



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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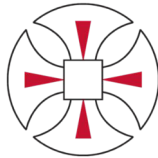


75TH ANNIVERSARY
SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



A Summer of Celebration





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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.

Parish Life

Herb Garden

The wooden planters out side of the office door have been planted with a variety of herbs. There are several varieties of basil, thyme, cilantro, chives, rosemary and parsley.

The herbs will be ready for cutting starting in mid-June. There are baskets at each end with plastic bags and scissors.

You are invited to take home herbs for your summer cooking.



Farmers Market

The Upper Arlington Farmers Market takes place on Dorset Road in front of Saint Mark's every Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m.

We open the church and invite people in to use the bathrooms and cool off.

There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall and on the website if you would like to be a part of the welcome team.

Summer Vacations

Melanie Jacobs, our office manager, will be on vacation the week of June 1 – 5.

Pastor Vicki will be on vacation the week of June 16-22.

Be aware the office hours may be more random during those weeks.

4th of July

4th of July Float!

The float committee is excited to announce our plans for the 75th Anniversary Float the Saint Mark's will enter in the Upper Arlington 4th of July parade this year.

The parade theme is "Ohio's Greatest Hits". Our float will include our church steeple and the Saint Mark's lion.

We need lots of help in various ways over the next few weeks. We will need riders as well as walkers to accompany our float – the route is 2 miles long. We plan to rotate riders, walkers, as well as banner carriers. We need at least 6 banner carriers so they can take turns leading our float and engaging the crowds!

We will need people to create decorations and to help decorate the float the day before the parade. We plan to have 2 decorating workshops (June 14 and June 28) after church to make the decorations. The June 14th will be from 1pm to 3pm, and June 28th will be from 1pm to 5pm. This will be a great time to gather for conversation, memory sharing, and memory making!! All ages are welcome to help build the decorations.

We will also gather the day before the parade (July 3rd, time to be determined) to actually put everything together and decorate the trailer

We also need drivers who will be at the end of the parade to drive people back to their cars.

Please look out for sign up sheets in the Parish Hall as well as SignUp Genius to volunteer.

And...we will have 75th anniversary TEE SHIRTS!!!

We will have be gathering names of people interested in purchasing tee shirts along with sizes, and we will have the logo and a sample tee shirt to show. The shirts need to be ordered by mid-June, so we will be at the coffee hours (both between services and after 10:30) gathering names. The shirts will cost \$15. We will also be providing a link to the "interest sheet" in the upcoming This Week at Saint Mark's emails.

This is going to be so much fun!!

Fireworks

Saint Mark's Patio and Front Lawn provide some of the best views of the Upper Arlington 4th of July Fireworks show.

We will open the doors of the parish hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the 4th. We will cook hot dogs on the grill and maybe make some popcorn.

The fireworks start at 10 p.m. Bring a chair and come and join.

The church will be open for bathroom access until about 30 minutes after the fireworks end.



On the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence it is good to take time to pray and reflect.

On the arched bookcase in the parish hall and on the Faith at Home page of the website there is a booklet of prayers for the nation paired with writings from the history of our nation.

Capital Campaign Update

All of the HVAC replacement work in the main church building is scheduled to be completed the first week of June.

This is one of the first priorities of the capital campaign. This project has involved replacing the main boiler in the church, and all of the heating and air conditioning units that serve the nave, the narthex, the parish hall, the education building and classrooms. It has also included adding a heating unit to the entry area outside the kitchen, a heating and air conditioning unit to the kitchen and replacing the large water heater that served the kitchen with a tankless, on demand system.

Another of the first priority projects of the capital campaign was addressing the propensity of the gutter system for the nave to create ice dams which caused leaks into the nave. A system for heating the gutters and drain pipes has been installed. It can be turned on by a switch in the closet in the chapel and should solve that problem.

Another of the first priority projects is addressing deferred maintenance on the panels of the Bell Tower, which has been allowing water to get into the building. We have entered into a contract with SteepleUSA to do this work and are looking at a time frame of between late July and mid-September for that work to be completed. We have received a \$50,000 grant from the Trustees of the Church Foundation of the Diocese of Southern Ohio towards the \$270,000 cost of this project.

The remaining first priority project is repair or replacement of the flat roofs around the campus. Progressive Roofing is inspecting those roofs and preparing a report on the work that needs to be done.

