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Volunteering Time and Talent to the Parish Treasury

By Bill Mayr

On the second floor of the church office, up a long, somewhat steep and narrow flights of stairs, the Saint Mark's business office hums with quiet efficiency. Treasurer Phil Glandon oversees the parish's financial operations, with help from several experienced assistants.

If there is a leadership job for a lay person at Saint Mark's, chances are Phil has done it.

He has been a member of the vestry, a junior warden, a senior warden and a rector search committee chairman. Now, as parish treasurer, he watches over the flow of dollars and cents, a job he has filled since 2017. He also served as treasurer for a few years about 35 years ago.

Phil's tasks are many: preparing payroll and pension payments for parish staff members, reconciling monthly bank statements, reviewing parish spending accounts, preparing monthly reports for the vestry, preparing the annual budget, reviewing and preparing annual giving statements to parishioners who donate to Saint Mark's, participating in stewardship meetings, recording pledges made to the parish, preparing the treasurer's section of the annual parochial report submitted to the diocese and the national church, presenting financial results and the coming budget to the parish annual meeting and working with the accounting firm that performs the annual outside audit of parish finances.

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Phil Glandon (seated), Gloria Wylie (top L), and Lynn Glandon (top R), Treasurer and two of his assistants. Photo by Bill Mayr



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

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Volunteer, continued from front

Saint Mark's current operating budget is slated to have expenses of \$593,000. Plus, there is additional spending coming from special funds set aside for specific purposes. Phil said he spends "a good 20 hours a month" on the work. "But some months are much bigger than others. Some months I spend 40 hours" such as at the end of the year and when he assists the outside auditors in their annual financial review.

Phil was born Episcopalian and his family began attending Saint Mark's when he was 10. Soon enough, Phil began serving as an acolyte. In college, he earned a degree in manufacturing engineering, but also studied accounting and eventually became a certified public accountant. After working a few years as an accountant, he worked in corporate jobs and founded a company, Nexergy, a manufacturer of battery packs for high-value commercial electronics like ATM machines and medical equipment.

Phil and his wife, Lynn, have belonged to the church throughout their nearly 50 years of marriage. When Phil was running his company, Lynn, a teacher, helped out for a while in the accounting area. "She's very good at it; she has a talent for it. It has been a blessing for me, that's for sure," Phil said. Both are retired, and she volunteers in the treasurer's office, posting income the parish receives and keeping track of parishioner's donations as each year proceeds.

Gloria Wylie is another stalwart in the office. She pays the parish bills, tracking accounts payable and cash disbursements. "She's very good at it; she's done it for a long time and stays on top of that," Phil said. "She has a lot of knowledge about our expenses."

Dot Yeager and Barb Wiseman are the other two volunteers. Each does one week a month of counting cash and check donations, and getting them into the bank account. Phil does the remaining weeks.

The treasurer's post is an annual appointment made by the vestry. Phil isn't a member of vestry but attends vestry meetings to weigh in on money questions. He said working with the vestry is one of the joys of his job. The treasurer's job calls for significant work and Phil said he would be glad if others volunteered to assist. "I'm always interested in talking with people who want to help out."

Phil said he enjoys serving as treasurer. "When you have the time and willingness to help the church, you want to help as best you can and use your time and talents."



FORMATION

Adult Formation

The Diocese of Southern Ohio is electing a Bishop on Saturday, September 30. During September the adult formation group will look at the process of electing a bishop and the candidates for Southern Ohio's next bishop.

The adult formation class meets in the parish hall from 9:30 to 10:15. The September session will take place on September 10, 17, and 24.

Youth Hawaii Trip Meeting

In June, the Youth Group will be taking a pilgrimage/mission trip to Hawaii. We will explore God's presence in the natural world, Hawaiian history, colonialism and reflect on sacrifice as well as a service project.

