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The Feast of Pentecost - June 5

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. It is the day that we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples.

Pentecost marks the start of the spread of the Gospel from Jerusalem to the rest of the world. The Holy Spirit is symbolized by flame and by a dove.



Wear your red, yellow, or orange (flame colored) clothes, to remember the descent of the Holy Spirit as a flame.

At 9:30 a.m. Pastor Vicki will be lead the First Sunday activity. We will look at how we use the gifts of the Spirit and the inspiration to make a difference in our world.

The Saint Mark's Annual Pentecost Picnic will follow the 10:30 service. (See details at right.)

Come and join the celebration!

Smells and Bells

Follow the (barbeque) Smoke to the Pentecost Picnic

Do you enjoy a good party? Love you some good barbeque? Have a great pie recipe (or don't mind eating a slice or two of pie)? Like the thrill of possibly taking home a door prize?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions, then mark your calendars for Sunday, June 5 following the 10:30 a.m. service for the return of the Saint Mark's annual Pentecost Picnic, promising great food and fun for all.

There will be loads of barbeque prepared by The Marksmen, outdoor activities for kids of all ages, door prizes to be had, and our very fun and always delicious pie-baking contest.

There are 7 categories of awards for pie this year:

1. Best Fruit Pie
2. Best Chocolate Pie
3. Best Savory Pie
4. Messiest Pie
5. Best Decorated Pie
6. Healthiest Pie
7. Most Indulgent Pie

The Rev. Canon John Johansson is our guest pie judge this year.

As always, there is no cost to attend and you do not need to bring anything. However, in order to get an approximate headcount, we encourage you to sign up (look for a sign up link in the "This Week at Saint Mark's" emails or on our website or email the picnic organizers:

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Jodi Hess

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So, while maybe not made according the biblical recipe of incense of storax, onycha, galbanum, and frankincense, follow your senses to our own "spiritual incense offering" wafting through the air on Pentecost Sunday.



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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.

The Epistle is the monthly newsletter of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church. The rolling deadline is the third Monday of the preceding month. Send photos, announcements, or story ideas for inclusion in the Epistle to: Communications@SaintMarksColumbus.org.

Saint Mark's Hosts Columbus Area Vestry Day

Vestry members and priests from across central Ohio came together at Saint Mark's on May 14 to discuss church governance and gain inspiration from each other. The Rev. Michael Spencer, diocesan Canon for Transitions and Congregational Ministry, gave the keynote address.

Change always seems to be upon us, Canon Spencer told the 50-plus people at the Columbus Area Vestry Day. "We've spent two years in the pandemic; we've spent 10 or 20 years" in changing patterns of church membership, changing relationships with society.

He recounted an episode from earlier in his life when he participated in the Episcopal Service Corps; a hostile, competitive relationship had developed with another corps member but was eventually resolved with a positive outcome. "We realized we had some similarities and that God put us there. It had everything to do with God's grace and our taking a risk to understand each other."

Be curious and assume that the person has positive intent, he said about encountering others with views that we don't share.

Various spaces of Saint Mark's campus were used for small-group discussions on practical issues for congregations, such as property management, use of social media and formation.

Later, vestry members met in congregational groups to discuss issues for their parish. Saint Mark's vestry members and Pastor Vicki worked on scheduling activities for the parish calendar for the coming 12 months.



2022 Vestry members at a Friday evening pre-Vestry Day picnic hosted by Pastor Vicki on her back deck.

Top Row from left to right: Roman Skoracki, Lukas Skoracki, Betsy Gillespie, Jodi Hess, Vicki Zust, Barb Keyes, Cheryl Boop, Bruce Johnson, Judith Grant, Irina Reed, Julia Johnson-Davis.

Bottom Row from left to right: Bill Mayr, Martha Belury, Anice Ellis, Leslie Winters. (Not pictured is Senior Warden Mark Drew who took the picture.)



In & Around Saint Mark's

The Rev. Vicki Zust inducted as Saint Mark's 7th Rector with Celebration of New Ministry April 30



From Left: The Ven. Paul Scanlan, Archdeacon of Southern Ohio, The Rev. Robert Abrams, Assistant to the Bishop, Southern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Rt. Rev. Wayne Smith, Bishop Provisional of Southern Ohio, and The Rev. Vicki Zust, Rector.



