The warm glow of candles once again adorned the Chancel of a Service of Light was held in the Taizé tradition. Held during one of the darkest time of the year, the Service of Light serves to remind us as that even as the days begin to lighten, the true light of the world has come to us through Jesus Christ.

Some people ask: “What is Taizé?”

“The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic fraternity in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is composed of more than one hundred brothers, from Catholic and Protestant traditions, who originate from about thirty countries across the world. It was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schütz, a Reformed Protestant. Guidelines for the community’s life are contained in The Rule of Taizé written by Brother Roger and first published in French in 1954.

Taizé has become one of the world’s most important sites of Christian pilgrimage, with a focus on youth. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make pilgrimages to Taizé each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing, and communal work. Through the community’s ecumenical outlook, they are encouraged to live in the spirit of kindness, simplicity and reconciliation.

The community's church, the Church of Reconciliation, was inaugurated on 6 August 1962. It was designed by a Taizé member and architect, Brother Denis. Young Germans from Action Reconciliation Service for Peace, created for reconciliation after World War II, assumed the work of building it. Owing to the founder's commitment, since its inception the community has evolved into an important site for Catholic–Lutheran ecumenism” and welcomes people of all denominations.¹

This Epiphany, and before the introspection of Lent falls upon us, let us re-discover the way God’s light shines though all of us. Let us bring that light into the darkest places in our world. Let us also grow in strength as we encounter it in others—knowing that wherever we go God is with us—and a light shines in which the darkness shall never overcome.

When I was a kid, I took dance lessons at Straub Dance Studio. I started with a year of ballet, then did six years of tap. The last two years of tap, I also did jazz. I stopped taking dance lessons when I was in elementary school, but I found myself back at Straub in high school to help with dance performances during the Best of the Best Ohio School Awards Gala. Eventually, Straub Dance Studio would split, and I stayed with my dance instructor at the newly formed Generations Performing Arts Center. Dancing was a huge part of my formative years, so it should come as no surprise how thrilled I am that Malachi is now enrolled in a dance class. The joy goes deeper, though.

Not only is Malachi enrolled in a dance class, he’s taking lessons at Generations Performing Arts Center, and his instructor is the little sister of someone I danced with when I was his age. On Monday evenings, I find myself sitting in the same waiting room my parents sat in while I was in class. The best part of all of this is Malachi’s excitement. He will tell anyone (and everyone) that he’s getting ready for Hip Hop for Tots.

As we are now a month into 2020 (and what seems like a century of divisive rhetoric, and political posturing), this weekly joy is a beacon of light for me. At the end of the day, I know that my son has something to look forward to, and I have hopes that something that has meant so much to me will come to have great meaning from him as well. As I reflect on this, I can’t help but wonder, what is something that was important for you when you were younger that you would like to pass on to the next generation?

This is not a rhetorical question. I genuinely want to know what were you passionate about as a child or teenager that would give you joy to see children and teenagers passionate about today. It doesn’t have to be just one thing, either. I think our society would be in a much better place if we focused more on what we can give the generations that come after us than lamenting that the things we loved when we were younger seem to be going away.

As we get ready for the season of Lent, I encourage you to think of ways you could give a gift of your passion to the youngest generations. Find ways to lift them up and make this world a better place for them through the joy you share.
Canterbury Choir Returning to Treblefest in Cleveland
The Canterbury Choir is delighted to participate again in the 2020 celebration of Treblefest, a festival for children’s choirs held each year at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Cleveland. This year’s festival will take place on Saturday, February 29. The choir will travel to Cleveland the day before and spend all day Saturday rehearsing with this year’s clinician, Todd Wilson, who is the Director of Music at Trinity Cathedral. The festival will conclude with a service of Choral Evensong on Saturday afternoon at Trinity Cathedral, with Bishop Hollingsworth of the Diocese of Ohio officiating. Music will include canticles by Edward Bairstow, responses by Todd Wilson, anthems by Peter Hurford and John Ireland, a psalm in Anglican chant, and two hymns with descant. We look forward to sharing much of this beautiful music with our Saint Mark’s family throughout the coming months, including at our own year-end service of Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 17.