There will be a meeting for parents and youth interested in going on the trip on Sunday, September 24 after the 10:30 a.m. service. We will have details about the trip and talk about fundraisers to help defray the cost.

Children's Formation Open House

We will kickoff the Children's Formation season after the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 10 with an Open House for kids to play, parents to chat, and for all parishioners to see the spaces we've created especially for our littlest people.

Children's Formation is for children pre-K through fifth grade and takes place on Sundays during the first half of the 10:30 worship service. Children join their adults in the sanctuary for communion.

In Godly Play and Children's Chapel, children learn the language and symbols used in the Church primarily through storytelling and art. We encourage children to enter into the stories and relate them to their own experience. We also have a lot of fun! This fall we will focus on the lives of saints—some of whom we are familiar and some maybe not so much.

Please consider volunteering in Children's Formation! You do not need to be a biblical scholar to make a difference in the lives of our children!

For more information, registration, and a full program schedule visit www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/children-and-youth-formation.



MUSIC



RSCM Participants

Two choristers from the Canterbury Choir attended a Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) summer camp this past summer. Elisa and Maria Bester attended the RSCM Charlotte Course, based at Davidson University, July 16–23. Matthew Bester also attending the course as an adult participant. RSCM summer camps include choral rehearsals and voice instruction, beautiful services and concerts, and lots of fun activities. Saint Mark's keeps a scholarship fund (the Gary L. Garber Canterbury Choir Scholarship Fund) to subsidize the cost of participation in RSCM camps for choristers. If you are interested in contributing to that fund, please contact Matthew Bester.

Canterbury Choir Camp - September 8-10

Do you know a child who likes to sing? A new season for the Canterbury Choir begins in September, and the choir is looking for new members! The choir is open to all members of the community, regardless of religious affiliation, and there is no cost to participate. No musical background is required.

Saint Mark's Choir Seeks New Members

The Saint Mark's Choir is looking for new members for the upcoming season, which begins in early September. The choir is open to adults and high school-age singers who are able to make a regular commitment on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings. Singers of all voice parts are welcome. Some previous experience with choral singing and sight reading is recommended.

For more information, visit www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/music
Or contact: Matthew Bester at 614-486-9452 ext. 309 or (directorofmusic@saintmarkscolumbus.org)

Diocese of Southern Ohio Bishop Search

Delegates from parishes in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, including those from Saint Mark's, will gather on Sept. 30 in Cincinnati to elect the 10th bishop of the diocese.

Saint Mark's lay delegates are Senior Warden Cheryl Boop, Junior Warden Kevin Fix, Michael Bowman and Dot Yeager. Pastor Vicki and Rev. Bruce Smith also are eligible to vote.

Delegates from the diocese's 71 churches will choose from among five candidates: The Rev. Canon Whitney Rice, The Rev. Dr. José Rodríguez, The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, The Rev. Dr. Elaine Ellis Thomas, and The Rev. Canon Kristin Uffelman White.

Bishop Thomas E. Breidenthal retired in November, 2020 due to health reasons. The Right Rev. Wayne Smith was elected bishop provisional and a search process began for a permanent bishop. Four candidates were announced earlier this summer; a fifth candidate, The Rev. Rodríguez, was added after a nominating petition was filed. The Rev. Rodríguez said he was asked to consider standing for bishop by a group of clergy in the diocese.

The Special Electing Session on September 30 will take place at Christ Church Cathedral in Cincinnati, with only lay delegates, voting clergy, and diocesan staff allowed to attend. The proceedings will be livestreamed. Electors will cast votes electronically. Electing the bishop requires a majority vote of the lay delegates and a majority vote of the clergy delegates on the same ballot.

