



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# the EPISTLE

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*Lent*

*Holy Week*

*Easter*



*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the Gardner."*





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

**Cover Photo:** Joanne Drew

## Flowering of the Cross

Saint Mark's parishioners and visitors can once more demonstrate their Easter joy by participating in the flowering of the cross on Easter morning. The activity will be held before the 9 and 11 a.m. Easter services, with the cross located in front of the chapel, where the Giving Tree is located during Advent. The Flower Guild will provide flowers for everyone to use.

Flowering the cross is said to date to the 6th century. "The flowering of the cross is a visual representation of the victory of Christ over death. We use the cross on Good Friday to remember Jesus's death. Adding flowers to it on Easter brings symbols of life to a symbol of death," Pastor Vicki said.



## Easter Flower Memorials

Easter Memorials will be collected from March 10 to 24 this year. To honor a loved one, you may choose to use the Saint Mark's Website or fill out your gift form in person at the table in the Parish Hall. Questions about memorial flowers can be directed to Diane Hartney.

## CELEBRATING LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER AT SAINT MARK'S

### Lent

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

5:30 p.m. – **Simple Soup and Bread Supper.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall so folks can take turns providing soup and bread each week.

6:15 – 7:15 p.m. – **Pysanky Egg Workshop.** Pysanky is the art of applying wax to eggs and then dying 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.

The Wednesday evening program will be held: March 6, 13, and 20.



**A Children's Easter Egg Hunt** will take place after the 9 am service with separate areas for toddlers and older kids to have fun. The eggs are stuffed with a combination of toys and candy.

### Holy Week

#### **Palm Sunday – March 24**

8:00 a.m. - Rite I Eucharist with blessing of the palms.

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

#### **Maundy Thursday – March 28**

7:30 p.m. – This day commemorates the Last Supper and the giving of the great commandment mandatum in Latin, where the name of the day comes from. The Eucharist for this service ends with the stripping of the altar. The reserve sacrament will be in the chapel for private devotion following the service and on Friday. Music by Saint Mark's Choir.

#### **Good Friday – March 29**

Noon – Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. – Good Friday liturgy with communion from the reserve sacrament. Music by Saint Mark's Choir.

### Easter

#### **Great Vigil of Easter – March 30**

7:30 p.m. – The Great Vigil of Easter is the first celebration of Easter. We start in darkness and move through the story of the history of God and human beings to the joy of the resurrection. This is a service of candles and water, Scripture and music. Music by Saint Mark's Choir.

#### **Easter Day Services – March 31**

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

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II. Music by the Canterbury Choir.

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II. Music by the Saint Mark's Choir and Saint Mark's Brass.





## MUSIC

### ***Praise for Canterbury Choir***

The Canterbury Choir was one of several ensembles that sang recently for the ordination of Bishop White at the Columbus Convention Center. They sang a pair of beautiful anthems for the service, one during the prelude and one during Communion. Many members of the Saint Mark's Choir also took part in the service, singing with the combined Diocesan Choir. It was a wonderful day!

Stephan Casurella, the Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral in Cincinnati and the organizer for the music of the service, sent along the following note of thanks in the week following:

"Thank you for bringing the Canterbury Choir to the Bishop's consecration last Saturday. The singing was very impressive: great intonation, clear diction, uniform staggered breathing, close attention to the conductor, confident two-part texture, and more. Clearly they are receiving top-notch training! Please pass along my thanks to the choristers and their parents. I know that giving up a Saturday is a tall order in today's busy world."



### ***Choral Evensong on March 3***

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, the Saint Mark's Choir will lead a service of Choral Evensong. Choral music will include the Evening Service in A by William H. Harris, responses by Kenneth Leighton, and anthems by Edward Bairstow and Egil Hovland. Organ voluntaries will include works by Jehan Alain and Josef Rheinberger. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully received in support of the Special Music Fund at Saint Mark's. A reception will follow. All are welcome! Please join us for this beautiful and inspiring service, and be sure to invite some friends.

## **Music in Holy Week**

Following Evensong, on March 3 the choirs will turn their attention to music for Holy Week and Easter. As I do every year, I invite each of you to participate in the profound journey of this special week. Each Holy Week service has its own unique character and lens through which to experience the retelling of Christ's Passion and Resurrection. Among the many highlights will be a beautiful anthem for the Great Vigil of Easter by Charles Villiers Stanford (When Mary Thro' the Garden Went), which is new to the choir's repertoire.

