

The Grapevine

St. Mark's Episcopal Church



MARCH 2022

A Note from Nancy – March 2022

Lent is starting late this year. Ash Wednesday is March 1st. There will be an Ash Wednesday service at 6 pm that day in the church. I will also be doing “Ashes to go” in central park during the morning and afternoon. My plan is to moisten my thumb with a sanitizing wipe before picking up the ashes and then putting them on a person’s forehead. I will also be wearing a mask. You will notice that the BCPs and Hymnals have been returned to the pews in the church. Now that we are more knowledgeable of the transmission of the virus, this seemed reasonable. We will still wear a mask in church and continue with social distancing. Please look elsewhere in the *Grapevine* for more information about what will be happening here at St. Mark’s during Lent.

My official retirement date is March 1st. As most of you know, I will continue to be here at St. Mark’s part-time for at least another year. I will be at the church Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday. I will meet you at the church other days. Please call the church to make an appointment. I will be available 24/7 for emergencies.

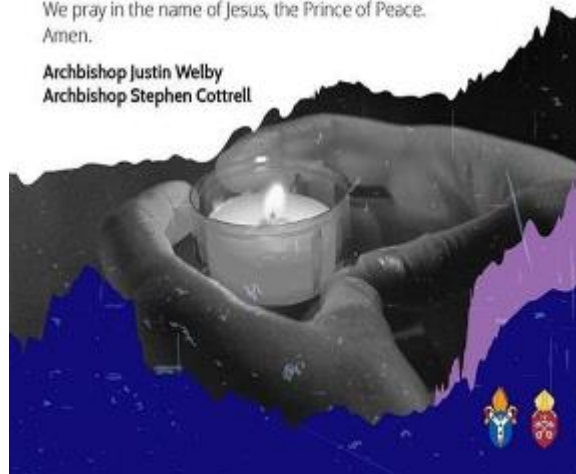
I continue to pray for all of you daily.

Love, In Christ,
Mother Nancy

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



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

News of Note

Lenten Bible Study

We will continue our regular Bible study through the season of Lent. It will be either a continuation of the book of Exodus (started during the season of Epiphany) or begin a Journey with Luke. We will meet for five weeks on **Wednesday evenings starting March 9 (though April 6) from 7:00 to 8:00 via Zoom**. We'll begin with a brief time of fellowship (bring your favorite beverage). The study will begin with an overview of the readings of the past week, after which all are invited to share their reflections. More information can be found elsewhere in the *Grapevine*. If you are interested in participating or would like to help facilitate please contact Louise Meade (stmarksepiscopal7@gmail.com).

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, March 2, Mother Nancy will be offering Ashes to Go in the Central Park, downtown Johnstown from 8:00 to 10:00AM and 3:00 to 5:00PM. We will have an Ash Wednesday service, Holy Eucharist Rite II with Imposition of Ashes. You can find more information elsewhere in the *Grapevine*.

Lenten Quiet Day

Join us Saturday, March 19 for a Lenten Quiet Day, period of respite when time is set aside to be quiet, spend some time with God and refresh your spirit. This year's theme is "What is a Holy Lent?". You can find more information elsewhere in the *Grapevine*.

Ham Loaf and Take-Out Dinner

Our congregation is planning to serve a Ham Loaf Dinner to the community on March 12th, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. We seek volunteers to help prepare the loaves on Saturday, March 5 and help with the sale on the 12th. More details elsewhere in the *Grapevine*.

Beloved Community

The Beloved Community Initiative of the Dioceses of Pittsburgh is offering a Bible study on the first Wednesday of each month. The Rev. Eric McIntosh will be presenting. There will also be a prayer/discussion session held on the third Wednesday of each month. Both will be held over Zoom; all are welcome. For more information about both programs and the Beloved Community's new web site see <https://www.bcpittsburgh.org/>.

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

Lenten Activities at St. Mark's

Weekly Book Study

Wednesdays at 7 PM
Zoom
Contact Louise Mead
(stmarksepiscopal7@gmail.com)

On Wednesday, March 9 we will begin our Lenten Bible study. It will be either a continuation of Exodus or Luke. Join us. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross

Slide show on the web site:
[https://
saintmarksjohnstown.com/the-
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cross/](https://saintmarksjohnstown.com/the-way-of-the-cross-stations-of-the-cross/)

Art work and music by our parish-
ioners, a traditional Lenten medita-
tive practice.