Ohio State University Symphonic Choir Concert on February 23
Saint Mark’s will host a special concert by the OSU Symphonic Choir on Sunday, February 23, at 4 p.m. Our outstanding Organist and Assistant Director of Music, Tyler Robertson, serves as Assistant Conductor and Graduate Teaching Associate for this fine collegiate ensemble. Tyler will conduct the first half of the program, presenting settings of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis written by living American composers. He also will present a lecture on these pieces immediately before the concert (3:40 p.m.). Admission is free! Please join us, and invite some friends.

Ash Wednesday
The Saint Mark’s Choir will sing for the 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 26. Music will include Aaron Copland’s haunting anthem “Have Mercy on Us, O My Lord” and Ned Rorem’s beautiful “Lay Up for Yourselves.” Join us as we begin anew the journey of a holy Lent.

Choral Evensong on March 1
The Saint Mark’s Choir will lead a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday, March 1, at 4 p.m. (organ voluntary beginning at 3:45). Music will include the lovely Short Service by Orlando Gibbons, responses by Jamie Hite, and anthems by Felix Mendelssohn and Stephen Paulus. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted in support of the Saint Mark’s Choir’s 2021 residency at Wells Cathedral, England. A reception will follow. Don’t miss this beautiful and inspiring service!
“There are no great things to be done, only small things to be done with great love.” Mother Theresa

OUTREACH MINISTRY MEETINGS
The Saint Mark’s Outreach Ministry meets the second Sunday of every month after the 10:30 service. Please join us to listen and participate. We welcome you!

ST. JOHN’S STREET CHURCH
Many thanks to those who participated in the December 29th Street Church meal with St. John’s.

Many hands helped put the pulled pork sandwiches together after the 10:30 service at St. Marks.

Pam Thurston purchased the fruit and Anice Ellis obtained a donation for hard boiled eggs. Servings of Cole Slaw rounded out the meal.

Mark Drew spent many hours cooking and preparing the pork. The Drew family (Mark, Joanne, Fred and Matilda) joined the congregants at Broad and Central. Elizabeth Anstaett, Sally and Cully Rechner, Pam Thurston and Dan and Roberta Morton also joined in the serving on a rainy afternoon.

The meal was very well received and the hope is that many people felt hope and blessings for this new year through the generosity of St. Mark’s congregants helping our brothers and sisters at St. John’s Town Street.

If you’d like to be a part of this vital ministry in Franklinton, please contact the office or anyone on the Outreach Committee. Our next meal is scheduled for March 29, 2020.

ST. JOHN’S DINNERS
St. Mark’s Outreach travels to St. John’s regularly to cook and serve dinner to the Franklinton neighborhood. In 2020, we will go on 2/12, 3/11, 10/14, and 11/11. A shift for set-up and cooking starts at about 4 p.m., while a second shift for serving and clean-up starts around 6 p.m. Mark your calendar, and, if you are willing to help, contact the office. We serve between 50 and 100 people.

NNEMAP
NNEMAP is a food pantry located on the south side of the Fairgrounds. About eight parishioners volunteer at the pantry. As you know, St. Mark’s regularly collects food in the entryway of the church, and we periodically collect special items needed by the folks at the pantry: Personal Care items, Christmas gifts for NNEMAP children (via the Giving Tree). If you wish to participate, contact the office.

A Year in Review for NNEMAP
Once again NNEMAP was able to serve even more families and family members than ever before. Thanks to the ongoing support of our churches and Foundations, we continued our path toward finding ways to be there when our neighbors need us. Here are our results:

- Family Visits - 17,338, 1,144 over last year
- Fam. Members - 58,526 +7086
- Meals Provided - 526,731

Thanks to all of our volunteers who are there everyday to meet our neighbors and to serve their needs!

Our Christmas Shoppe Was an Incredible gift to our Community
For the second year we were able to partner with Linden Life Fellowship, a nearby church, to host our Christmas Shoppe. As we have grown, we needed another larger space to appropriately display our gifts and make the shopping experience more enjoyable. Thankfully, you all came through with gifts, cards, holiday wrap, and volunteers to give 231 families gifts for 731 children. We had such favorable feedback from our neighbors about their experience at our Christmas Shoppe! Thanks to all who shopped, volunteered, and donated! It made a difference to so many!

