



# The Grapevine

## St. Mark's Episcopal Church



June 2021

### A Note from Nancy – June 2021

This is an exciting month for the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. We will be electing the ninth bishop of the diocese on June 26<sup>th</sup> during a special electing convention held via Zoom. There are five candidates, three selected by a nominating committee and two selected by petition. There will be no nominations from the floor on the day of the convention.

Here are the nominees:

- **The Very Reverend Kim L. Coleman** Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church, Arlington, Virginia
- **The Reverend Canon Scott A. Gunn**, Executive Director, Forward Movement, Cincinnati, Ohio
- **The Reverend Jeffrey D. Murph**, Rector, St. Thomas Church, Oakmont, Pennsylvania
- **The Reverend Dr. Ketlen A. Solak**, Rector, Brandywine Collaborative Ministries, Wilmington, Delaware
- **The Reverend Diana L. Wilcox**, Rector, Christ Church in Bloomfield & Glen Ridge, Glen Ridge, New Jersey

It is a diverse group of nominees and I encourage you to go to the diocesan website to view their backgrounds and read their responses to the questions posed to them by the nominating committee. There are also opportunities to meet the nominees in person or on zoom during the week of June 14<sup>th</sup>. Here is link to all of that information: <https://episcopalpgh/pebs/>. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact me and I will see that you get printed information.

The deputies from St. Mark's who will be voting in the election are:

- Mother Nancy – [revnancy-stmarks@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:revnancy-stmarks@atlanticbbn.net),
- Cindy Leap – [cindleap@gmail.com](mailto:cindleap@gmail.com)
- Adam Sprankle – [awsprankle@gmail.com](mailto:awsprankle@gmail.com)

If you have a preference for a specific nominee, please contact one or more of the deputies.

In order for a nominee to be elected, he/she must receive a simple majority of the votes cast in both the clergy order and the lay order separately. If that does not occur on the first ballot, voting will continue until it does.

Bishop McConnell will be retiring on September 11, 2021 and there will be opportunities to celebrate with him and Betsy before then. Information will be available on that later.

FYI: It was decided by the Calendar and Hospitality committees that we will not have the Strawberry Festival this year during Thunder in the Valley. There are still too many unanswered questions regarding COVID-19 to put ourselves and those attending at risk. Thank you for your understanding.

May you all have a blessed summer.

Peace, In Christ,  
Mother Nancy

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#### Our Staff:

**Priest:** Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill  
**Verger:** Cindy Leap  
**Organist:** Dolly Lopresti  
**Treasurer:** Pam Hysong  
**Secretary:** Joanne McKinley  
**Sexton:** Nikki Forsythe

#### The Vestry:

Senior Warden: Lisa Loncella  
Junior Warden: Doug Zawiskie  
Secretary: Colleen Curry  
Treasurer: Pam Hysong

#### 2021

Lisa Bell-Loncella  
Donovan Pendell  
Doug Zawiskie

#### 2022

Richard Burkert  
Bonnie Murray

#### 2023

Colleen Curry  
Louise Mead  
Erin Pavic  
Michael Teore

*Please remember  
St. Mark's Church in your will.*

# From the Senior Warden

## Looking Back and Looking Forward

Looking back on the past fifteen months I'm aware of how much has changed in our lives! Yet, with all the chances and changes of life during this time God is the one constant sustaining us. On Sunday, May 23rd, the Day of Pentecost, we opened the church for in-person worship (and singing while masked). It was so wonderful to see people in the pews and hear the singing! I'm hopeful as we move forward gradually opening our doors to more in-person events over the coming months.

This past week the Calendar and Hospitality Committees met to plan for the next six months. Thank you to all who participated—in person, over Zoom and through your thoughtful communications! We had some great ideas for special worship services, Christian formation and fund-raisers. As Mother Nancy mentioned in her note, we decided not to have the Strawberry Festival during Thunder in the Valley, but we will have a special Strawberry Coffee Hour following the 10AM service on Sunday, July 4th in celebration of Independence Day. Recognizing that we are a small, but dedicated group, we agreed that we would schedule the fund raisers every couple of months with a different coordinator for each event. It's so very important that we not burn our selves out.

While we work to feed the community with delectable meals, it is important to feed ourselves spiritually. To that end, we hope to bring back the monthly Community Common Prayer services. So far we have a Labyrinth Walk for August, a Taizé service in September, a Service of Thanksgiving in November and Blue Christmas in December. We'd like to offer a regular book study or Bible study as well.

Prayerfully consider how God is calling us to participate and serve in these some of these ministries. How is God calling us to **Share Christ's Love Unconditionally?**

## Beloved Community ...

Past issues of the *Grapevine* have included information about the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Beloved Community Initiative which was launched late last summer "as a way to promote the liberating and reconciling love of Jesus Christ, particularly as it relates to racial justice and reconciliation." Early this month Mother Nancy, Richard Burkert, Louise Mead and I meet with the coordinators, Fr. Eric McIntosh and Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger, to explore how we at St. Mark's are called to become involved. If you are interested, contact Richard who is the Liaison from St. Mark's. For more information, the web link for the Diocesan BCI is: <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/becoming-the-beloved-community/>

## Come Holy Spirit

... fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the Earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations: through Jesus Christ

Blessings,

*Lisa*

Sharing Christ's love unconditionally  
through transformational worship and service.



