This morning’s gospel gives us a tale of the disciples with Jesus sailing on the Sea of Galilee. The Galilee region in Israel was the site of eighty percent of Christ’s ministry and where he performed the vast majority of his miracles. It’s not a large region, and sea so often referred to as a “lake” instead. It has gone by many names over the years—Kininneret, Gennesaret, Ginosar, Tiberious, Minya, most depending on the language spoken and who controlled the country at the time. Here’s a fun fact—when Saint Mark’s pilgrims were there in October we learned that the capacity of a first century fishing boat like the one we hear about in today’s gospel could hold two men and 1.5 tons of fish—or serve as a ferry for thirteen men. That’s twelve disciples and Jesus—all fitting in a boat together. What does that do to the twelve tribes of Israel as a metaphorical number? Just a thought.

My friends we gather this morning to celebrate another year together in the “fishing boat” that is Saint Mark’s family—seeking, serving, and supporting one another along our journey. We are blessed with a remarkable crew, not the least of which are the lay leadership on every level—from our senior warden Dot Yeager and junior warden Scott Milburn, to our Vestry, our treasurer Phil Glandon, numerous volunteers from the finance office to Altar Guild, an amazing choir, a caring and supportive staff, and the list goes on and on.

I would commend Dot’s warden’s report to everyone for the highlights of 2018. It was a busy and faith-filled year. The scouts constructed an ark—after which it promptly rained and the roofs started leaking (go figure—but more about that in the months to come) and a number of new hospitality events were launched.

These included the incredibly well attended New Member Brunch—but I’ll let Joanne Drew and Julie Moll take credit for those (please read their report as well).

During Lent last year we tried livestreaming Morning Prayer on Wednesdays from the Chapel of Reconciliation. It was so well received that the experiment will continue again this year. Our music program continues to thrive—be sure to get the details in Matthew Bester’s excellent report.

Saint Mark’s also became the “base camp” for the Jr. Explorers of Upper Arlington. So many people have commented how wonderful it is to see so many children about. They are most often here in the early mornings and late afternoon and often are out on explorations such as to the zoo or the park or library. Several church families participate in their programs, and some “explorers” come to our Wednesday evening program (see Christopher’s report) and participated in the Christmas pageant last year (that was a record number thanks to Laura Skoracki and Irina Reed). We all know that more people mean more logistical and facilities challenges, yet with patience we work on each challenge as it presents itself.

2018 was also a year of profound loss. Our beloved deacon, Joan Maynard, left us after bravely facing—as CS Lewis would say—her “Last Battle”. She joins dear Joy Sargent and a large number of other parishioners whom our hearts remember and now are in the nearer presence of their Lord.

Losses are hard. They challenge us in unexpected ways. In tabulating our parish records this year, it was difficult looking back over the last ten years to see attendance numbers slowly dip.
Associate Rector’s Report

It was not until I began putting together my report for this year that I realize I didn’t submit a report last year. Instead, I gave the Annual Address in Paul’s absence. Because of this, my report for this year will cover two years of ministry.

Parish Life

There have been a number of significant changes to my ministry here over the past two years. The most notable of these changes is probably the addition of Wednesday Dinners to my weekly schedule. I wrote an article about them for the October Epistle, so I won’t say much about them here other than that they serve as a wonderful opportunity for intergenerational fellowship and formation.

Another notable change is the discontinuation of my “Out of Office” office hours. Unfortunately, they conflicted with my responsibilities during the Wednesday Dinners, and there simply was not another day or time that reasonably worked with the rest of my schedule. I reevaluate my schedule at least once a month to see if there is a way to get back to Crimson Cup on a regular basis, but I have yet to find a way that wouldn’t mean sacrificing some other ministry.

Another unfortunate change was the absence of young adult meetings. These meetings fell away as an unintended consequence of my focus being drawn elsewhere. I am currently in the process of reaching out to young adults in the congregation and hope to reboot these meetings in 2019.

For Lent last year, I once again organized Lent Madness at Saint Mark’s. I also added a Lenten Resource page to our website offering multiple options for individuals or families to take on during Lent, broken down by the approximate amount of time each would take. Another addition to Lent last year was the live streaming of Morning Prayer. This practice will be brought back for Lent this year, and we are exploring how we might do something similar at other times of the year.