### **Palm Sunday (Saint Mark's Choir)**

March 24, 10:30 a.m.

Choral music by John Ireland, Thomas Weelkes, and David Ashley White

### **Maundy Thursday (Saint Mark's Choir)**

March 28, 7:30 p.m.

Choral music by Maurice Duruflé, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Thomas Tallis

### **Good Friday (Saint Mark's Choir)**

March 29, 7:30 p.m.

Choral music by Pablo Casals and Francesco Gasparini

### **Great Vigil of Easter (Saint Mark's Choir)**

March 30, 7:30 p.m.

Choral music by Edward Bairstow, Michael McCarthy, and Charles Villiers Stanford

### **Easter Sunday (Canterbury Choir and Saint Mark's Brass)**

March 31, 9 a.m.

Choral music by Joseph Running and Natalie Sleeth

### **Easter Sunday (Saint Mark's Choir and Saint Mark's Brass)**

March 31, 11 a.m.

Choral music by Edward Bairstow and Charles Villiers Stanford

## PARISH LIFE

**Tour of Asia**

Anyone who is available is welcome to join us at one of the many Asian restaurants on Bethel Road. We meet at the restaurant at 6 p.m. without reservations and explore the tastes and spices of each cuisine while getting to try new restaurants and just get out of the house. On Tuesday, March 12, we will go to Buckeye Pho located at 761 Bethel Road next to the Five Guys restaurant. Buckeye Pho is a Vietnamese restaurant located in the Olentangy Plaza where MicroCenter is located. Because of Holy Week and Easter, this will be our only outing in March.

**Knitting Group**

Do you knit? Do you want to learn how to knit? Do you have a project you are working on, even if it isn't knitting? Do you enjoy getting together with others to chat and build relationships? If you answered yes to any of these, come join us for Knitting Group. If you want to learn to knit, we will have needles, yarn, and simple patterns for beginners. If you are a knitter, cross-stitcher, hand-quilter or needle pointer, bring your current project and enjoy working on it while in conversation with others.

Evening Knitting Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Canterbury Center. The March meeting is Monday March 11.

Daytime Knitting group meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at 1 pm in the Canterbury Center. The March meetings are March 7 and 21.

**Work Day**

On Saturday, March 23, we will have a parish work morning to get our building ready for Easter. We need your help with a lot of little projects that need to be done around the church to spruce it up and get ready for Easter (and to welcome visitors to Saint Mark's). Work Day starts at 9 a.m. with donuts from the Goodie Shoppe provided by Pastor Vicki as a reward for the workers. After dividing up the projects we'll work indoors – and outdoors weather permitting – to complete a list of projects. We end at noon or when the work is done, whichever comes first. This is a fun way to get to know others and see the church shine from your effort.



Saint Mark's Episcopal Church  
Migration Ministries

## International Night Fundraiser Tasting Event

Saturday, March 2, 2024  
5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

to support  
Saint Mark's Migration Ministries  
and upcoming Culture & Artisans Fair

Contact: Joyce Acton  
actongroup@gmail.com

**Adult Formation**

On Sunday March 3 we will have our First Sunday Outreach program in place of Adult formation. This will be held from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall and will include a discussion about Saint Mark's Outreach Ministries and how you can get involved.

**Book Study and Discussion**

This year we are reading the book *Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine. It is a good, and easily accessible book that looks at the people who were present at the Crucifixion. There is a study guide for the book in the arched bookcase in the Parish Hall. We will have an in-person gathering to discuss the book on the Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27 at 6 p.m.

**Youth Group**

Youth Group will meet at our regular time on Sunday, March 3, following the 10:30 am service. We will do a mystery activity and play some games (perhaps a chess and/or ping pong tournament). There will be no youth group on Sunday, April 7, because a majority of the group will be on the Canterbury Choir trip to Washington D.C.

## OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Outreach Ministry Mini-Summit March 3

Between the services on Sunday, March 3, at 9:15, the Outreach Ministry will hold a mini-summit, which is open to everyone in the parish. We would love to see lots of new faces along with our long-time outreach participants. The project leads will present their current activities and explain where they need help with projects. Please join us in the parish hall.

### Diapers and Spices

The monthly packing of diapers and spices for NNEMAP will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 13 in the Canterbury Center. Everyone is welcome to help; no experience is necessary. It only takes about an hour and is a great way to get to know some of your fellow parishioners.

