



The Grapevine

St. Mark's Episcopal Church



October 2021

A Note from Nancy – October 2021

Congratulations to our newest Vestry members: Nicole Hastings, Catty Anne McClosky, and Lyssa Nickle-Madden. Thank you for your willingness to take on this very important ministry. Also a great big thank you to our current Vestry members who have been very diligent during another crazy year: Lisa Bell-Loncella, Doug Zawiski, Donovan Pendell, Richard Burkert, Bonnie Murray, Colleen Curry, Louise Mead, Erin Pavic, and Mike Teore. Please say a special thank you to Lisa, Doug, and Donovan for their service to St. Mark's.

I blessed a number of dogs and cats on Oct. 2 during our apple festival and bake sale. And there was a successful book signing by Laura Dabundo who grew up here at St. Mark's and included descriptions of that time in her book, *When the Parallel Converge*. It was a fun weekend and thank you to everyone who participated and especially to those who baked goodies for the sale.

There are two graveside services and a wedding scheduled for this month as well as the Diocesan Convention on October 16th. Also, there will be baptism Sunday, Oct. 24th at the 10:00 service. Please join us to welcome David DeNeen Champe into the Body of Christ. He is Blanche Brant's great grandson.

The busyness of this Fall will carry over into November. Please put Saturday, November 13th on your calendar which is when Bishop-Elect Ketlen Solak will be consecrated at Calvary in Pittsburgh. Also please keep Ketlen and her family in your prayers as they make this very major transition in their lives.

Peace, In Christ,
Mother Nancy

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Priest: Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill
Verger: Cindy Leap
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The Vestry:

Senior Warden: Lisa Loncella
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2022

Richard Burkert
Bonnie Murray

2023

Colleen Curry
Louise Mead
Erin Pavic
Michael Teore

2024

Nicole Hastings
Catty Anne McCloskey
Lyssa Nickle -Madden

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

News of Note

Diocesan Convention

The Diocesan Convention will be Saturday October 16. Deputies from St. Mark's are Adam Sprankle and Louise Mead. Alternates are Richard Burkert and Mike Teore.

Consecration of Bishop-elect Ketlen Solak

God willing, the IX Bishop of Pittsburgh will be ordained and consecrated at a glorious service at 11 am on Saturday, November 13, at Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Avenue, East Liberty! The Reverend Dr. Ketlen Solak will become our bishop at a service presided over by the Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

This is a Diocese-wide event and there are many opportunities to volunteer: acolytes, choir members, ushers, parking attendants, and banner bearers to carry a banner from each parish in the procession and a stand to place it in.

To learn more about the consecration and how to volunteer check out the web site:

<https://episcopalpgh.org/pebs/consecration-seating/volunteer-for-the-consecration-service/>

Mark Your Calendars! November Halupki Harvest Dinner!

Back by popular demand ! We'll be hosting what has now become the Annual Fall Halupki Harvest Dinner Saturday, November 6 from 11 AM to 1 PM. As with all our dinners lately, it will be take-out. We're looking for volunteers and donations. For more details see elsewhere in the *Grapevine*.

Call or email the church to place your orders . 814-535-6797 or stmarks@atlanticbbn.net

Calendar and Hospitality Committee

Tentative Plans for the Coming Months

October:

- Blessing of the Animals/Apple Festival (10/2)
- Book signing by Laura Dabundo (10/2)
- Diocesan Convention (10/16)

November:

- Fall Halupki Harvest Dinner (11/6)
- Bishop Consecration (11/13)
- Prepare Thanksgiving Baskets (11/20)
 - Prepare baskets 9—11
 - Pickup (12—2)
- CCP – Service of Thanksgiving (11/28)

December:

- Advent Quiet Day (12/4)
- Greening of the Church (12/19)
- CCP – Blue Christmas (12/21)
- Christmas Eve (12/24)

January 2022:

- Epiphany Bible Study - *The Good Book Club*: Book of Exodus
- Annual Finance Meeting (1/23/2022)



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 requests.

We have openings for the following dates:

9/5 (1), 9/19 (1),
10/3 (1), 10/17 (1), 10/24 (2), 10/31 (1)
11/7 (2), 11/21 (2), 11/28 (1)
12/5 (2), 12/19 (2), 12/26 (2)



November Halupki Dinner

Back by popular demand, we will be hosting a take-out Halupki Harvest Dinner again this fall. The date is **Saturday, November 6**. At this point we are asking for volunteers to help and donations.