The most recent change in my ministry here has been the creation of and involvement with the Columbus Area Youth Events. Youth leaders from Episcopal Churches in the Greater Columbus Metropolitan Area have gathered together to host bimonthly youth events. This first year of working together will culminate in a Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Atlanta, Selma, and Montgomery.

Diocesan Life

In July, I was the chaplain for Family Camp at Procter. I also visited Procter multiple times over the summer to see different parishioners who attended other camp sessions. I have spoken before about how amazing this camp is and what a wonderful resource it is for us, so I will not go on at length about it here. I’ll just say that, if you haven’t spent some time at Procter, you are really missing out.

Personal Development

The biggest development in my life outside of church is that my wife and I bought our first house at the end of November. We are slowly adjusting to the subtle realities of being homeowners, but we are very excited to have a beautiful house we can call our home and in which we can raise our son.
The year 2018 was another exciting and eventful year for music at Saint Mark’s. The adult choir has been pleased to welcome several new members and welcome back a couple of returning members. The choir continues to sing at a high level every week, and I am profoundly grateful for their hard work and dedication. I am especially thankful for the essential contributions of our section leaders (Margaret Wells, Heather Chute, Steve Barker, and Jacob Conrad), by whose leadership, artistry, and expertise our volunteer singers are empowered to sing at their very best. I also am exceedingly grateful for the collaboration of our Assistant Director of Music and Organist Tyler Robertson, whose incredible talent and expertise at the organ make it possible for the choir to sing the greatest masterpieces of the choral tradition at the highest level.

Highlights of the year for the adult choir included numerous special events. The choir sang a beautiful service of Choral Evensong in March, with canticles by William Byrd, responses by Kevin Jones, and anthems by Johannes Brahms and Evil Hovland. In May, the choir concluded its season with a thrilling service of Choral Eucharist, which featured the exquisite Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo by Franz Joseph Haydn. This past November, the choir sang its annual service of Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints, with canticles by Herbert Sumson, responses by Richard Shephard, and anthems by Edgar Bainton and Tomás Luis de Victoria. In December the choir joined forces with the Canterbury Choir for our beloved Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols, with music by Ola Gjeilo, Francisco Guerrero, Gustav Holst, Ian Kellam, Robert Lehman, and Paul Manz. The choir also contributed beautiful music to special services such as Ash Wednesday, the Holy Week liturgies, and Christmas Eve.

The Canterbury Choir has had an outstanding year. The group routinely sings difficult anthems for treble choir, often in two or more parts, and it is a joy to work with them. The choir is blessed with a strong peer leadership group, led by Head Choristers Hannah M. and Lukas S. A highlight of the year came in April, when the Canterbury Choir was thrilled to participate in a special Treble Church Choir Festival at First Congregational Church in downtown Columbus. The choir joined youth choirs from four other area churches, totaling nearly 100 singers. During the weekend, the choristers worked with renowned choral director Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, Immediate Past Artistic Director of The American Boychoir, who served as Guest Conductor of the festival. The weekend concluded with a public concert at First Congregational Church on Saturday, April 14, during which the Canterbury Choir sang two selections by itself and joined the combined choir for four other pieces. Other special events included a beautiful service of Choral Evensong in May as well as their contributions to our Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols in December. I could not ask for a more supportive and engaged group of parents, led by our superb choir moms, Joanne Drew and Wendy Hauswirth.

For all our special events throughout the year, we have been blessed by the helpful assistance of hospitality volunteers (led by Joanne Drew and Julie Moll), ushers, readers, vergers, and acolytes, to whom I am very grateful for their essential contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Bester
OUTREACH NEWS

The Outreach Ministry normally meets on the second Sunday of the month in the Canterbury Center right after church. We would love to have anyone join us. Our agenda reviews our current projects and proposes future plans, so you will be “in the loop!” A visit does not imply a commitment in terms of volunteering, but we would hope you might help us spread the word about the work we are asked to do in the world.

Our goal is to attend to international, national, regional, and local projects. Locally, we hope to be helping hands, feet on the ground. We do not wish to be the proverbial Lady Bountiful, but joined together to bring hope in the form of food, housing, and encouragement. That, in turn, inspires us. Contact Marilyn Smith or Pat Iams if you would like more information.

