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A TIME OF CELEBRATION AND CHANGE

The Rev. Vicki Zust

As I'm writing this the week of March 14, the weather is getting warmer each day and we have had two Sundays worshipping together with optional masks.

The pandemic isn't over, and we don't know what may come in the weeks and months to come, but right now we are taking a deep breath and beginning to do things a little more like they were before we all knew the words COVID and Corona Virus.

We are enjoying seeing each other smile and thinking about having parish events including food and beginning to think about what spring and summer events we might be able to do. Things we haven't been able to do for two years. It is a time of celebration.

Except, there is an awareness nibbling at the back of our minds that things aren't really like they were before.

The most obvious, of course, is that there is a new priest and many new members have joined Saint Mark's. But there are people who have died and people who have moved or moved on in the last two years who aren't here.

Even when some of the same people are here, we aren't the same. We have been through two years of a global pandemic. Some of us have lost people we loved. Some of us have lost or changed jobs. The children are taller and older than we remember them.

A lot of activities have largely been on pause for two years and as they come back, they will look different. New people may be running them. They may take a different form or be combined with something else. Some of them may not come back at all.

In addition to all of this there are joys. There are new faces and new things and ideas. The pandemic also brought unexpected blessings. We have a vibrant audio-visual ministry and a strong contingent of people who worship with us on livestream. That way to join in worship is available to all of us when travel or weather or health or circumstances keep us from worshipping in person.

We have learned how to conduct hybrid meetings, and we are working on getting better at doing them. This lets people stay connected and engaged.

All of this is to say that we are all experiencing some combination of celebration and excitement, but also anxiety and maybe even some level of grief at the loss of the way things used to be. Change is stressful, even when it is hoped for and wanted change. Please be gentle and gracious with yourself and with one another as we navigate resuming more in-person events and reforming what our lives in community looks like.

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Vestry meetings occur every first Tuesday of the month in the Canterbury Center. Meetings are open to parishioners. Meeting minutes are available online at: www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/Vestry-Meetings.

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Pleasant Litchford Donation

With the unanimous approval of the vestry, Pastor Vicki will make a \$1,000 contribution from the Rector's Discretionary Fund on behalf of Saint Mark's to help fund the construction of a plaza to recognize former landowner Pleasant Litchford.

The donation will be formally accepted at the Upper Arlington School Board meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, in the UA City Council Chambers. Mark your calendars and come if you can.

The story of Pleasant Litchford was first uncovered by Diane Runyon and Kim Shoemaker Starr in their 2019 book, *Secrets Under the Parking Lot*. Upper Arlington Historical Society Executive Director, Kristen Greenberg, discusses Pleasant Litchford with Upper Arlington City Manager Steve Schoeny and City Attorney Darren Shulman in the Feb. 25, 2022 podcast **episode 4 of "Won't You Be Our Neighbor."**

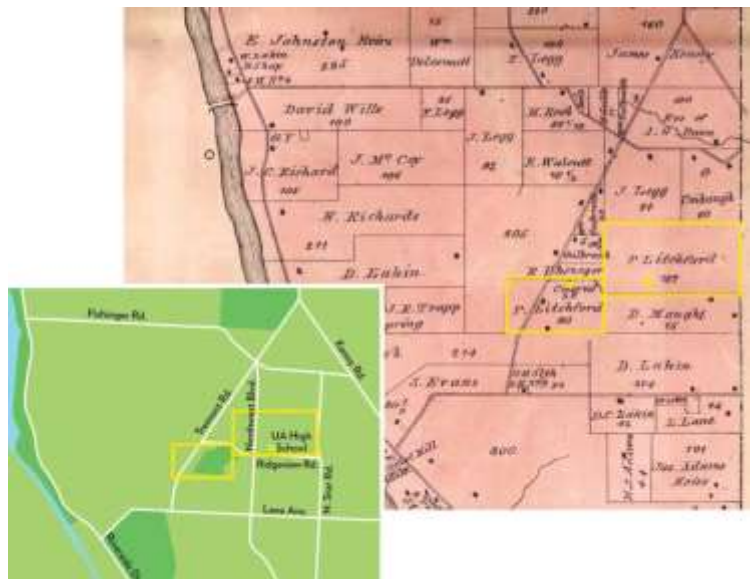
Litchford Plaza is a joint effort of the Upper Arlington School District and the city of UA and will be constructed just south of the new high school.