A Celebration after the Celebration



Pastor Vicki receiving her new Noah's Ark themed stole.



Pastor Vicki with Search Committee Members. From Left: Dan Morton, Anice Ellis, Michele Johnson, Gloria Wylie, The Rev. Vicki Zust, Betsy Gillespie, Barb Keyes, Scott Milburn.



Vestry Wardens presenting Vicki with symbolic gifts



A typical day in Godly Play. Seen in the background is Laura Skoracki telling a story of baptism.

MUSIC

Saint Mark's Choir Prepares for Season Finale, Readies for England

The final Sunday morning for the Saint Mark's Choir for this program year will be May 29. For that service, the choir will sing Charles Wood's stirring anthem *O Thou the Central Orb* and the beautiful *Ascendit Deus* by the English Renaissance composer Peter Philips. It has been a very uplifting and gratifying year, our first back to an essentially normal schedule since before the pandemic. We've had our tribulations, particularly as some of our members have battled Covid at various points throughout the year, but the choir has always persevered while maintaining its usual high standard of music making. I could not be more proud of their efforts.



Saint Mark's Choir at Lincoln Cathedral, 2015

Even as the program year winds down, the choir has been ramping up preparation for its residency trip to Wells Cathedral in England July 4 - 10. Located in the southwest of England (circled on the map), Wells Cathedral was built between the years 1176 and 1450. The cathedral is dedicated to St. Andrew the Apostle and is the mother church of the Anglican Diocese of Bath and Wells.

During the week of its residency at the cathedral, the choir will take the place of the vacationing cathedral choir, singing a total of seven different services (six services of daily Choral Evensong plus Sunday morning Eucharist), each with its own unique music. The choir also will enjoy opportunities for sightseeing in London, Bath, Glastonbury Abbey, Salisbury Cathedral, and Stonehenge. The choir has undertaken two previous cathedral residencies in England: Worcester Cathedral in 2012 and Lincoln Cathedral in 2015 (the latter pictured above). Each of these pilgrimages has been a thrilling and uplifting experience, filled with phenomenal music making in truly magical spaces.



Wells Cathedral is set in the medieval heart of England's smallest city and is the earliest English Cathedral to be built in the Gothic style.



Located in Southern UK, Wells Cathedral is about 125 miles west of London.

Farewell Evensong and Concert June 26

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, the Saint Mark's Choir will present a special Farewell Evensong and Concert, just a week before the group's departure for its residency trip to Wells Cathedral in England. The event will begin with a service of Choral Evensong, followed by a short concert of additional highlights from the group's residency repertoire. The event will conclude with a champagne reception. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully received in support of the choir's residency trip. Please join us for this very special event, and be sure to invite some friends!

Matthew Bester
Director of Music

EDUCATION & PARISH LIFE

Saint Mark's a Sponsor at UA Pride on June 5

UA Pride is Sunday, June 5 from 1 - 5 p.m. on the Mallway (south of Lane) and Saint Mark's. will be there! Plan on coming to Pride and dropping by the Saint Mark's table.

Compline in the Park

Quarry Trails is the newest Columbus Metro Park, located just west of the Scioto River along Trabue Road. Apartments, townhouses and single-family homes are popping up around the park, which will make it a center of activity for that neighborhood as well as for the wider community.

We have the idea of gathering in the park for Compline on a regular basis. We could pray the short, evening service of Compline to start. We might add other activities such as picnic suppers as we see how it goes.

If you would like to help plan Compline in the Park, grab a cup of coffee or juice after the 10:30 a.m. service on June 12 and join Pastor Vicki at a table in the parish hall to talk about how we might do this.

View July 4 Fireworks from Saint Mark's Lawn

Independence Day is a big deal in Upper Arlington and we want to make the most of it at Saint Mark's! The parade and the fireworks are exciting events. Plus Saint Mark's has one of the prime locations for fireworks viewing, so we want to have some fun.

Everyone is invited to gather at Saint Mark's beginning at 5:30 pm. Bring a picnic and a blanket or some chairs. We'll have some yard games and pull out the popcorn machine. Pastor Vicki will bring her face-painting gear. The church will be open for access to bathrooms and water. The fireworks display is scheduled for 10 pm.

Considering Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation?

Informational Meetings and Classes Forming Now for Bishop Smith's Sept. 18 Visit

Confirmation is the renewal of the promises made on your behalf at baptism.