New Position-Volunteer Coordinator

As we have grown, so has the volume of work at NNEMAP. Scheduling our volunteers, recruiting volunteers, working with companies to bring groups to volunteer is very time consuming. We are working on a job description which will be sent to you when complete. We hope to have the person on board by April 1st. This will be a part time position, and will also work at the pantry with our volunteers, training new ones, and getting needed new information to everyone. If you have candidates, please contact me at director@nnemappantry.org.

Volunteer Luncheon is planned for Saturday, April 27 at Northwest Christian Church

This is the 50th anniversary for NNEMAP. While our luncheons have always been great fun, our Network is making plans to make it a very memorable event. Final plans are not complete, and will be sent to you as they are. We would love any ideas for musical talent for the event. Let us know if you have ideas!

Harmony For Hunger

We are set for Friday, November 15th at 7:30 for our next benefit concert to be held at Stonybrook United Methodist Church. Our featured talent will be the Columbus Children’s Choir. We have heard tremendous things from those who have heard them. We are very excited. Your Choir Directors will be contacted in the next few weeks for possible participants in this years’ concert!

Current Needs in the Pantry: canned meats/tuna, dog food, cat food, and toilet paper. Please note: other hygiene items are always low! We always need dental items, razors, and shampoo. We can also use feminine hygiene items.

CRITICAL NEED FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS

At this time of year everything at NNEMAP seems to be in short supply. From pet food, to bread, to drinks and especially personal hygiene items, are all in need of fulfilling. NNEMAP will be able to buy drinks, bread and food items through Mid Ohio food bank, They are not able financially to keep personal hygiene items stocked.

There is a critical need for the following items: shampoo, soap, deodorant, tooth brushes and tooth paste, lotion, razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products and dental products. The shelves for these items have been empty for most of this winter.

The Outreach committee is asking for your help in this area. There a couple of ways you could help. 1) buy several of these items individually and bring them to the outreach table, 2) pick up a bag from the Outreach table that has the list of needed items on the front. Fill it and bring it to church, or 3) write a check and we will do the shopping for you!

We are dedicating the month of March as personal hygiene month for NNEMAP. If you are able to help in this area please bring items to the Outreach table any time during the month of March. Nothing is better than being able to be clean in the middle of a long cold winter.

Questions can be directed to Bill Karl, Jill Hinton or Barb Keyes. Thank you in advance for all you do for our friends at NNEMAP!
Please join in the group that is going to Broad and Central on Sunday, March 31 to help serve a meal to the con-
gregants of St. John’s Street Church ministry. If you'd like to help, please contact the office (614-486-9452 or
OfficeManager@SaintMarksColumbus.org). This hands-on ministry is one way that you can deepen and share your
faith in this Lenten Season.

ST. JOHN’S TOWN STREET DINNER
January 30th was certainly the coldest night we have ever served a dinner but it certainly didn’t stop us. We had
close to 65, mostly men, fewer women and probably 2-3 children. We were fortunate to have an extremely
supportive crew who prepared, served and cleaned up in record time. Thanks goes to: Park & Craig Zimpher, Bill
& Marilyn Karl, Barb & Dave Hyre, Roberta Morton, Pat & Mara & Minjae Iams, Annabelle Leibowitz, Barb Keyes,
Dianne Silliman, Bob Zicht, Maggie Grosso and Cullie Rechner. What a crew! April 17th is our next date! Mark
your calendars! Thanks! Sally Rechner

THE SHAN JUBILEE
Come join a gathering of Faith Communities to pray, educate, respond to the challenges of human trafficking in
Central Ohio and celebrate the work done by the service agencies and volunteers who seek to abolish human
trafficking. March 30, 2019 from 6:30-8:00pm at Veritas Community Church (345 Second Avenue Columbus, Ohio)
for more info: info@shehasaname.org or speak to Jim Keyes.

SAINT MARK’S CELEBRATES A BEQUEST FROM JOHN & LYNNE MUSKOFF
We are excited to announce the receipt of an unrestricted gift from the Estate of John Muskoff in the amount of
$336,090.71. John and Lynne Muskoff were long time members of Saint Mark’s from the 1970s through the
1990s. Clearly they continued to hold a very warm spot in their hearts for our parish until their passing.

