

# the EPISTLE

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## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Saint Mark's will be held after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, February 12, in the Parish Hall.

You may join in person or you will be able to attend and vote via Zoom. Make sure you are getting the This Week e-news, that is where we will put the zoom link.

The Annual Meeting will feature reports on parish activities in 2022, some previews of things coming up in 2023, discussion of the budget and elections for leadership. We will also vote on revisions to the by-laws.

We will hold elections for the following:

- 1 Senior Warden for a 1-year term
- 1 Junior Warden for a 1-year term
- 1 Youth Warden for a 1-year term.
- 4 Vestry Members for 3-year terms
- 1 Vestry Member to serve the remaining 1 year of a 3-year term
- 2 Delegates plus Alternate Delegates to Diocesan Convention.

The Annual Meeting is always interesting and occasionally funny. The Canterbury Choir will have Superbowl Subs for sale to nibble on during the meeting, and we promise to get you home in plenty of time for your Super Bowl party.

Details of the Annual Meeting, including meeting agenda, proposed by-law changes, annual report, and Zoom link will be posted on the website as they are made available. View or download at: [www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/annual-meeting](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/annual-meeting).

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**See inside for the vestry  
and delegate nominations.**

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## Lent at Saint Mark's

Lent is a time of preparation. For more than a thousand years Christians have spent the six weeks before Easter in special study, prayer, and fasting in order to be prepared for the most holy day of the church year – Easter Day.

There are lots of ways to observe the season of Lent. Many people give up indulgences, some add a spiritual discipline or commit to a special activity in the spirit simple living, prayer, penance, and almsgiving.

Saint Mark's has a variety of resources and activities to help you observe Lent, including special music offerings, programming for both adult and children's Sunday morning formation classes, Wednesday evenings at Saint Mark's Lenten activities, and resources for meditation and faith at home. See inside for more details.

We have also compiled a list of some of our favorite activities, podcasts, and online resources that you can access on Saint Mark's website: [www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/lent](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/lent).

## Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday is on February 22. On Ash Wednesday we place ashes, made from blessed palms, on the forehead in the shape of a cross as a reminder that we are all mortal and that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

There will be three services on Ash Wednesday. 8 a.m., Noon, and 7:30 p.m. The 7:30 p.m. service will also be livestreamed. If you wish to have ashes sent to you to use during the livestreamed service, please call the parish office at 614-486-9452.

We will also participate in **Ashes to Go** this year. If you wish to receive Ashes and are unable to attend any of the services, you can come to the vestibule by the red doors from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 4 – 6 p.m.



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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](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/vestry-meetings).

**The Epistle** is the monthly newsletter of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church. The rolling deadline for submissions is the third Monday of the preceding month. Send photos, announcements, or story ideas for inclusion in the Epistle to: [Communications@saintmarkscolumbus.org](mailto:Communications@saintmarkscolumbus.org).

## Rector's Discretionary Fund

The Rector's Discretionary Fund is exactly what it sounds like, a fund for the Rector to use at his or her discretion. The Fund belongs to Saint Mark's and is audited annually along with the rest of the church's funds.

Over the last year Pastor Vicki has used the fund for, among other things:

- Paying for ads in programs/sponsoring activities that our youth are involved in from the UA High School Marching Band and Crew team to the Worthington High School Theater season and Jones Middle School musical to the Tremont Elementary TSA's Not So Silent Auction.
- Underwriting some training expenses for several people wanting to expand or enhance their ministries.
- Purchasing food for the Parish Family Dinners on Wednesday evenings.
- Providing support for people in need both within and outside of Saint Mark's.

If you would like to contribute to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, you can do that by putting a check in the offering plate noted for "Rector's Discretionary Fund" or through the Give button on the website.

## Youth Verger

Saint Mark's is pleased to welcome our first youth verger. Alex Reed is pioneering this role for Saint Mark's.

The verger is the person you see in the head of the procession, carrying a stick, called a verge.

The verger is responsible for making sure that everything is ready for worship (that books are marked, people who are scheduled to serve are here, that everything is set up correctly) and makes sure that the service runs smoothly.

Please welcome Alex and thank him for his willingness to try something new for Saint Mark's.

Any other youth who might like to explore serving as a verger, should contact the head verger, Bill Silliman ([billrsilliman@gmail.com](mailto:billrsilliman@gmail.com)).



Alex Reed (Right front) is often seen serving as an acolyte. Here he assists Verger, Kevin Fix, on a recent Sunday morning worship service.

Photo credit: Bruce Smith

## MUSIC

By Dr. Matthew Bester  
Saint Mark's Director of Music

With the start of the New Year, I am delighted to share some personal news. I have been invited to serve as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Music Department at Denison University for the upcoming spring semester. I am serving as a sabbatical replacement for Harris Ipock, the Director of Choral Activities, who will be on leave this semester. My duties will include directing two choruses and teaching two courses (on World Music and the History of Rock). This is a temporary position (January to May), and I will be continuing my duties at Saint Mark's throughout the term. It promises to be a very busy few months for me. I appreciate your patience as I navigate these additional responsibilities.

The choir has enjoyed digging into some exciting and challenging repertory to start the second half of the choir season. Highlights in January included a piece that was commissioned for the Saint Mark's Choir in 2010, for the baptism of my oldest daughter, Elisa. A week later, on January 15, the choir sang a spiritual arranged by Undine Smith Moore, sometimes called the "Dean of Black Women Composers," in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. The following Sunday we sang a thrilling motet by the English Renaissance composer William Byrd. The choir will feature the works of Byrd at several times over the course of the coming year, as the world commemorates the 400th anniversary of the composer's death in 1623. Finishing off the month of January, the choir sang a beautiful and ethereal setting of the Beatitudes by the Estonian composer Arvo Pärt.