Confirmation for young adults marks the transition to adult membership in the church.

For adults, confirmation or reception is a public commitment to living out the next part of your faith life in the Episcopal Church.

Reception is when someone who has been confirmed in the Roman Catholic or Orthodox Church becomes a part of the Episcopal Church.

Reaffirmation is a public reaffirming of the vows you made at Baptism and/or Confirmation. People who were baptized or confirmed in the Episcopal Church who have been away from the church for a while sometimes wish to make a public recommitment to their faith.

Bishop Smith is coming to Saint Mark's on Sunday, September 18 and will preside over confirmations, receptions and reaffirmations.

The preparation for all three is the same. Because of the difficulty of scheduling during the summer, most of the preparation for confirmation, reception and reaffirmation will be video classes that you can do on your own time.

There will be an in-person class from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, August 28 to pull together digital classwork and have additional in-depth learning and conversation.

If you think you might be interested in confirmation, reception or reaffirmation there are two opportunities to hear more and ask questions -- at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 12 and Sunday, June 19. You can come to either one.



Significant Work Planned for Memorial Garden

It has been more than a decade since major work was done on the Memorial Garden plantings. Several of the plants have overgrown their spaces, others have failed to thrive and still others are reaching the end of their lifecycle.

The vestry approved a major refreshing of the Memorial Garden, with work scheduled to begin the week of June 6. Some plants will be replaced, the area around the sculpture and memorial plaque will be made more accessible and some plants will be refreshed. The benches will be leveled and the stone washed. The color scheme of the new plantings will stick with the white and green of the current garden.

As anyone who has ever renovated a kitchen or a bathroom knows, there will be a point where it will look worse before it gets better. Our goal is to complete work by All Saints' Sunday, November 6.

Please be assured that the areas where cremains are interred will be treated with the utmost respect.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Embroidering Hope National Exhibit and Street Fair at Saint Mark's

The Migration Ministries Committee thanks those who participated in the Embroidering Hope street festival on May 21, including those who helped organize, run, set up and take down the festival. Special thanks to those who have supported the exhibition of the Embroidering Hope devotional embroideries, which are always inspiring and show the presence of God.

For information about the Migration Ministries, contact Joyce Acton at 614-560-9219, actongroup@gmail.com or Pat Iams at 614-582-5738, pati51@aol.com



Finding Hope Amid Uncertainty



Eleuteria Ibarra is an artist, a wife, and a mother of four children. She and her family have fled their home in Mexico and now live in Columbus awaiting notice of a hearing to determine if their application for asylum will be granted.

Eleuteria is from a remote indigenous Amuzgo village located in the rugged mountains of Southwest Mexico where the customs and culture are passed down from generation to generation.

The Amuzgo community is known for their handwoven textiles with intricate patterns, and the women are known for their handwoven fabric using traditional techniques and designs. Most of this fabric is sewn into huipils, a traditional women's garment, and other traditional items such as tablecloths, napkins, and shawls. All pieces are original with no two exactly alike. Amuzgo women begin learning the weaving process when they are children with simple tasks such as cleaning and carding cotton. As they grow, they learn more difficult techniques and designs from the mothers and grandmothers using a traditional backstrap loom. Historically, weaving was to make clothing for the family, but it has become an important source of income for many Amuzgo families.

Eleuteria and her sisters learned weaving and embroidery at a young age from their mother who operated a backstrap loom. She says, "My whole family works and lives from crafts."

"I was a happy girl and I studied hard," says Eleuteria. "I liked to help my parents in the field and I helped my mother in the kitchen. It was a very beautiful life."

She recalls listening to her father tell stories of his childhood or how to work the land, plowing and planting milpa (corn), squash, and green beans. She remembers afternoons looking out at the mountains in the distance and, in the evenings, gazing at the beauty of the moon. "My father taught us that if we look closely, in the center we see a drawing of a rabbit."

As a young adult she worked as a school teacher travelling to nearby villages that did not have schools.

Married now, Eleuteria and her husband have four children, three of whom are school age. She is raising them as her parents raised her passing down to her children the embroidery she learned from mother. "The advice my mom gave me is to always take care of my family." She told me when you are united you are strong and I put all my attention on my work and caring for my family."

