



# *The Grapevine*

## St. Mark's Episcopal Church



**APRIL 2021**

### A Note from Nancy – April 2022

Easter will soon be here. Please see elsewhere in this *Grapevine* for the Holy Week schedule. Again, there is a service scheduled every day so that we can walk with Jesus on his way to the cross and then celebrate Christ's resurrection with joy. It is an awesome time in our liturgical year. I highly recommend that you participate as much as possible. I know from my own experience that if you do that, your Easter will be glorious.

In our non-liturgical world, life continues to be crazy. The war in Ukraine is still resulting in damage, death and heartache, Covid has a new variant running rampant around the world, our own country remains very much divided in many areas, and winter doesn't want to move aside for Spring. What are we as Christians supposed to do?

My answer today is trust. Trust that God is present in every situation here and around the globe. Trust that Jesus understands our feelings of hopelessness and frustration as well as our concerns for ourselves, our families, our friends, and our neighbors. Trust that the Holy Spirit is working hard to make sure that we know that we are never alone even if we feel we are. Trust that just as God was with Jesus as he died on the cross, God is with us now and always bringing us love, mercy and grace.

Love, In Christ,

Mother Nancy

*To you, O God, I lift up my soul; my God I put my trust in you;  
(Psalm 26:1a)*

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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 Nickle-Madden  
Junior Warden: Mike Teore  
Secretary: Colleen Curry  
Treasurer: Pam Hysong

#### **2022**

Richard Burkert

#### **2023**

Colleen Curry  
Louise Mead  
Eric Pavic  
Michael Teore

#### **2024**

Nicole Hastings  
Catty Anne McCloskey  
Lyssa Nickle-Madden

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

## News of Note

### Many things happening this month!

Be sure to check out all the vents this month.

### Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday

Next Sunday, April 10, is Palm Sunday. Throughout the week we will be having services. Most will be at 6 PM—except the Good Friday Liturgy which is a 12 Noon and the Holy Saturday service at 9AM. All services will be available over Zoom Watch for the emails from Mother Nancy with the Zoom invitation. Check the next page for details.

### Easter Memorial Booklet

Honor your loved ones with a listing in our Memorial Booklet. Please complete the form found elsewhere in this *Grapevine* and send it in to the office.

### Chicken & Biscuit Take-out Dinner

Saturday, April 9 is the second Lenten Take out luncheon. More details elsewhere. We are in need of donations and helpers to prepare on Friday and help serve on Saturday.

### Saturday's Kitchen—Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

If you are able to help serve at Saturday's Kitchen on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, please contact Kitty Batrus. If you are not able to contribute your time that Saturday, You might like to contribute your talents. We are also in need of desserts. More information elsewhere in the *Grapevine*.

### ECW Plant and Flower Sale

The ECW is having its annual Plant Sale "Fund Raiser" with Stuver's Nursery. Coupons are now available.

### Becoming Beloved Community Day

This Diocesan-wide event will be a day of diocesan-wide celebration and opportunity to explore the Beloved Community. Saturday, April 30, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228.

For more information see:

<https://www.stpaulspgh.org/blog/the-feast-day-of-bishop-barbara-c-harris/?occurrence=141>



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

# Holy Week Schedule



## Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10      10:00 am      Morning Prayer  
Reading of the Passion

## Holy Week

Monday, April 11      6:00 pm      The Reconciliation of a Penitent  
Litany of Penitence

Tuesday, April 12      6:00 pm      Healing Service

Wednesday, April 13      6:00 PM      Holy Eucharist Rite I

## Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14      6:00 pm      Holy Eucharist  
Foot Washing  
Stripping of the Altar

## Good Friday

Friday, April 15      12 noon      Good Friday Liturgy  
Stations of the Cross

## Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 16      9:00 am      Holy Saturday Liturgy

## Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17      10:00 am      Holy Eucharist Rite II

## All Services Also on Zoom

Zoom invitations and bulletins for each service will be sent the day before. The bulletins also will be available on our website (<https://saintmarksjohnstown.com/>)

## Chicken & Biscuit Take-out Dinner

**Saturday April 9, 2022  
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**

**Price: \$10.00 per meal**



### **Menu**

Chicken & biscuits, mashed potatoes, strawberry-spinach salad, and cake

***Take-out Only. Please order in advance.***

To order, call (814) 535-6797 or email [stmarks@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:stmarks@atlanticbbn.net)

### **Donations Needed**

#### **For the salad:**

20 bags of baby spinach, 14 lbs. of strawberries, 8 dry pints of blueberries

**For the dessert:** 10 cakes

Please let Pam or Joanne know what you will be donating.

**Monetary donations** to help defray our costs are most welcome. Please make checks payable to St. Mark's.



## Flower and Plant Fund Raiser

The ECW is having its annual Plant Sale “Fund Raiser” with Stuver’s Nursery. Coupons are now available. You can stop in the office (Tuesday-Friday 9:30 am to 3:00 pm) or have them mailed to your home.

Hopefully, we will be able to visit Stuver’s in May to purchase vegetables and flowers. Right now working in our Gardens would lift our spirits.

