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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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FROM THE RECTOR

Advent

We will be in the season of Advent for most of December. This is a time when the church, in a manner of speaking, takes a deep breath. Advent is a season of preparation for the coming of Christ, but it's not just for the celebration of his first coming. Advent is first and foremost a season of preparation for the second coming of Christ.

It is a time when we stop. A time to look inward and consider what it is that we need to do to be prepared to stand in the presence of God. To ask ourselves the question – how can I, in my life, prepare the way for the Lord to come?

You can find resources for use at home during Advent in the arched bookcase in the parish hall; there also are resources on the Advent page and the Faith at Home page of the website. The On Sunday, Dec. 1, we will make Advent Wreaths in the parish hall both between the services and after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Vestry and Convention Delegates

At the annual meeting in February we will elect lay leaders for Saint Mark's. We are particularly looking for candidates for vestry and diocesan convention delegates. We'll elect four vestry members for three-year terms and two delegates to the convention plus one or two alternate delegates.

If you would like to volunteer to serve, or if you have questions, please get in touch with Pastor Vicki at rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org or Cheryl Boop at seniorwarden@saintmarkscolumbus.org or Kevin Fix at juniorwarden@saintmarkscolumbus.org.

Staff Gift

It has become a custom at Saint Mark's for parishioners who wish to say thank you to the parish staff for all the work that they do all year to make donations to the church for a staff Christmas gift.

If you wish to participate, you can put a check in the offering plate or donate through the on-line giving portal. In either case, mark your donation "staff gift." If you have questions, contact Phil Glandon, Cheryl Boop or Kevin Fix.

Thank

You!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Christmas Services

At 5 p.m. Christmas Eve is the Pageant Service. This is a Rite II Eucharist with the Christmas Pageant taking the place of the first half of the liturgy. The Canterbury Choir will sing. All children, including visitors, are invited to be a part of the Christmas Pageant. The sign-up sheet is in the parish hall and linked to the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany page of the website.

At 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, the musical prelude for the late service begins. There will be a combination of anthems by the Saint Mark's Choir and Christmas Carols that the congregation will join in singing.

At 11 p.m. is the Festival Celebration of Christmas. This is a Rite II Eucharist with music by the Saint Mark's Choir. We plan to use incense at this service.

On Christmas Morning, there is a Rite II Eucharist with hymns at 10:30 a.m.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Please join us on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 4 p.m. for our annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols. A beloved parish favorite, the service includes music by both the Saint Mark's Choir and the Canterbury Choir. Music will include choral works by Francisco Guerrero, Herbert Howells, Judy Hunnicutt, Ian Kellam, Robert Lehman, Paul Manz, Bruce Saylor, and Charles Wood.

Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully received in support of the Special Music Fund at Saint Mark's.

A reception will follow. Please sign up in the parish hall or on the Saint Mark's website to help with the reception. Please join us, and be sure to invite some friends!

Christmas Pageant

What better way to tell the story of the birth of Jesus than a children's pageant. Saint Mark's Christmas Pageant will be part of the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Eucharist service, which also will feature the Canterbury Choir.

"It is one of my favorite things of the year," said Children's Formation leader Joanne Drew, who helps produce the pageant along with fellow Children's Formation leader Laura Skoracki, Children's Formation assistant Darien McCoy, and some volunteers.

About 20 to 25 children and youth participate, ranging from infants to high-schoolers. Children from outside the parish who are visiting grandparents and the like are welcome to participate and often do. Saint Mark's keeps its production simple, with costumes and some props but not

Massive scripts. "It's not about performance; there are no memorized lines," Laura said. "There aren't a lot of parts with scripts, and those are read from the back of church. You don't have kids in front of the sanctuary trying to perform. It's supposed to be an enjoyable thing; it's Christmas Eve, with kids there is enough stress already."

Participating in the pageant is an important opportunity for children, Pastor Vicki said. "For many children this is the first time telling the story of Jesus and it's important for them to learn to do this. It gives children an opportunity to be a part of the life of the parish."



"I would say that of all the Bible stories, (the birth of Jesus) is the one they know the best," Darien said. For children and their families, the pageant, he said, is "the memory-making service."