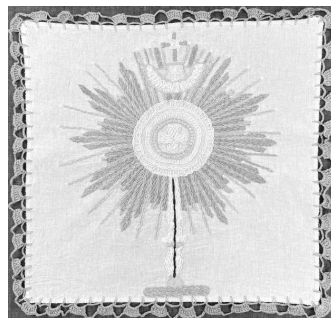
Though she reminisces fondly of the life she knew at home in Mexico, she says, "But as one grows up -- it can become very different."

She is referring to targeted violence that resulted in the deaths of three of her husband's family members and credible threats made on her children. In November 2019 she and her family left their village with nothing more than the clothes they wore and belongings that would fit a backpack and made their way to the border to seek asylum. There, she met Valerie Lee James and became part of the Friends of Artisans Beyond Borders.

"For me, embroidering the mantas is wonderful because in them I feel an immense peace," she says.

"I made the Eucharistic Adoration blanket (pictured) thinking of God and to help me get out of Mexico. I didn't want to suffer anymore. It was too much."

Eleuteria says she feels fortunate for the opportunity to apply for asylum and grateful for the community that surrounds her now, admitting that "it is not easy to be far from our people of customs and tradition." With support from Saint Mark's Migration Ministries, she has been in Columbus for the past 11 months



waiting on news of an asylum hearing.

Her future and her family's future is yet to be decided, but Eleuteria has reason to smile still. She is comforted that for now her family is together. Today they are safe from harm. Today they have shelter and food. Today she embroiders and finds peace and hope.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Outreach Ministry Partners with New Organization, Addresses Housing Insecurity

Move to PROSPER: An Opportunity Housing Project

Last month the Outreach Ministry agreed to provide financial support for a new organization known as Move to Prosper. One of the Outreach members was approached by Move to Prosper several months ago. After doing its due diligence, the Outreach Ministry Committee members agreed to make a three-year commitment of \$2,000 annually to the group and is looking at additional ways to support the organization.

Move to Prosper was created to give children better opportunities by giving them access to the resources that come from living in more affluent neighborhoods. The goal of the program is to improve academic performance, provide financial stability and improve physical and mental wellness of families. For the last 3½ years, Move to Prosper has been a pilot project of the

Department of City and Regional Planning at Ohio State. Nine pilot families have gone through the program, with the first graduation this spring. Participating families are single mothers in low-wage jobs with several children under the age of

13. The average participating family increased their income by 58% while in the program.

Move to Prosper works with landlords to provide the families housing in higher-income neighborhoods at a slightly reduced rent, and without providing the credit history that would normally be required. In return they get a stable tenant for three years, reducing their turnover costs. During the three-year program, the program works with the families on financial planning, budgeting, and saving, as well as other life skills. They

work with the children to introduce them to the new schools and mentor success. One student stated, “In my old school I thought I would be a Walmart greeter like my uncle. In my new school my teachers are telling me I would make a great engineer or lawyer.” It’s not just educational opportunities that improve, the children are proving to be much healthier now that they are in better housing, and trips to the Emergency Department for asthma attacks have been greatly reduced.

If you would like more information on this program, or ways to become involved, visit www.MovetoProsper.org.

“Move to Prosper is a unique and potentially powerful approach to decreasing housing insecurity and improving child well-being.”

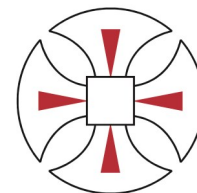
Dr. Kelly Kelleher, Pediatrician, Nationwide Children’s Hospital

MOVE TO PROSPER WAS CREATED TO GIVE CENTRAL OHIO KIDS A CHANCE TO LIVE IN OUR REGION’S HIGHER-RESOURCED NEIGHBORHOODS.

MISSION

Improve life outcomes for single mothers and their children by offering relocation opportunities that create access to:

- Safe neighborhoods that offer healthy and stable housing that is close to everyday conveniences and job opportunities
- Schools that are higher resourced and provide children with a better learning environment
- Housing stability that reduces stress and supports improved health
- Coaching that provides tools for being financially stable and transforming lives



OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

First Sunday Outreach Projects

This past month Peg Kissel, the coordinator of the feeding programs at St. John's Columbus, came to talk about the history and future of their program. The program started with God's Table, when the church heard from the lower-middle-class community that they were having a hard time stretching their paychecks and could use a meal. Over the years the neighborhood has changed, going from lower-middle-class families, to very few families in the neighborhood and now to gentrification of part of the area. Additionally, there are now multiple sources for free meals. Thus, the need for a weekly meal decreased. So, St. John's decided to stop God's Table and focus on Street Church, a weekly lunch following a short church service, which is held at the corner of Central Avenue and Broad Street. To accomplish the goal of continuing Street Church, they rely heavily on partner groups such as Saint Mark's. First Sunday participants prepared sandwiches to take to Street Church as well as made snack bags to hand out.