### Super Bowl Subs

The Canterbury Choir is now taking order for its annual Super Bowl Subs! The Italian-style subs will be made fresh and ready for pickup on Super Bowl Sunday (Sunday, February 12), from 11:30 to 12:30 at the church. They are wonderful heated up or cold, and they make a perfect meal for your family and friends on Super Bowl Sunday. We are taking orders until Feb. 5th. Cost is just \$7 per sub. Please contact George Reed at gwr-powell@outlook.com and let him know how many you would like. Payment can be made by Venmo, PayPal, cash, or check, either at time of order or at pickup.



### Music in Lent

With February comes the end of the season of Epiphany and the arrival of Lent. For the prelude on the last Sunday after the Epiphany on February 19, Stefanie Bester and Michael Schreffler will offer a complete rendition of Vivaldi's Winter Concerto from The Four Seasons. Be sure to arrive ten minutes early in order to be able to hear the work in its entirety.

For Ash Wednesday on February 22, the Saint Mark's Choir will sing for the 7:30 p.m. service, offering music by Joseph Clokey and Orlande de Lassus.

Finally, on Sunday, March 5, the Saint Mark's Choir will lead a service of Choral Evensong (details below).

### Choral Evensong on March 5

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, the Saint Mark's Choir will lead a service of Choral Evensong for the season of Lent. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully received in support of the Special Music Fund at Saint Mark's. A reception will follow. Please join us for this beautiful and inspiring service, and be sure to invite some friends!

## Save the Date

Choral Evensong  
Saint Mark's Choir  
4 p.m. on Sunday, March 5  
Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

Donations will be accepted  
in support of the Special Music Fund



## ANNUAL ELECTIONS



**Saint Mark's 2022 Vestry.** Front row (left to right): Bill Mayr, Martha Belury, Anice Ellis, Junior Warden Leslie Winters. Back row (left to right): Roman Skoracki, Youth Warden Lukas Skoracki, Betsy Gillespie, Jodi Hess, Rector Vicki Zust, Barb Keyes, Cheryl Boop, Bruce Johnson, Judith Grant, Irina Reed, Julia Johnson-Davis. Not pictured: Senior Warden Mark Drew (who is



The vestry is the governing body of the parish and consists of 15 members of the parish who are elected by the congregation. It is the vestry's responsibility to be the final decision-making body that hires the rector, approves the parish budget, makes parish policy decisions, and spends the parish's money on mission, ministry, and maintenance.

The vestry consists of a senior warden, a junior warden, and a youth warden (high school age), each of whom are elected by the parish for a 1-year term. (Wardens may serve up to 3 consecutive 1-year terms.) The other 12 members of the vestry are elected for 3-year terms, normally with four members elected each year. At its first meeting in each calendar year, the vestry appoints a treasurer and a clerk. The treasurer and clerk are not voting members of the vestry by virtue of being appointed to office.

The rector presides at meetings of the vestry, which are held on the first Tuesday of the month. In the absence of the rector, the senior or junior warden presides.

The Nominating Committee is made up of retiring vestry members, the senior and junior wardens, and the clergy. This year's nominating committee included Mark Drew, Anice Ellis, Judith Grant, Bill Mayr, Irina Reed, Lukas Skoracki, Leslie Winters, and Vicki Zust.

Saint Mark's is entitled to send four delegates each year to the annual Diocesan Convention. Two of the four delegates are served by the Senior and Junior Wardens, ex officio. The other two delegates are elected at the annual meeting. Delegate alternates are also elected at the annual meeting, in the event the delegates are unable to attend Convention.

The 149th Convention will take place on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Christ Church Cathedral in Cincinnati and on Saturday November 11, 2023 at The Vern Riffe Center at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth.

The Nominating Committee brings forth the following slate of candidates for the 2023 Vestry and Convention Delegates to be elected by a majority vote at the annual meeting.

## ANNUAL ELECTIONS

### 2023 Vestry Slate

#### SENIOR WARDEN 1-YEAR TERM (1 TO BE ELECTED)

##### **Cheryl Boop**



Cheryl Boop has been making her voice heard since arriving at Saint Mark's in 2013 by singing in the choir. And she has taken leadership roles by serving on the vestry and the Stewardship Committee.

As a result, she said, "I believe I have a good understanding of our church, the current state and where we parishioners want to see us be down the road. Saint Mark's is very important to me, and I am excited about who we are and what we can become! Our vestry is full of wonderful people who all have the same goal - but have very different viewpoints about how to achieve it. The wardens have the awesome responsibility to keep the big picture in mind while attending to the everyday issues affecting the church and congregation.

"I have experience in my national and state professional organizations in leadership positions similar to Senior Warden, and I look forward to using my skills and experience at Saint Mark's. I love the people of Saint Mark's. I'm reminded of the children's song with the words 'The Church is not a building, the Church is not a steeple, the Church is not a meeting place, the Church is the people.' The caring, honest, giving congregation -- the incredible music program; the forward-thinking vestry; and the energetic, fun, thoughtful, and creative priest -- this is what I love about Saint Mark's."

#### JUNIOR WARDEN 1-YEAR TERM (1 TO BE ELECTED)

##### **Kevin Fix**



Kevin Fix said he wants to help Saint Mark's grow into its future. "I love this parish, and Sunday worship and fellowship are an important part of my life and faith. I believe Saint Mark's is having a positive impact on the community at large and has a bright future ahead. So many people have contributed to where we are today, and I simply want to do my part. "Saint Mark's is a very welcoming and inclusive community. It is a comfortable place with deeply rooted traditions, but a place that also challenges me to pursue faith and discipleship in ways I have not done before."

He serves as a verger and a trustee for the parish's Endowment Fund, plus helps out with St. John's Street Church and with Marksmen events. Kevin has served on community boards in Upper Arlington and he thinks those experiences will help him as Junior Warden.