Almost always the pageant goes well. Many years a baby plays the role of the infant Jesus and that has worked well, Laura said. Sometimes microphones don't work. And one time a paper dove flew perilously close to the lit candles on the Advent wreath, but nothing went up in flames.

Joanne and Laura said the pageant is a joy and a part of their faith life. "I always enjoy it because there is such a strong sense of community," Laura said. "I don't feel that much stress about it," Joanne said. "We've seen it come together time and time again. It's very magical; it's wonderful."

All children, including visitors, are invited to be a part of the Christmas Pageant. The sign-up sheet is in the parish hall and can be accessed at saintmarkscolumbus.org/christmas-pageant/ or by using this QR code:



ADVENT

Bible Notes: Whose peace?

Bible Notes is an occasional feature by Saint Mark's parishioner Dan Morton.

It is that time of year when we again hear in our liturgy the story of the birth of Jesus as told in Luke 2. What is Luke up to? Zechariah, at the birth of his son John the Baptizer, had sung of a new dawn that would “guide our feet into the way of *peace*.” At Jesus’ birth, angels sang about *peace* on earth. Forty days after Jesus’ birth when he was presented in the Temple in Jerusalem, Old Simeon, holding Jesus in his arms, praised God that he (Simeon) could now “depart in *peace*.”

So, Luke is probably thinking about *peace*. But in what way? The 17th-century English poet John Milton in his *On the Morning of Christ's Nativity* wrote about the birth of Jesus that even “kings sat still with awful eye, / As if they surely knew their sovran Lord was by.” Luke does have a king in mind: the emperor Caesar Augustus who is mentioned in the opening verse of Luke 2. And who was he?

He was Octavian, the adopted son of Julius Caesar. After the civil wars which followed on the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44 BCE, Octavian was the last leader standing. In 31 BCE Octavian merged his power into one-man rule as the Roman Republic became the Roman Empire and he became Caesar Augustus. What does he have to do with *peace*?

The *Ara Pacis Augustae* (Altar of Augustan Peace) in Rome was commissioned in 13 BCE to dedicate the *Pax Romana*, the reign of *peace* in a golden age credited to Augustus from one end of the Empire to the other. A typical first-century inscription from Asia Minor acclaimed the reigning Augustan “good news” (“gospel”) and its version of “truth” in this way: “Divine August Caesar, son of a god, imperator of land and sea, the benefactor and savior of the whole world.” While the *Pax Romana* did enable ease of commerce and travel throughout the Roman Empire (from which the early Christians, among many others, benefited), this was a *peace* established by imperial conquest. The *Pax* was now enforced by the Roman legions, with crucifixion as the remedy for any challengers to the system as Rome wanted it to be..

What, then, is Luke up to? The emperor in far off Rome decrees a census, and a young man and a very pregnant Mary embark from Nazareth on the required journey. . The child is born in a town (Bethlehem) that, as it turns out, is mentioned in an ancient Hebrew prophecy about the coming of a Messiah, a king. Greeting this birth, an angel appears proclaiming to local shepherds, “To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” Joining the angel is then a full angelic choir singing of glory and *peace*.

*“kings sat still with awful eye,
As if they surely knew their
sovran Lord was by.” Milton*

By his reference to “Bethlehem” and the “city of David,” Luke is waking us to a passage from the Old Testament prophet Micah, which is familiar to our ears from the Christmas story we hear in Matthew 2: “But you, Bethlehem of Ephrathah, little among the clans of Judah – from you shall come forth the one who is to rule in Israel.” That is all of Micah that Matthew quotes, but both he and Luke have in mind the broader context as well. A few verses later Micah wrote: “And he [the coming ruler] shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of YHWH, in the majesty of the name of YHWH his God. And they shall live secure, for now *he shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be the man of peace.*” And how was this *peace* to be secured? In the verses that follow in Micah, this coming ruler will rescue his people from foreign oppression. At the time of Micah, it was the Assyrians who were the oppressors of the ancient Israelites, but Luke’s first audience would have had no trouble updating the prophecy to the present oppressor: Rome and its Emperor of *peace* who was great to the ends of the earth.