Ordination of the new bishop will be held February 17 in the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

For more information:

- Pastor Vicki will examine the process of electing a bishop and the candidates for bishop during 9:30 a.m. adult formation sessions on Sundays, Sept. 10, 17 and 24.
- A series of seven, public meet-and-greet sessions will be held across the diocese, in which each candidate will have a 20- to 30-minute period to answer questions presented by a moderator. The sessions also are to be livestreamed and presented on the diocesan website. Two sessions will be held at central-Ohio churches on September 15: at 1 p.m. at St. Patrick's in Dublin and 7 p.m. at Trinity in Downtown Columbus.
- Information about the bishop election, including extensive comments and biographies from the candidates, is located at **www.SouthernOhioBishop.org**. Information from each candidate includes a video introduction and responses to essay questions.



The Rev. Canon Whitney Rice

The Rev. Canon Whitney Rice serves as the Canon for Evangelism & Discipleship Development for the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. She is a graduate of Yale Divinity School where she won the Yale University Charles S. Mersick Prize for Public Address and Preaching and the Yale University E. William Muehl Award for Excellence in Preaching. She has served as a researcher and community ministry grant consultant for the Indianapolis Center for Congregations, is currently a staff writer for the Episcopal Digital Network's Sermons That Work, is a member of the national Episcopal Church Evangelism Council of Advice, and is an active participant in the clergy community working for racial and economic justice in St. Louis.

The Rev. Dr. Jose Rodriguez

The Rev. Dr. José Rodríguez is the Rector and Vicar of the Episcopal Churches of Christ the King and Jesús de Nazaret, co-located in Orlando, FL. Born in Puerto Rico, his own migration experience became his doctoral dissertation focused on the pastoral care of migrants. He served as a university chaplain for a decade. In 2017 he was assigned to Jesús de Nazaret months before Hurricane María and oversaw a major disaster response. During the pandemic, he partnered with Coalition of 100 Black Women, the Central Florida Black Nurses Association, and others to launch major community health initiatives. In 2022 he was called to serve as co-Rector and then Rector of Christ the King.



The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers

The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers is a Canon to Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and spearheads Episcopal efforts around evangelism, racial reconciliation and creation care. She also serves on the clergy team at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in New York City. Prior to her current ministry, she served as Chaplain to the Episcopal House of Bishops, directed and taught mission and evangelism at General Theological Seminary, and served as Canon for Missional Vitality in the Diocese of Long Island. Her professional ministry began at St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston, where she acted as the cathedral's Minister for Radical Welcome and founded The Crossing, a ground-breaking church now in its 17th year.



The Rev. Dr. Elaine Ellis Thomas

The Rev. Dr. Elaine Ellis Thomas is rector of All Saints, Hoboken, in the Diocese of Newark, NJ. A passionate preacher and follower of Jesus, and with skill in organization management, conflict mediation, and global reconciliation ministries. She served at St. Paul's Memorial Church in Charlottesville, VA and was an organizing figure in the clergy response to the white supremacist events in the summer of 2017. She attended Berkeley Divinity School at Yale and was ordained in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, prior to which she was the director of Human Resources for Episcopal Community Services in Philadelphia, managing roughly half of the \$10 million budget and serving as a member of the strategic leadership team. She was also an accomplished organist and choirmaster.



The Rev. Canon Kristin Uffelman White

As Canon to the Ordinary for Congregational Development and Leadership in the Diocese of Indianapolis, she connects leaders throughout the diocese and beyond, equipping them for ministry that helps the church, its people, and their communities, to flourish. Her goal is to align diocesan mission with practice in the areas of discernment and transition, youth and campus ministry, racial justice, communications, and collaborative leadership. She served as a rector in a suburban Chicago parish, where she facilitated congregational growth from 196 members in 2013 to 430 in 2017; she also has been a high-school teacher in Oregon. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary.



OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

What is the Outreach Ministry- It is the way Saint Mark's carries out Christ's teachings by ministering to and providing for the less fortunate among us.

Helping to End Period Poverty

When the book bags were delivered to Vinton County, the Outreach team also took emergency packets of sanitary products to give to the women who are in need. The Help Me Grow staff often encounters women who have no supplies and no money to purchase them. Along with that, we took 75 hand sewn cases to hold the products, so no one is embarrassed about having them in their purses or packs. These will be given out to the young women by our friends at Help Me Grow.

