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Saint Mark's Hosts Successful World Culture and Artisan Fair



They came.

They admired. - They bought.

The Culture and Artisans Fair, held on a gloriously pleasant Saturday, May 6, attracted some 600 visitors who purchased crafts, clothing, accessories and international food-stuffs from the 20 vendors who hailed from 9 nations. "It exceeded all of our hopes and expectations," said Joyce Acton of Saint Mark's Migration Ministries Committee.

Saint Mark's along with CRIS, Community Refugee & Immigration Services, organized the event with support from a \$1,000 grant from the City of Upper Arlington Community Relations Committee. The goals included helping local residents become better acquainted with those arriving from other countries, making new arrivals feel a part of central Ohio and offering the new arrivals an opportunity to sell their crafts or native foods to help support themselves and their families.

Those goals were met.

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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 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.



Rainbow UA

Honoring the UA
LGBTQ+ Community

UA Pride - June 11

The Upper Arlington Pride Festival is Sunday, June 11, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Sunny 95 Park. Saint Mark's is a sponsor of UA Pride and will have a table at the event.

Staffing Saint Mark's table is fun. We hand out stickers and fans and Post-it notes and temporary tattoos and smile and tell people that God loves them.

If you would like to help with our table, come to the festival, find the table and offer to take a turn. Pastor Vicki, Cheryl Boop, Ted Meyers and Andi Waller will be there. We won't leave you by yourself. Even if you don't want to staff the table, drop by and say hello.



Columbus Pride Mass - June 15

We are proud to participate in Stonewall Columbus Pride 2023 by joining the parade and by being part of the annual Pride Mass held by central Ohio Episcopal parishes.

A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. and the mass at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 125 E. Broad St., Downtown. The Rev. Winnie Varghese will preach.

Stonewall Columbus Pride March - June 17

The Stonewall Columbus Pride March will be Saturday, June 17, at 10:30 a.m. starting Downtown at Broad and High streets. Episcopal parishes from across central Ohio will participate; all are invited to join us as we march to spread the Gospel's message of love and inclusion for all people.

MUSIC



Canterbury Choir Season Ends Season on a High Note

The Canterbury Choir led a beautiful service of Choral Evensong to conclude their season on May 21. Music included canticles by Edward Bairstow, anthems by George Dyson and Robert J. Powell, and a setting of Psalm 46 in Anglican chant. Several of the choristers acted as cantors throughout the service, and they all did a superb job. Preceding the service, violinist Stefanie Bester teamed up with organist Michael Schreffler to play the complete Spring concerto from Antonio Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*. It was a joyous and uplifting occasion, followed by a delightful reception.

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the afternoon special for these hard-working kids who give so much to the life of our parish.

Matthew Bester, Director of Music



Michael Schreffler Recital

The church welcomed approximately one hundred people for Michael Schreffler's superb organ recital on Sunday, April 30. Music included works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Leo Sowerby, and Louis Vierne, among others.

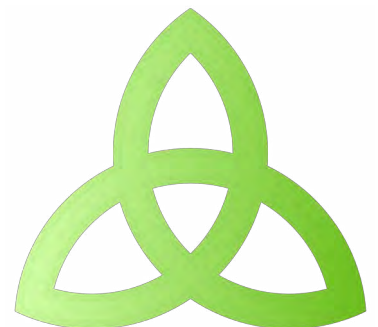
Choral Matins - June 4

The morning of June 4 (Trinity Sunday), the Saint Mark's Choir will conclude its season with a special service of Choral Matins with Holy Eucharist, taking the place of the usual 10:30 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist. Choral Matins, or Morning Prayer, is the morning counterpart to Choral Evensong, alternating prayers, readings, and inspiring music.

The service can stand alone or proceed directly to the Offertory and Communion of a regular service of Holy Eucharist, which is how we will be doing it that morning. Music will include the stirring Morning Service in B-flat by Charles Villiers Stanford, responses by John Reading, and anthems by Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck and Thomas Tallis.

Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is a feast that celebrates "the one and equal glory" of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, "in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being" (BCP, p. 380). It is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Trinity Sunday is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year (BCP, p. 15). The Hymnal 1982 presents ten hymns in a section on The Holy Trinity (Hymns 362-371), including "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!" (Hymn 362), "Come, thou almighty King" (Hymn 365), and "Holy Father, great Creator" (Hymn 368). From An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church
www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/trinity-sunday/



FORMATION

Youth Group

Saint Mark's Youth Group will finish our year with a cook-out at Pastor Vicki's house on Sunday, June 4, at 1 p.m. Parents and families of youth groupers are invited, too. Pastor Vicki and the youth leaders will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, coleslaw and beverages. Families are asked to bring either a bag of chips or a package of cookies.