ADVENT

In Matthew 2 we hear that King Herod – who had provided military aid to Octavian when he was becoming Augustus and was now a client king in Palestine under Augustus – was troubled by the coming of the Wise Men seeking the child who was born a king. It was Herod’s scribes – ordered by the boss to find out where this coming Messiah would be born – who turned up these verses from Micah. And we can be sure they read to Herod the entire passage, not just the verse quoted in Matthew. No doubt if someone had told Augustus what the scribes had read to Herod, he would have been troubled as well. How could there be someone else who shall be great to the ends of the earth and shall be the man of peace? Even “kings sat still with awful eye, / As if they surely knew their sovran Lord was by.”

So now, perhaps, we see a bit more of what Luke is doing. This idyllic pastoral story of Jesus’ birth points us to two kingdoms, destined for competition and each with its own story of glory and peace. We know the end of Luke’s story, of course. In Luke 19 this child Jesus, now a young man, is welcomed into Jerusalem riding on the colt of a donkey with the crowds acclaiming, “Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” A few days later his form of peace is too much for the Temple authorities, and he is arrested and handed over to the Roman governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate – Augustus’s enforcer of his Pax Romana in the faraway troublesome province of Judea. Pilate solves the problem of this challenger by having him crucified. But then in Luke 24 we hear about angels again, now at the empty tomb of Jesus, and – despite those awful-eyed kings – a new kingdom of glory and peace had been achieved. See the risen Jesus explaining to the two on the road to Emmaus how it was “necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory.” Later that same day see him appearing to the disciples gathered behind closed doors in Jerusalem with the greeting, “Peace be with you.”

Whose peace? “King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee . . .” (Hymnal 1982 #382).



Mark Your Calendar!

- Dec. 1: Advent Wreath Making
- Dec. 1 & 8: Youth Group Gift Card Fundraiser
- Dec. 1 to 15: Giving Tree Collection
- Dec. 1, 18, 15 & 22: Friendship Soup Sale
- Dec. 5: Migration Ministries Tour of FESTA
- Dec. 8: A Festival of Lessons and Carols with reception
- Dec. 10: Christmas at the Clock with Canterbury Choir
- Dec. 15: Cookie Walk
- Dec. 22: Gift Card Delivery
- Dec. 24: Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 24: Festival Celebration of Christmas
- Dec. 25: Rite II Eucharist
- Dec. 29: Street Church
- Jan. 6: Epiphany House Blessing

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Annual Cookie Walk

'Tis the season for cookies! Our annual cookie walk will be Sunday, Dec. 15, after each service, so now is the time to start thinking about what you will bake. You also might want to start a list of events for which you will need cookies to serve or gift. For the actual Cookie Walk we need bakers and buyers! You can help in two ways:

1. Bake your favorite holiday cookies and bring them to church on Saturday, Dec. 14, or the morning of Sunday, Dec. 15, and,
2. On Sunday, Dec, 15, purchase an assortment of your favorite cookies at the Cookie Walk.

Cookies will be sold by the pound, so fill your boxes to capacity and help us raise money for Saint Mark's outreach projects. If you would like to volunteer to help with the event, contact Leslie Winters at mslesliewinters@gmail.com.



Mark Your Calendars—Outreach Events

Migration Ministries Tour of FESTA ESL	Dec. 5
Diapers and Spices packing	Dec. 11
Cookie Walk	Dec. 15
Giving Tree	Through Dec. 15
Street Church Meal	Dec. 29
Outreach Summit	Jan. 26, 2025

NNEMAP Food Pantry

December is an active month for food pantries. If you are inclined to donate goods or cash, your gifts will be gratefully received. Food donations may be dropped in the bins located by the entrance to the Parish Hall.

Diapers and Spices: Our last diapers and spices packing day for the year is Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. Many hands make light work, so come and join the fun if you are available. No experience required. Contact Marilyn Karl with questions, mjkarl@yahoo.com.

The Giving Tree: The Giving Tree is located just outside the chapel in the narthex. Grab an ornament or two and buy the designated gifts. A list of suggested gifts is also on the table behind the last pew if you would prefer to have some flexibility. Gifts must be new. Unwrapped gifts should be placed under the tree between Dec. 1 and the morning of Dec. 15. Our gift collection will be delivered to NNE-MAP for their gift shop, which opens Dec. 16.