### Easter Street Church

Our next day to serve lunch at Street Church is on Easter. What a wonderful way to help others on a special day. Roberta Morton will be looking for volunteers to make a pan of potato casserole or to color some hard-boiled eggs the week before Easter. She also will need servers and helpers the morning of Easter as many regular volunteers might be away. Would you be willing to help with one or more of these tasks? Contact Roberta Morton at [notvmorton@gmail.com](mailto:notvmorton@gmail.com).

### Lenten Outreach Activity

Lent is a time for us to live our spiritual beliefs by giving to the poor or donating to charity. It is a time to show love and care for others. To help you do that, the Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a Lent activity. Let's show those with less that we care about them by giving them grooming kits containing basic grooming items they so often lack. The first 25 kits received will go to the Help Me Grow mothers in Vinton County. Any additional kits will be delivered to the clients of NNEMAP.

Bags are available in the parish hall that will contain a list of the items to place in the bag. Fill the bag and return it to the parish hall by the end of Lent. If you would prefer, but \$20 in the bag and someone from Outreach will fill the bag for you.

If you have questions, or would like to help with this project, contact Barb Hyre at [hyreb614@aol.com](mailto:hyreb614@aol.com).



Come and celebrate the moms, babies and toddlers of Vinton County, on Sunday, April 7 right after the 10:30 service. For several years Saint Mark's has partnered with the Vinton County Help Me Grow Program to furnish soft goods and supplies to families in need. Our Knitting and Sewing Ministry makes blankets, burp cloths, bibs, hats, booties and toys for the babies. You, the guests can provide gifts from the list following this invitation. Please join us with your unwrapped presents to enjoy cake, punch, games and the joy of giving.

### Baby Shower Wish List

- Sleep Sacs/gowns
- Onesies - long and short sleeve
- Footed Sleepers
- Pack and Play fitted sheets
- Baby Bottles – 8 and oz.
- Bottle Brushes
- Sippy Cups with lids
- Boppy Nursing Pillows
- Rice Baby Cereal – 8 oz. boxes
- Potty Chairs
- Potty Seats

Amazon carries all the above items. Please refer to the list on the Saint Mark's website for further details about ordering online. Questions can be directed to Pat Iams at [pati51@aol.com](mailto:pati51@aol.com).



## SAINT MARK'S IN THE COMMUNITY

### **Saint Mark's Hosts AARP Tax-Aide Program**

Each year during February, March and April, several days a week our parish hall is a beehive of activity. This is our partnership with the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program.

Since 1968 the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program has provided free tax-preparation help to more than 78 million taxpayers, with 1.6 million taxpayers being helped in 2023 alone. It is the largest program of its type in the nation. They focus on adults who are over 50 with low to moderate incomes, but the program is open to everyone on-a first-come first-served basis. No membership is required and there are no fees. It provides in person assistance with tax return preparation and tax filing, access to tax filing software and on-line coaching, although our location is just in-person preparation and filing.

Why does this service matter? Well, taxes are complicated. As a result, many taxpayers overpay, turn to services they can't afford, or don't file at all, thus missing out on credits and deductions they have earned. The program provides a lifeline to refunds for many with a need. In 2023, Tax-Aide participants received more than \$1.1 billion in refunds and credits, with older low-income adults saving more than \$564 million.

When the program first started, they had just four sites. It has grown to 4,000 sites with over 26,000 IRS-certified volunteers. In central Ohio we have 12 sites, one of which is located at Saint Mark's. At our site, there are eight tax preparers plus a client specialist and a scheduler. Last year they completed more 325 returns and are scheduled to do as many this year.

The Saint Mark's site is run completely by volunteers. Each year the preparers receive more than 20 hours of annual training before they see their first taxpayer. They must pass online exams monitored by the IRS. Then throughout the tax season they volunteer a minimum of four hours per week with most volunteers giving the program several days a week for the entire tax season. While completing their work, they must strictly follow protocols set by the IRS.

It is Saint Mark's pleasure to provide the space for the Upper Arlington site, and to be associated with this wonderful program that provides so much to our community. If you would like to have your taxes done, please note that appointments are required and they go quickly. The number to call is 614-359-8194.

### **Tri- Village Packers**

The Tri-Village Packers was founded last year because there are children in Upper Arlington and Grandview Heights that rely on school lunches and are at risk of going hungry over school breaks. Tri- Village Packers includes groups and individuals who already work with the UA and Grandview Heights schools.