Volunteers Needed:

- Friday, November 5th to help cook and roll Halupki
- Saturday, November 6th to serve

Donations:

- HALUPKI--
 - 16 cabbages (Mike Teore has already volunteered to get these)
 - 20 lbs. hamburger (provided)
 - 8 onions (provided)
 - 1 bag river rice (plenty left from last time)
 - 8 (6 oz.) cans tomato paste
 - 8 (14 oz.) pkgs kielbasa
 - 8 (2 lb.) bags sauerkraut
 - 16 (10.5 oz.) cans tomato soup
- HALUSHKI--
 - Cabbages (provided)
 - Noodles
 - Butter
- PIEROGIES--
 - Supplied by Heidi Buchan
- COOKIES--
 - Will need 320 cookies



If you are able to help Friday or Saturday, or contribute supplies contact

- Doug Zawiskie
- Heidi Buchan
- Adam Sprankle



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ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Many thanks to the generous contributions from JoAnn Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Hess, June T. Holland, Tom Birk, Denise Weinzierl, Joy Power, Nick Bocher & Susan Kalcik, Richard Robinson, Pat Taylor, Carol & Lou Schaffer, Mrs. Carol Loushe, Wendy Arcurio, Jean & David Stombaugh, Stephen Molnar, John & Betty Gritzer, Jennifer Wawrin, Valerie Kasper, Helen Mishler, Joan Cesare, Ms Jennifer Hartland, Theresa Kosaber., Annett Kristofco, Valerie Kasper, Judy Zubal, Mrs. Carol Loushe and James Bezek for their continued support.

There were 7 new people who came through our doors in September. The Humane Society of Cambria County is also assisting families with Pet Food over the Summer months.

We helped 114 Dogs 19 Puppies 358 Cats and 71 Kittens

Totals for the month of September were:

Dogs:	Dry food	670 lbs	32 Cans
Cats:	Dry food	620 lbs	76 Cans

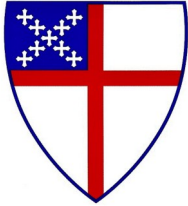
Thanks to our many donors, we were fortunate in receiving canned cat food this month.

Grand Total From January through September:

8,070 lbs of	Dry Dog Food	and	8,537 lbs of	Dry Cat Food
320	Canned Dog Food	and	516	Canned Cat Food

During the Month of October we will be open on the 6th & 7th, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. In November we will be open November 3rd and 4th.

Cynthia Greig and Joanne McKinley



CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

**Nicole Hastings
Catty Anne McCloskey
Lyssa Nickle-Madden**

In busy times such as these, you have come forward and taken an important role in helping to make decisions that matter to our Church.

Our sincere gratitude to the retiring Vestry who have worked so hard these past years:

**Lisa Bell-Loncella
Donovan Pendell
Doug Zawiskie**

All of you truly exemplify what it means to be a member of St. Mark's.

Animal Pet Food Ministry

The First Collection of the month will be for our Animal Pet Food Ministry.



BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

Your extra collection on the **second Sunday** of the month goes towards the Narthex renovations.

A special “thank you “ to everyone who has supported our many projects!



Rwandan Orphan

All families of the church are encouraged to donate \$1.00 on the **3rd Sunday** of each month for our Rwandan Orphan, Josian.

Outreach/Pastoral Care

All families of the church are encouraged to donate \$1.00 or more on the **4th Sunday** of each month for our Pastoral Care needs.

Vestry Meeting

October 24th

Following the 10 AM service

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.

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**Take-out Halupki Harvest
Stuffed Cabbage Dinner**

Saturday November 6, 2021

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Take-out Only

Call (814) 535-6797 to order

**Dinner consists
of
1 Halupki,
2 Pierogies,
a serving of
Halushki,
and 2 cookies.**



Plate price: \$9.00

Proceeds benefit St. Mark's Digital Ministries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October					1	2 Blessing of Animals Apple Festival 10:00 am to 1:00pm
3 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II Church & Zoom	4	5	6 PET FOOD 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM	7 PET FOOD 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM	8	9
10 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II Church & Zoom	11 COLUMBUS DAY	12	13	14	15	16 Diocesan Convention
19 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II Church & Zoom	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist I Church & Zoom	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II Church & Zoom 				10/9 Blessing of the Animals APPLE FESTIVAL IN THE COURTYARD 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM 		