About Pleasant Litchford

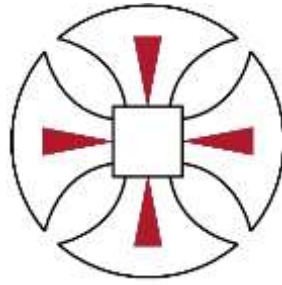
Pleasant Litchford, a blacksmith by trade and a freed African-American slave, migrated from Virginia to this area of Ohio around 1830. He purchased 227 acres of land in southern Perry Township between 1833 - 1849, which he owned until his death in 1879. These two distinct tracts of land are seen on this 1856 Perry Township map.

His land stretched from today's Tremont Center to North Star Road, including what is now Saint Mark's, Tremont School, Northam Park, St. Agatha and UA High School. He donated a parcel of land to Perry Township specifically to build a school for children of color. Friends and family were buried in his private cemetery which existed on today's high school property. Litchford was also tied to other notable African Americans in Columbus such as Ezekiel Fields. Fields was the first pastor of Second Baptist Church, the area's first Black baptist church, and Pleasant was a founding member and deacon.

(from www.uahistory.org/litchford)



Renewal of Saint Marks' Ministry - A Celebration for All



Your prayers and presence are requested
at

**A Celebration of the Renewal of Ministry
for the people of
Saint Mark's Episcopal Church**

to welcome and institute their new rector,
The Reverend Vicki Zust,
The Right Reverend Wayne Smith,
Bishop Provisional of Southern Ohio, presiding.

**Saturday April 30, 2022
2:30 p.m.**

2151 Dorset Road
Columbus, Ohio, 43221

Clergy: red stoles Reception following

A Celebration of New Ministry is a traditional Episcopal worship service found in the Book of Common Prayer that is used to institute a Rector into their new congregation. It is presided over by the Bishop and attended by members of the parish, surrounding parishes, and of the community at large.

As we begin to live into a renewed vision of Saint Mark's, and as we start to rebuild our in-person activities, Pastor Vicki felt it particularly appropriate to focus this worship service as a community-wide celebration of the renewal of Saint Mark's ministry. So we'll be going "off book" slightly with *A Celebration of the Renewal of Ministry for the people of Saint Mark's*, which will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday April 30. A reception will follow.

All are invited and there will be lots of ways that people with a variety of skill sets and talents can contribute. **This is, after all, a celebration of all the ways the individuals at Saint Mark's come together as one body in Christ.** Watch for Signup details to come. In the meantime, plan to come and join the party!

For more information, contact Mark Drew at SeniorWarden@SaintMarksColumbus.org.

MUSIC

Choral Evensong on April 3

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, the Saint Mark's Choir will lead a service of Choral Evensong. Music will include the beautiful Short Service by Orlando Gibbons, responses by Richard Ayleward, and anthems by Felix Mendelssohn and John Stainer. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully received in support of the Choir's upcoming residency trip to Wells Cathedral, England. Please join us for this beautiful and inspiring service, and be sure to invite some friends!

Choral Evensong
Sunday, April 3, 4 p.m.

Saint Mark's Choir

Music by Ayleward, Gibbons, Mendelssohn, and Stainer
Admission is free

Music in Holy Week

Hard as it is to believe, this year's Holy Week will be the first since 2019 with congregational singing and in-person choral music. Many will remember that in 2020, our Holy Week observances took place entirely over Zoom, just a few weeks after the emergence of the pandemic. Easter music consisted of pre-recorded organ music for hymns and voluntaries as well as chanted music performed live by a cantor. Last year we were elated to return to in-person worship for Holy Week, though singing remained limited, with congregational singing and choral music still not allowed. Thankfully, we were blessed with the participation of wonderful cantors to lead these services as well as some beautiful virtual choir anthems and hymns prepared by both choirs.

As we look forward to a return to a more normal Holy Week this year, I invite each of you to participate in the profound journey of this special week. Each service has its own unique character and lens through which to experience **the retelling of Christ's Passion and Resurrection. On the following page you will see some of the choral highlights that are planned for each service.**

Matthew Bester, Director of Music

WORSHIP

Communion in Two Kinds to Begin April 3

We will resume communion in two kinds (i.e., bread and wine) on Sunday April 3.