Grooming Supplies Needed

Outreach would like to put together grooming supply kits for our friends in Vinton County. If you would like a quick outreach project you can do on your own time, when you are shopping, this is for you. Bags with a list of grooming requests will be available in the parish hall throughout September. Fill a bag according to the list and return it to the parish hall by the beginning of October (or as always, you can put \$20 in a bag and Outreach Committee members will shop for you). If you don't want to fill a complete bag, pick up some shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, tooth brushes, toothpaste, razors soap or lotion and drop the supplies in the baskets by the front door of the church. The Outreach team will take it from there.

Emergency Response to the Hilliard Food Pantry Fire

The Hilliard Food Pantry serves many of the areas included in our parish. This year alone they have served over 2700 families in our area. Several weeks ago, they had a fire that destroyed their warehouse, all their food and much of their equipment. To help them get back on their feet, Saint Marks sent them a check for \$1000.

Pampers Club Points and Diaper Coupon Collection

If you see some diaper coupons, any brand, and you have no need for them, put them in the collection can in the vestibule of the church. Outreach will deliver them to our friends at Help Me Grow. Likewise, if you use a Pampers product but don't collect the Pampers Club points, donate them. Just put them in the collection can and Outreach will get them to Help Me Grow.

Outreach Project Ideas Wanted

Do you have a service project about which you are passionate? Do you have an outreach project you believe Saint Marks should consider supporting? Are you willing to lead an outreach project? It doesn't matter how large or small the project might be, the Outreach Ministry would like to hear your ideas. Please reach out to any member of the Outreach Committee or Pastor Vicki and we will get you to the right place.

Outreach Reimagined

Over the last few months, the Outreach Ministry Committee was looking at whether it was organized correctly to serve our growing parish. As performing outreach is part of our baptismal covenant to carry out God's word in the world, outreach needs to be at the center of our entire parish not just those on the committee. To start the process, the Outreach Committee hosted listening sessions during coffee hour. There was also an online process for submitting thoughts. This was followed by a retreat that was open to the entire parish. Currently, the Committee is working on restructuring the Outreach Ministry to better organize our committee and our projects, allowing for growth.

Stay tuned for updates as plans begin to take shape.



OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Your Generosity Is Overwhelming - Thank You from The Outreach Ministry

The Outreach Ministry asked, and you responded with open hearts. The team was hoping that Saint Marks would be able to fill 100 book bags for the children of Vinton County. As we told you, there is no one else conducting a book bag drive for the Vinton County students. Your generosity exceeded our expectations. We had to order more book bags, as we were able to fill 120 book bags. We even had some left-over school supplies that will go to the schools. Thank you to everyone who participated in this project.

Thank you also to everyone who helped us stuff the bags during coffee hour on August 6th. Many hands made quick work of the project.



Urgently Needed Bake Goods and Volunteers The Annual Labor Neighbor Day Sale is Monday, September 4

Help us raise money to end hunger by participating in the sale. Baked goods and other shelf stable foods, such as preserves, are needed to sell. Please drop off your items on Sunday or early Monday morning on Labor Day. If possible, package your goods so they are ready to sell. We also need volunteers to help with set up, selling, and take down. A sign-up genius is on the Saint Mark's webpage.

This is also an opportunity to connect with our neighbors going to the sale. As in the past, we will hand out water and popcorn. We will also provide bathrooms and a place to cool off.

Bike parking for the UA Labor Day Art show will be on the Saint Mark's front lawn, so we will have plenty of people near the sale. Participate and help us show case Saint Mark's.

Saint Mark's Migration Ministries

Our Mission

Saint Mark's Migration Ministries welcomes all newcomers to central Ohio by supporting refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants through service, engagement, learning and education.