A committee was formed for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Vestry for the use of the funds. That committee was: The Rector, Wardens, Treasurer, Ellen Berndt, Anne Davidson, Pat Iams, Dan Morton, Bill Ryan, Bill Silliman, Marilyn Smith, and Jay Wilcox. The Vestry unanimously approved the recommendation of the committee which was to use the funds as follows:

• 10% or $33,610 for Outreach as the Outreach Committee deems appropriate
• $150,000 to be held in the Trinity Guild fund to cover critically needed building repairs in 2019 or shortly thereafter.
• Approximately $34,500 to repay the balance of the bridge loan from the Endowment Fund
for the completion of the organ.
• The balance of the bequest or approximately $117,981 to be held in the Major Projects Fund
at the Columbus Foundation to be used at the discretion of the Vestry for major projects but
only with the affirmative vote of a super majority of 80% of the members of the Vestry.

This gift from the Muskoffs is an incredible blessing to our parish at a time when we have some critical needs. We
hope that others will feel inspired by this gift to remember Saint Mark’s during their estate planning. Thanks be to
God!
God Moment #42
Two Black Dogs Lost, Then Found

Please meet Lucy and Grady.
Lucy lives with Barb and me. Grady lives with our daughter Catherine and her husband Dennis. We spent last weekend together at Lakeside, a vacation community near Marblehead. At this time of year, very few people are there.

Around nine Friday evening, Lucy and Grady got loose and took off running. Luckily, these two dogs tend to stay together wherever they happen to be.
So our search of Lakeside began – in cars and on foot. There we were, looking for two black dogs in the dark. No luck what-so-ever doing that.

Then the God Moment happened.
After about an hour and a half, Catherine received a call from the Marblehead Police Dept. The dogs were there. The police discovered that each dog has a chip and collar tags with addresses and collar tags with contact numbers.

Turns out a young man named Dave had stopped when he saw them, and they immediately jumped in his truck. This happened about a mile or so from Lakeside.
The police asked: “Did you lose a dog?”
Of course, she had.
“Did you lose a second dog?” Logical question: the dog tags have different addresses and telephone numbers. Grady lives in Cincinnati. Lucy lives in Columbus.

Catherine picked up Lucy and Grady and brought them home.
During all the driving, looking for and yelling the dogs’ names, the four of us were quite at a loss about what was going to happen when we had to face the idea that both were gone.

And then, I remembered what I knew about God Moments: (1) they cannot be planned; (2) they can be prayed for.

On that Friday night at Lakeside, God, with help from Dave and the Marblehead Police, offered us one of His moments.

If you would like to share your God Moment, please contact the office (OfficeManager@SaintMarksColumbus.org).
IN AND AROUND SAINT MARK’S

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Just a reminder to “spring ahead” for Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 10. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour!

ERD LENTEN MEDITATIONS
Episcopal Relief & Development 2019 Lenten Meditations booklets are available outside the chapel. Pick one up to guide you spiritually through this Lenten season.

ANNOUNCING THE 5TH EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY
Friday evening, March 29th at the Ohio Theater. Featuring Auditorium by Mason Bates & MOZART’S REQUIEM. Ticket prices will be $50 per person and will include food and beverages at a 6:00 p.m. reception in the Galbreath Pavilion, as well as orchestra seating for the concert which begins at 8:00 p.m. The price for the reception only is $20 per person (if you already have your tickets). Please send a check for the full amount, along with the names of those in your party to The Rev. Bruce Smith, 627 Yaronia Dr N. Columbus, OH 43214, and include your email address. DEADLINE for reservations and payment is March 15th. Envelopes with your concert tickets, beverage tickets and name tags should be picked up on the evening of the performance in the lobby of the Galbraith Pavilion no earlier than 6pm.

BRIDGE CLUB
The Saint Mark’s Bridge Club is looking for men and women to join our bridge group that meets the second Wednesday of each month from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Bring a sandwich along and coffee and tea will be available. Come join the fellowship and fun for a relaxing afternoon! Contact the office if interested.

SAINT MARK’S MEMBER CARE
Saint Mark’s Member Care ministry provides meals to parishioners who are in need of some help due to illness, recovery, or other situations. If you or someone you know could use some help with meals, please speak to Michele Johnson. We have a team of parishioners who are happy to serve in this way.