Five-Minute Lent

Monday through Saturday
7:00-7:05 PM via Zoom.
Begins Thursday, March 3,
runs through Wednesday,
March 31.

Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh
series, called *My God, My God*, will
follow Psalm 22 verse by verse.
Zoom link: [https://
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nR0NmZz09#success](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83396915084?pwd=VDZ3WjFIOXc4ZWVrc0cyMFBnR0NmZz09#success), Passcode:
Lent

Additional Lenten Resources

- **Forward Day by Day** online forum - a group of prayerful individuals tune in to read the readings, meditation and share their own reflections ... a family of sorts and everyone has something powerful to share. https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward_day_by_day.php?
- The Brothers of the **Society of St. John the Evangelist** (SSJE, <https://www.ssje.org/>) offer a special Lenten program called "Come Pray with Me."
- **ERDF (Episcopal Relief and Development)** meditations are on line and one can receive them in a daily email (<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>). The site includes an invitation to meditate on the reflections daily and engage the "Four Steps of Lament: resting, reflecting, repenting and ultimately being restored to God and to one another."
- **The Washington National Cathedral** offers daily email meditations written by members of the Cathedral Staff (<https://cathedral.org/lent/>). Daily morning prayer and meditation via YouTube and Facebook <https://cathedral.org/worship/>.
- **Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer podcasts from Forward Movement** ([https://
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FDMV2784874884](https://cms.megaphone.fm/channel/FDMV2784874884)); **Forward Day by Day Podcast** ([https://www.forwardmovement.org/Pages/
Item/12306/Podcast.aspx](https://www.forwardmovement.org/Pages/Item/12306/Podcast.aspx)). These are available on most podcast platforms: "Anywhere you listen to podcasts".
- **Lent Madness from Forward Movement** - a great way to learn about the saints and engage in some jolly competition and lighten up your Lent - <https://www.lentmadness.org/>
- **The daily lectionary** - <http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/>
- **Morning prayer from Mission St. Clare** - <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/>.



March 2, 2022

Ashes to Go

Location: Central Park, downtown Johnstown

Times: 8:00AM – 10:00AM & 3:00PM – 5:00PM

**Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II
with Imposition of Ashes
In-person & via Zoom**

Location: St. Mark's Sanctuary

Time: 6:00 PM

If you plan to attend in-person, please wear a mask and social distance.

To participate via Zoom, please contact The Reverend Nancy Threadgill at revnancy-stmarks@atlanticbbn.net or (814) 535-6797 in advance of the service to obtain the login information.

Lenten



Quiet Day

**In-person & via Zoom
Saturday, March 19, 2022
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

- A Quiet Day is a period of respite when time is set aside to be quiet, spend some time with God and refresh your spirit.
- This year's theme is "What is a Holy Lent?"
- Event consists of alternating periods of meditation & quiet time followed by final prayers and a vegetarian lunch.
- During quiet times you can engage in relaxing activities, read books available in the Parish Hall or find a quiet spot in the church to read or meditate.
- Participants are asked not to talk until after final prayers.
- Event is free. All are welcome.
- If you plan to participate in person, please wear a mask and social distance.
- If you wish to participate via Zoom, contact The Reverend Nancy Threadgill at revnancy-stmarks@atlanticbbn.net or (814) 535-6797 in advance of the event to obtain the login information.

ST. MARK'S TAKE-OUT DINNER & HAM LOAF SALE

Hello friends at St. Mark's. Our church is planning to serve a **Ham Loaf Dinner to the community on March 12th, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** We hope you may be available to help with one or more of these efforts for the benefit of the church and our community.

Details of the dinner:

- **Prep:** Saturday, March 5th from 9 a.m. – completion (approximately 1:30 p.m. to make 100 ham loaves).
- **Serve:** Saturday, March 12th – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Take out only
- **Where:** St. Mark's Episcopal Church
- **Meal includes:** Ham loaf, parslid potatoes, green beans and cake
- **Cost:** \$10. per meal
- **Needed:** 10 cakes to serve as dessert on March 12th.
- **Funds raised benefit:** St. Mark's ECW for distribution and St. Mark's Church

In addition to the Ham Loaf Take Out Meal, we will prepare enough ham loaves to sell approximately 88 extra ham loaves for sale.