This coming month will be our last of the season. We will discuss outreach in general and ways we can all participate. We will also evaluate how we have liked this program this past year. Come and help us plan a future course for our First Sunday Outreach Projects.

Layette Program

On May 20, Outreach and Knitting Group members took several carloads of layette items down to the Vinton County Help Me Grow offices. It was the first opportunity we had to meet our new partners in the layette program.

Volunteer Shortage- Can You Help?

This past month we had a shortage of volunteers participating in the spice/diaper packing day and the CATCH lunch. We encourage any of you who are interested in participating to do so.

The packing day occurs the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. It only takes about an hour to complete the project. Volunteers can just show up. If you would like a reminder, let Barb Keyes know and she can add you to the monthly email (bkeyes@gmail.com). No experience is necessary!

CATCH lunches are the second Thursday of the month. We take the lunch downtown to the courthouse and serve it to the participants of CATCH. Volunteers can stay for court or not. Bakers are needed for cookies. Volunteers are needed to prep parts of the lunch and/or

take it to court. If you can help with any part of the day, please let Pat Iams know (pati51@aol.com). There is always a group involved so no one person has to do it all. An experienced person always goes along to show new people the way, so don't be afraid to try it.

Gifts Made on Your Behalf

In May, the Outreach Ministry Committee authorized \$10,000 in budgeted funds to be distributed to the following partner agencies:

- \$2,500 to Star House to assist their homeless youth drop-in center;
- \$2,000 to Episcopal Relief and Development for disasters throughout the United States;
- \$2,000 to NNEMAP food pantry for operating expenses;
- \$1,500 to the Open Shelter to help with programming for homeless adults;
- \$1,000 to Freedom al a Cart to provide assistance to participants and graduates of CATCH court; and
- \$1,000 to the Northwest Churches Coalition of Habitat for Humanity.

Celebration of New Ministry Collection for NNEMAP Shows Overwhelming Generosity

Pastor Vicki designated NNEMAP as the beneficiary of the collection at the Celebration of New Ministry. Everyone was asked to bring a donation of soap or shampoo. In addition, the offering plate gifts were designated for NNEMAP. As a result of everyone's generosity, we collected more than 169 pounds of soap, filling two whole wagons. Wow! Thank you to everyone who brought a donation. On top of that, more than \$600 was collected during the offering. NNEMAP will put the money to good use and they were thrilled to get the soap, which is always a high demand item at the pantry.

May Sewing Collection - Still Time to Give

Thank you to everyone who donated sewing supplies in May to benefit Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS). Pastor Vicki will make another delivery trip to CRIS at the beginning of June to take any late donations. If you have something you would like to donate after that, please take them directly to CRIS at 1925 East Dublin Granville Rd., Suite 102.

June Collection - Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

During the month of June, we will collect toothpaste and toothbrushes for Star House. These items are always needed. While you are shopping, would you pick up a few tubes and/or brushes to donate?

PASTORAL CARE

Saint Marks Grief Support: Caring people need care too!

By Brenda Hammersley

Caring for others is what we do as parents, adult children of aging parents, siblings, friends, and members of a community. But when someone dies we may feel torn between our roller-coaster of emotion and a desire to provide emotional support for others who are involved in the loss. Staying calm and carrying on is a skill many of us have honed – to the point that we shove our own grief responses aside to care for other people.

If giving to others is your comfort zone you're not alone - many adults are dedicated to caring and giving of themselves. Yet, there's a downside to being overly outwardly focused during early grief (the first year or two after a death). In grief, feelings that are not acknowledged have a way of simmering in the background of the mind and will eventually affect your mental, physical and/or spiritual health. But if self-care feels selfish to you, take a minute to reflect on this quote from Parker Palmer: "Self-care is never a selfish act—it is simply good stewardship of the only gift I have, the gift I was put on earth to offer to others."