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PASTORAL CARE

Saint Mark's Exploring Loss and Grief: The Many Losses in Life***By Brenda Hammersley, RN, MSN, MBA, Certified Grief Counselor*****"Everything is going to be fine in the end. If it's not fine it's not the end."***

Loss is a part of life that's experienced in many ways. The death of a loved one is a loss that changes our world and launches us into the grief process. But other losses can have a big impact on us too. There are "disenfranchised losses" which might not get a lot of support or attention including miscarriage, death by overdose, death by suicide, or loss of a pet. There are losses that come with life changes and aging such as an empty nest, retirement, financial loss, chronic illness, disability, and friendships that end. And we can't forget ambiguous loss which takes two forms. In one form, our loved one is alive but not connected with us emotionally because of divorce, dementia, or addiction. In the second form, our loved one is physically absent but very connected to our heart as with military deployment, relocation, incarceration, or missing or presumed dead.

Although each loss is unique to our own life story, there are some common factors across the many types of loss. This month, we're looking at how loss creates a future we didn't plan or want. In November we'll explore secondary loss and how the holidays magnify them, and in January we'll look at ways to build resilience in the face of the many losses we face in life.

The impact of an unplanned future is shared in UA resident Alea Ramsey's recent book "When Life Gives You Lemons Cancer". Diagnosed with a rare bone cancer at age 13, she describes how her disease and treatment made her life lonely and dark at times while derailing her ability to have a normal middle and high school experience. Similar examples are everywhere – a person who suddenly requires extensive medical treatment, a spouse watching their loved one's cognition fade away, a divorced person who is estranged from the family of his/her ex, a couple whose pregnancies never come to term, an elder who has outlived close friends and family, a parent whose adult child's addiction has wrecked the family, or a person losing independence by being placed in a facility. The emotions

that come with each of these examples can be hard to manage and may create a sense of hopelessness about the future because what's happening is not what we'd planned. And it's important to keep in mind that the list of losses in life is a very long one.

Loss is like a wall blocking the path between today and the future you'd counted on. Loss can be dark, distressing and overwhelming when it robs us of the ability to envision a different yet meaningful life despite what's happened. Questions like "What now?", "How do I get through this?", "I want to fix this!", and "Does anything matter anymore?" leave us feeling hopeless. But, to heal a loss – no matter what the cause – our sadness must be acknowledged and honored with a period of mourning for the life we thought we were going to have. In other words, loss that can't be fixed or reversed requires us to let go of our plans for the future while we look deeply into our values and use them to navigate the darkness.

Anne Lamott writes: "Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don't give up." Shakespeare said: "What wound did ever get better but by degrees?" And from author Joan Chittister: "Darkness deserves gratitude. It is the alleluia point at which we learn to understand that all growth does not take place in the sunlight."

In other words, loss is hard and a recurring part of life. Allowing ourselves to take tiny steps forward in the darkness of loss is crucial for arriving at an unplanned but not completely awful tomorrow. Talking about what we're going through with others is one of those tiny steps – come to Saint Mark's Exploring Loss and Grief Group and find a little ray of hope. For more information contact Brenda Hammersley at 614-330-1436 (leave a message) or b.hammersley@yahoo.com. If not, the Exploring Loss and Grief meetings will be on the second Thursday of each month through December from 4 to 5:30 pm in the church office.

*Quote attributed to Oscar Wilde, John Lennon, Fernando Sabino, Paulo Coelho, and others over the years.

IN AND AROUND SAINT MARK'S

Saint Mark's Day at The Ohio Village Muffins - Sept 2

Come and join the Saint Mark's crew for a fun day of base ball on Saturday, September 2 as the Ohio Village Muffins host the Ohio Cup Vintage Baseball Festival at the Ohio History Connection.