We will begin looking at the second priority projects of renovating the bathrooms across the campus, addressing the lighting in the parish hall and painting the parish hall and narthex and addressing the deterioration of the wall between the Memorial Garden and the wild flower garden in 2027.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Capital Campaign, you can do that by putting a check or cash in the offering plate labeled for the Capital Campaign or through the Give page of the website.



One of the new HVAC compressors is lifted into place on the roof of the education building.

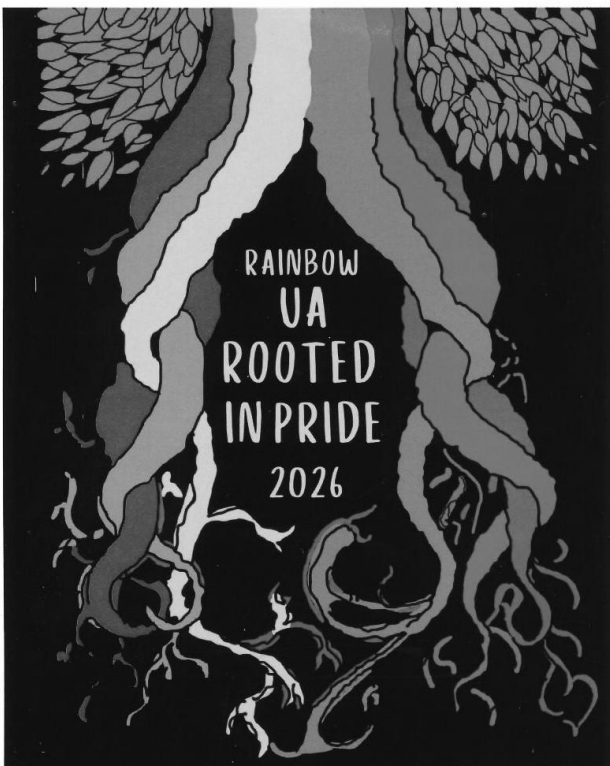
Pride Events

PRIDE Mass 2026

The Episcopal Churches of Central Ohio invite you:

June 11, 6:30 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church on Capitol Square
125 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215



RAINBOW **UA**

June 28, 2026, 1-5 pm

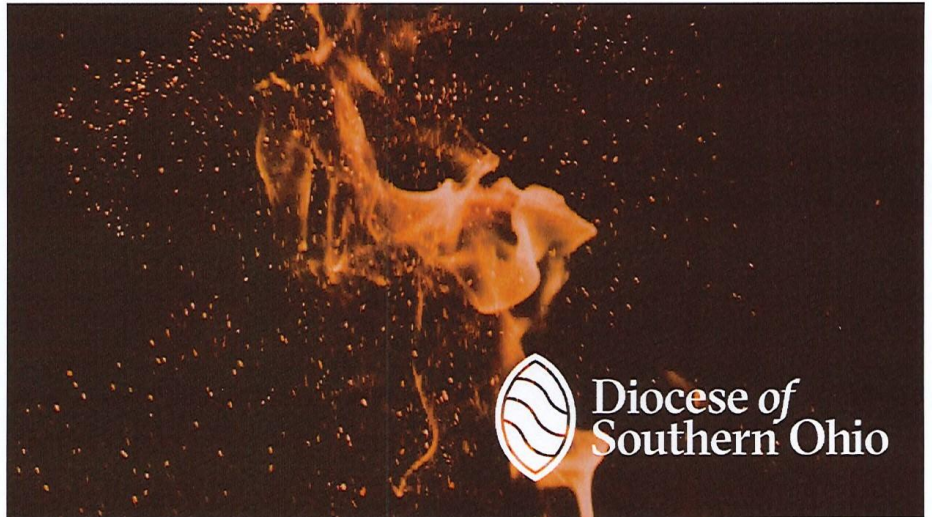
Sunny 95 Park & the Amelita Mirolo barn

Saint Mark's is a sponsor of Rainbow UA's Pride Festival.

Come out and join the fun. Stop by the Saint Mark's table and show support for the LGBTQIA+ community in Upper Arlington.

The Diocese of Southern Ohio is having a presence both in the Columbus Pride March on Saturday June 20 at 10:30 a.m. and at the Columbus Pride Festival Friday June 19 from 4 to 10 p.m. and Saturday June 20 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Welcome The Rev. MaryJane Plote



By the Grace of God and with the consent of the People,

The Rt. Rev. Kristin Uffelman White

Tenth Bishop of Southern Ohio
will ordain

The Rev. MaryJane Plote

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church

on

Tuesday, July 28th, 2026
at 6:00 pm

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
2151 Dorset Rd. Columbus, OH 43221
saintmarkscolumbus.org

Your prayers and presence are requested.