An article in *Psychology Today* ("Is Self-Care Selfish?", K. McBride, February 2013) notes: "There is a difference between self-absorbed, narcissistic behavior and sound internal self-care. Self-care is about taking good care of our own feelings so we don't project them onto others, act badly, or cause problems in relationships. Being in touch with our own feelings and embracing them is the healthiest thing we can do."

So, how do you do "self-care"? What does it look like?

Understanding that developing self-compassion and self-kindness will be different for each person, here are seven ideas to get you started. You don't need to adopt all these approaches at once but find a couple that appeal to you and give them a try.

1. Stop comparing yourself to yourself. Give up the expectations you've created for yourself about "how well you should be doing" at this point of your grief journey. Let go of timelines and grief stages and avoid comparing the grieving person you are now to the person you were before the death.
2. Understand and accept the normality of the emotional, physical and intellectual experiences of grief. Fear, yearning, guilt, anger, despair, fatigue, lethargy, preoccupation, forgetfulness, loneliness, numbness, changes in sleep and appetite, anxiety, and deep sadness are some but not all of what you may feel. Accepting that your reactions are normal may relieve some of your stress – a great self-care outcome!

3. Focus on distressing emotions and experiences in order to heal. This isn't a suggestion that you live in extreme pain forever – but, if you were injured or very ill, you'd take time to focus on ways to recover. In grief, this is essential. Find ways to heal where you can and manage the pain where you can't.
4. Become a care-receiver instead of a care giver. Ask for and accept help. Even though as a giving person this may not be in your comfort zone, you'll reap two benefits from allowing others to help: they can take on an important task that you really don't enjoy or have the energy for, and, when those people need help, you'll be there to return the favor.
5. Pay attention to basic human needs – breathing, sleeping, eating, being in nature, connecting with others. On the inevitable "bad" days of grief, stop for 2 minutes and do a quick inventory: Are your shoulders trying to touch your ears? When was your last deep breath? Did you sleep well (or at all) last night? What did you eat and drink yesterday? Was it delicious, nourishing and healthy? When did you last feel the sun and wind on your face? What was the last positive interaction you had with a human or with those you care most about?
6. Give yourself a break from grieving. Yes, you do need to feel grief's many emotions to heal them - but you also need to allow your heart and mind chances to experience a boost of positive emotion. Walking, reading, watching movies or TV that you enjoy, singing your favorite songs, dancing around the house, lunching with a friend, or making a "gratitude list" are a few of many ways to give your body, brain and frayed nerves a rest.
7. Continue to love the person who died and don't apologize to other for doing so. Feel free to keep an ongoing love and connection with the person who died. Talk about them, do little things that help you feel close and focus on good memories when you can.

Come to St. Mark's Grief Support Group and spend some time with others who are working through loss. We next meet at 3 p.m. ,Thursday, June 9, at in the Canterbury Center. No matter where you are in your grief journey, you're welcome to join us.

For information contact Brenda Hammersley at b.hammersley@yahoo.com.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

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

Zoe and Mason Evancho, children of Steve and Rachel Evancho received the sacrament of baptism on May 1.

Kellan Silliman, son of Chris and Elizabeth Silliman and grandson of Bill and Dianne Silliman, received the sacrament of baptism on May 22.

Sustain them, O Lord, in our Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage and will to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

We celebrate the following graduation:

Casey Keller graduated in May from Miami University, earning both a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education as well as a Master's degree in Literacy and Language.

Almighty God, may your blessing rest upon Casey. May your love light up her life. May hope spring from her heart as she looks towards tomorrow. May her days be filled with great adventures and discoveries, and may she walk forever in your love and peace and joy. Amen.

