

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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 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.

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Parishioner Spotlight - Rick Wheeler

Towards the end of March each year, anyone driving or walking by Saint Mark's is treated to an explosion of color around the campus.

This annual spring display is the result of one person – Rick Wheeler.

Choir member and gardener, Rick has enjoyed planting in his own back yard for more than 40 years. Once a friend got him interested in gardening, he developed a passion for helping and learned the botanical names of his plants along with growing habits and characteristics. Several years ago, Rick noticed that the daffodils, tulips and hyacinths inside the church at Easter were thrown away after they finished blooming. Thinking this was a waste, he started planting them around the campus.

Although spring is not the ideal time to plant bulbs, these flowers came up the next spring and continue to bloom every year.

As the flowers come into bloom Rick thinks about the resurrection and the transition from the death of the frosty winter into new life. The flowers this year came up just before Easter providing a glorious celebration of this holy time.

Rick loves Saint Mark's and cares about making the grounds look as attractive as possible. He takes part in parish workdays helping tidy up the yard, pulling weeds, and picking up fallen branches. He finds that working on the grounds is satisfying because it helps make the church stand out as a welcoming place to worship – a passion held by many others at Saint Mark's.

Rick encourages all to join in on workdays and share in the enjoyment of jobs well done.

Thank you, Rick, for your work to make spring special for Saint Mark's and the surrounding community.

-Brenda Hammersley



MUSIC

Choral Matins May 26

The morning of Sunday, May 26 (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.



CANTERBURY CHOIR CHORAL EVENSONG

MAY 19, 2023 AT 4 P.M.
SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
RECEPTION FOLLOWING

Canterbury Choir Evensong May 19

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, the Canterbury Choir will conclude its season with a service of Choral Evensong for the Day of Pentecost. Music will include the stirring Evening Service in C by George Dyson. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully received in support of the Gary L. Garber Canterbury Choir Scholarship Fund, which supports choristers' participation in Royal School of Church Music summer camps. A reception will follow. Please join us for this beautiful and uplifting service, and be sure to invite some friends!



Members of Saint Mark's Canterbury Choir at the FDR Memorial during their pilgrimage to Washington DC April 5-7. The choir also toured areas around The Mall and Washington National Cathedral.

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

7:30pm - Performance – Seats in Prime Orchestra

\$60 per person for whole event or
\$35 per person for reception only

Questions? Contact:

Steve Knorr at 1946srk@gmail.com
or the Rev. Bruce Smith at revabs0630@gmail.com

OUTREACH

PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT

May Outreach Collection

First Aid Supplies for NNEMAP

For the second year, the Outreach Ministry will be making small medical kits for the clients of the NNEMAP food pantry. These were popular last year so, during May, the Outreach Ministry will hold a collection for items that can be used to create the first-aid kits. Donations of Band-Aids in all sizes, alcohol wipes and first-aid creams (such as Neosporin or Bacitracin) are being requested. A collection bin will be located by the front doors.

In lieu of donating items, the project team is offering you the option of making a cash donation and the team will purchase the supplies. The kits will be assembled during the June 12 packing of spices and diapers for NNEMAP.

We could use your help so stop by and enjoy working with fellow parishioners.

Diapers and Spices Packing Returns to the Parish Hall

Now that tax season is over, the Diapers and Spices Packing Project will return to its regular location in the parish hall. The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 8. Everyone is welcome.

If you have any questions about this project or any NNEMAP related project, contact Bill Karl at mrbill.karl@gmail.com.

Easter Lunch at Street Church

With the help of many parishioners, the Street Church Project Team, lead by Roberta Morton, served the Street Church attendees a festive Easter lunch. Despite having their own holiday plans, families made potato casseroles and dyed eggs. They also donated decorated cookies and candy. Seven families gave up part of their day to serve the lunch of ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, fruit, eggs and desserts of cookies, Easter candy and cake.