At the same time, we will also resume coming to the communion rail for communion.

There are two options for receiving communion:

1. Bread only: You may choose to receive the bread only. Cross your arms over your chest when the chalice comes by.
2. Bread and wine: You may receive wine by sipping from the chalice. Guide the base of the chalice with your hand to help the chalice bearer.

The diocese strongly discourages receiving communion by intinction. (i.e., dipping the wafer into the chalice). While it seems counter-intuitive, intinction is thought to spread more germs than sipping from the chalice because hands touch more surfaces and have more opportunities for contact with germs. As much as we try not to, it is very common for people to get their fingers in the wine when receiving by intinction, and it only takes a few people for there to be lots of germs in the wine.

April 3 Brown Bag Sermon

Pastor Vicki will give a Brown Bag Sermon at the 10:30 a.m. service on April 3.

A Brown Bag Sermon is when Pastor Vicki invites all the children to bring something to church and put it in her bag at the front of the church before the service begins. Pastor Vicki will find a way to use everything in the bag in her sermon.

There are a couple of rules:

1. Nothing alive may be put in the bag (leave your pet rat at home – but a picture of her would be great!)
2. Nothing sloppy or messy may be put in **the bag (if you bring slime make sure it's in a sealed jar).**

Look around, think about what you'd like to bring and don't forget to bring your item.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Holy Week

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, which this year is on April 10.

Palm Sunday – April 10

8 a.m. Service either outdoors or in the parish hall, weather depending. Rite I Eucharist with blessing of the palms.

10:30 a.m. Service begins in the parish hall. We then process with our palms into the church. Rite II Eucharist with music and blessing of the palms.

Music by Saint Mark's Choir. Choral music by Amy Beach, John Stainer, and Tomás Luis de Victoria.

Maundy Thursday – April 14

7:30 p.m. This day commemorates the Last Supper and the giving of the great commandment mandatum in Latin, where the name of the day comes from. Eucharist ending with the stripping of the altar. The reserve sacrament will be in the chapel for private devotion following the service and on Friday.

Music by Saint Mark's Choir. Choral music by Gabriel Fauré, Ola Gjeilo, and Richard Shephard.

Good Friday – April 15

Noon Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. Good Friday liturgy with communion from the reserve sacrament.

Music by Saint Mark's Choir. Choral music by Felix Anerio and Mark Siebert.

Great Vigil of Easter – April 16

7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter is the first celebration of Easter. We start in darkness and move through the story of the history of God and human beings to the joy of the resurrection. This is a service of candles and water, scripture and music.

Music by Saint Mark's Choir. Choral music by Johannes Brahms, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, and Charles Villiers Stanford.

Easter Day - April 17

Easter is the holiest day in the Christian year. The Easter Services are at different times than our usual services.

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Music by the Canterbury Choir. Choral music by James Higbe and Diane Lokensgard.

After the 9 a.m. service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 2 to 12.

11 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II

Music by the Saint Mark's Choir and Saint Mark's Brass. Choral music by Peter Hurford and Charles Villiers Stanford.



Easter Flower Memorials

are being taken through Sunday, April 10. There are envelopes in the back of the church. If you are worshiping in person, you can put the envelope in the offering plate. Make sure to write your dedication on the envelope.

You may also contribute online at www.SaintMarksColumbus.org using the link on the home page. The link will prompt you to indicate your dedication as well as make your online payment.

Contributions support the ministry of the Saint Mark's Flower Guild.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

First Sundays Outreach Projects

The Outreach Ministry couldn't be more pleased by the great attendance at the First Sunday Projects. It's wonderful to have so many parishioners take an interest in the organizations the Outreach Ministry supports on behalf of the parish. It has been great to have so many hands to assist with a project to benefit the group of the month. We hope you will continue to join us, and that you will give us feedback about ways we could expand or improve this activity. If you have not joined us yet, please come in April.

What we did in March

In March Bill Karl talked to the group about one of our **longtime projects, NNEMAP food pantry.** Saint Mark's



along with a consortium of churches and business partners is a participant in the NNEMAP Board. Saint Mark's also has numerous people who volunteer at the pantry and support the ongoing fundraising projects of NNEMAP.

NNEMAP is more than just a food pantry. It is also a place that connects users to other medical and nutritional services as well as hygiene products.