The group's first big project was packing up food boxes for almost 100 children to use over the Thanksgiving break. They are gearing up to do it again over spring break. You can make a donation to this cause or sign up to volunteer with the spring-break food distribution at the Tri-Village Packers website [trivillagepackers.com](http://trivillagepackers.com)

The Packers also are working with the schools to ensure that there is food available in each building for children who come to school hungry. Saint Mark's will focus on our neighbor, Tremont Elementary. Watch this space for more details on the project.

### **hUmAn Connection Festival**

Saint Mark's will have a table at the Upper Arlington High School Human Connections Festival. If you would like to help Pastor Vicki staff the table contact her by email at [rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org](mailto:rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org).

This is a two-day event celebrating the diverse experiences and perspectives that make our community unique. The hUmAn Connection Festival is offered by Upper Arlington Schools with support from the Upper Arlington Community Relations Committee and Upper Arlington Education Foundation.



# hUmAn Connection Festival

**MARCH 6**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
Upper Arlington  
High School,  
1625 Zollinger Road

## PASTORAL CARE - GRIEF SUPPORT

### Healing, Hope, and New Life

By Brenda Hammersley, RN MSN MBA Certified Grief Counselor

Grief is a common human experience, yet each grieving person has a unique and personal reaction to loss. I've heard people describe their grief as similar to:

- riding an emotional roller coaster with no seat-belt,
- having a wildfire rip through their life leaving devastation behind,
- going over a waterfall into a raging whirlpool and swirling around helplessly,
- being in a fierce storm that is trying to blow down the door of their safe home, or
- climbing a rocky mountain path with unknown hazards ahead.

These descriptions can help you better understand the pain and anxiety of loss and explain to others what you are feeling. They can also help you start to develop tools for healing. In grief, healing doesn't mean the loss never had an impact or that it didn't matter – it means the loss no longer

controls your life. The first step in healing grief is finding a safe place with non-judgmental people where you can share your story. As others listen, without trying to “fix” you, you'll find gradual relief from the sometimes-overwhelming feelings that are a normal part of grief. And you'll learn who the most supportive individuals in your life are and discover ways to let them help you.

For example, grieving people often feel a sense of hopelessness and become lonely and isolated. Questions like “What now?” and “Does anything matter?” swirl in your mind creating a feeling of emptiness. The loss of hope after a death blocks your ability to live fully, but how do you move from emptiness towards a point where the future is not something to endure but an opportunity for living well while walking every day with loss? Elizabeth Kubler-Ross said, “Grief transforms the broken soul”. Her quote helps frame Lent as a time for thinking about hope and moving towards it in a grief support group or with supportive friends. Sharing with others helps you slowly

explore hope after loss and consider the possibility that life itself is worth living. As Martin Luther King, Jr. says, ““But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars.”

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

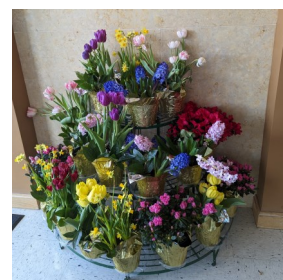
“But I know, somehow, that only  
when it is dark enough can you see  
the stars.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Yet, an important task in grief is to find meaning for your life after a death. The Easter message of resurrection, renewal and hope can be a reason to think about how you will

live and, with time and healing, accept the future as a place where you can have a new relationship with your loved one.

Come to Saint Mark's Grief Support Group and spend some time with others who are working through grief after a death. We will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 9 in the church office. For more information contact Brenda Hammersley at [b.hammersley@yahoo.com](mailto:b.hammersley@yahoo.com) or 614-330-1436. No matter where you are in your grief journey, you're welcome to join us – you'll be in good company!





## 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Saint Mark's leaders sketched a portrait of a thriving church during presentations at the Annual Meeting, held Feb. 11 in the parish hall. Participation in Sunday services is up, budgets are healthy and, as Pastor Vicki said in her report, "There seems to be something going on nearly all the time."

Average Sunday Attendance for 2023 was 137 in-person, which means in-person worship has returned to its pre-pandemic level. Plus, the church now has a new attendance category: those who worship through our website's livestream, something which did not exist before the pandemic. Average livestream attendance was 168, based on those viewing services either live or between Sunday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon, multiplied by an average of 1.5 persons per viewing device.