#### YOUTH WARDEN 1-YEAR TERM (1 TO BE ELECTED)

##### **Anna Markwardt**



Anna Markwardt sang in the Canterbury Choir for eight years until she aged out of the group. She has participated in the parish youth group and has served as an acolyte. "I would like to be a youth warden because I value Saint Mark's and I would like to be active in the vestry. I have been in leadership positions in (high-school) theater before and I enjoy them. (Anna is a 10th-grader at Thomas Worthington High School.) My brother was a previous youth warden, and I think I would do a good job of representing the youth because I've been involved with Saint Mark's since I was five," she said.

Anna said she enjoys being part of Saint Mark's. "I like the community of people at Saint Marks, I like how many opportunities there are for youth here, and all the ways that youth can get involved in worship. I enjoy being able to participate in services, and I also really like the hymns."



## ANNUAL ELECTIONS

## VESTRY MEMBER 3-YEAR TERM (4 TO BE ELECTED)

**Steve Brindza**

Steve made an observation about Saint Mark's: "The parish can be whatever you need it to be to strengthen your own walk in faith. This church allows one to feel appreciated and recognizes contributions big and small." Steve contributes to the parish in diverse ways: an usher for the 8 a.m. service, a parish website designer "in the early days of the Rev. Paul St. Germain" and a baker of breads for the Labor Day bake sale. In addition, "I've also been shown the best, optimal way to work the giant coffee maker by both Mark Drew and David Boop.

"Vestry is a significant area of service with Saint Mark's, and my prior stint in 2010-2012 helped me get through both an expected downsizing and a happy term in business school. Saint Mark's expects good utilization of time and talents from the parishioners, and now that I am in a job where my hours are more controlled by me, I can devote some time toward edifying and building up the church community and the church building itself. Additionally, I look at financial data daily, so revenue/expenditure/budget sheets make sense to me.

Steve says he has pride "in our historical/liturgical church. I've had several visitors tell me how good the music is; how poetic the texts are; and how nice the people and facilities are. And most have never known this building had so much Christian love within. I try to get the word out."

**Brenda Hammersley**

"Since coming to Saint Mark's I've found many outlets for my time, talents and treasures," Brenda said. She participates with the Outreach and Migration ministries and provides grief support for individuals and groups as a personal ministry. She also serves on the Altar and Flower guilds.

She says her diverse career in healthcare "from bedside nurse to health system strategic planner to nursing faculty to executive over online operations for a large university" has given her experience helping people and organizations "work toward shared outcomes including improved financial performance. I bring a goal-oriented and analytical perspective to the table and want to offer my skills in whatever way will help Saint Mark's build a thriving future.

"I like the heart of Saint Mark's, which is the parishioners. I've met so many amazing people - some who've attended for decades and others, like me, who are relatively new to both the Episcopal Church and

Saint Mark's."

**Ted Meyers**

Ted joined Saint Mark's in 2005 and like many parishioners has kept busy within the congregation. For Ted that includes singing in our choir, serving on the 2008 capital campaign, participating in Guatemala mission trips, and serving as a lay reader, chalice bearer and helping with St. John's Town Street Dinners. He has previously served two terms on vestry.

"Saint Mark's is an incredible community of caring people from diverse backgrounds. The term 'ancient faith, open minds' rings very true here: we follow a common, traditional liturgy filled with very thought-provoking words and music that activates the Holy Spirit within each of us. I love that we're excited to share this with the wider Columbus community through our increased involvement in community events. I have seen wonderful transformation at Saint Mark's in the 18 years since I first walked through the doors. Through my service on vestry, I've been part of that journey.

Through serving on vestry again I look forward to seeing, and being part of, how Saint Mark's will continue to grow, adapt, and flourish over the next 18 years."

**Andi Waller**

Andrea Waller (Andi) has been a member of Saint Mark's since 2003. She was a member of the Vestry during an early transition time, thus serving under three priests and overseeing the Hospitality Committee and continuing that ministry via Coffee Hour for many years despite never liking coffee! During her time on Vestry she also participated in the Diocesan convention held in Cincinnati. Andi was extensively involved with the Guatemalan mission trip, having visited five times and made sure ample pairs of children's shoes and other necessary items were collected for each trip and remains in contact with friends made there. Currently Andi participates in Diapers and Spices and has been a Stephen's Minister for six years.

Andi retired from Nationwide Children's Hospital several years ago to care for her parents in Connecticut for multiple years in case you don't remember her face. Outside of St Marks she served on the board of CASA (court appointed special advocates), was a member of the Junior League and worked on fundraising for *She Has a Name* as well as The OSU then-Botany Department. She and her husband Kelly have three grown children and are currently also busy with a 2 year old grandson. Andi looks forward to reconnecting with Saint Marks by serving on the Vestry. She fully embraces Hebrews 13:2.

## ANNUAL ELECTIONS

## VESTRY MEMBER MID-TERM VACANCY (TO SERVE THE REMAINING 1 YEAR OF A 3-YEAR TERM)

**Michael Bowman**

Michael serves as a Saint Mark's usher and is looking for other areas of the parish to participate in. "At my previous church, All Saints in New Albany, I helped to coordinate the Sunday School program and other children's events, served on the Altar Guild, and helped with the Outreach Committee," he said.

"I am currently in discernment to potentially be ordained a deacon and joining the vestry will provide a great opportunity to get a greater understanding of all the activity going on at Saint Mark's and what goes on in operating a parish. While all aspects of Saint Mark's have been fantastic, perhaps the best part has been the great people that call it their parish home and the great sense of community that they create. The 'church' properly refers to the people, those 'called out,' and I hope as a member of the vestry to continue to cultivate and grow this resource."

## CONVENTION DELEGATE (2 TO BE ELECTED)

**Michael Bowman**

Michael said he wants to serve as a convention delegate because "I think it is important for all parishes to make sure their voices are heard in the governance of the diocese. I am also currently in discernment to potentially be ordained a deacon and participating in the diocesan convention will provide a great experience in better seeing how the diocese operates and the issues affecting it."