Gifts for older children are always in short supply, so we try to focus on teens. Grooming supplies, electronics, games, clothing and gift cards are welcome gifts for teens. There will be a separate box by the tree for gift cards. Wrapping supplies also are welcome. The NNEMAP Food Pantry's Christmas store allows pantry patrons to shop for a gift for their child. Last year, gifts were provided for 1,400 children. Volunteers are needed to assist with the store. If you would like to help with set up or staffing of the store contact Roy Clark, director of NNEMAP, at director@nnemappantry.org or call 614-297-0533.

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Street Church

We will make Community Chili for our Dec. 29 commitment to Street Church; the chili can be made in advance and frozen. We will need 15 people to each make a batch of chili and five people to help serve on Dec. 29.

Please look for the sign-up sheet posted in the parish hall along with freezer bags for those who wish to participate in this last Street Church event of 2024. For more information or if you would like to be involved in this important ministry, contact Roberta Morton at notvmorton@gmail.com or 614-268-7021.



Migration Ministries

Merciful God, accompany your people. Lead us into active ways of love for our neighbors who have no place to call home or to lay their heads this night. Clothe us in the armor of light to serve and tend the needs of refugees and all who flee violence. Strengthen us that we may be balm in a wounded world. Today we pray for all refugees who are starting a new life in our country.



On Thursday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m., members of Migration Ministries will tour the Festa ESL program at the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church at Mill Run, in Hilliard. Please contact Elizabeth Anstaett at Oxford4234@aol.com for information if you are interested in joining the group.

In November, Migration Ministries hosted a book talk with Upper Arlington Mayor, City Council member and author Ukeme Awakessien Jeter about her book *Immigrit – How Immigrant Leadership Drives Business Success*. Jeter talked about her immigration experience and the experience of others she knows and how the lived experiences of immigrants give them talents that can translate into better leadership. She answered questions about the immigration process for those who come to the U.S. for education and stay to share their expertise in STEM and other areas. In 2021 Jeter became the first person of color elected to the Upper Arlington City Council. Born in Nigeria, Jeter now lives in Upper Arlington with her two children.

New Outreach Project Ideas?

The Outreach Administration Committee will work on its 2025 budget this month, so this is the time to present any new projects for consideration. The Outreach Administrative Committee can be reached at Outreach@SaintMarksColumbus.org.

January Outreach Summit

The next Outreach Summit will be held Sunday, Jan. 26, following the 10:30 service. The 2025 Outreach budget will be presented for discussion.

Outreach Contact Information

Questions about anything Outreach can be sent to the Outreach Administrative Committee at Outreach@SaintMarksColumbus.org.

PARISH LIFE

Congratulations

David and Barb Hyre are proud to share the birth of their new grandchild. His name is Grant Yeager Streim and was born on Nov. 2 to Katie Hyre Streim and Dan Streim.

Eagle Scout Success

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to my Eagle Scout project at Quarry Trails Metro Park. Thanks to your generous support, I was able to lead a group of scouts, adults and friends to build a lasting entryway for the recently discovered cemetery, completing the project in full. This included the construction of a pergola entryway, a bench and some landscaping. Your donations played a key role in helping me successfully finish my work, culminating in my Eagle Scout Board of Review on November 4, 2024.

This accomplishment wouldn't have been possible without the kindness and generosity of everyone who contributed and supported me. Thank you for helping me reach this incredible milestone!

Alexander Skoracki (pictured below with his finished project)



Tourist in Our Hometown

Our next Tourist in our Hometown event is Sunday, Dec. 15. We meet at the Ohio Statehouse at 1:45 p.m. to join the 2 p.m. public tour.

The tours meet in the map room of the Statehouse, which is near the Third Street Entrance to the Statehouse. There is a parking garage under the Statehouse that is available to the public.

Flower Guild: A Story of Growth

In the beginning, the Flower Guild was responsible for making an altar arrangement on Sundays, Christmas and Easter. They participated in Art in Bloom at the Columbus Art Museum with beautiful and creative arrangements.