Current Needs in the Pantry: Toilet paper, canned green beans and corn, dog and cat food, and cereal.
February is national dental health month. St. Mark's will be collecting dental health products for the clients that use NNEMAP. Toothbrushes (adult and children's sizes) toothpaste, dental floss are in high demand.

Many of you contributed some of these items during our collection of personal rooming kits in Oct. Since that time the bins for these items have been empty more often that full. While we routinely keep these items on hand for our families, many of our client families go without these items in an effort to make their limited funds stretch the furthest. You can't imagine how happy it makes someone to have a new toothbrush or some toothpaste! To our clients, these are luxuries they can't afford.

We would like to collect 100 toothbrushes and 100 large tubes of toothpaste during the month of February. If you would like to help with this collection please bring your items during the month and place them in the Outreach basket in the parish hall. If you have questions or concerns please see Bill Karl or Barb Keyes. Put a bright smile on someone's face!

**From the Parish Register**

**We celebrate the following births:**
Abigail Louise W., daughter of Margaret and Bill W., was born January 9, 2020. Welcome, Abigail!

Miles Frederick W., son of Erin and Greg W., was born January 1, 2020 in Richmond, Virginia. Proud grandparents are Dianne and Bill Silliman.

**We celebrate recent new members:**
Rachel, Steven, Ava and Zoe E. who join us from St Paul’s, Dayton.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER is a new printed project to enhance communication among parishioners. It comes from a long standing tradition in the Church of England where certain public records were officially recorded in the great ledgers of their parish church. You can sign up for weekly email updates about Saint Mark’s on our website www.saintmarks columbus.org, click on “Join Our Mailing List.”

**Parish Related News**

**Congratulations:**
To Jane Kraskel as she celebrates her 90th birthday!! Many more healthy years to you, Jane!

PARISH RELATED NEWS reprises the tradition at Saint Mark’s to share important information that may be of interest to members of the parish. If you know of the birth or marriage of someone related to the parish (but not a member as recorded in the parish register), a job change, retirement, achievement, student news, etc, we invite you to share it with us(and with the permission of the individuals involved, of course!) so we may pass along the good news. Information may be sent to the Parish Office at 614-486-9452 or officemanager@saintmarks columbus.org.
ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
11:30 A.M. IN THE PARISH HALL
The Annual Report will be distributed to those individuals, couples, and families attending. Attendees will vote on Vestry Nominees and Convention Delegates. The annual budget will be presented. Refreshments will be provided.

MARCH EPISTLE DEADLINE
The deadline to submit all news, photos, and articles to the office (OfficeManager@SaintMarksColumbus.org) is February 24th by 12 Noon. Volunteers will prepare the March Epistle for mailing on Thursday, February 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the Canterbury Center.

Saint Mark’s Annual Special Formation Events: A Film Series
Highlighting Upcoming Church Events and Discovering “Christ in Culture”
Celebrating Saint Mark’s new “Underbury Theatre” (below the Canterbury Center Conference Room)
Last Sunday of Every Month at 3:00. Popcorn!

February 23:
Film: “The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe” - based on the classic by C.S Lewis

March 29:
Film: “The Return of the King” - part I - based on the classic by J.R.R. Tolkien

April 26:
Film: “The Return of the King” - part II - based on the classic by J.R.R. Tolkien

May 31:
Film: “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” - based on the classic by J.K. Rowling

Dear St. Mark’s family,
Before you know it, the Nave and Chancel of the church will be turned into a theatre to present the Tony award nominated show "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"! This is the 50-year anniversary of this musical first being performed in the United States. With lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, this family-friendly production tells the story of the great dreamer, Joseph, from the book of Genesis in a most entertaining way.

We are advertising this show to the greater Upper Arlington area, among schools and churches, in order to attract performers from throughout the community. We also hope to have a good representation of talent and volunteers from St. Mark’s. There are many opportunities available to take part in this, and many hands are needed! If you would like to do something "behind the scenes" we need people to help with mailings, costume design, set design and other logistics. If you would like to be involved in the actual show, there are roles from small to large available. The first "get acquainted" rehearsal will be on February 15.