- 1 lb. loaves will be available for pick-up at a cost of \$8.00/each
- 2 lb. loaves will be available for pick-up at a cost of \$15.00/each
- Yours may be ordered through Joanne in the church office 535-6797.

Due to cost increases of our ingredients this year, **we will shop for items** to obtain best pricing. Instead of asking for donations of specific items for this meal, **monetary donations to help offset the price increases will be gratefully accepted.** If you are a baker, **we will need 10 cakes.** Your talents are welcome! **If you would like to volunteer to prep, serve, cashier or wash dishes on March 12th,** your presence is welcome and appreciated! We anticipate needing **6- 8 volunteers** on that Saturday.

Thank you very much!

Amy Whitlow (adwhitlow1925@gmail.com)

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ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

The weather in February was very unpredictable with cold and icy conditions. However, our need for Pet Food donations continues due to the increase of families who come to us for help caring for their pets..

We would especially like to thank Patricia Valari, Leonard & Kathleen Ferenchik, James & Carol Bezek, John & Sharon Flick, Ron & Joanne Blough, Cambria County Humane Society, Barry & Karen Orner, Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Hess, Joan Cesare, Helen Mishler, The Amslo Club, June Farougi, Robert Semonick, Theresa Kosaber, Annett Kristofco, Valerie Kasper, Patricia Taylor, Patricia Valari, June T. Holland, and Jennier Hartland for their support.

During the month of February we were able to assist 97 Families, with 7 Emergency "walk ins". We are seeing an increase in cats and kittens.

We were able to help feed: 196 Dogs and 16 Puppies
463 Cats and 70 Kittens

Totals for the month of February were:

Dogs:	Dry food	1580 lbs	no cans donated
Cats:	Dry food	1315 lbs	60 cans available (242 lbs kitten)

Total for January thru February:

Dogs	Dry Food	2994 lbs
Cats	Dry Food	2727 lbs

Pet Food Dates for March: March 9th and March 10th
9:30 am to 1:00 pm

The Nardecchia Spay-Neuter Clinic will be held at St. Mark's on March 17th and April 1st.

God Bless you!

Cynthia Greig and Joanne McKinley



2022 Weekly Altar Flowers & Monthly Altar Candles

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



We have openings for the entire year.

During Lent, March 2nd through April 10th, there are no flowers on the Altar. However, if you wish, you can request a seven-day sanctuary candle which will burn in the Lady Chapel in honor of your loved one.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH



Fuel and Snow Removal

The First Collection for the Month is for snow removal and heating costs.

Building Fund Campaign

The Extra Collection for the Second Sunday of the month will help pay for the repairs to the Narthex which we hope to begin in the Spring, weather permitting.



Pastoral Care

All families of the church are encouraged to donate one dollar, the Fourth Sunday of each month for our Pastoral Care. Please be sure to mark your donation separately for Pastoral Care.

Rwandan Orphan

All families of the church are encouraged to donate \$1.00 on the Third Sunday of the month for Josian, our Rwandan Orphan. Please be sure to mark your donation separately for her.

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.

VESTRY MEETING

**Sunday, March 13th
11:30 am
Also on Zoom**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARCH		1	2 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM Church & Zoom	3	4	5 HAM LOAF PREP 9:00 AM
6 10:00 AM Morning Prayer Church & Zoom	7		9 Pet Food Pantry 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM BIBLE STUDY ZOOM 7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM	10 Pet Food Pantry 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM 	11	12 HAM LOAF TAKE OUT DINNER 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM
13 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Church & Zoom	14		16 BIBLE STUDY ZOOM 7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM	17  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 Lenten Quiet Day 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
20 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Church & Zoom	21		23 BIBLE STUDY ZOOM 7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM	24	25	26
27 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Church & Zoom	28		30 BIBLE STUDY ZOOM 7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM	31		
				SPAY-NEUTER CLINIC: THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH HAM LOAF PICK UP DATES: MARCH 8TH THRU ?? ASHES TO GO: Wednesday, March 2, 8:00AM – 10:00AM & 3:00PM – 5:00PM 3-13 Daylight Saving time Begins 3-20 First Day of Spring		