Customers of NNEMAP may visit once a week. Anyone in Franklin County is eligible if they meet the income requirements. During the pandemic NNEMAP prepared standard food boxes for pick up. Everyone got **the same things and the same amount as shopping wasn't** an option. As things begin to open again, customers will be able to shop in the pantry. This will once again allow for more variety, users will be able to tailor their shopping to their tastes, and they will be able to get amounts of products commensurate with their family size.

In 2021, NNEMAP served 19,249 families including 69,915 individuals. Providing 629,280 meal equivalents. This past year, 2,399 home deliveries were made.

During the project phase, we packed up 50 spaghetti meal bags as well as packets of pet food. Bill delivered the meal kits, and they were so well received that they were distributed to customers in just over one day.

What we will be doing in April

We will be learning about Star House a drop-in center for homeless youth. During the project phase of the morning, we will put together first aid kits that will fit

into a backpack. The children will be putting together bags of Easter candy for Star House to hand out at the drop-in center.

We will also be doing a collection for Star House. Homeless youth are always in need of clean dry socks, so parishioners are encouraged to consider bringing a pair of brand-new socks with you on the first Sunday. We will send the socks collected back to Star House, along with the first aid kits and candy bags, with our guest from Star House.



We hope you will join us at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall on April 3.

The Layette Ministry is Changing a Bit

We had a surprise this past month when Trinity Episcopal informed us that they would no longer be able to partner with us on the Layette Ministry. Due to the size and age **of their congregation, they didn't feel like they had the** resources to continue the program. While we were very disappointed by this news, we decided to talk directly with the Vinton County Help Me Grow Program about continuing. They were thrilled to have us express a desire to continue the Layette Program as it is very popular with their mothers. In the future we will deliver the layette items to Help Me Grow who will pack the bags and distribute the items. They even expressed an interest **in having Saint Mark's participate in some other projects,** so the program may actually grow with this new partnership. We will keep you posted.

We are always in need of people to sew bibs or burp cloths or to knit hats, toys and blankets. If you would like to help, please contact Barb Keyes at bkeyes25@gmail.com or Leslie Winters at mslesliewinters@gmail.com.

More Change: The Food Programs of St. John's Town Street

For the past few years the participation in God's Table, the Wednesday evening meal served at St. John's, has been declining. They aren't sure whether it is due to changes in the neighborhood or the fact more free meal options are available in the area on Wednesday evenings. **In any event, St. John's has informed us that they will be discontinuing God's Table as of this month, and focusing on Street Church. While we are disappointed that God's Table will be ending, we will continue to partner with St.**

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

John on Street Church. Our next visits will be in May.

Thank you to the new families that have begun **participating in the St. John's food program. We are** really pleased to have you join us. If anyone else would like to participate in the preparation or serving of these meals, contact Roberta Morton at notvmorton@aol.com. The more participants, the more fun the activity.

CATCH Court Volunteers Needed

This past month Saint Marks once again took lunch to CATCH Court. For the first time in a long time, our volunteers were able to stay for court and interact with the participants.

We will be going to court again on the second Thursday in April. Volunteers are needed to assist with baking, serving and preparation. If you might be interested in participating in some way, please contact Pat Iams at pati51@aol.com.

Packing Day

On April 13 we will once again be packaging spices and diapers for NNEMAP. We will meet in the parish hall at 10:30 a.m. With lots of volunteers, it only takes about an hour and is a great way to visit with friends while performing a service activity. Come and join us. Everyone is welcome.

Habitat Lunch

Several times a year, a group of parishioners takes lunch to those working on the current Habitat house. We will be going again in early April. It is a great time to view the house and see how the program works. If you would like to donate an item for the lunch, or visit the house and serve the lunch, please let Marilyn Karl know mjkarl@yahoo.com.



Outreach Ministry is always interested in new members, people who might like to assist with a particular project **or to attend committee meetings. You don't have to have** a lot of time, and there are a variety of opportunities **available. If we aren't doing projects that interests you, let** us know what you might like to do. We are always open to new project ideas. If you would like more information, contact Bill Karl at mrbill.karl@gmail.com or Leslie Winters at mslesliewinters@gmail.com.