Check out our "Joseph" website at www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/joseph for much more information. You can also get there by visiting the "Music" page on the St. Mark’s website. If you want to take part, please fill out an interest form so we know of your desire to do so. Any questions can be emailed to joseph@saintmarkscolumbus.org, or just talk to Tyler or Paul in person. This will be a grand event--don't miss your chance to join in!
Thank you to all who so generously gave to our Christmas Flower Memorials. The money was used not only to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas, but also for the winter flower pots outside the front door and along the Parish hall windows, and also for the Memorial Garden. Please take a look if you haven’t already. Thank you again for your generosity.

Diane Hartney, Saint Mark’s Flower Guild

SAVE THE DATE
“DREAM ON, JOSEPH” - The Joseph Saga in Genesis
Led by The Rev. Bruce Smith
Priest Associate, St. James, Clintonville

CLASS SCHEDULE: April 26 – June 14, 2020

Sunday, April 26 - Introduction to the Joseph Saga in Genesis
Sunday, May 3 - Genesis 37-40: Joseph, the Slave
Sunday May 10 - Genesis 41-45: Joseph & his Brothers in Egypt
Sunday, May 17 - Genesis 46-50: Joseph & his Father
Sunday, May 24 - Matthew 1:18 – 2:23: Matthew’s Joseph & his Dreams

Over the next 2 weeks, reread the Joseph Saga – Genesis 37-50

Sunday, May 31 - Pentecost – No class – Fr. Bruce at St. James
Sunday, June 7 - Trinity Sunday – “Joseph Weekend” – No class – Enjoy the Show!
Sunday, June 14 - Course Wrap-Up – Comparing Biblical Story with Musical

The Saint Mark’s Migration Ministries Committee has been busy gathering information about what the needs are and resources that are available in the Columbus area to support our immigrant neighbors. Many committee members recently attended a workshop presented by CRIS (Community Refugee & Immigration Service), which is a non-profit organization serving the refugee and immigrant populations in Central Ohio. They provide a wide array of programs and services aimed to facilitate sustained self-sufficiency and successful integration into the community.

We are also continuing to work with our National Church by participating in workshops and webinars to educate ourselves about how to respond to the humanitarian needs across our country.

Our Committee is discerning how Saint Mark’s might participate as we live out our call to Love God, Love Neighbor. Everyone is welcome to join us in this journey by attending our meetings, held on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Canterbury Room following the 10:30 service. For additional information please contact the office.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS
If you are interested in helping around the office occasionally with various administrative tasks, please reach out to Melanie Jacobs at OfficeManager@SaintMarksColumbus.org or 614-486-9452. Thank you!

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.
Lou and Peter Lenz recently remodeled their family room. Among other things, they ordered new furniture. Delivery was scheduled for November, 2019.

The old furniture included a sofa and easy chair. Each was upholstered in leather and was very soft and lounge-like. But they needed furniture that would easy to get in-and-out of.

A furniture store gave them a list of companies that would pick up the old furniture and deliver to a charity. Both pieces were in good shape and would be a good service to another family. Lou and Peter selected The Salvation Army.

Later, three Salvation Army workers arrived. Then they took photos of the units. Then they decided they could not take the furniture.

Peter, who is an architect, was working with a small church in the North Linden area. He asked the pastor: “Do you know anyone in your congregation who could use this furniture?”

The Pastor replied: “I do, indeed.”

Turns out he and his girlfriend recently were engaged to be married and planning to set up housekeeping in their own home.

Later, the Pastor and his fiancé arrived with a pickup truck and loaded the furniture.

Then Lou, Peter, the pastor and his girlfriend had a nice chat and enjoyed helping the new couple get their new home ready.