Over the years more responsibilities were assigned to the Guild. Three outside flowerpots hold summer flowers and winter evergreens. Three years ago, we added the herb garden to provide fresh herbs for parishioners and neighbors. We also added more planters in the front and in the back of the church and created a biblical garden to attract butterflies around the ark. Occasionally flower arrangements are made for tables during receptions such as Advent Lessons and Carols. Over the years, as the Flower Guild took on more ways to share flowers and plantings, the costs of materials, plants and flowers increased.

It's important to remember that while the flower guild adapted and was flexible to change, it wouldn't have happened without the support and generosity of the congregation. Twice a year, at Christmas and Easter, donations are collected in memory or thanksgiving for people in their lives. Parishioners sponsor the weekly altar flower arrangements to honor their loved ones and these funds help with other Guild expenses. If you are interested in giving money in memory or thanksgiving please contact Diane Hartney, 614-486-0710. Monies to support Christmas poinsettias and flowers will be collected on Dec. 1, 8 and 15. Thank you for your contribution to our work in celebrating God's creation.

PARISH LIFE

Knitting/Needlework Group

Saint Mark's has two knitting/needlework groups. The daytime group meets the first and third Thursdays of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. The evening group meets the second Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Both groups meet in the Canterbury Center.

In December the daytime group will meet Dec. 5 and 19. The evening group will meet Dec. 9. 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 or needlework, we can do that, too.

Canterbury Choir Caroling at Tremont Center

From 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10, the Canterbury



Choir will perform Christmas carols for the annual Christmas by the Clock celebration at Tremont Center (across from the church). Come

out and support our young choristers as they represent Saint Mark's for this fun community event, which features sleigh rides, live reindeer, treats from the Goodie Shop, and an appearance by Santa Claus.

Epiphany House Blessing Save the Date

There is an old practice of blessing homes at Epiphany and chalking the top of the door to remind us that everyone who comes in brings the light of Christ with them and that as we go out into the world, we carry the light of Christ with us.

Pastor Vicki will schedule visits to homes to lead the short prayers of blessing and mark the lintel over the front door of your home with chalk on Epiphany – Jan. 6. The sign-up genius is linked on the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany page of the website. There is also a service that you can use to bless your own home.

Youth Group

On Sunday, Dec. 1, youth group will meet following the 10:30 service for lunch and a trip to an escape room. Youth will be brought back to their homes following the escape room. Mark your calendars for youth group on Jan. 5. We will invite youth-group alumni to join in the fun.

Youth Group Gift Cards Fundraiser

The Youth Group is selling gift cards. We will take orders for gift cards on Sundays, Dec. 1 and 8. Orders will close at noon Dec. 8. We will order the gift cards from an organization that sells them to us at a discount and will distribute them Dec. 22 in time for Christmas gift giving.

In addition to purchasing gift cards for your own use or gift giving, you also can buy gift cards to Target or Walmart to donate to the Giving Tree or buy cards to fast-food restaurants to donate to Star House. This is a way to support both the youth group and some of our Outreach ministries.

Canterbury Choir Friendship Soup Sale

The return of fall weather means the return of the Canterbury Choir's friendship soup sale!



The Canterbury Choir will be selling jars of friendship soup mix during fellowship hour in the Parish Hall after 10:30 services on Sundays from through December 22..

The soup mixes make excellent holiday gifts for friends and family, as well as great appreciation gifts for teachers, students, babysitters, etc. The cost is \$7 for a pint size or \$10 for a quart.

Proceeds benefit the Canterbury Choir Fund, which supports the training and enrichment of the choir.

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.*

BIRTHDAYS

Mary	Kirkey	12/1	Jeremiah	Warren	12/12
Chance	Parson	12/1	Erika	Haupt	12/13
Cora	Silliman	12/2	Greg	Smith	12/13
Sheila	Millard	12/4	Edward	Lasseigne	12/14
Andrew	Neckers	12/4	Waymon	McLeskey	12/17
Ted	Meyers	12/5	Karen	Swartz	12/19
Carol	Zubovich	12/5	Matthew	Scott	12/22
Anne	Fields	12/6	Craig	Zimpher	12/28
Bruce	Johnson	12/6	Kathryn	Conklin	12/28
Jill	Hinton	12/6	Roman	Skoracki	12/30
Ted	Keller	12/10	Beth	Hylton	12/30
Ty	Payne	12/10	Ken	Yeager	12/30
Noelle	Sicuro	12/10	Katie	Hyre	12/31
Atley Anne	McIntire	12/11			