Please email Pastor Vicki (rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org) and let her know how many people are coming. Pastor Vicki has a big backyard, so bring your favorite yard games (or learn how to play croquet).

Mission Day Camp

The Columbus region Episcopal Churches are coming together for a Mission Day Camp on Wednesdays in June. Your 6th- to 12th-grade youth can sign up for one, two, three or all four weeks. Parents are welcome to participate, too.

We will gather at 9:30 a.m. and be finished by 3 p.m. each day. For each week everyone should bring: work gloves, a refillable water bottle (with water in it) and a packed lunch

The projects are:

June 7 - TBA

June 14 - Upper Arlington and West Side seniors. We will do yard work for senior citizens. We'll gather at Saint Mark's, divide into teams and travel to the various houses.

June 21 - Cat Welfare. We will help organize their resale store and then travel to socialize (aka play with) the cats. Drop off at the Catique, 1005 Mediterranean Ave, Columbus, 43229.

June 28 - Procter Center - We will travel to Procter Camp & Conference Center to work and spend time with the Senior High campers.

There will be a link to register on the front page of Saint Mark's website.

Children's Formation

Children in Godly Play and Children's Chapel wrapped up their unit on Stewardship of God's Creation by talking about ways we can take care of our environment and nurture our relationships with the people in our lives and spread love to all of God's children. In the process, they decorated cookies on Mother's Day, created window gardens and constructed sunflower seed balls. The sunflower seed balls will be planted in the Butterfly Garden at the Pentecost Picnic.



Children's Formation Planning Meeting

Summer hasn't officially begun, but it is time to start planning for fall. The Children's Formation team will meet in the parish hall during coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 25, to talk about plans for the 2023-24 program year. Anyone interested in being a part of children's formation, or who just wants to know more about it, is invited to join the conversation. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

We are looking for a few formation leaders and some helpers for next year. If you think you might be interested, come see what it is all about.

World Culture, continued from Front

Sales totaling \$8,500 were paid directly to the artisans, according to Joyce. "I am sure no one really knew what to expect, but several (vendors) expressed that they were pleasantly surprised at the results," Joyce said. Brenda Hammersley of the Migration Ministries Committee said a survey of the vendors showed all were pleased with the event and would like to participate in another fair next year. Plus, a survey of attendees showed they enjoyed the fair and would look forward to a similar event next year.

Saint Mark's, CRIS and the Community Relations Committee will decide whether to hold another fair next year. "We hope to build on the success of the first one and hopefully this will become a fixture in the calendar of both Saint Mark's and Upper Arlington," Pastor Vicki said.

She continued: "Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success. We bought hundreds of people from around the community to our space, highlighted the diversity of our region and helped some of our new neighbors as they begin their lives in our community.

"And we had fun, too!"



Saint Mark's Hosts 2nd Regional Vestry Day

There were about 70 people from 12 congregations present at the second Columbus Regional Vestry gathering that took place at Saint Mark's on April 29.

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.

Saint Marks' 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.

Pastor Vicki away

As part of her continuing education, Pastor Vicki will attend a conference at the Fred Rogers Institute in Latrobe, PA in mid-June. She will be away from Saint Mark's on Sunday, June 18. The Rev. Bruce Smith will preach and celebrate on that Sunday.

Saint Mark's Annual
High Tea
Sunday May 7



Saint Mark's Inaugural
Culture & Artisan Fair
Saturday May 6, 2023



OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Refuge Resettlement—CRIS Offers Critical Services to Those in Need

First Sunday Outreach Project Recap

By Bill Mayr

The numbers are huge, the challenges daunting.

Welcome to the world of refugee resettlement.

Resettlement was the focus of May's First Sunday presentation at Saint Mark's, which featured Flannery Rokeby-Jackson, volunteer coordinator for Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS), which is a Columbus-based affiliate of Church World Services, one of sever-

al large non-profits which work on resettlement with the federal government. will be multiple interviews, medical exams and security checks. For those coming to America, the U.S. takes out loans in the refugee's name for airline tickets but expects them to start repaying the loans when they are resettled and working.