God Moment #47
Helping newly-weds set up housekeeping

SAVE THE DATE

ANNOUNCING THE 6TH
EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE SYMPHONY
FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 17TH, 2020
AT THE
OHIO THEATER

BEETHOVEN’S NINTH SYMPHONY WITH ORCHESTRA & CHORUS

Yes, it’s that time again. We have reserved 100 orchestra seats at the Ohio Theater for the 6th Episcopal Night at the Symphony. The evening will begin at 5:30pm with a reception on the 4th floor of the Galbreath Pavilion at the Theatre, with sandwiches, salads, cookies, etc. We also expect Conductor Rossen Milanov and/or Chorus Director Ronald Jenkins to talk with us about the program. The concert begins at 7:30pm (Please note the change in times!) As always, if you already have tickets to this concert, you are more than welcome to reserve tickets to the Reception for a reduced rate OR exchange your tickets for another Orchestra concert and purchase our complete package. That way you can sit with friends from your congregation.

Since our costs have been increased by $10 per ticket, we will have to make some changes in our pricing. To keep the cost of ticket package at a reasonable, we will be moving to a cash bar for alcoholic beverages but will continue to provide beverage tickets for bottled water and soft drinks. The bar bill has always been the biggest variable in our net costs. The full package will cost $55.00 per person. The reception only package will be $25 per person

So, watch for the formal invitation in your e-mail boxes next month!

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Bruce Smith  Steve Knorr
St. James, Clintonville  St. Andrew’s, Pickerington
2020 PRAYER RETREAT

Be Still and Know that I am God.
– Psalm 46:10

St. Mark’s will host a prayer retreat March 20-22, during Lent. The retreat will be devoted to the practice of “contemplative prayer.” Thomas Merton has described centering prayer as a method of meditation used by Christians that places a strong emphasis on interior silence. The goal of the retreat is to create a space for structured prayer and reflection where we may also gain knowledge about the practice to bring back to our regular church life.

The retreat will feature insights from four speakers who help us to investigate the broad range of options in a contemplative prayer practice. Speakers include:

- The Rev. Karl Stevens, an Episcopal priest and artist
- Episcopal Oblate, Suzanne Olmstead, the co-founder of the worldwide organization “Lay Cistercians,” which, among other things, does spiritual work with hospice patients.
- And finally, we will meet Lisa Bueche and Connie Frecker, for an “Introduction to the Enneagram” workshop. For more on this, go to www.Enneagram-ohio.com.

In addition to the speakers, we will have ample time to pray, and to discuss the role of prayer in Episcopal life and in our own personal lives. The experience promises to be an enriching and rewarding one.

The retreat is open to both men and women and will be held at the beautiful Transfiguration Spirituality Center (Episcopal) in Cincinnati, beginning with arrival at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 20 and ending after Eucharist and breakfast on Sunday, March 22. Each participant will be housed in their own single room in the facility’s newly renovated Beth-Anna building. All meals are prepared with locally grown, fresh ingredients including free trade coffee, snacks and tea throughout the day. The building features a peaceful ambiance appointed with shared baths, a full kitchen and dining room, a large living room with a working fireplace. The entire facility, including its gardens and labyrinth, is conducive to spiritual reflection and awareness of God. Here one can really feel the “peace which passes all understanding.”

Please bring a notebook and pen with you to the retreat. To register, please contact Dot Yeager, seniorwarden-en@stmarkscolumbus.org. Cost is $200 per person, which covers two night’s lodging, speaker stipends and all meals. Checks may be made out to Saint Mark’s, Lent Retreat, and payment is requested at time of registration, on or before February 29, 2019. Space is limited. For more information about the center, see their website at: https://ctretreats.org/index.php