Artisans Beyond Borders Exhibit Visits Washington National Cathedral and Saint Mark's

Next month we will receive an artists' exhibit from the Friends of Artisans Beyond Borders in Tucson, AZ. This exhibit will display handstitched embroidery pieces (*mantas*) which depict the struggles and hopes of women held at the Mexico border-side of Nogales (Arizona) while they wait for permission to seek asylum in the United States.

These South and Central America women and their children have traveled as far as 2,500 miles away fleeing violence or other unbearable circumstances to protect their families. They often live in dire situations at the border enduring the harsh weather of the Sonoran Desert – extreme heat and cold, while they wait for legal permission to enter the United States. While there, they learn the skills of creating these handstitched works which portray deep spiritual expressions of faith, loss and hope.

Starting early in May, this exhibit will be in our sanctuary along the back walls for our parish to view. On Saturday, May 21 from noon to 4 p.m., we will present this exhibit to the public. Along with the exhibit, we are planning an **outside "fiesta" complete with Latin music, food trucks, and games.**

Joining us for this public exhibition will be Valarie James, who is the creator/founder of both the Artisans Beyond Borders non-profit organization and this traveling exhibit. Valarie is a longtime resident of the U.S.-Mexico borderlands and a member of Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Tucson. A former Clinical Art Therapist, she was the coordinator of the all-volunteer trauma-informed Arts & Activities Program at Tucson's Casa Alitas Migrant shelter, and co-curator of "Hope & Healing: The Art of Asylum" exhibition of artwork by Casa Alitas refugee youth.

This exhibit will travel across the United States. Prior to coming to Saint Mark's, it will be at the University of Southern California. It will also be featured at the Washington National Cathedral. We are honored to be a recipient of such an important exposition.

For more information on Saint Mark's Migration Ministries, contact Joyce Acton – 614-560-9219, ActonGroup@gmail.com, or Pat Iams – 614-582-5738, PatI51@aol.com.

EDUCATION & PARISH LIFE

Pastoral Care and Grief Support

A New Life -- Are You Kidding?

An important step in the grief process is mourning the life you thought you were going to have with the person who died. Early after loss, the idea of creating a new and fulfilling life without your loved one can be distressing and overwhelming. The distress may come from your belief that finding happiness would be disloyal to the person **who died. You're also likely putting a lot of energy into** surviving each day and adapting to multiple changes in your roles and responsibilities - and this can make you feel overwhelmed and exhausted. All these and other emotions may make the thought of creating a hopeful future seem like a very bad joke.

Yet, an important task in grief is to find meaning for your life after a death. The Easter message of resurrection, renewal, and hope helps us to think about how we will live out our futures and maybe – over time – accept the future as a new beginning. Come to **Saint Mark's Grief Support Group and spend some time with** others who are working through loss. We meet next at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, in the Canterbury Center. **No matter where you are in your grief journey, you're** welcome to join us – **you'll be in good company!**

Stephen Ministry Offers Support for Those Who Struggle

Stephen Ministers are Saint Mark's lay people who provide confidential and caring Christian support to those who are grieving, ill, lonely, providing care for a family member, or who struggle with other traumatic life issues.

If you would like to learn more about receiving care from a Stephen Minister, or if you would like to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister please contact Pastor Vicki at Rector@SaintMarksColumbus.org or any of the following Stephen Ministry Leaders:

- Pat Barton: patricia-barton@columbus.rr.com
- Dianne Silliman: dlsilliman@gmail.com
- Michele Johnson: michelelbjohnson@gmail.com

In *The Way of Love*, Michael Curry describes seven activities to help us grow closer to God:

1. Turn - Stop. Listen. Choose to follow Jesus.
2. Learn - Read scripture.
3. Pray - Spend time with God.
4. Worship - Gather with others to praise God.
5. Bless - Share your faith, give, and serve others.
6. Go - Cross boundaries, listen deeply, live like Jesus.

Youth Group

Youth Group will meet Sunday April 3 following the 10:30 am service.

We are taking a field trip to Worthington. Depending on the weather, we will play games at the Marquardt's home or go bowling.

There will be boxed lunches in the parish hall immediately following the service. We will return to Saint Mark's between 1:30 and 2 p.m.

Children's Formation



During March Saint Mark's children got to work coloring dozens of butterflies for a project we called "**The Butterfly Brigade.**" They came in all shapes and colors and are used to make cards of love and inspiration for anyone to send to someone in need of a special note of

encouragement, thanksgiving, prayer, or a warm hello. The cards are free for the taking and are located at the back of the sanctuary.