This is where CRIS enters the picture. CRIS, with about 20 of its 50 staff members (plus volunteers) work-

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-Flannery Rokeby-Jackson, CRIS Volunteer Coordinator

al large non-profits which work on resettlement with the federal government.

CRIS and Flannery teamed up recently with Saint Mark's on the Culture and Artisan Fair held May 6, featuring vendors from South America, Africa, Asia and Europe.

A mid-2022 United Nations report said there were an estimated 32.5 million refugees around the globe and another 4.9 million asylum-seekers. Gaining refugee status and being resettled is no easy process, sometimes requiring a wait for resettlement of up to 25 to 35 years, Flannery said. For example, Cheka, who participated in the Artisans Fair, is a native of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; she spent 15 years in a refugee camp before arriving in the U.S. last year.

"It's not an easy process; it's a hard and long process to get accepted and get resettled," Flannery said. There

ing on resettlement, offers legal, medical, education, employment and other services. CRIS is notified of resettlements a few weeks to a few days prior to arrival; CRIS will find rental units and set up apartments with furniture, food and other necessities. They will enroll children in school, start teaching English, help find jobs and generally explain how American society operates.

"Fleeing your home is traumatic. Living in a refugee settlement is traumatic. But being resettled in a new home is the most traumatic," Flannery said. Clients receive CRIS assistance anywhere from a few months to three years.

Clients resettled last year tallied more than 500; this year the count is expected to surpass 700 and for 2024 possibly as many as 900. Volunteers are needed in a variety of roles. Contact Saint Mark's Migration Ministry Committee or Flannery at 614-809-8255 or frokebyjackson@cris-ohio.org.



OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Resettlement Terms To Know

The terms for those seeking admission to the United States are sometimes used interchangeably. Here are some definitions.

Refugee: A person who is outside his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return to that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. Persecution, or the fear thereof, may be based on: race, religion, nationality, membership in a social group or political opinion. Those seeking refugee status must apply and receive this status from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Asylum seeker: A person seeking protection from danger in his or her home country but whose claim for refugee status hasn't been determined. Asylum seekers must apply for protection in the country of destination; they must arrive at the border or cross the border to apply. Entrance is not illegal at official U.S. Ports of Entry and is protected by national and international law. Entrance elsewhere is illegal for border crossings but asylum seekers will be given the opportunity to make their case. Not every asylum seeker will be granted refugees status or accepted into the U.S.

Immigrant: A person who makes a conscious decision to leave his or her home and move to a foreign country with the intention of settling there. Immigrants are free to return home whenever they choose.

Migrant: A person who moves from place to place in his or her home country or across borders, generally for economic reasons such as seasonal work. As with immigrants, migrants are not forced to leave their native countries because of persecution or violence but rather are seeking better opportunities.

Sources: *Community Refugee and Immigration Services; International Rescue Committee*

Street Church

At the April Street Church gathering, the Saint Mark's team served more than 40 people lunch following the short church service held in a parking lot in Franklinton. As some of the people were taking meals to family members, we gave away 72 lunches.

What was wonderful was the 15 volunteers who made this possible, from the shopping to the cooking, assembly and serving. We were really pleased to see three Saint Marks youth assist with sandwich assembly. One group stayed behind, just to clean up the kitchen so the organ recital reception team could get into the kitchen to start their preparation. It was a true team effort. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Rethinking Outreach

Over the next few months, the Outreach Ministry will reach out to the entire congregation to assist with reimagining our Outreach program. Stay tuned for updates on how you can add your voice to the process. Outreach Ministry may be just fine the way it is, but we want to ask how it could be more central to the entire congregation's life. The Outreach Ministry wants to know what the congregation wants to see in terms of expansion of its programming. How do we get more people involved? Where should our focus be? Are we serving the needs of the parish? Where are the shortfalls?

We are just beginning this review on how we make Outreach more a part of the entire congregation's life. We look forward to your participation as we move forward. So please start gathering your thoughts on this subject. If you aren't currently part of the Outreach Committee, but would like to be actively involved in this process, please reach out to Leslie Winters, mslesliewinters@gmail.com, Bill Karl, mrbill.karl@gmail.com or Pastor Vicki, rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org

Volunteer Opportunities Coming Up

- Diapers and Spices Packing, June 14
- CATCH Court lunch, June 15
- Street Church, July 30
- Ohio State Fair Parking, TBD

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 families of:



Long-time parishioner **Pat Kirkley** passed away on April 28, 2023. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 9, at Saint Mark's. There will be a reception in the parish hall following the service.