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February Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Birthdays are not included in Saint Mark’s online version of this publication to ensure privacy of our parishioners.
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**Preacher:**
- *Sunday, February 2nd*: Rector’s Day Off  
  8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
  9:30 AM Adult Formation  
  10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Canterbury Choir  
  11:30 AM Fellowship Hour  
  8:00 PM AA Groups
- *Monday, February 3rd*: Jr Explorer Club  
  5:30 PM AA - Men’s Group
- *Tuesday, February 4th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  8:00 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  9:30 AM Al-Anon  
  6:15 PM Eating Disorders Anonymous  
  7:00 PM Vestry Meeting
- *Wednesday, February 5th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  10:30 AM Saint Mark’s Staff Meeting and Lunch  
  12:00 PM Noonday Eucharist  
  4:30 PM Canterbury Choir Rehearsal  
  5:30 PM Wonderful Wednesdays at Saint Mark’s  
  7:20 PM Compline  
  7:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Group
- *Thursday, February 6th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  8:00 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  10:30 AM Holy Eucharist at Friendship Village  
  1:00 PM Knitting Group  
  6:15 PM AA  
  7:30 PM Saint Mark’s Choir Rehearsal  
  8:00 PM AA
- *Friday, February 7th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  9:30 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
  1:00 PM Chair Volleyball  
  4:30 PM Friends of Early Music in Columbus Board Meeting  
  8:00 PM AA Groups
- *Saturday, February 8th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  8:00 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
  1:00 PM Chair Volleyball  
  4:30 PM Friends of Early Music in Columbus Board Meeting  
  8:00 PM AA Groups

**Preacher:**
- *February 9th*: Paul St. Germain  
  8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
  9:30 AM Adult Formation  
  10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/ Saint Mark’s Choir  
  10:30 AM Sunday School  
  11:30 AM Annual Parish Celebration & Fellowship Hour  
  11:30 AM Outreach Meeting  
  8:00 PM AA Groups
- *February 10th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  5:30 PM AA - Men’s Group
- *February 11th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  8:00 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  9:30 AM Al-Anon  
  10:30 AM Saint Mark’s Staff Meeting and Lunch  
  12:30 PM Noonday Book Group  
  6:15 PM Eating Disorders Anonymous
- *February 12th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  8:00 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  9:30 AM Al-Anon  
  12:00 PM Noonday Eucharist  
  1:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting  
  4:00 PM St. John’s Dinner  
  4:30 PM Canterbury Choir Rehearsal  
  5:30 PM Wonderful Wednesdays at Saint Mark’s  
  7:20 PM Compline
- *February 13th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  8:00 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting  
  6:15 PM AA  
  7:30 PM Saint Mark’s Choir Rehearsal  
  8:00 PM AA
- *February 14th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  8:00 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  1:00 PM Chair Volleyball  
  8:00 PM AA Groups
- *February 15th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  8:00 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  9:00 AM Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Rehearsal  
  9:30 AM OA  
  12:00 PM Altar & Flower Guild Set-Up

**Preacher:**
- *February 16th*: Christopher C. Richardson  
  8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
  9:30 AM Adult Formation  
  10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Canterbury Choir  
  11:30 AM Fellowship Hour  
  8:00 PM AA Groups
- *February 17th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  5:30 PM AA - Men’s Group
- *February 18th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  8:00 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  9:30 AM Al-Anon  
  6:15 PM Eating Disorders Anonymous  
  7:00 PM Vestry Meeting
- *February 19th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  10:30 AM Saint Mark’s Staff Meeting and Lunch  
  12:00 PM Noonday Eucharist  
  4:30 PM Canterbury Choir Rehearsal  
  5:30 PM Wonderful Wednesdays at Saint Mark’s  
  7:20 PM Compline  
  7:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Group
- *February 20th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  8:00 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  10:30 AM Holy Eucharist at Friendship Village  
  1:00 PM Knitting Group  
  6:15 PM AA  
  7:30 PM Saint Mark’s Choir Rehearsal  
  8:00 PM AA
- *February 21st*: Jr Explorer Club  
  9:30 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
  1:00 PM Chair Volleyball  
  4:30 PM Friends of Early Music in Columbus Board Meeting  
  8:00 PM AA Groups
- *February 22nd*: Jr Explorer Club  
  8:00 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
  1:00 PM Chair Volleyball  
  4:30 PM Friends of Early Music in Columbus Board Meeting  
  8:00 PM AA Groups
- *February 23rd*: Jr Explorer Club  
  9:30 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
  1:00 PM Chair Volleyball  
  4:30 PM Friends of Early Music in Columbus Board Meeting  
  8:00 PM AA Groups
- *February 24th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  8:00 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
  1:00 PM Chair Volleyball  
  4:30 PM Friends of Early Music in Columbus Board Meeting  
  8:00 PM AA Groups
- *February 25th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  9:30 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
  1:00 PM Chair Volleyball  
  4:30 PM Friends of Early Music in Columbus Board Meeting  
  8:00 PM AA Groups
- *February 26th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  8:00 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
  1:00 PM Chair Volleyball  
  4:30 PM Friends of Early Music in Columbus Board Meeting  
  8:00 PM AA Groups
- *February 27th*: Jr Explorer Club  
  9:30 AM Jr Explorer Club  
  10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
  1:00 PM Chair Volleyball  
  4:30 PM Friends of Early Music in Columbus Board Meeting  
  8:00 PM AA Groups
2020 Vestry Nominees