A livestream will be available and shared to
the **Diocese of Southern Ohio Facebook Page**.

A reception will follow the service.

Clergy are invited to vest and process (choir dress with red stoles).

The Rev. MaryJane Plote is joining Saint Mark's as our curate on July 1.

On the table in the back of the church is a basket with "Welcome to Saint Mark's" note cards.

Take one and write a note welcoming Mary Jane to Saint Mark's and return it to the basket.

We will gather them after church on June 28 and have them ready to welcome MaryJane on her first day.

We will be asking for help with the reception for Mother MaryJane's ordination later in the summer.

Scenes from the Culture and Artisans Fair



One of the artisans creates a henna tatoo.



Jania Murphy of Peru makes and sells crochet characters large and small at her business Dachi & Me.



Artisans show their creations to customers at the 4th annual Culture and Artisans Fair on May 2.

Outreach

Vinton County School Bag Drive

The 2026-2027 school year will start in mid-August for the students in Vinton Co. Beginning the school year with new school supplies gives students a strong start to the school year. Many Vinton County families cannot afford to buy new supplies for their children forcing them to make do with used or no supplies.

Saint Mark's will once-again be filling in some of this gap by packing 200 bookbags with new school supplies. Our school supply drive will be held during the month of July. Packing the school bags will be done Sunday August 2 after the 10:30 service.

If you would like to participate in the collection, you may either: 1) take a bag and supply list from the table that will be in the parish hall, shop and return the filled bag, or 2) take a bag and put a \$20.00 donation in the bag and return it (we'll do the shopping for you), or 3) go to the Saint Mark's website where the list will be posted, and order online. Bags and lists will be available beginning on Sunday June 14.

Every bag filled brings a smile to a child's face as they get ready to return to school. If you would like help deliver bags to Vinton County on August 3 please talk with Lynn Glandon or Barb Keyes. Thank you for helping the families of Vinton County.



Migration Ministries

The next meetings of Migration Ministries will be Tuesday August 25 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. If you have questions or would like the Zoom link, please contact Elizabeth Anstaett (oxford4234@aol.com).

If you are interested in ways to help our immigrant neighbors, scroll down to the bottom of the Saint Mark's website for information.

Outreach Contact Information

Questions about anything Outreach can be sent to the Outreach Administrative Committee (outreach@saintmarkscolumbus.org).

The Outreach Administrative Committee members are Leslie Winters, George Knight, Ellen Berndt, Melanie Tepley and Vestry Liaison, Nicole Moon-Koharik.

Outreach

NNEMAP Food Pantry

Saint Marks continues to support the NNEMAP food pantry for Franklin County residents experiencing food insecurity.

NNEMAP is hosting A Taste of German Village on June 14 from 1 to 4 PM. The location is 671 South High Street (Grange Insurance property). Tickets are \$100 to help support the food pantry. Some of the participating restaurants are Barcelona, Bendi's, Cento Italiano, Lindy's, plus many more. You can buy tickets through the NNEMAP website, wefeedcbus.org or you can buy tickets at the door.

Diapers & Spices: Our diapers and spices packing days are Wednesdays June 10 and July 8 at 10:00 a.m. We will meet in the Parish Hall. Many hands make light work, so come and join the fun if you are available. No experience required! Please contact Marilyn Karl with any questions (mjkarl@yahoo.com).

The Top Golf event to "Drive Out Hunger" was great fun! The Saint Mark's team raised over \$600 to support the food pantry.

For questions about general volunteering at NNEMAP, please contact Bill Karl (mrbill.karl@gmail.com)

Street Church Meals

We are pleased to report that the Outreach Administrative Committee agreed to make a cash contribution of \$300 to St. John's in recognition of the 20th Anniversary of its Street Church ministry.

By the time you read this we will probably have served our May 31 Street Church meal of pasta casseroles. Thank you to all who baked casseroles as well as those who planned and contributed fruit, eggs, and packed and served the meal.

Although it seems like a long way off, our next meal commitment is on Sunday July 19. Interested volunteers should contact Roberta Morton.

A special thank you to those who continue to provide fruit for the Street Church meals every 4th Sunday. Saint John's is very appreciative of your efforts and contributions.

For further information on Saint Mark's partnership with St. John's Columbus, please contact Roberta Morton at 614-268-7021 (notvmorton@gmail.com).