**There are two types of coupons:**

- **Hanging basket/pouch coupons are \$16.50.**

You pay the same price for a basket/pouch that you would without a coupon, but the ECW makes \$5.00 per coupon and you pay no tax!

- **Flat coupons (8 market packs) are \$13.00**

You can mix/match flower and vegetable market packs to make up your flat if you like. This coupon is also good for Five Annuals (no perennials) in 4 1/2” pots.

NOTE: The coupon DOES NOT INCLUDE “PROVEN WINNERS” in white or black pots.

Again, you pay the same price for a flat that you would without a coupon, but the ECW makes \$3.00 per coupon and you pay no tax!

These coupons make nice gifts for Easter or Mother’s Day. They will expire 6/6/2022.

## **Saturday’s Kitchen**

We are in need of 4-5 volunteers to serve lunch on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Masks are required

Desserts are needed.

If you are available please contact Kitty Batrus (288-1848 or call the office 535-6797).

Joan at Saturday’s Kitchen (536-3473) has many openings where servers are needed.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Kitty*



**2022  
EASTER MEMORIAL BOOKLET**

**Listing Request Form**



Honor your Loved one this EASTER, by remembering them in our Easter Booklet. The Cost is \$10.00 for every two names or \$25.00 for unlimited names.

Please mail your listing request to the Church Office or Place it in the Sunday Collection Plate for the ushers to forward to the office.

Deadline is Sunday, April 10th.

Please carefully print the following information:

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify "In honor of", "In memory of" or "In Thanksgiving"

In Honor \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ In Thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

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Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No Amount \_\_\_\_\_

## **2022 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.

5/8 (1), 5/15 (1), 5/22 (2), 5/29 (1)  
6/5 (1), 6/12 (1), 6/19 (2), 6/26 (2)  
7/3 (1), 7/10 (2), 7/17 (1)  
8/14(1), 8/21 (1), 9/4 (1), 9/18 (1)  
10/2 (1), 10/9 (1), 10/16 (1), 10/23 (2), 10/30 (2)  
11/6 (2), 11/13 (1), 11/20 (2), 11/27 (1)  
12/4 (1), 12/11 (1), 12/25 (1)



### **HEAT & SNOW REMOVAL**

The First Collection of the month is for our Heating Costs and Snow Removal. We are almost done for the year!

### **BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN**

The second collection of the month is for our Building Fund Campaign. There are major repairs needed at the Narthex of the Church due to water damage from the roof. Your continued generosity towards the Building Fund Campaign is making it happen!

### ***Pastoral Care***

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

### **VESTRY MEETING**

Sunday, April 10th  
After the 10:00am Service  
Also on Zoom

### **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 to make your donation:

<https://saintmarksjohnstown.com/give-to-support-st-marks-and-its-ministries/>



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**ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL**

Well, we completed another busy month at the Pet Food Pantry.

We would like to thank the following donors for their continued generosity: Robert & Beverly Portante, Nick Bocher & Susan Kalcik, Mrs. Carol Loushe, Mrs. Valerie Kasper, Ebensburg Center, Linda & Clair Cordes, Gary Howarth, Margaret Duranko, Carol & Lou Schaffer, Theresa Kosaber, Wendy Arcurio, Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Hess, Karen Kline, Vickie Krieger, Stuart Johnson, Esther Mattes, Cynthia Curtis, Mrs. June Holland, The Humane Society, Annette M. Kristofco, Patricia Taylor, and the Quota Club.

We were able to help feed: 167 Dogs and 12 Puppies  
485 Cats and 63 Kittens

**Totals for the month of March were:**

Dogs:	Dry food	1010 lbs	37 Cans	(supply ran out)
Cats:	Dry food	1176 lbs	186 Cans	same

**Total for January thru March:**

Dogs	Dry Food	3482 lbs	466 Cans
Cats	Dry Food	3411 lbs	456 Cans

Next dates for Pet Food are April 6th and 7th from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm in the Courtyard.

God Bless you!

*Cynthia Greig and Joanne McKinley*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>APRIL</b>					1	2
3 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II Church & Zoom	4	5	6  PET FOOD 10:00 AM TO 1:30 PM	7  PET FOOD 10:00 AM TO 1:30 PM	8 PREP WORK DINNERS	9 CHICKEN-BISCUIT TAKE OUTS 11:20 to 1:30 pm
10 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II Church & Zoom	11 Holy Week Reconciliation of a Penitent 6 PM Church & Zoom	12 Holy Week Healing Service 6 PM Church & Zoom	13 Holy Week Holy Eucharist Rite 1 6 PM Church & Zoom	14 Maundy Thursday Eucharist, Foot Washing Stripping of the Altar 6 PM	15 Good Friday Goof Friday Litturgy 12 Noon Church & Zoom	16 HOLY SATURDAY Holy Saturday Liturgy 9 AM Church & Zoom
17 EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II Church & Zoom	18	19	20	21	22	23 Saturday's Kitchen 10:00 am to 12:30 pm
24 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist I Church & Zoom	25	26	27	28 SPAY-NEUTER CLINIC	29	30