Senior Warden

Dot Yeager

In addition to having served as Saint Mark’s Treasurer from 2005 to 2016, Dot also helps with ushering, altar guild, Sacred Conversations, and Contemplative Prayer, and loves the chaos of the Blessing of the Animals and serenity of a labyrinth. After growing up in the Roman Catholic church, Dot and spouse Dave were received into and married in the Episcopal Church in 1989 (Church of the Redeemer in Pittsburgh, PA). Upon relocating to Columbus, from Charleston, West Virginia, they, with son Tom, joined Saint Mark’s in 2003. Dot’s mother, Dorothy, also became a member in 2013, when she relocated from Florida. In her professional role as the Chief Business Officer for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Dot is very blessed to have the opportunity to help make a difference.

Junior Warden

Mark Drew

Mark, his wife Joanne, and children (Fred, 13 and Matilda, 11) have been members of Saint Mark’s since moving to Columbus in 2008. Mark is an Assistant Professor and Director of Graduate Education in the Department of Microbial Infection and Immunity at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Mark and Joanne first met during high school in their hometown of Bremerton, Washington, where they were married in 1989. Mark’s education and research led them to Baltimore where he earned his PhD at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine followed by post-doctoral studies in Saint Louis, where they discovered and became members of the Episcopal Church. Mark has previously served as a Stewardship Committee member, enjoyed singing in the choir, and is active in the Mark’s Men, a social and service group at Saint Mark’s. Music, movies, cooking (especially barbeque), and photography are his favorite ways to spend any extra time he can find.

Youth Warden

Henry Markwardt

Vestry Nominee

Judith Grant

Judith Grant has been a member of St. Mark’s since 2017. Raised Roman Catholic, Judith converted to the Episcopal faith in 2000 at St. Hugh’s of Lincoln Church in Idyllwild, CA, where she sang in the choir. She moved to Athens Ohio in 2003 to be a political science professor at Ohio University. There she was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd where she served on vestry and sang in the choir. At St. Mark’s, Judith has organized a weekend prayer retreat (2019 and 2020), participated in adult formation. When her work travel to Athens permits, she participates in Sisters in Faith and Sacred Conversations. She was a delegate to the Diocesan Convention in 2019. Having a special interest in Christian meditation, prayer and the Franciscan tradition, she especially loves the blessing of the animals and the Taizé service, and visited the Taizé community in France in 2019.

Vestry Nominee

Bill Mayr

Bill Mayr is retired from the Columbus Dispatch, where he served in varied reporting and editing positions. He has served as finance chair and president of the parish council in a Catholic congregation. He and his wife, Barbara, have lived in Columbus since 1986; they have two adult children.
2020 Vestry Nominees

Vestry Nominee
Irina Reed

Irina and her husband, George, joined Saint Mark’s in 2007. They relocated from Akron, Ohio where they attended Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church and were married in 2004. Their son Alex was born in 2010 and is currently in his second year in the Canterbury Choir. Irina works at BMW Financial Services in Hilliard in an IQS Team Leader role. Irina volunteers in the nursery and is a Christmas Pageant Director. She is looking forward to serving in Children’s Formation ministry as a Vestry member.

Vestry Nominee
Anice Ellis

Anice and her husband Michael (an Episcopal Priest retired from the diocese of Maryland) joined St Mark’s in 1997. Anice has served on several vestries and is a former Sr. Warden. She is active on the Outreach committee, Supper Group and Sacred Conversations group. She is a lay reader and is eager to assist St Mark’s to grow in love, service and fellowship in Christ.
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.