In addition, the children learned about the seven **activities of Michael Curry's "The Way of Love"** with a special curriculum and activity booklet based on *The Very Best Day: The Way of Love for Children*, by Roger Hutchinson. Copies of these books are still available in the parish hall. (One per household with children, please.)

Throughout April, the children are focusing on the prayers that make up A Litany of Thanksgiving for the Church, with a special surprise in store for the Celebration of Renewal of Ministry.

Nursery

We are hoping to have the nursery staffed beginning on May 1.

The nursery will be staffed from 10:15 until noon on Sunday mornings for children ages 3 and under. Parents are invited to either drop off their children or to stay with them if they prefer.

We are looking for adult volunteers and teenage assistants. Teenage assistants will be paid.

Both adult volunteers and teenage assistants will need to take or renew Safe Church training.

If you are interested in helping in the nursery, please contact either Julie Moll at julied5.jm@gmail.com or Pastor Vicki at Rector@SaintMarksColumbus.org.

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Parish Work Party April 9

On Saturday, April 9, we will have a parish work party in the morning to get our building ready for Easter.

We have a lot of little projects that need to be done around the church to spruce it up and get ready for **Easter (and to welcome visitors to Saint Mark's).**

We will gather at 9 a.m. and divide up the projects. We will end at noon, or when we finish the list of projects, whichever comes first.

There will be indoor work for sure. Outdoor work if the weather permits.

UA Quest: A Pretty Sweet Deal



Saint Mark's Team: Barb Keyes, Brenda Hammersley, Jill Hinton, and Pastor Vicki enjoy sweets from the Goodie Shoppe during UA Quest - Upper Arlington's city-wide scavenger Hunt on March 6, 2022.

Pysanky - Traditional Ukrainian Easter Eggs



Ellen Berndt and Joyce Acton try their hand at Pysanky.

Save the Date - Saint Mark's Fiesta May 21

Saint Mark's Outreach Committee and Migration Ministries Committee invite you to join us on Saturday, May 21 to participate in being Ambassadors for Saint Mark's as we spread the message of the trials and tribulations of those seeking shelter and of "welcoming the stranger" in our midst.

There will be music, games and food trucks and more!
Watch for more details coming soon.

Chalice Bearers Needed

If you are interested in being a chalice bearer, please contact Pastor Vicki Rector@SaintMarksColumbus.org.

Outdoor Worship Services

The 8 a.m. service will stay outdoors (or in the parish hall in inclement weather) until October. If COVID numbers remain low in the fall, the 8 a.m. service will move into the nave in October.

Coffee Hour Resumes April 24

We may have a pop-up coffee hour between now and then, but regular coffee hour will be resuming every Sunday on April 24.

We may hold coffee hour outside in good weather, because it's nice to be able to be outside, and for our neighbors to get to see us. In bad weather we will resume coffee hour in the parish hall.

For as long as Franklin County stays at a low or medium spread of COVID we will continue to have coffee hour indoors or out as the weather dictates (and the coffee hour host decides).

If you are interested in being on the coffee hour host schedule, please get in touch with Cindy Anderson Cindy.Anderson@snet.net.

Supper Group

Supper Group will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 2 in the Parish Hall. We are now permitted to return indoors with food and will meet on the first Saturdays in April, May, and June. If you would like more information, please contact Gloria Wylie at gawylie@att.net or 614-738-1716.

Supporting Saint Mark's While You Shop

There are two small, easy ways for you to support Saint Mark's while you shop.

If you have a Kroger Shoppers Card, you can select **Saint Mark's as the organization that you support.** Link your Shoppers Card to a digital account and then select **Saint Mark's as the organization you support.** Saint Mark's gets a couple of cents for every dollar you spend at Kroger.

If you shop at Amazon. Go to smile.amazon.com and select **Saint Mark's as your charity of choice.** When you shop, go to smile.amazon.com and Saint Mark's will get 1/2 of 1% of the value of your purchases. That doesn't seem like a lot, but it can add up quickly.

IN & AROUND SAINT MARK'S

From the Parish Register

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 Communications@SaintMarkColumbus.org or by calling the parish office at 614-486-9452.

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If you have subscribed before and do not receive **messages from Saint Mark's please let us know! We may** need to update your information or help you take steps to prevent these messages from filtering into the spam folder.