The Ohio Village Muffins base ball team is a group of enthusiastic lovers of the game who carry on the tradition of the sport as it was played in mid-nineteenth-century America. The first thing we tell people new to "vintage" base ball is that, historically, "base ball" was two words. This is important because we like to do everything as the base ball players of 1860 did it: We play by their rules, dress in their uniforms, and exemplify their gentlemanly behavior.

Over 25 teams from all over the country are gathering to play. There are usually 4 games going on at the same time.

The Muffins, including our own David Boop are playing games at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 2.

Admission is \$16 for adults; \$14 for those aged 60 plus and \$10 for children aged 4 – 12. This includes admission to the Ohio Village and the Ohio History Connection. Meet at the Muffins Field outside of the Ohio Village at 11 a.m. and join in the fun.

Fall Work Day - Sept 9

In preparation for Fall Kickoff, we will be having a parish work day on Saturday September 9.

We will gather at 9 am in the parish hall to divide up the tasks. Donuts from the Goodie Shoppe and coffee will be ready.

We will work until noon when we will take a break, have a cook out lunch. We will have the TV on for the beginning of the OSU game. The Canterbury Choir camp will join us for lunch.

There are tasks for people of all ages and abilities. This is a chance to polish up our facilities and start the program year off with a fun and useful event.

Supper Group - Sept 9

Saint Mark's Supper Group will gather at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall on Saturday, September 9. We will be celebrating the coming of fall with our last Cook Out and the beginning of the Apple Season. Please Gloria Wylie know if you plan to attend and the type of dish you would like to bring.

As always ALL are WELCOME - singles, couples, and families with high school children. We will meet on the first Saturday of each month from October to June, with the September meeting being on the second Saturday due to Labor Day weekend.

For additional information please contact Gloria Wylie at gawylie@att.net or 614-738-1716.

Knitting Groups and a Field Trip - Sept 16

Saint Mark's has two knitting groups.

The daytime knitting group meets the first and third Thursdays of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. The evening knitting group meets the second Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Both groups meet in the Canterbury Center.

In September the daytime group will meet September 7 and 21. The evening group will meet September 11. You can bring your knitting or any other project you are working on. If you want to learn how to knit or get help with your knitting we can do that too.

We are going on a field trip to the 27th Annual Wool Gathering at Young's Dairy in Yellow Springs, Ohio (near Dayton) on Saturday September 16. We will meet at Saint Mark's at 9:30 and head out to the gathering. There will be sheep, llamas, alpacas, cashmere goats and lots of other animals. There will be demonstrations of shearing, spinning and weaving. Plus lots of vendors and, of course, the famous Young's Dairy Ice Cream. Admission is free, but bring money for shopping and food.

Blessing of the Animals - Oct 1

Mark your calendars on Sunday, October 1 for a special blessing of the animals during the 10:30 service. Your pets, stuffed pets, and pictures of pets are all welcome to the service. We will also offer blessings for pets from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. outside.

COVID Policy Changes

With the end of the public health emergency, the CDC is no longer regularly updating the metrics that Saint Mark's was using to guide our COVID response. We will continue to have baskets of masks at the entrances to the church. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please pick one up. If you are feeling unwell, please join us for worship on the livestream.

LIVING IN FAITH. GROWING IN LOVE. CELEBRATING GOD'S PEOPLE.

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 **Betty Lou Lenz** who passed away peacefully on August 18, 2023. Lou was a long-time and devoted Saint Mark's parishioner whose activities included singing in the choir and Stephen Ministry.

Father of all, We pray for you for Lou, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, Through the mercy of God, Rest in peace.
Amen.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Judith Grant	9/01	Ella Foss	9/17
Bill Silliman	9/01	Natalie Foss	9/17
Gloria Wylie	9/01	Betty Baker	9/19
Lauren Olmstead	9/02	Bunny Johnson	9/19
Marilyn Karl	9/04	Barbara Fellows	9/20
Madalyn Ralley	9/04	Isabel Neckers	9/20
Cy Hess	9/05	Annabelle Leibowitz	9/22
Patrick Iams	9/05	Marlo Tannous	9/24
Jungmi Yang	9/07	John Olmstead	9/26
Lynn Glandon	9/08	Cameron Silliman	9/26
Daniel Park	9/08	Darlene Sullivan	9/26
Diane Hawley-Wells	9/09	Park Zimpher	9/26
Mason Evancho	9/10	Bill Mayr	9/27
Sue Barna	9/12	Tom Utgard	9/29
Brooke Alexander	9/14		
Marilyn Smith	9/17		

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.