Michael, who also is seeking a term on vestry, serves as a Saint Mark's usher. "At my previous church, All Saints in New Albany, I also helped to coordinate the Sunday School program and other children's events, served on the Altar Guild, and helped with the Outreach Committee."

**Anice Ellis**

Anice's service to her church includes serving on vestry three times, serving on two rector-search committees, being a chalice bearer and a lector. She and her late husband, Michael, founded the Supper Group. She also has participated in Sisters in Faith, the Book Group and the Flower Guild.

"I would like to attend Convention because it's a way to attach myself closer to the diocese at this time of transition" as the diocese seeks a bishop.

**Judith Grant**

Judith is completing a term on vestry. She also participates in the Contemplative Prayer and Knitting groups.

"I am eager to participate in the leadership of the church on a local level, as well as on a diocesan level," she said. "I feel that I could do a good job representing Saint Mark's, as well as Episcopalians throughout the diocese. I am also interested in learning more about how the diocese operates and bringing the knowledge back to Saint Mark's."

**Dot Yeager**

Dot has served as Senior Warden, a member of the Finance Committee and an Endowment Fund trustee. She has served as a chalice bearer and usher; she participates with the Contemplative Prayer Group, Sacred Conversations, Altar Guild, and Supper Group.

"It is important for Saint Mark's to be connected to the rest of the Diocese of Southern Ohio to fully serve Christ in our larger community," she said. "Diocesan Convention offers opportunities to not only become aware of areas of need, but also to learn about new ministry ideas and compare notes with others who have faced similar questions and challenges. This year's convention has particular importance, given that the Diocese expects to call a new Bishop. If elected, I would look forward to building on current relationships throughout the Diocese and making new ones."

## FORMATION

**Adult Formation**

Throughout Sundays in Lent, Sunday morning Adult Formation will focus on the Baptismal Covenant.

From the earliest days of the church, those being baptized were called on to confess their faith. The ways this happened changed over time and place, with some form of a Creed being used in many times and places.

In the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549 the promises made by the godparents of the child to be baptized were the Apostles' Creed broken into three sections as in the 1979 Prayer Book of the Episcopal Church followed by asking if the person wished to be baptized.

In the second Book of Common Prayer in 1552 the Creed was reduced to a single question, again followed only by an expression of the desire to be baptized.

In the 1662 Book of Common Prayer the confession of the Apostles' Creed remained a single question. This was followed by the minister asking: "Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?" with the godparents answering "I will" on behalf of the child.

In the first American Prayer Book of 1789, the assumption was that baptism would be administered within a Sunday service where the Creed would be said. The questions asked to the godparents on behalf of the child were: "Dost thou believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith as contained in the Apostles' Creed?" followed by the question from the 1662 Book. This was the form used in the American Books of Common Prayer of 1892 and 1928 as well.

The Liturgical Movement of the 1960's and 1970's led many denominations to go back to the older practice of breaking the confession of the Apostles' Creed into three questions and to expand the question about keeping and following God's will into more specific questions. It is out of this movement that the Baptismal Covenant as we have it in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer arises.

The Baptismal Covenant is promised at baptism. It is this Covenant that is confirmed during the Confirmation service and the whole congregation renews its Baptismal Covenant every time someone is baptized.

Adult formation takes place 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the parish hall. You can also join by livestream at [www.saintmarkscolumbus.org](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org).

**Youth Group**

Youth Group will meet on Sunday, February 5, following the 10:30 a.m. service. All youth in grades 6 through 12 are welcome. Lunch will be provided. We will eat, talk about fundraising for our Hawaii trip, do an activity based on spirituality and probably play some games as well.

**Children's Formation**

The Children's Formation curriculum is paired with that of Adult Formation and will conclude our winter series focus on the lesser known stories of the bible. In January we learned about Abraham, Jacob, Gideon, and Elijah. In February we will learn about Daniel, and Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Each lesson is independent so children will not feel they have missed anything if they do not come every Sunday.

On February 19 we will have a Mardi Gras-themed celebration and talk about the what, why, how, and why of Ash Wednesday and the upcoming liturgical season of Lent.

And on February 26 and all throughout Lent we will turn our focus to what we believe and how that shapes our behavior, taking a deep dive into the Apostle's Creed.

**February Schedule**

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| 2/5  | First Sunday - No Children's Formation   |
| 2/12 | Daniel in Babylon: Daniel 1:1- 2:49<br>Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego: Daniel 3:1-30 |
| 2/19 | Mardi Gras Celebration!  |
| 2/26 | The Apostle's Creed Project (Part I)   |

Activity packets for The Lesser Known Bible Stories Series and The Apostle's Creed Project are posted each week on the Children's Formation page on the Saint Mark's website: [www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/children-and-youth-formation](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/children-and-youth-formation).

**Godly Play Training**

Godly Play is the Christian Formation method that Saint Mark's uses for younger children (ages 3-5). It is based on a foundation of Montessori philosophy and focuses on exploration and storytelling.

Saint Mark's will host a regional Godly Play training in February for anyone interested in joining us on Sunday mornings as a Godly Play Leader.

The training begins Thursday evening February 23 and runs all day Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25. The training costs \$250 and is limited to 12 participants. You can register at the Godly Play Foundation's website: [www.godlyplayfoundation.org](http://www.godlyplayfoundation.org).

If you are interested in the training, and would like help with the cost, let Pastor Vicki know, we have funds that can help. If you want to know more about Godly Play and how it works at Saint Mark's, speak to Laura Skoracki ([lauragastos@hotmail.com](mailto:lauragastos@hotmail.com)) or Joanne Drew ([jdrew627@gmail.com](mailto:jdrew627@gmail.com)).