Mark Your Calendars!

Diapers and Spices packing	June 10 and July 8
St. John's Street Church	July 19
NNEMAP Taste of German Village	June 14
Vinton County School Supply Drive	July
Migration Ministry Meeting	August 25

BIRTHDAYS

Brett Alexander	June 1	Emma Moll	July 23
Kelly Kelleher	June 1	Rebecca Handley	July 26
Gerardo Benito	June 3	Mathias Thompson	July 27
Robert Tannous	June 4	Barbara Hyre	July 31
Susie Hodson	June 6		
Bill Karl	June 7		
Henry Markwardt	June 7		
Kate Hauswirth	June 8		
Carrie Barno	June 9		
Jackie Nicol	June 9		
Jim Getz	June 11		
Dot Yeager	June 12		
Nyna Hess	June 15		
David Hyre	June 15		
Betty Grace Barker	June 17		
Margretta Russo	June 18		
Check Sechler	June 20		
William Dunlap	June 21		
Ryan Handley	June 21		
Alexander Skoracki	June 21		
Larry Anderson	June 22		
Cindy Deliman	June 22		
Cynthia Alexander	June 24		
Monserath Benito	June 25		
Linda Jones	June 25		
Dwight Anstaett	June 26		
Christopher Keller	June 26		
Kaitlyn Barno	June 27		
Joanne Drew	June 27		
Anna Iams	June 28		
Casey Keller	June 29		
Bruce Smith	June 30		
Lucia Findley	July 4		
Vicki Linville	July 8		
Gretchen Hirsch	July 11		
Noretta Weese	July 11		
Victoria Zubovich	July 11		
Kelly Olmstead	July 12		
Ben Keller	July 14		
Liz Richmond	July 15		
Kellen Silliman	July 15		
Elisa Bester	July 16		
Jodi Hess	July 20		
Andi Waller	July 20		
Chloe Boeglin	July 21		
Bev Dunkel	July 21		

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Terry Bowman
 Ted Carey
 Anna Dougherty
 Hannah Dugan
 The English Family
 The Flynn Family
 Judith Grant
 Carolyn Gunther
 Patrick Hreachmack
 The Ibarra-Benito Family
 The Karcher Family
 Brad Klemsrud
 Lynn Klemsrud
 The Karcher Family
 Sylvia Martin
 Marta Mojzer
 Chris and Harmony Morgan
 Joe Nowark
 Amy Schreffler
 Paul St. Germain
 Audrey Trotier
 Greg Wittmer
 Angela
 Anna, Jose and Family
 Diane
 Florence
 Mark & Margo

If you have people you would like add to the
 prayer list please let Melanie Jacobs know.
 (officemanager@saintmarkscolumbus.org)

Support Groups

Saint Mark's provides meeting space for AA and
 Al 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. Al-Anon Group
 Tuesdays, 11 a.m., Al -Anon Small Meeting
 Thursdays, 6:15 & 8 p.m. AA Open Group
 Fridays, 8 p.m. AA Open Group

Worship, Music & Formation		
Holy Eucharist Rite I 8 a.m.	Sundays	Sanctuary
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30 a.m.	Sundays	Sanctuary
Sisters in Faith: Monday 7 p.m.	June 15 & July 20	Canterbury Center
Rector's Day Off: all day	Fridays	
Columbus Pride Mass	June 11	Trinity Church
Parish Life and Vestry		
Vestry: 7:30 p.m.	June 9	Canterbury Center
UA Farmers Market 3 – 6:30 p.m.	Wednesdays	Dorset Road
Daytime Knitting Group: 1 p.m.	June 4 & 18	Canterbury Center
Contemplative Prayer 6 p.m.	June 9 & July 14	Bishop's Library
4 th of July Float Workshops	June 14 & 28	
UA Pride	June 28	Suny 95 Park
Outreach Ministries		
Diapers & Spices: Wednesday 10 a.m.	June 10 & July 8	Parish Hall
NNEMAP Taste of German Village	June 14	
Street Church	July 19	
Migration Ministry 7 p.m.	August 25	Zoom



Visit saintmarkscolumbus.org for a full calendar of events & activities



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SCHOOL SUPPLY WISHLIST

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- Pencils
 - Erasers
 - Glue sticks
 - Crayons
 - Markers
 - Colored pencils
 - Highlighters
 - Scissors
 - Spiral notebooks
 - Loose leaf paper
 - Folders
 - Rulers
 - Pencil cases
 - Hand sanitizer

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