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## ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Well, we have completed another busy month at the Pet Food Pantry. We would like to thank the following donors who help every month: Valerie Kasper, Robert & Beverly Portante, Gary Howarth, Humane Society of Cambria County, Mary A. Bendick, Patricia Taylor, Carol & Lou Schaffer, Mrs. Carol Loushe, Frank & Mary Milavec, June Farougi, Mrs. Margie Duranko, The Am Slo Club, Joan Cesare, Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Hess, Judith Zubal, Annett Kristofco for their continued generosity.

During the month of May we were able to assist 96 families. The Cambria County Humane Society also continues to assist families.

We were able to help feed:   124 Dogs   and   6 Puppies  
   658 Cats   and   53 Kittens

We are assisting many families with multiple cats (10-20). Many of these are strays that were abandoned.

### Totals for the month of May were:

Dogs:	Dry food	764 lbs	39 Cans	(shortage on cans)
Cats:	Dry food	1094 lbs	53 Cans	(shortage on cans)

### Total for January thru May:

Dogs	Dry Food	5139 lbs	753 Cans
Cats	Dry Food	5350 lbs	544 Cans

A special "thank you" to our volunteers.

If you would like to help and can spare a few hours once a month, please give Cynthia Greig a call at 255-2504 or Joanne at the office. Pet Food Dates for June 2nd and 3rd, and July 7th and 8th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm..

*Cynthia Greig, Joanne McKinley*



### **2021 Weekly Altar Flowers & Monthly Altar Candles**

Donation price is \$30 a Sunday for flowers and \$8 a month for candles.  
Please contact Joanne in the Parish Office with your request.



June: 6/6 (1), 6/13 (1), 6/20 (2), 6/27 (2)

July: 7/4 (1), 7/11 (1), 7/18 (1)

August: 8/1 (1), 8/15 (1)

September: 9/5 (1), 9/19 (1), 9/26 (1)

October: 10/3 (1), 10/10 (1), 10/17 (1), 10/24 (2), 10/31 (2)

November: 11/7 (1)

December: 12/5 (2), 12/12 (1), 12/26 (2)



### **Strawberry Festival Coffee Hour 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

The first Sunday in July is also independence Day  
In celebration we'll be hosting a special Red, White and Blue Coffee Hour  
Strawberries, Blueberries and Ice-cream!  
Following the 10 AM service on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>



### **Calendar and Hospitality Committee Tentative Plans for the Coming Months**

#### **July:**

- Special Coffee Hour July 4<sup>th</sup>
- CCP — Christmas in July (7/25)

#### **August:**

- "What's Cooking" - a summer meal (8/11)
- CCP — Labyrinth Walk (8/22)

#### **September:**

- CCP — Taizé (9/19)
- Annual Parish Meeting (9/26)

#### **October:**

- Blessing of the Animals & Apple Festival
- Bishop's Visitation (10/3)
- Diocesan Convention (10/16)

#### **November:**

- Bishop Consecration (11/13)
- CCP — Service of Thanksgiving (11/28)

#### **December:**

- Advent Quiet Day (12/4)
- Greening of the Church (12/19)
- CCP — Blue Christmas (12/21)

## *Animal Welfare Ministry*

The First Collection of the Month will be for our Animal Welfare Ministry.



### **DONATE ONLINE**

Pay your pledge or donate to our special collections online using PayPal or a Credit Card. Go to the Donate page of our website <https://saintmarksjohnstown.com/give-to-support-st-marks-and-its-ministries/> to make your donation.

### ***Pastoral Care***

All families of the church are encouraged to donate one dollar on the fourth Sunday of each month (June 27th) for our Pastoral Care.

Please be sure to mark your donation separately for Pastoral Care.

## **BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN**

Many of our projects are on “hold” due to the Covid 19 virus. Please continue to support our Building Fund which is the 2nd Collection of the Month.

### ***Vestry Meeting***

**June 20th  
1:00 PM Via Zoom**

### **No Regular Finance Meeting**

**For June  
Unless Needed**

## June 2021 Schedule

	<b>Lay Readers</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Counters</b>
<b>June 6th 10:00 am</b>		<b>K. Batrus</b>	<b>L. Loncella M. Teore</b>
<b>June 13th 10:00 am</b>		<b>L. Loncella</b>	<b>L. Loncella M. Teore</b>
<b>June 20th 10:00 am</b>		<b>A Whitlow</b>	<b>L. Loncella M. Teore</b>
<b>June 27th 10:00 am</b>		<b>A Whitlow A Sprankle</b>	<b>L. Loncella M. Teore</b>

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JUNE</b>		1	2 <b>PET FOOD</b> 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM	3 <b>PET FOOD</b> 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM	4	5
6 <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Holy Eucharist Rt II</b> Church & Zoom	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Holy Eucharist Rt II</b> Church & Zoom	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Holy Eucharist Rt II</b> Church & Zoom <b>VESTRY MTG. 1:00 pm</b>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Holy Eucharist Rt I</b> Church & Zoom	28	29	30			
				<b>6/20 Happy Father's Day</b>  <b>SUNDAY SERVICES ALSO ON ZOOM</b> <b>VESTRY Meeting 6/20 1:00 PM ON ZOOM</b>		