We also have a New Baby ministry which provides a welcoming rose and muffins to families with a new baby in the house. If you know of a family with a new baby, please speak to Robbie Hurley with this information. In addition, if you are interested in helping with either meals or the new baby ministry, please contact Michele Johnson or Robbie Hurley.

STEPHEN MINISTRY
Saint Mark’s has a very active group of 14 Stephen Ministers: Jodi Hess, Andi Waller, Phil Glandon, Barb Wiseman, Craig Zimpher, Craig Tuthill, Lou Lenz, Martha Belury, Dan Morton, Roberta Morton, Karen Gebhart, Sam Sleel, Jackie Nicol, Joanne Drew, who provide visits to members who are struggling with illness, grief, loss of a job, or any of a variety of difficulties in life. Our Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders meet twice a month in small groups to support each other in this ministry as well as meeting regularly with their care receivers. We recently welcomed 4 new Stephen Ministers who were commissioned during a Sunday morning church service. We also enjoyed a social get together with each other in November. If you are interested in knowing more about the Stephen Ministry program please talk with one of our Stephen Leaders or with Paul or Christopher. Saint Mark’s is very fortunate to have such dedicated and caring parishioners for this ministry.

APRIL 2019 EPISTLE DEADLINE
The deadline to submit all news, photos, and articles to the office (OfficeManager@SaintMarksColumbus.org) is March 25, 2019, 12 Noon. Volunteers will fold the April Epistle on Thursday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the Canterbury Center.
IN AND AROUND SAINT MARK’S

PARISH HALL CHAIRS TO RETIRE—AND THEIR SUCCESSORS NEED YOUR HELP!
After several decades of dedicated service in the Parish Hall the chairs are destined for retirement from active use. A small committee was formed a few months ago to assess the viability of continuing to clean them annually, reupholster, or replace. It was decided to replace the chairs with comfortable, un-upholstered chairs that can be easily cleaned from beverage spills. The color is appropriately named: coffee. It coordinates well with the base color of the pew cushions and they are easily stackable, as well as being wider. Some chairs will have arms for our more “seasoned” parishioners and guests.

How can we all help?
We need to replace up to 100 chairs. Each new chairs costs $175. The Vestry has decided to ask parishioners who are able to donate funds for one or two chairs®. We hope to place the order soon—so a check made out the church marked “chair fund” would be greatly appreciated. Checks may be mailed to the office—2151 Dorset Rd 43221, put in the collection plate, or funds transferred electronically through the church website.

* Donors will, of course, have a large plaque on the back their chair with a name or phrase of their choice, and gain exclusive rights to position their chair where they wish at all events, as well as eject people who may be in their chair using a ceremonial wet noodle and consign chair violators to a corner to consume last week’s cookies (which were left uncovered for days) and drink only weak, instant coffee with artificial creamers and NO sweetener. (!!!)

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS
It’s March and time again to begin preparing for Easter. An important part of that celebration are the flowers at the altar and around the sanctuary. Contributions in memory of or in celebration of loved ones defray the cost of decorating the church for Palm Sunday and Easter. In addition to flowers in the church, contributions to the Flower Guild provide some of the funds needed for outdoor plantings in the yard during the summer as well as the patio pots. Again this year we will have special envelopes in the pews to receive your donations. The envelopes also have a space on the back for you to write your designation. They can be placed in the offering plate or in the familiar box in the Parish Hall on March 31st, April 7th, or April 14th. Contributions in any amount are welcome and very much appreciated. Please make checks payable to Saint Mark’s with Flower Guild written on the memo line.

WELCOME KNITTERS
(AND OTHER NEEDLEWORK ENTHUSIASTS)
The Saint Mark’s Knitting Circle meets the first and third Thursday of each month in members’ homes. We meet from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM to work on prayer shawls, baptism blankets and lap blankets for church members and others in need. We are also knitting scarves, hats, and other warm apparel to distribute to the community in the fall and winter. We welcome knitters of all ability levels including beginners! Anyone who is interested in this ministry, please contact the office for further information.

SACRED CONVERSATIONS EVENT: SAVE THE DATE
Dancers, poets, composers, ceramists, actors and musicians: In a documentary entitled “Let Our Loss Be Heard.” Come watch the video, then join the discussion led by Joan Ferrante of Northern Kentucky University on April 6, 2019, 1-4pm at Saint Philips Episcopal Church (166 Woodland Avenue Columbus, 43203). Cost is $15 to attend. Sponsored by Sacred Conversations. For more information speak to Nadya Richardson.
Birthdays are not included in Saint Mark’s online version of this publication to ensure privacy of our parishioners.