Long-time parishioner **Dr. Michael Dick** passed away on May 3, 2023, surrounded by his family after a courageous battle against cancer. Mike was Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Wexner Medical Center. A celebration of life will be held from 5-9 p.m. on Monday, June 19, at the Columbus Zoo Waters Edge Boardwalk.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Peloton Team Buckeye-OSU Emergency Medicine.



Long-time parishioner **Patti Blakey** passed away on May 11, 2023. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 29, at Saint Mark's. A reception in the parish hall will follow from 12-2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Patti's memory to Saint Mark's or to National Church Residences Hospice.

Father of all,

We pray to you for Pat, Mike, and Patti, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. 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, by calling the parish office (614) 486-9452. You may also add a name to our prayer list at www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/prayer-request.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Brett Alexander	6/1	Chuck Sechler	6/20
Kelly Kelleher	6/1	William Dunlap	6/21
Gerardo Benito	6/3	Ryan Handley	6/21
Robert Tannous	6/4	Alexander Skoracki	6/21
Susie Hodson	6/6	Larry Anderson	6/22
Bill Karl	6/7	Cindy Deliman	6/22
Henry Markwardt	6/7	Camille Olmstead	6/23
David Hauswirth	6/8	Cynthia Alexander	6/24
Kate Hauswirth	6/8	Monserath Benito	6/25
Jackie Nicol	6/9	Linda Jones	6/25
Jim Getz	6/11	Dwight Anstaett	6/26
Steve Bigley	6/12	Christopher Keller	6/26
Pam Thurston	6/12	Joanne Drew	6/27
Dot Yeager	6/12	Anna Iams	6/28
Nyna Hess	6/15	Casey Keller	6/29
David Hyre	6/15	Bruce Smith	6/30
Betty Grace Barker	6/17		

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.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Asher	Felicity	Tsomo
Barry	Gary	Yangsi
Charles	Glenn	
David	Jill	
Debbie	Lisa	
Devin	Michael	
Eli	Patrick	
Ethel	Timothy	

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.

JUNE

Parish Calendar

www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/Calendar

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>May 28</p> <p>Day of Pentecost</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir Noon Pentecost Picnic 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>11 am Funeral Service for Patti Blakey 5:30 pm AA Men's Group</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1 pm Knitting & Stitching 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 pm Supper Group</p>
<p>4</p> <p>First Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Choral Matins with Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir Noon Youth Group 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:30 pm Vestry Mtg</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 3 pm Episcopal Youth Mission Day Camp 6 pm Compline service</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 am COHHIO Mtg 11 am CATCH Court 6:15 pm AAI 8 pm AA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>2 pm Funeral Service for Pat Kirkley 8 pm AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30 pm Vocal Recital - Andrew LeVan</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Second Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 1 - 5 pm Saint Mark's at UA Pride 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 6:30 pm Evening Knitting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer 7 pm Sacred Conversations</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 3 pm Episcopal Youth Mission Day Camp 10:30 am Spices and Diapers 5:30 Reception and Pride Mass at Trinity Episcopal Church 6 pm Compline service</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1 pm Knitting & Stitching 6:15 pm AA 8 pm AA</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10 am - 2 pm Move to Prosper Luncheon 10:30 am Columbus Stonewall Pride March</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Third Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Epistle Deadline</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm Sisters in Faith</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 3 pm Episcopal Youth Mission Day Camp 6 pm Compline service</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:15 pm AA 8 pm AA</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7:30 pm Monday Night Book Group</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 am Al Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:15 Contemplative Prayer 7 pm Migration Ministries</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 3 pm Episcopal Youth Mission Day Camp 6 pm Compline service 6 pm The Marksmen</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:15 pm AA 8 pm AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>July 1</p> <p>5 pm Supper Group</p>



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

STARTING IN JUNE AT SAINT MARK'S

UA Farmers Market & Wednesday Evening Compline

The Upper Arlington Farmer's Market takes place in the Tremont Center parking lot on Wednesdays from 3 - 6 p.m.

We will open the church and welcome people to our space during this time.

Please sign up to help. Keys, training and all the supplies you need will be provided.

**We will hold Compline at 6 p.m.
All Are Welcome!**



8 a.m. Rite I Service Moves Outside for the Summer



During COVID we moved the service outdoors for safety and discovered that we like being out in nature and enjoyed watching our neighbors walk by.

Come as you are and join us!