Prayer List Refresh

Prayer unites us in times of joy and challenges. To help ensure we are actively supporting each other, it is a custom at Saint Mark’s to refresh the parish prayer list at Advent. If you have an existing prayer request that you would like to carry over or a new pastoral concern you would like to add, you may do so by calling the parish office (614) 486-9452, emailing Pastor Vicki (rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org), or by submitting a request online at www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/prayer-request.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Larry Anderson	Lynn Klemesrud
Judy Babcock	Sylvia Martin
Sue Barna	John Mogan
Stuart Brace	Melinda Myers
Ted Carey	Randy S. & Family
Anna Dougherty	David Silliman
Anice Ellis	Mark Wood
Gary Garber	Leo
Andrew German	Steven, Katie & Caroline
Ashley Groholski	Deliman
Patrick Hreachmack	

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.

Member Care

Saint Mark’s has an active member care ministry which provides meals to members who are recovering from illness or surgery, caring for a family member who is ill, welcoming a new baby, or just having difficulty making healthy meals themselves. Please contact Michele Johnson (michelelbjohnson@gmail.com) if you know of someone who could use some help with meals or if you are interested in volunteering to help provide some meals.

Support Groups

Saint Mark’s provides meeting space for AA and AI Anon in the parish hall on the following days and times:

- Sundays, 8 p.m. AA Open Group
- Mondays, 5:30 p.m. AA Men’s Group
- Mondays, 7 p.m. AA Open Group
- Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. AI Anon Group
- Tuesdays, 11 a.m., All Anon Small Meeting
- Thursdays, 6:15 & 8 p.m. AA Open Group

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.

For details on all services, meetings and events go to:
www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/Calendar

Worship and Formation		
Holy Eucharist Rite I: 8 a.m.	Sundays	Sanctuary
Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:30 a.m.	Sundays	Sanctuary
A Festival of Lessons & Carols: 4 p.m.	Dec. 8	Sanctuary
Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist: 5 p.m.	Dec. 24	Sanctuary
Solemn Holy Eucharist for the Eve of the Nativity: 10:30 p.m.	Dec. 24	Sanctuary
Christmas Day Service: 10:30 a.m.	Dec. 25	Sanctuary
Adult Formation: 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.	Dec. 8	Parish Hall
Children's Formation: 10:30 a.m.	Dec. 8, 15, 22 & 29	Children's Formation Area
Contemplative prayer: Tuesday, 6:15 p.m.	Dec, 10	Bishops Library
Stephen Ministers: 12 p.m.	Dec. 15	Canterbury Center
Sisters in Faith: Monday, 7 p.m.	Dec. 16	Canterbury Center
Columbus Clergy Bible Study: 1:30 p.m.	Dec. 3, 10 & 17	Canterbury Center
Rector's Day Off: all day	Fridays	
Parish Life and Vestry		
Youth Group: Sunday, after 10:30 a.m. service	Dec. 1	Parish Hall
Vestry meeting: Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	Dec. 3	Canterbury Center
Daytime Knitting & Stitching: Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m.	Dec. 5 & 19	Canterbury Center
Tourist in Our Hometown: Ohio Statehouse Tour, 2 p.m.	Dec. 15	Meet in Map Room at Statehouse, 1:45 p.m.
Epistle Deadline for January issue	Dec. 15	
Evening Knitting & Stitching: Monday, 6:30 to 8 p.m.	Dec. 9	Canterbury Center
Canterbury Choir Practice, 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 4, 11 & 18	Sanctuary
Saint Mark's Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.	Thursdays	Sanctuary
Outreach Ministries		
Diapers & Spices: Wednesday, 10 a.m.	Dec. 11	Parish Hall
Cookie Walk: between and after services	Dec. 15	Parish Hall
Street Church: after 10:30 a.m. service	Dec. 29	Parish Hall
Community Events		
Cub Scout meeting: 5:30 p.m.	Tuesdays	Parish Hall
Christmas at the Clock: Tuesday, 6 p.m.	Dec. 10	Tremont Center



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