## PARISH LIFE

**Member Care**

Saint Mark's Member Care Ministry is excited about adding new members to our group, updating our list, and adding to the way we help members in need of meals. We provide either meal delivery gift cards or home-made meals to members and their family who are ill, recovering from illness or surgery, grieving, or celebrating a new birth. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry or know of a church member who could use this ministry, please contact Michele Johnson ([michelelbjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:michelelbjohnson@gmail.com)) or let Pastor Vicki know. If you would be willing to be on the contact list when a need arises for a meal or gift card, please also let Michele know. She keeps a list of emails of Member Care ministers and sends a group email and sign up sheet when a need arises.

**Knitting Circle for CRIS**

Do you knit? Do you like helping others? Are you free on Wednesday afternoons? Then do we have an opportunity for you.

Saint Mark's is working with CRIS (Community Refugee and Immigrant Services) to host a knitting circle in February, March and April for women new to our community.

We gather in the Karl Road/161 area with a group of women, mostly from the Congo, and some staff from CRIS and demonstrate knitting, knit together and talk.

You don't have to be an expert (or even a good) knitter. You don't need to be available every Wednesday. You just need to be willing to give some of your time.

This knitting circle session will run from February 1 until April 19.

**Flower Guild**

**Roses are red, violets are blue...in 2023, the Flower Guild needs YOU!**

A New Year brings opportunities for sharing our time, talents and treasures. Saint Mark's Flower Guild would love to be on your radar in 2023 for any of these gifts.

**Giving your time and talents:** Guild members have a lot of fun working behind the scenes throughout the year making sure God's gifts from nature surround us as we worship. They plant and maintain the outdoor pots, create weekly arrangements, work with the liturgical calendar to bring the church year to life through special events, and pull out the stops for Easter and Christmas. Talent is not a requirement to join the Flower Guild – just a willingness to work with a terrific group of folks who enjoy creating beauty together. Guild members will take pleasure in teaching you the tricks of flower arranging while you meet and get to know new people. Take a peek at the Flower Arranging 101 video on the Saint Mark's website to get inspired and then reach out to Barb Keyes at church or at [bkeyes25@gmail.com](mailto:bkeyes25@gmail.com) for more information.

**Giving your treasures:** the Flower Guild is funded 100% by donations and depends on those who contribute throughout the year. Many donations are memorials for those who have passed on but anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, weddings and other events are also worthy of floral dedications.

Giving is easy and any amount is deeply appreciated. You can donate to the Flower Guild on the Saint Mark's website [www.shelbygiving.com/appl/giving/saintmarks](http://www.shelbygiving.com/appl/giving/saintmarks), using a flower donation envelope at the rear of the sanctuary, or calling Diane Hartney at 614-486-0710.

# Saint Mark's Marksmen



The Marksmen enjoy dinner at Don Tequila restaurant in Upper Arlington on Wednesday, Jan.25, 2023.

## LENT

SHROVE TUESDAY  
**Pancake Supper**  
 FEBRUARY 21 @ 5 P.M.



*All are welcome*

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is Back!**

Mark your calendars! The Mark's Men will serve up an All-Parish Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 21 at 5 p.m.

Shrovetide is a pre-Lenten period that culminates on Shrove Tuesday, which is the day before Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the season of Lent. It gets its name from the old English word 'shrive,' which means "to confess" or "to impose penance." Traditionally viewed as a day of repentance, Shrove Tuesday has become regarded as the last day for celebration and feasting before entering the Lenten season of spiritual discipline, reflection, fasting, penance, and prayer. It was also a time to use up foods of indulgence, such as meat and sugar and foods with fat like milk, butter, and eggs, which would otherwise spoil. (This is why some refer to Shrove Tuesday as Fat Tuesday, or its French translation, Mardi Gras.) Pancakes were seen as an easy way to use up milk, butter, eggs and sugar in one meal.

So, however you like your pancakes: with lemon juice and powdered sugar or maple syrup and loads of butter, Nutella, whipped cream, or all of the above -- come and celebrate this pre-Lenten tradition! There is no charge to attend, however, donations to cover costs will be accepted.

### **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is Wednesday February 22.

There will be Ash Wednesday services at 8 a.m., noon and 7:30 p.m. The 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. If you would like to have ashes sent to you to use as you watch the livestream service, let the parish office know.

### **Ashes to Go**

Pastor Vicki will also offer Ashes to Go from 10:30 – 11:30 am and from 4 – 6 pm in the vestibule through the red doors. Ashes to Go began in Chicago in 2010 and spread nationwide in 2012. It is an opportunity for people who can't make one of the services. Ashes are distributed along with a brochure with prayers to use at home.

### **FAST—Giving Something Up**

Giving something up for Lent is a traditional type of fast. People usually pick something that is an extra and give it up for the 40 days of Lent. Often giving up an extra is accompanied by giving the money that would have been spent on that item to charity. Sundays are feast days and not part of the season of Lent so many people do not fast on Sunday. Some common things that people give up are: chocolate, ice cream, red meat, alcohol, and eating out.

### **PRAY—Prayer, Reflection & Bible Study**

Many people add daily prayers, Bible reading or time for reflection to their schedules during Lent. Prayers can be added at the beginning of the day, at noon, in the early evening or at the end of the day or any of the above.

In the arched bookcase in the parish hall you will be able to find the following resources to use at home:

Forward Day by Day which is a small book of daily short reflections on the daily office readings.

A booklet of theological reflections – one for each week of Lent.

A booklet of short prayer services to use at home.

Forty stories from Matthew Every Christian Should Know. This is a list of the stories in Matthew, the Gospel our Sunday morning readings are from this year.

A prayer calendar. Each day there is a square, scratch off the sticker and pray for whoever or whatever is appointed for that day.