**Youth**

**Children’s Formation**
It is time for Spring Cleaning in the Children's Sunday School area. Please look through our lost and found and claim your items. All unclaimed items will be given to the donation center at the end of March.

**Acolyte Training**
An acolyte training session will be held on Sunday, March 3, immediately following the 10:30 service. This training session will be a refresher course for all of our current acolytes as well anyone in grades 6 - 12 who would like to explore the acolyte ministry. Please contact Christopher Richardson (AssociateRector@SaintMarksColumbus.org) if you have any questions.

**Procter Summer Camp 2019**
Camp open house is May 4, 2019. A schedule of summer camp sessions is below. Please visit ProcterCenter.org/Camp for more information.

- June 7-9: Leaders-in-Training
- June 14-16: Family Camp 1
- June 17-22: Youth Camp 1: 3rd-9th Grade
- June 24-29: Youth Camp 2: Senior High
- July 5-7: Family Camp 2: Sagrada Familia
- July 11-14: Family Camp 3
- July 15-20: Camp RISE Grief Camp
- July 22-27: Youth Camp 3: 3rd - 9th Grade
- July 31-August 3: Family Camp 4

**Nursery Help Needed**
If you love children and want to participate in a vital ministry at Saint Mark's, please consider becoming an adult volunteer in our Nursery. If we can have 2 or 3 more people joining our current 'crew', then your commitment would probably be about once per month.

We particularly encourage those families who use the nursery regularly to participate in this ministry if you are not already serving elsewhere at Saint Mark’s on Sunday mornings. Even if you are an older parishioner, these youngest members of our Saint Mark’s community will energize and delight you.

Remembering Jesus’ call to "Let the little children come to Me", please prayerfully consider whether this ministry is something you are called to do.

Please contact the office if you are interested.
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**Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, March 6**

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return..."

- **7:30 a.m.** The Holy Eucharist with Administration of Ashes
- **8:00 a.m.** Morning Prayer livestreamed from the Chapel of Reconciliation
- **12:00 noon** The Holy Eucharist with Administration of Ashes
- **7:30 p.m.** The Holy Eucharist with Administration of Ashes

*Music by Saint Mark’s Choir*

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**Preacher:**
- Christopher C. Richardson
  - 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
  - 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
  - 9:30 AM Adult Formation
  - 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
  - 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour
  - 11:30 AM Acolyte Training
  - 4:00 PM Choral Even Song with the Saint Mark’s Choir
  - 8:00 PM AA Groups

**Rector’s Day Off**
- 8:00 AM Jr. Explorer Club
- 5:30 PM AA - Men’s Group

**4 March**
- 8:00 AM Jr. Explorer Club
- 9:30 AM Al-Anon
- 10:30 AM Saint Mark’s Staff Meeting and Luncheon
- 6:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

**5 March**
- Ash Wednesday
  - 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Administration of Ashes
  - 8:00 AM Jr. Explorer Club
  - 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
  - 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Administration of Ashes
  - 4:30 PM Canterbury Choir Rehearsal
  - 5:30 PM Wednesday Evenings at St. Mark’s
  - 7:30 PM Holy Eucharist with Administration of Ashes

**6 March**
- 8:00 AM Jr. Explorer Club
- 1:00 PM knitting Group
- 6:15 PM AA
- 7:30 PM Saint Mark’s Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 PM AA

**7 March**
- Associate Rector’s Day Off
- Lenten Retreat
- 8:00 AM Jr. Explorer Club
- 1:00 PM Chair Volleyball
- 8:00 PM AA Groups

**8 March**
- Lenten Retreat
- 9:30 AM OA
- 12:00 PM Altar & Flower Guild Set-Up

**9 March**
- 8:00 AM Jr. Explorer Club
- 8:00 AM Jr. Explorer Club
- 1:00 PM Chair Volleyball
- 8:00 PM AA Groups

**10 March**
- Preacher:
  - Paul St. Germain
  - Daylight Savings Time Starts
  - 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
  - 9:30 AM Adult Formation
  - 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
  - 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Saint Mark’s Choir
  - 10:30 AM Sunday School
  - 11:30 AM Fellowship Hour
  - 11:30 AM Outreach Meeting
  - 12:00 PM Youth Group
  - 8:00 PM AA Groups