For more information, contact the Communications Team at Communications@SaintMarksColumbus.org.

Share Your News

Please submit your comments, kudos, announcements, and ideas for *The Epistle* to the communications team: Pastor Vicki, Bill Mayr, and Joanne Drew at Communications@SaintMarksColumbus.org.

The rolling submission deadline is the third Monday of the previous month.

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Nov Epistle	Oct 17
Dec Epistle	Nov 21

Sports, Concerts and Graduations

If you (or your child) has upcoming sports games, concerts or performances. Please let Pastor Vicki know. She would like to come!

Contact Rector@SaintMarksColumbus.org.

Please also share upcoming high school graduations!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* (BCP, p. 830)

Simon Smith	4/4	Chris Silliman	4/14	Jay Hartranft	4/22
Fred Drew	4/8	Ava Evancho	4/15	Anna Markwardt	4/25
Elaine Spayde	4/6	Julie Moll	4/16	Patti Blakey	4/26
Charlie Hauswirth	4/8	Nick Utgard	4/17	Sara Warren	4/26
Bennett Chisholm	4/12	Brad Zubovich	4/19	Fred Schill	4/27
Michele Johnson	4/14	Matthew Bester	4/20		



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Rector's Day Off 8:30 a.m. AARP Foundation Tax Aide 8 p.m. AA	2 6 p.m. Supper Group
3 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 a.m. First Sunday Outreach Project 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II 12 p.m. Youth Group 4 p.m. Choral Evensong 8 p.m. AA	4 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. AA	5 9:30 a.m. AI Anon 1:30 p.m. Columbus Clergy Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting	6 8:30 a.m. AARP Foundation Tax Aide 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m. Pysanky Egg Workshop 7:15 p.m. Compline 7:30 p.m. Lent Ed	7 1 p.m. Knitting and Stitching Group 6:15 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal 8 p.m. AA	8 Rector's Day Off 8:30 a.m. AARP Foundation Tax Aide 8 p.m. AA	9 9 a.m. Parish Work Day
10 Palm Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Distribution of Palms and Passion Narrative 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Distribution of Palms and Passion Narrative 8 p.m. AA	11 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. AA	12 9:30 a.m. AI Anon 1:30 p.m. Columbus Clergy Bible Study	13 8:30 a.m. AARP Foundation Tax Aide 10:30 a.m. Spices and Diapers 1 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 6:15 p.m. Contemplative Prayer 7:30 p.m. The Marksmen	14 11 a.m. CATCH Court lunch 3 p.m. Grief Support 6:15 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service 8 p.m. AA	15 Rector's Day Off 8:30 a.m. AARP Foundation Tax Aide 12 p.m. Good Friday Stations of the Cross service 7:30 p.m. Liturgy for Good Friday and Communion from the Reserve Sacrament 8 p.m. AA	16 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
17 Easter Day 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music by the Canterbury Choir and Saint Mark's Brass 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music by the Canterbury Choir and Saint Mark's Brass 8 p.m. AA	18 Office Closed 4 p.m. Epistle Deadline 5:30 p.m. AA 7 p.m. Sisters in Faith	19 9:30 a.m. AI Anon 1:30 p.m. Columbus Clergy Bible Study 7 p.m. Outreach Ministry Meeting	20 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal	21 1 p.m. Knitting and Stitching Group 6:15 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal 8 p.m. AA	22 Rector's Day Off 8 p.m. AA	23
24 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8 p.m. AA	25 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Monday Night Book Group	26 9:30 a.m. AI Anon 1:30 p.m. Columbus Clergy Bible Study 7 p.m. Migration Ministry Meeting	27 1 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. The Marksmen Monthly Dinner	28 8 p.m. AA	29 Rector's Day Off 8:30 a.m. AARP Foundation Tax Aide 8 p.m. AA	30 2:30 p.m. Celebration of New Ministry

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday

April 10



8 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

April 14



7:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Good Friday

April 15



Noon

Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m.

Good Friday
Liturgy with
Reserved
Sacrament

A Vigil for Easter

April 16



7:30 p.m.

The Great Vigil
of Easter
with Holy Communion

Easter

April 17



9 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

11 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Join in the profound journey of this special week. Each service has its own unique character and lens through which to experience the retelling of Christ's Passion and Resurrection. See inside, pages 4-5