### **Sunday Morning Formation**

The Sunday morning Adult formation program will look at the Baptismal Covenant. (See p. XX for details.) Adult formation takes place in the parish hall from 9:30 – 10:15 am

The school-age children's formation will focus the Apostle's Creed. (See p. XX for details).

Children's Formation and Godly Play takes place in the children's formation area beginning at 10:30 am with the children returning to the service at the Peace.



## LENT

**GIVE—First Sunday Outreach Project in Lent**

On Sunday, March 5 we will have our First Sunday Outreach program in place of both Children and Adult formation. This will be in the parish hall from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. and will feature representatives from Help Me Grow in Vinton County. Our annual baby shower for Help Me Grow will take place during coffee hour that day.

**Wednesday Evenings at Saint Mark's in Lent**

On Wednesday evenings in Lent we are offering a four-part program. You can choose to participate in one, two, three or all four parts.

5:30 p.m. – Gather for a simple soup & bread supper. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall to provide soup and bread each week.

6:15 – 7:15 p.m. – Pysanka Workshop. Pysanky is the art of applying wax to eggs and then dyeing them. It is a multi-step process and ends with beautiful eggs ready for Easter. Join us in the parish hall.

7:30 – 7:45 p.m. – Compline. Compline is the night prayer of the church. It has been prayed by Christians for over a thousand years. We will gather in the church for Compline.

8 – 9 p.m. – Discussion of the book *Walk in Love* by Scott Gunn and Melody Shue. The book looks at the life of the Episcopal Church through worship. The discussion will take place in the Canterbury Center or you can join by Zoom. Look for the link in the weekly e-newsletter and on the parish calendar.

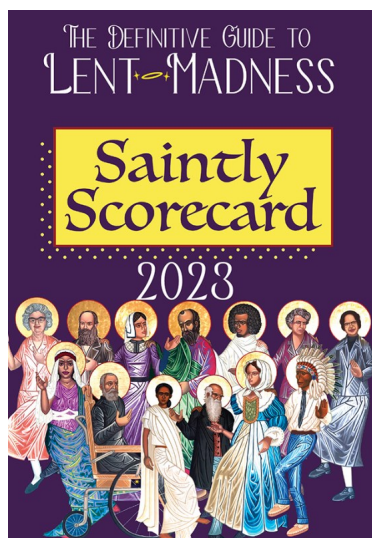
The Wednesday evening program will be held: March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

**Discover Pysanky**

Come explore the art and process of decorating a Ukrainian Easter egg — called a “pysanka”.

These eggs, or psyanky (plural), are decorated with motifs and colors with deep, symbolic meaning, such as wishes of love, protection, fecundity, or peace, and are created to be given to family members and respected outsiders.

Decorating pysanky is a multi-step, contemplative process most appropriate for ages 8 and up with adult supervision. A similar, age-appropriate Lenten activity will be provided for young children (ages 4-7) and the nursery will be staffed for very young children (infant to age 3) if needed.

**GIVE—Lent Madness**

Lent Madness is a fun and popular activity that is disguised as a competition, but it's actually an online devotion and a great way to learn about Saints while giving to a good cause.

It is a tournament, like March Madness. Each day during Lent participants from around the world cast their votes for among competing saints.

Saint Mark's will have a Lent Madness pool. To join, fill out a bracket (available at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) or in the arched bookcase) and submit it - along with \$5 - to Pastor Vicki by February 22.

The winner of the Saint Mark's pool will be get to decide where to donate the funds.

Go to [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) to learn about the Saints, cast your vote or just follow along. Lent Madness is a program of Forward Movement [www.forwardmovement.org](http://www.forwardmovement.org).



## OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

### First Sunday Outreach Project in February

Our February First Sunday Project will focus on Move to Prosper. Come and hear from the Move to Prosper staff about this very successful program that Saint Marks supports. Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday February 5 in the parish hall.

### Diapers and Spices

The next event will take place at 10:30 a.m. on February 8th in the Canterbury Center. Please note the change of location for the next two months. We are moving to the Canterbury Center to allow the tax preparers to use the parish hall. All are Welcome!

### CATCH Court

Saint Marks is scheduled to take lunch to court at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9. These lunches are an opportunity to serve a group of previously trafficked women who want to become independent, self-sufficient citizens.

The success of this two-year program has been remarkable. Not all have graduated, but very few have returned to jail or what they call “the life”.

What is our role? In bringing lunch we facilitate a social atmosphere in which the women can further friendships and we can mingle to show support. The women live in small “safe houses” where they have food available, but they truly appreciate our homemade efforts (especially the cookies). As we learn their stories and about the program, we then have the chance to share our knowledge with others, helping to dispel myths and stereotypes. We would like to have more people involved in this ministry. There are opportunities to prepare food ahead of time in your home as well as opportunities to go to the Court. If you have any interest in participating, contact Pat Iams, [pati51@aol.com](mailto:pati51@aol.com).

### Spaghetti Dinner Items Collection

This month we continue to collect items for the NE-AMAP spaghetti dinner kits. These were very popular at the food pantry last year. When you are at the grocery, will you pick up an item or two and put it in the collection baskets in the vestibule. Items needed are boxes of spaghetti, jars of pasta sauce, containers of dry parmesan cheese, jars of salad dressing, and boxes of brownie mix. We don't include any perishable items. The lettuce and eggs are available at the pantry. Thanks, in advance, for your support of the food pantry.

### Layette Program Baby Shower

In conjunction with the March First Sunday Project featuring our Help Me Grow partners, Outreach will host a baby shower for the Layette Program. This year we are asking everyone to purchase items from a very specific list of the items we include in the layette packs for the women. These items include:

- Footed sleepers
- sleep sacs
- Onesies (short and long sleeve)
- hooded towels
- Socks
- baby washcloths
- Pacifiers
- lightweight receiving blankets (no heavy blankets are permitted for safety reasons)
- pack and play sheets
- safety items such as outlet covers and cabinet latches
- Small board books that teach concepts such as shapes, colors or letters

Items can be new or slightly used. We highly recommend Once Upon A Child as an inexpensive source for some of these items. Another easy option is the Amazon Wish List for the Layette Program. Order any of the items on the list and they will be sent directly to Outreach. There is a link for the Wish List on the Saint Marks website.

