. You can be the first in line to learn more about various ministries and volunteer opportunities at Saint Mark's at the Parish Life and Ministry Fair happening in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 worship service. See you there!

BISHOP PRICE NAMED HONORARY CANON OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL



In a surprise ceremony at Christ Church Cathedral on his last day of active ministry as Acting Bishop in Southern Ohio, the Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price, Jr. was named an Honorary Canon of the cathedral by Interim Dean the Rev. Canon Jason Leo.

Citing Bishop Price's long and caring ministry in the diocese and to the cathedral congregation, Canon Leo explained with his usual humor that he "wasn't really sure if we are allowed to do this," but along with Honorary Canon the Rev. George Hill and Sub Dean the Rev. Paul Williams, offered a resolution honoring Bishop Price and with the joyous agreement of the wardens and congregation installed him as the newest Honorary Canon.

PROVISIONAL BISHOP ELECTED

The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith was elected as Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio during a special session of the 146th convention (virtual) on July 17, 2021. Smith was placed in nomination for Provisional Bishop by the Standing Committee on June 8, 2021, and the special session of the convention was called on June 10, 2021. He was elected on the first ballot of both the lay and clergy orders.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING AT SAINT MARK'S
The **Diocese of Southern Ohio Diocesan Council** will meet at Saint Mark's on Saturday, August 28 from 9 am to 1 pm and all are welcome to attend.

The Diocesan Council is a decision-making body of the diocese presided over by the bishop and comprised of elected and appointed clergy and lay leaders. The Council meets six times a year and functions much like the "vestry" of the diocese, responsible for the development, implementation, and oversight of the diocesan program and budget.

Youth from Saint Mark's and area parishes are invited to a special session with newly elected The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith, more information will be posted at: www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/diocesan-council-meeting/

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SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Decades ago, when Safe Church training first came to our churches, many congregations participated because insurance companies and lawyers recommended it. Today, in the shadow of the #MeToo movement and high profile congregational misconduct cases, we have begun to see Safe Church training as less about reducing liability, and more about Christian formation -- a part of our most basic Christian conviction to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

While the training is required for church leaders and others (such as Stephen ministers, lay eucharistic ministers, and formation leaders), the diocese recommends this training for everyone as we claim our biblical call and baptismal promises to love one another, persevere in resisting evil, and respect the dignity of every human being.

This free online, self-paced course is available at: <https://dso.pathwright.com/library/safe-church-training-track-1/145365/about/>



Sacred Conversations to Host Community Event

Sacred Conversations is a collaboration of Central Ohio faith communities toward Becoming Beloved Community. We are pleased that Dr. Joan Ferrante from Northern Kentucky University will present two films and lead discussion around the ongoing Mourning the Creation of Racial Categories Project.

Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021, 1 P.M.

In-person at St. Philip Episcopal Church,
166 Woodland Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43203.

Also via Zoom.

For event tickets at \$15 each, please see Gloria Wylie (gawylie@att.net)
or Dot Yeager (dot-yeager@columbus.rr.com).

Two short films will be shown (descriptions below) and a discussion will follow.

WHY WHITE?

This film opens with a white-appearing patient struggling to declare “White” as his race on a medical form. He asks, “*why do my doctors need to know my race?*” and “*why am I called “White” anyway?*” which begins an exploration of how the labels “White” and “Black” came to be and opens the conversation of how White carries the weight of race.

I AM WHITE LIKE YOU, RIGHT MOM?

In this film, a white-appearing mother must explain to her black-appearing daughter that “you’re not white exactly.” The conversation expands and reveals the story of why, in the U.S., parent and child can be labeled as different races and how race invades the family space.

<https://www.MourningtheCreationofRacialCategoriesProject.org/>

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AUGUST 2021

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** Zoom meeting links can be found on the [Parish Calendar](#).

To include an event to the parish calendar send information to Info@SaintMarksColumbus.org or call the office.

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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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