Financially, 2023 was "an exceptional year," Treasurer Phil Glandon said, with pledged revenue, unpledged donations and investment earnings much better than expected. Revenue increases plus lower-than-budgeted expenses created a \$176,000 positive swing in finances. On another note, upcoming major maintenance and repair projects means the church will consider a capital campaign, Pastor Vicki said.

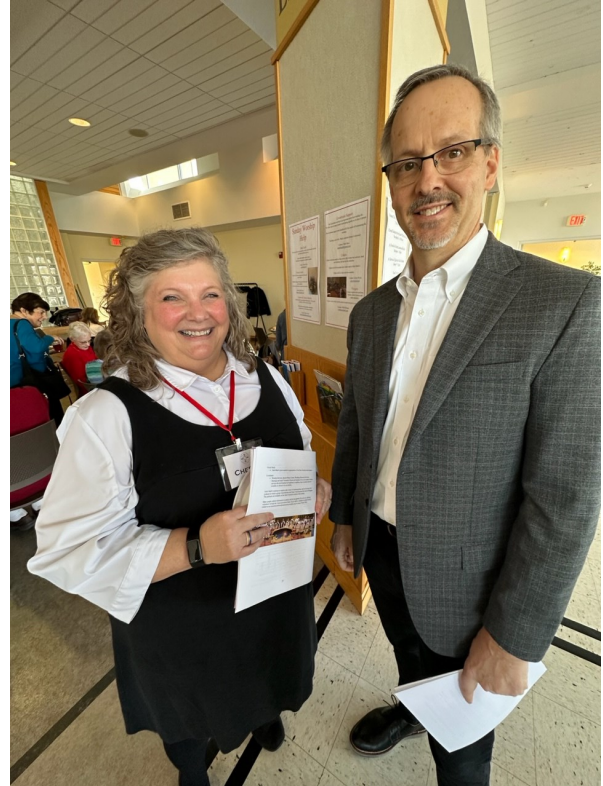
Our congregation is active in myriad ways, such as the Culture and Artisans Fair, assisting in outreach programs for those in Columbus and in southern Ohio, supporting a vibrant music program and increasingly opening our doors and church campus to the surrounding community, according to Senior Warden Cheryl Boop. "We meet everyone where they are," she said.

Pastor Vicki issued Saint Mark's Winged Lion pins to honor seven exemplary volunteers: Joyce Acton, Larry Anderson, Mark Drew, Diane Hartney, Bill Lange, Dan Morton, and Alex Reed.

The following lay leaders were elected:

- Senior Warden Cheryl Boop
- Junior Warden Kevin Fix
- Youth Warden Anna Markwardt
- Vestry members, 3-year terms, Dwight Anstaett, Michael Bowman, Norman Jones and Park Zimpher
- Convention Delegate, 1-year term, Michael Bowman and Barb Keyes

Details are contained in the 2023 Annual Report, which can be found at [www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/annual-meeting](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/annual-meeting) along with a video recording of the Annual Meeting. Copies of the Annual Report are available at the church.



**Mark Your Calendars**  
**EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY**  
**Friday, May 24, 2024**  
**Ohio Theatre**

The 7th Episcopal Night at the Symphony The Columbus Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

**Mozart's Mass in C minor**

5:30pm – Reception, bar & heavy hors d'oeuvres –  
 4<sup>th</sup> floor

7:30pm - Performance – Seats in Prime Orchestra

Reservations open in March, 2024  
 \$60 per person for whole event or \$35 per person  
 for reception only

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 at [revabs0630@gmail.com](mailto:revabs0630@gmail.com)

## 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 long time Saint Mark's parishioner, Sam Slee, who passed away on February 5, 2024.



Sam was born on November 9, 1954 in Piqua, Ohio to the late Robert and Marjorie (Miller) Slee. He was a 1973 graduate of Westland High School; and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Georgetown College where he was a proud member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Sam loved to build and

fix things. He also enjoyed taking care of birds, gardening, and fishing. He loved his pets, Miller, Pete, Rosie and Myrtle. Sam was an avid fan of the OSU Buckeyes, Bengals, and Reds. He was a longtime member of Saint Mark's serving in the choir, Vestry, and as a Stephens Minister.

Sam will be greatly missed by his wife of 42 years, Nancy; son, Eric (Megan) Slee; granddaughters, Kennedy Mae and Maggie Ruth Slee; brothers, Bob Slee, Jim (Dee) Slee and Dave (Debbie) Slee; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Sam was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Phyllis Slee.