### Mark Your Calendar



**Baby Shower**  
& Extended Coffee Hour

**March 5**  
After 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Parish Hall

**First Sunday Outreach Project**

## OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

### Migration Ministries

New Americans in Columbus  
February – the Month of Love  
Love God.....Love Neighbor

Columbus has long been a welcoming home to those arriving in the United States. Areas in our city like German Village and Italian Village exemplify this.

According to the information provided by the City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods' Impact of Refugees in Central Ohio 2015 Report, more than 16,000 refugees have been welcomed into the Columbus area from 1983 - 2015. Immigrants from Mexico, Central America, South America, Asia, and Africa are helping to shape the culture of our neighborhoods. This is seen in the many new restaurants, small businesses, shopping centers, and festivals that have become a part of everyday life in Columbus.

There are several resettlement agencies in our area; most notably is CRIS (Community Resettlement and Immigration Services). The populations they serve arrive through the United States Refugee Admissions Program. These are refugees who have fled their homes and countries amidst violence and persecution. They are assigned to CRIS by the Church World Service, one of the nine national voluntary agencies that contract with the US Department of State. All refugees first go through a rigorous screening process including interviews by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Resettlement Support Center and the US Citizenship and Immigration Services to determine a well-founded fear of persecution. Recently, they have had a large intake of Afghans and Ukrainian refugees.

As Lent approaches when we focus on prayerful self-discipline and giving of ourselves, there are many opportunities available to volunteer and support the efforts of the various resettlement organizations in our area.

For more information on how you can help go to [www.crisohio.org](http://www.crisohio.org), or talk with Joyce Acton, 614-560-9219, [actongroup@gmail.com](mailto:actongroup@gmail.com), or Brenda Hammersley, [b.hammersley@yahoo.com](mailto:b.hammersley@yahoo.com).



Community Refugee  
& Immigration Services

### The Bishop We Seek

The Nominating Committee hosted 18 focus groups across the diocese in late October and early November 2022 and conducted an online survey. About 400 people participated, and they provided us with a very clear sense the characteristics and qualities they hoped for in our next bishop.

We hope that our next bishop will embody the characteristics needed to further our successes and overcome our challenges in ministry. We need someone with an active spiritual life. We need someone who is a committed follower of Jesus who wants to spread the gospel.

More than anything, the people of the Diocese of Southern Ohio want a bishop who will be present with them. We want a people person who is committed to us specifically rather than to the role. We want someone who will travel to all corners of the diocese (rural, suburban, and urban) and be with us. We want someone who listens well. We want someone who will get to know the many cultures of southern Ohio. We want someone who can build and maintain a culture of collegiality across the diocese. Though this theme was repeated across geographies and between lay and clergy leaders, the clergy especially asked for a pastor who can be present for their pastoral needs. There is also a desire for strong support of the diaconate from clergy and lay people.

We want a bishop who is able to understand our unique financial situation with a strong Jesus-inspired theology of money. We want the next bishop to unite us in using our funds in Christ-centered ministry.

While we understand that bishops have a responsibility to serve in the councils of the whole church, we seek their broader ministry to be rooted in and emerge from their ministry within the Diocese of Southern Ohio. We want a person who is interested and invested in the youth of the diocese, in Latino ministries, in racial healing and Becoming Beloved Community, and in continuing to develop the ministries of the Procter Center. We want someone who is radically loving and inclusive of people from all walks of life—socially progressive while being grounded in Episcopal theology. We want a visionary leader who does the little things well; who will hire the right people for the diocesan staff and lead them with accountability. We want someone who is brave enough to tell hard truths and unafraid to fail. We want someone who will empower parishes to be in ministry in new and creative ways. We want someone with significant parish leadership experience who knows what it means to bear the responsibility for their decisions. We seek a joyful risk-taker.

View or download the full Diocesan Profile at [www.southernohiobishop.org/profile](http://www.southernohiobishop.org/profile).

## THE PEOPLE OF SAINT MARK'S

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live:  
 Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep,  
 and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We offer condolences to the family of:

**Andrew "Andy" Schreffler**, father of Saint Mark's parishioner and organist **Michael Schreffler**, passed away on January 19.

*Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love. Amen.*

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Andy  
 Asher  
 Bill  
 Charles  
 David  
 Debbie  
 Eli  
 Ethel  
 Gary  
 Glenn  
 Jay  
 Ken F.  
 Michael  
 Timothy  
 Tsomo  
 Yangsi

*Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Amen.*



If you have a pastoral care concern or would like to add a name to the prayer list, you can do so by contacting Pastor Vicki at [rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org](mailto:rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org), by calling the parish office (614) 486-9452. You may also add a name to our prayer list at [www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/prayer-request](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/prayer-request).

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Donald Trotier	2/1
Martha Belury	2/1
Andrew Thompson	2/7
Gary Garber	2/9
Michael Galbreath	2/10
Casie Iams	2/10
Jackson Moll	2/11
Veronica Warren	2/13
David Yang	2/14
Gabriel Ralley	2/16
Eleuteria Ibarra	2/18
Regan Bonhert	2/19
Ellen Dickhaut	2/21
Amy Keller	2/21
Lillian Smith	2/24
Julie Wolfe	2/26



*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*



Engage with the Saint Mark's community on Facebook and Instagram for inspiration, information, and weekly e-news parish announcements.

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](mailto:hurley.roberta@yahoo.com). or [Communications@saintmarkscolumbus.org](mailto:Communications@saintmarkscolumbus.org) or by calling the parish office at 614-486-9452.