We send best wishes along to the following who are transferring to another parish within the diocese:

Jeff Porterfield - transferring to Trinity, Columbus

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
1 Corinthians 12:12-13

We celebrate the following families who are moving to new homes within the area:

Bruce and Michele Johnson

Dan and Roberta Morton

Erik and Sara Warren and children Theo, Gwendolyn, Veronica, and Joshua

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. Proverbs 24:3-4

If you would like to share an announcement of a birth or marriage of someone related to the parish, a job change, retirement, achievement, student news, etc, please send information to Robbie Hurley at hurley.roberta@yahoo.com or Communications@SaintMarkColumbus.org or by calling the parish office at 614-486-9452



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)

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| Kelly Kelleher | 6/1 | Pam Thurston | 6/12 | Larry Anderson | 6/22 |
| Brett Alexander | 6/1 | Steve Bigley | 6/12 | Camille Olmstead | 6/23 |
| Robert Tannous | 6/4 | Dot Yeager | 6/12 | Cynthia Alexander | 6/24 |
| Susie Hodson | 6/6 | David Hyre | 6/15 | Linda Jones | 6/25 |
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| <p>29</p> <p><i>Preacher:</i> <i>The Rev. Vicki Zust</i></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 1 pm St. John's Town Street 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Memorial Day Office Closed</p> <p>5:30 pm AA Men's Group</p> | <p>31</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 7:30 pm Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>Jun 1</p> | <p>2</p> <p>1 pm Kitting and Stitching 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p> | <p>3</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 pm AA</p> | <p>4</p> <p>6 pm Supper Group</p> |
| <p>5</p> <p><i>Preacher:</i> <i>The Rev. Vicki Zust</i></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am First Sunday Activity 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 12 pm Pentecost Picnic 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p> <p>The Day of Pentecost</p> | <p>6</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AA Men's Group</p> | <p>7</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 7:30 pm Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting</p> | <p>8</p> <p>10:30 am Spices & Diapers 1 pm Stephen Ministry 7:30 pm The Marksmen</p> | <p>9</p> <p>11 am CATCH Court 3 pm Grief Support 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Stephen Ministry 8 pm AA</p> | <p>10</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 pm AA</p> | <p>11</p> |
| <p>12</p> <p><i>Preacher:</i> <i>The Rev. Vicki Zust</i></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p> <p>Trinity Sunday</p> | <p>13</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AA Men's Group</p> | <p>14</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 7:30 pm Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>15</p> <p>6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer</p> | <p>16</p> <p>1 pm Kitting and Stitching 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p> | <p>17</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 pm AA</p> | <p>18</p> |
| <p>19</p> <p><i>Preacher:</i> <i>The Rev. Vicki Zust</i></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 12 pm Father's Day Brats and Floats 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p> | <p>20</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Meeting 4 pm Epistle Deadline 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm Sisters in Faith</p> | <p>21</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 7:30 pm Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>22</p> <p>1 pm Stephen Ministry 5:30 pm The Marksmen</p> | <p>23</p> <p>6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Saint Mark's Choir 7:30 pm Stephen Ministry 8 pm AA</p> | <p>24</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 pm AA</p> | <p>25</p> |
| <p>26</p> <p><i>Preacher:</i> <i>The Rev. Vicki Zust</i></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 4 pm Choral Evensong 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p> | <p>27</p> <p>5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7:30 pm Monday Night Book Group</p> | <p>28</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 7 pm Migration Ministry 7:30 pm Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>29</p> <p>6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer</p> | <p>30</p> <p>6:15 pm AA 8 pm AA</p> | <p>Jul 1</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 pm AA</p> | <p>2</p> <p>6 pm Supper Group</p> |

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COMING IN JUNE

Sunday, June 5

The Day of Pentecost

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| 9:30 a.m. | First Sunday Activity |
| Noon | Pentecost Picnic |
| 1 p.m. | Saint Mark's @ UA Pride |

Sunday, June 12

Trinity Sunday

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day

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| Noon | Father's Day Brats and Floats |
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Sunday, June 26

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| 4 p.m. | Choral Evensong w/ Saint Mark's Choir |
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The Feast of Pentecost is June 5 - Saint Mark's Annual Pentecost Picnic is Back!!

Wear flame colors (red, orange, yellow) to church.
Mark your calendars and plan on staying after the 10:30 a.m. service for a feast. There will be barbeque and other great food, including pie!

You can contribute a pie simply to be feasted on, or to be entered into the contest.

In keeping with the celebration of the seven-fold gifts of the Spirit, there will be seven categories in the pie contest:

1. Fruit pie
2. Chocolate pie
3. Savory pie
4. Messiest pie
5. Best decorated pie
6. Healthiest pie
7. Most indulgent pie

See inside for details, clean your pie pan, and mark your calendars!



See inside for a full calendar of June events and gatherings and visit www.SaintMarksColumbus.org.