As this was the anniversary of 18 years of holding Street Church every Sunday afternoon, Saint John's Town Street donated a cake. Saint Marks partners with Saint John by providing the lunch five or six times a year. This wonderful program feeds both the souls and stomachs of those in need, including some who are living on the streets.

If you would like to get involved with this project, contact Roberta Morton at notvmorton@gmail.com.

Alex Reed



You've seen this young man in many outfits: a Canterbury Choir red cassock, an acolyte white cassock, street clothes for live-stream production, and a verger black cassock. What Alex Reed wears on any given Sunday reflects the role he is filling at Saint Mark's that day.

A 14-year-old eighth-grader at Olentangy Hyatts Middle School, Alex also is busy outside of church with school, friends, video games, baseball and working out. He also likes basketball and golf when baseball season is over. Alex wanted to join the Canterbury Choir at around age six but had to wait until he turned seven, which is when children can join. He has been singing in the choir for seven years and currently is head chorister. While in the choir, he became interested in helping livestream the 10:30 a.m. Sunday services after watching his dad, George Reed, in the tech room. Being part of a generation that excels at technology, Alex was happy to do that when the opportunity arose. A few months later, he became an acolyte just to help in the church, but felt he could do more. He mentioned this to his dad who talked to Bill Silliman, Head Verger, and soon was "volunteered" to become a verger for the upcoming Christmas Day service.

Alex shares that he was more than happy to take this on and was pleased to be the youngest verger in the church. When asked for his favorite role, he said that he wouldn't say he enjoys one over another role since they all are enjoyable.

Alex says his work at Saint Mark's has taught him that being kind to people and helping them out can go a long way and is greatly appreciated. Because of this he tries to be helpful, kind, and humble in his everyday life outside of church.

When asked what he likes most about Saint Mark's, Alex replied, "I like everything about Saint Mark's, but my favorite thing about it is the community and the people."

Almost everyone I talk to is very amiable and very accepting, and that's part of what makes doing everything that I do so enjoyable. I think Saint Mark's is a great place for youth to become involved in parish life, as there are so many opportunities for them to participate, and all the work is very enjoyable."

—Brenda Hammersley

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT SAINT MARK'S



A Very Special Thank You to everyone who helped make Holy Week and Easter such a wonderful celebration!



- Matthew Bester, Michael Scheffler and all the members of Saint Mark's Choir and the Canterbury Choir (and their families who accommodated all the rehearsals and services).
- Melanie Jacobs, our office manager, who produced bulletins for so many different services.
- The Altar and Flower Guilds who prepared our altar and made our building so beautiful.
- The AV team who made sure that our services were available.
- The Ushers who made everyone feel welcome to Saint Mark's.
- Everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt
- And everyone who came, watched, and prayed through the week.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT SAINT MARK'S



FORMATION

First Sunday Program

The May First Sunday program will have representatives from UA CARES. The program, which stands for Community Assistance, Referral and Education Services, is operated by the Upper Arlington Fire Division, which provides ongoing health assistance to city residents.

First Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the parish hall. Come and hear more about what is currently covered by the program and share your thoughts and ideas.

Youth Group

Youth Group Sunday, May 5, the youth group will visit Bridge Park in Dublin. We'll have lunch at the North Market and play games at Pins. We need a rough head count for this event, so please let Pastor Vicki (rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org) if you plan to attend.

Brown Bag Sermon

At the 10:30 a.m. service on May 5 Pastor Vicki will give a Brown Bag sermon. The way this works is that children and youth are invited to bring something to put in a brown bag at the front of the church. Pastor Vicki has to use everything in the bag in her sermon.

There are a few rules:

1. Nothing alive.
 2. Nothing sloppy or messy (put your slime in a jar before putting it in the bag.)
 3. Nothing that will injure Pastor Vicki as she picks it up.
- Look around, be creative and bring something for the bag. The items put in the bag are returned after the sermon.

Program Year-End Recognitions

With the end of the program year, it is time to recognize some people who help make Saint Mark's who and what we are.