**11 March**
- 8:00 AM Jr. Explorer Club
- 9:00 AM University Women’s Club Luncheon
- 5:30 PM AA - Men’s Group

**12 March**
- 8:00 AM Jr. Explorer Club
- 9:30 AM Al-Anon
- 10:30 AM Saint Mark’s Staff Meeting and Luncheon
- 12:30 PM Noonday Book Group
- 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting
- 7:00 PM Sacred Conversations

**13 March**
- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 8:00 AM Jr. Explorer Club
- 1:20 PM Noonday Eucharist
- 1:20 PM Bridge Club
- 1:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting
- 4:30 PM Canterbury Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Evenings at St. Mark’s

**14 March**
- 8:00 AM Jr. Explorer Club
- 10:00 AM CATCH Court Prep
- 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting
- 6:15 PM AA
- 7:30 PM Saint Mark’s Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 PM AA

**15 March**
- Associate Rector’s Day Off
- 8:00 AM Jr. Explorer Club
- 1:00 PM Chair Volleyball
- 8:00 PM AA Groups

**16 March**
- 9:30 AM OA
- 12:00 PM Altar & Flower Guild Set-Up
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Lent at Saint Mark’s 2019

During the season of Lent, a number of offerings for spiritual disciplines and growth will be made available on many platforms. Access them via the Saint Mark’s website: http://www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/lenten-disciplines/

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
The Mark’s Men will be serving up an All-Parish Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m.! There is no cost to attend, however, donations to cover costs will be accepted.

Discover Pysanka!

Wednesdays in Lent (3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, and 4/10)
We will explore the art and process of decorating a Ukrainian Easter egg, which is called a “pysanka”. These eggs, or psyanky, are decorated with motifs and colors with deep, symbolic meaning, such as wishes of love, protection, fecundity, or peace, are created to be given to family members and respected outsiders. Decorating pysanky is a multi-step, contemplative process most appropriate for ages 8 and up with adult supervision. A similar, age-appropriate Lenten activity will be provided for young children (ages 4-7) and the nursery will be staffed for very young children (infant to age 3). Please sign-up on the Fellowship Kiosk so that we know how many supplies to have available. For more information contact the office (OfficeManager@SaintMarksColumbus.org).

Ancient Faith - Open Minds
Every Wednesday in Lent, Saint Mark’s will lead the ancient tradition of Morning Prayer. These services will begin at 8:00 am in the Chapel of Reconciliation. The first service will be on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and will include a time for the Imposition of Ashes. We will continue these services through the Wednesday of Holy Week. Information on how to watch these videos will be available on our website as well as our Facebook page. http://www.facebook.com/saintmarkscolumbus.

Lent Madness 2019
The Saintly Smackdown is back!
With its unique blend of competition, learning, and humor, Lent Madness allows participants to be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saintly souls across generations and cultures. Throughout Lent, thirty-two saints will do battle to win the coveted Golden Halo. Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament of a similar name, this online devotion pits saints against one another in a bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout this penitential season. This year Lent Madness features an intriguing slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical.

Saint Mark’s will offer two, non-exclusive ways to participate. The first, just play and learn about saints throughout the Lenten Season. The second, play, learn about saints, AND, for $5.00 an entry, participate in the SMLM (Saint Mark’s Lent Madness) Pool! Pool winner(s) will earn the right to designate funds to one of Saint Mark’s Special Ministry Funds. SMLM Brackets are due in by Ash Wednesday (March 6). If you miss the Ash Wednesday pay to play deadline, however, or decide to play late, there will be a 4 day grace period. Pay to play completed brackets will be accepted through Sunday, March 10, for $10. Brackets are available in the Parish Hall for those interested in participating or you can visit www.lentmadness.org to print out a bracket.
Part of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Saint Mark’s held its first worship service in 1951 in a converted Methodist church in Grandview. Ground was broken in 1953 for the Parish Hall (now the Education Building) where services were held until the current Nave and Sanctuary was completed in 1958. Office space in an adjacent building was purchased in 1989. Major renovations of the entire facility occurred in 2004 and 2008 creating a campus today that empowers Christ’s ministry within and beyond our parish.