We celebrate and welcome the newly baptized:

Matthew Aldan Daniel Scott and Henry Edmond Scott, children of **Erin Scott**, were baptized on August 27, 2023.



Strengthen them, O Lord. with your presence, enfold them in the arms of your mercy, and keep them safe forever.
Amen.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Alea	David K.	Glenn	Patrick
Asher	Debbie	Jill	Ted
Barry	Devin	John	Timothy
Betty	Dorothy	Judy	Tsomo
Bob	Eli	Lisa	Yangsi
Charles	Ethel	Lynn	
Dan	Felicity	Mercy	
Dave C.	Gary	Michael	

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, by calling the parish office (614) 486-9452. You may also add a name to our prayer list at www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/prayer-request.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Praying through Art 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 12:30 pm Youth Group Pool Party 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm AA 7:30 pm Monday Night Book Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 am Al Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>30</p> <p>3 pm Farmers Market 7 pm Fior Angelico Rehearsal</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:15 pm AA 8 pm AA</p>	<p>Sep 1</p> <p>Rector's Day Off</p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30 pm Supper Group</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 2 pm Fior Angelico Rehearsal 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Labor Day</p> <p>8 am - 4 pm Labor Day Bake Sale 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 am Al Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Vestry Mtg</p>	<p>6</p> <p>3 pm Farmers Market</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1 pm Knitting & Stitching 6:15 pm AA 8 pm AA</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Rector's Day Off</p> <p>8 pm AA 4 pm Canterbury Choir Camp</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 am Canterbury Choir Camp 9 am Parish Work Day</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Canterbury Choir 12 pm Fall Kick Off Celebration 2 pm Fior Angelico Rehearsal 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 6:30 pm Evening Knitting 7 pm AA</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Sacred Conversations</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:30 am Spices and Diapers 3 pm Farmers Market</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11 am CATCH Court Lunch 6:15 pm AA 8 pm AA</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Rector's Day Off</p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation 10:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Saint Mark's Choir 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Epistle Deadline</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm AA 7 pm Sisters in Faith</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Outreach Committee</p>	<p>20</p> <p>3 pm Farmers Market</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1 pm Knitting & Stitching 5 pm Stephen Ministry 6:15 pm AA 8 pm AA</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Rector's Day Off</p> <p>4:30 pm Early Music in Columbus Board Meeting 8 pm AA</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation 10:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Saint Mark's Choir 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm AA 7 pm Monday Night Book Group</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Migration Ministry</p>	<p>27</p> <p>3 pm Farmers Market 6 pm The Marksmen</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:15 pm AA 8 pm AA</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Rector's Day Off</p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10 am Bishop Election</p>



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Join Us Sunday September 10 as we celebrate the beginning of a new Program Year



Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m. Rite I will take place indoors

10:30 a.m. Rite II will take place indoors and will also be livestreamed

Adult Formation begins at 9:30 a.m. The topic will be the upcoming Bishop election.

Music - We look forward to a new series and both the Saint Mark's Choir and Canterbury Choir will sing at the 10:30 service

Children's Formation will host an Open House after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Children's Formation and Butterfly Garden play area. Everyone is welcome to check out the spaces especially designed for Saint Mark's littlest parishioners to grow in faith and love.

Coffee Hour - In the parish hall there will be a chance to join in some conversations about a variety of areas of the ministry of Saint Mark's. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack and join a table.

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