A Memorial Service was held at on Friday, February 9, 2024.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mark's Episcopal Church.



### BIRTHDAYS

Mary Lou Guillory	3/5	Dave Yeager	3/23
Rick Wheeler	3/5	Mary Saefkow	3/24
Jay Wilcox	3/7	Brynn Fraser	3/26
Ellen Conklin	3/7	Mia Fraser	3/26
Julia Davis	3/9	Stuart Brace	3/27
Alex Reed	3/10	Simon Fraser	3/27
Avery Haupt	3/13	Ken Nicol	3/28
Archie Marginian	3/15	Jim Gebhart	3/29
Emily Iams	3/16	Philip Norman	3/29
Cheryl Boop	3/17	C.J. Milburn	3/29
Judy Leach	3/18	Jack Parson	3/30
Michael Murray	3/19	Jillian Bohnert	3/30
Steven Rogers	3/21	Benjamin Boeglin	3/31

*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

Eva Barth	Patrick Hreachmack
Anice Ellis	Joanne Hylton
Andrew German	Lynn Klemesrud
Ashley Groholski	Leo

*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).





# Parish Calendar

[www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/Calendar](http://www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/Calendar)

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>February 25</b> <b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> 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	26 10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm AA 7:30 pm Monday Night Book Group	27 9:30 am AI Anon 11 am AI Anon Small Group Mtg 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	28 8:30 am – 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aid 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6 pm The Marksmen 6:15 pm Pysanky Egg Workshop 7:30 pm Compline	29 6 pm Tour of Asia - New India 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA	<b>March 1</b> <b>Rector's Day Off</b> 8:30 am – 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aid 8 pm AA	2 5:30 pm Intl. Tasting Event for Migration Ministries
<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am First Sunday Program-Outreach Mini Summit 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/Saint Mark's Choir 12 pm Youth Group 4 pm Choral Evensong 8 pm Sunday Night AA	4 10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 6:45 pm NNEMAP Mtg 7 pm AA	5 9:30 am AI Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Vestry Mtg	6 8:30 am – 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aid 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Pysanky Egg Workshop 7:30 pm Compline	7 1 pm Knitting and Stitching Group 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA	8 <b>Rector's Day Off</b> 8:30 am – 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aid 8 pm AA	9 9:30 am Grief Support Group 5 pm Cub Scouts Blue & Gold
<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 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	11 10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 6:30 pm Evening Knitting Group 7 pm AA	12 9:30 am AI Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6 pm Tour of Asia – Buck-eye Pho 6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	13 8:30 am – 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aid 10:30 am Spices & Diapers 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Pysanky Egg Workshop 7:30 pm Compline	14 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA	15 <b>Rector's Day Off</b> 8:30 am – 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aid 8 pm AA  Epistle Deadline	16
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 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	18 10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm AA 7pm Sisters in Faith	19 9:30 am AI Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	20 8:30 am – 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aid 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Pysanky Egg Workshop 7:30 pm Compline	21 1 pm Knitting and Stitching Group 5:30 pm Stephen Ministry Mtg 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA	22 <b>Rector's Day Off</b> 8:30 am – 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aid 8 pm AA	23 9 am Parish Work Day 9:30 am Grief Support Group
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I w/ Blessing of the Palms 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Distribution of Palms and Passion Narrative w/Saint Mark's Choir 8 pm Sunday Night AA	25 10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm AA 7:30 pm Monday Night Book Group	26 9:30 am AI Anon 11 am AI Anon Small Group Mtg 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	27 8:30 am – 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aid 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 6 pm The Marksmen	28 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Saint Mark's Choir 8 pm AA	29 <b>Good Friday</b> 8:30 am – 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aid 12 pm Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm Good Friday Service 8 pm AA	30 <b>Easter Vigil</b> 7:30 pm Great Vigil of Easter w/Saint Mark's Choir
Holy Week				Paschal Triduum		
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 9 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Canterbury Choir 10 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt 11 am Holy Eucharist Rite II w/ Saint Mark's Choir 8 pm Sunday Night AA	<b>April 1</b> 10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm AA	2 9:30 am AI Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Vestry Mtg	3 8:30 am – 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aid	4 1 pm Knitting and Stitching Group 6:15 pm AA 8 pm AA	5 <b>Rector's Day Off</b> 8:30 am – 4:30 pm AARP Tax-Aid 8 pm AA	6 5:30 pm Supper Group
Easter						



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