- Canterbury Choir recognition will be on Sunday, May 5, which is the last Sunday morning that they will sing this academic year. The Canterbury Choir Evensong will be Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at 4 p.m.
- Sunday School recognition will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, at the 10:30 a.m. service. We will recognize the adults who make our children's formation program happen and also those children who are finishing a level of formation. We will also honor graduating high school seniors that day.

The last day of the program year for the Saint Mark's Choir will be Trinity Sunday, May 26. The 10:30 a.m. service will be Choral Matins followed by Eucharist.

Children and Youth Formation Recognition

On Sunday, May 19, we will recognize our 2023/2024 Program Year Children's and Youth Formation Leaders:

Youth Group The Rev. Viki Zust and Rachel Markwardt with Youth Warden Anna Markwardt and Vestry Liaison Martha Belury.

Children's Formation Laura Skoracki (Godly Play) and Joanne Drew (Children's Chapel/Grade School age) with assistance from Catherine Davis, Charlotte Davis, Matilda Drew, and Vestry Liaison Michael Bowman.

We will give special recognition gifts to our **Children's Formation Graduate** Andromeda Tellier who will graduate Children's Chapel/Grade School and join Youth Group in the summer.

We will also give special recognition to our Youth member **High School Graduating Seniors:** Kaitlyn Barno, Hannah Myers, CJ Milburn, and Jon Weaver—Congratulations!



And we most especially would like to thank all the children and their parents for making our ministry at Saint Mark's such an amazing journey and a true joy!

**“Children are not the Church of Tomorrow—
They are the Church of Today.”**

PARISH LIFE

Knitting Group

The Evening Knitting group will meet on Monday, May 13. We gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Canterbury Center. It is not required that you knit; bring any project you want to work on that would be more fun doing with company.

The Daytime Knitting Group will meet Thursdays, May 2 and May 16. The Daytime Knitting group meets from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Canterbury Center and is open to any project you want to bring with you.

Golf League Season is Here

The Saint Mark's Golf League is in full swing! We play every Monday, weather permitting, at Raymond Memorial Golf Course on Trabue Road. This is a "y-all come" program so give it a try. Send your questions about this fun group to Bruce Johnson at michellebrucej@hotmail.com.

SAINT MARK'S IN THE COMMUNITY**UA Farmer's Market Begins May 15**

The Upper Arlington Farmer's Market is coming, basically, to Saint Mark's this season. Dorset Road will close between Reading and Tremont. Market stalls will line the sidewalk right in front of Saint Mark's along Dorset; some market activities will take place on our front lawn.

This means a few things for Saint Mark's:

Parking. We will need to have all cars off Dorset Road by 1 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning May 15. If you are going to be at church on Wednesday, plan on parking in either the Tremont Center lot or the Library lot.

Welcoming the Community. We will open the church for people to use the bathrooms, have a table on the patio with tote bags and information about the church and will welcome people into the parish hall to use the tables and chairs for a respite (on hot days we will hand out cups of water, too). We will welcome some of our community non-profit partners to have information tables on the patio with us.

Volunteers Needed. We need some people to set up our display and be around to welcome people to Saint Mark's. There is a SignUpGenius at the bottom of the home page of our website and a sign-up sheet in the parish hall. The Market opens at 3:30 p.m.; set-up is minimal, so no need to show up much before 3:30 p.m.

The Market runs from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays from May 15 to Oct. 23.

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SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Community Refugee
& Immigration Services



City of Upper
Arlington

Culture & Artisans Fair - May 4

Saint Mark's will host the second Culture and Artisans Fair on the first Saturday in May. We will again partner with CRIS (Community Refugee and Immigration Services) and the City of Upper Arlington to showcase the artistic creations of those individuals who are in the refugee or asylum-seeking process as well as those who have become citizens after migration to avoid persecution.

These artisans will offer for sale handmade crafts, clothing, foods and other cultural items representing their homelands. There will also be food trucks where you can buy Mexican, Asian and South African foods. A special performance will feature Latin music in the middle of the day with global music throughout the day. For more information contact:

- Joyce Acton actongroup@gmail.com or 614-560-9219
- Brenda Hammersley b.hammersley@yahoo.com or at 614-330-1436.