## ***Parish Calendar***

**Guest Preacher: The Rev.  
Bruce Smith**  
8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:30 am Adult Formation  
9:30 am Children's Formation  
10:30 am Children's Formation  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
with Saint Mark's Choir  
1 pm Street Church  
8 pm Sunday Night AA

5:30 pm AA Men's Group

9:30 am Al-Anon  
1:30 pm Columbus  
Clergy  
6:15 pm  
Contemplative  
Prayer

4:30 pm Canterbury  
Choir Rehearsal

1 pm Knitting and  
Stitching Group  
6:15 pm AA  
7:30 pm Choir  
Rehearsal  
8 pm AA

*Rector's Day Off*  
10:30 am Flower  
Guild Mtg  
8 pm AA

9:30 am Grief  
Support  
Group  
5 pm Supper  
Group

***Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany***  
 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
 9:30 am First Sunday Outreach  
       Project  
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
       with Canterbury Choir  
 Noon Youth Group  
 8 pm Sunday Night AA

10 am Staff Mtg  
5:30 pm AA Men's  
Group

9:30 am Al-Anon  
1:30 pm Columbus  
Clergy  
7:30 pm Vestry Mtg

8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
AARP Tax-Aide  
10:30 am Spices and  
Diapers  
4:30 pm Canterbury  
Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am Grief  
Support Group  
11 am CATCH  
Court  
6:15 pm AA  
7:30 pm Choir  
Rehearsal  
8 pm AA

*Rector's Day Off*  
8:30 am - 4:30  
pm AARP Tax  
-Aide  
8 pm AA

**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
 9:30 am Adult Formation  
 9:30 am Children's Formation  
 10:30 am Children's Formation  
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
       with Saint Mark's Choir  
 Noon Annual Meeting  
 8 pm Sunday Night AA

10 am Staff Mtg  
5:30 pm AA Men's  
Group  
6:30 pm Evening  
Knitting Group

9:30 am Al-Anon  
1:30 pm Columbus  
Clergy  
6:15 pm  
Contemplative  
Prayer  
7 pm Sacred  
Conversations  
7 pm Lancaster  
Chorale

8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
AARP Tax-Aide  
4:30 pm Canterbury  
Choir Rehearsal

1 pm Knitting & Stitching Group  
6:15 pm AA  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
8 pm AA

*Rector's Day Off*  
8:30 am - 4:30  
pm AARP Tax  
-Aide  
8 pm AA

9:30 am Grief  
Support  
Group  
Noon Lancaster  
Chorale

**Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**  
 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
 9:30 am Adult Formation  
 9:30 am Children's Mardi Gras  
 10:30 am Children's Mardi Gras  
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
       with Saint Mark's Choir  
 Noon Stephen Ministries Mtg  
 7:30 pm Lancaster Chorale  
       Performance  
 8 pm Sunday Night AA

**Epistle Deadline**  
10 am Staff Mtg  
5:30 pm AA Men's  
Group  
7 pm Sisters in  
Faith

**Shrove Tuesday**  
9:30 am Al-Anon  
1:30 pm Columbus  
Clergy  
5 pm Pancake  
Supper  
7 pm Outreach  
Ministry Mtg

**Ash Wednesday**  
8 am Ash Wednesday Service  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
AARP Tax-Aide  
1 pm Ashes to Go  
4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service,  
Music by Saint Mark's Choir

9:30 am Grief  
Support Group  
5 pm Godly Play  
Training  
6:15 pm AA  
7:30 pm Choir  
Rehearsal  
8 pm AA

**Rector's Day Off**  
8:30 am - 4:30  
pm AARP Tax  
-Aide  
9 am Godly Play  
Training  
7 pm Lancaster  
Chorale  
8 pm AA

9 am Godly Play  
Training  
7:30 pm  
Lancaster  
Chorale

## The Season of Lent

**First Sunday in Lent**  
 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
 9:30 am Adult Formation  
 9:30 am Children's Formation  
 10:30 am Children's Formation  
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
 with Saint Mark's Choir  
 8 pm Sunday Night AA

10:30 am Staff  
Mtg  
5:30 pm AA Men's  
Group  
7:30 pm Monday  
Night Book  
Group

9:30 am Al Anon  
1:30 pm Columbus  
Clergy  
6:15 Contemplative  
Prayer  
7 pm Migration  
Ministry Mtg

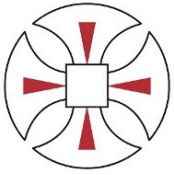
8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
AARP Tax-Aide  
4:30 pm Canterbury  
Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 Wednesday  
Evenings at Saint  
Mark's—Lenten  
Activities

1 pm Knitting and  
Stitching  
6:15 pm AA  
7:30 pm Choir  
Rehearsal  
8 pm AA

*Rector's Day Off*  
8:30 am - 4:30  
pm AARP Tax  
-Aide  
8 pm AA

8:30 am Lent  
Quiet Morning  
5 pm Supper  
Group

## The Season of Lent



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See inside for a full calendar of events and gatherings and visit [www.SaintMarksColumbus.org](http://www.SaintMarksColumbus.org).

### COMING IN FEBRUARY

#### Saturday, February 4

5 p.m. Supper Group  
50's Theme

#### Sunday, February 12

Noon Annual Meeting

#### Sunday, February 19

9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Children's Formation  
Mardi Gras Celebration

#### Tuesday, February 21

5 p.m. Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper

#### Wednesday, February 22

*Ash Wednesday*

See right for service times.



## Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023

### Worship Services

with Imposition of Ashes

8 a.m. Noon 7:30 p.m.  
Livestream

### Ashes to Go

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. 4 - 6 p.m.



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Call the Parish Office and we will send a packet of ashes to you if you plan to join the 7:30 service livestream.