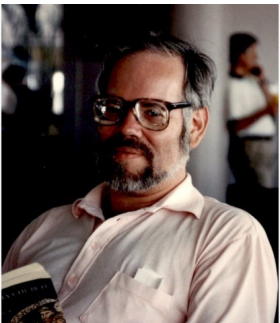
LIVING IN FAITH. GROWING IN LOVE. CELEBRATING GOD’S PEOPLE.

*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 families of:



Longtime Saint Mark’s parishioner, **Edward Maag**, age 98, passed away 3/31/24.



Phillip Ryan, aged 74, husband of Jennifer Ryan, passed away March 29, 2024.

*Father of all,
 We pray to you for Ed and Phillip,
 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.



BIRTHDAYS			
Keegan Conklin	5/01	Claire Iams	5/12
Freya Brokken	5/03	Jane Iams	5/12
Alexander Kumenchuk		Rob Rideout	5/14
Nisbet	5/03	Steve Hess	5/14
Riley Jones	5/03	Angela Wallenbrock	5/14
Jay Iams	5/05	Jim Keyes	5/18
Agnes Bowman	5/05	Deborah Brower	5/19
Cullie Rechner	5/07	Peter Lenz	5/21
Trent Porterfield	5/08	Rob Brubaker	5/22
Sarah Alexander	5/08	Andy Iams	5/24
Joycelyn Dunlap	5/09	Bruce Klemsrud	5/28
Bill Shillington	5/10	Laura Skoracki	5/29
Bruce Warthman	5/11	Matilda Drew	5/30
Carter Findley	5/12	Eve Hartranft	5/31

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	
Sue Barna	Patrick Hreachmack
Eva Barth	Joanne Hylton
Jessica Brock	Lynn Klemesrud
Anice Ellis	Michael Murray
Gary Garber	Tonya Orchard
Andrew German	Leo
Ashley Groholski	

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.

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.



Parish Calendar

www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <p>Fifth Sunday in Easter</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>29</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 am Al Anon 11 am Al Anon Small Group Mtg 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 2 pm Bishop Listening Session 6 pm Tour of Asia 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>May 1</p> <p>4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Endowment Trustees Mtg</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1 pm Knitting and Stitching Group 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 am Culture and Artisan's Fair</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Sixth Sunday in Easter</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am First Sunday Program 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Saint Mark's Choir Noon Youth Group 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 am Al Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Vestry Mtg</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30 am Spices & Diapers 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>9 am Early Music in Columbus Mtg 8 pm AA</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 am Grief Support Group 12:30 pm Lancaster Choral rehearsal</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Seventh Sunday in Easter</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>13</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 6:30 pm Evening Knitting Group 7 pm AA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 am Al Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1 pm Knitting and Stitching Group 5:30 pm Stephen Ministers Mtg 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 am Altar Guild Brunch</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Pentecost Sunday</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Saint Mark's Choir Noon Pentecost Picnic 4 pm Canterbury Choir Evensong 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm AA 7 pm Sisters in Faith</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am Al Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>22</p> <p>2:30 pm Outreach Admin Mtg 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 6 pm The Marks-men</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5 pm 75th Anniversary Planning Mtg 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Trinity Sunday</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Saint Mark's Choir 8 pm Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>27</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>28</p> <p>9:30 am Al Anon 11 am Al Anon Small Group Mtg 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>4:30 pm Early Music in Columbus Board Mtg 8 pm AA</p>	<p>June 1</p> <p>10 am Families Flourish Graduation</p>



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



**PENTECOST
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**19 MAY, 2024
NOON**

**SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2151 DORSET ROAD, UA**

**Saint Mark's
Pentecost Picnic**

Sunday, May 19

Please bring a covered dish.

Signup sheets are located on the glass brick wall of the parish hall and at the bottom of the Saint Mark's website.

Meat will be provided by the Marksmen. The event is free but donations to cover costs will be gratefully accepted.