



The Grapevine
St. Mark's Episcopal Church

MAY 2022

A Note from Nancy – May 2022

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
 The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We reopened the church in 2021 on May 23rd. It was the Feast of Pentecost. Almost a year later, on Easter Day (April 17th), we went back to having a choir, making the wearing of masks optional, and partaking of the blood of Christ during the Eucharist. All of those things are welcome after being gone for so long. It feels as if we are making progress. HOWEVER, please be advised that if Covid numbers rise significantly in this area, we may have to back track and reinstate some of the mitigation protocols that have been relaxed recently. The Vestry and I do not want to do this if we don't have to, but we also do not want to put any one at risk of catching the virus while attending church. If you are ill on Sunday morning, please stay home and participate via zoom. If you become ill after Sunday, please let us know as soon as possible and either do a home Covid test or get yourself tested at a clinic. As much as we would like it to be, the pandemic is still not over. Get vaccinated and boosted and remain vigilant. Thank you.

Many of you remember Corrine Goetz, a long time parishioner who was secretary of St. Mark's for many years. She died last year and her family is planning a memorial service for her this month. Please put May 21st at 11:00 am on your calendars. Her family members, who are scattered around the globe, will be gathering here and have asked that as many of the members of St Mark's who are able to come and help to celebrate her life with them.

Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia and the surrounding countries. I have no doubt that God will find a way to bring an end to the war. As we know, it will be in God's time, not ours.

Also, if you want to know where the Episcopal Church stands on abortion, please go to the website for the Episcopal Church <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ogr/summary-of-general-convention-resolutions-on-abortion-and-women's-reproductive-health/>. I, for one, do not want to see this country go back to the back-room conditions present before Roe v. Wade became the law of the land.

Keep praying for peace and understanding.

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Peace, In Christ,
 Mother Nancy

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Secretary: Colleen Curry

Treasurer: Pam Hysong

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Richard Burkert

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Michael Teore

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Please remember

St. Mark's Church in your will.

PASTORAL CARE

Please remember all mothers this Mother's Day, your own, yourself and those who nurture others in their daily lives. Those who counsel and assist friends, family members, neighbors and strangers. Those who care for animals, nature and the Earth. Perhaps you cannot be with your loved one at this crucial time of distancing, but remember, they are always in your heart and thoughts.

A Mother's Prayer For You

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tenderhearted love.

I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me
the best mother there could be!

~ *Anon.*



Happy Mother's Day to you and blessings to you and yours this month of May.
Pastoral Care Ministry

Flower and Plant Fundraiser



The ECW Plant Sale “Fundraiser” with Stuver’s Nursery is in progress. Mother’s Day is May 9th and a Beautiful Basket or two would be a great gift that will last the entire summer.

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 6/1/2022.

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to everyone who worked so hard during our take out luncheons!

They were a huge success!

To everyone who helped prepare:

ham loafs

chicken & biscuits

salads & made delicious cakes

To everyone who could not help in person but sent monetary donations

To everyone who helped serve the lunches

To everyone who helped clean up!

Thank you! Thank you ! Thank you!



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.

5/15 (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)



Animal Welfare Ministry

The First Collection of the Month will be for our Animal Welfare Ministry.
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



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, May 15th

After the 10:00 AM 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/>



ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

St. Mark's Animal Welfare Ministry

335 Locust St.

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Although 37 of our monthly visitors to the Pet Food Pantry were a "no show" for various reasons, we picked up 15 new clients. We continue to hold our Pet Pantry outside in the Courtyard.

We would like to thank the following donors who have helped during these trying times: June T. Holland, Carol Serafin, Theresa Kosaber, Mrs. Susan Bird (United Methodist Church), Carol & Jim Bezek, John & Sharon Fleck, Valerie Kasper, The Am-Slo Club, Carol & Lou Schaffer, Marion Gaydos, Nardecchia Spay-Neuter Basket Party, Patricia Taylor, Tom Birk, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Hess, Marion Gaydos, Annette M. Kristofco, Georgia Lehman, Rick & Joy Hoffman, Tim Cicotello, and Marlin Boratko for their continued support.

During the month of April we were able to assist 115 Families, with 15 of them being new to the Pet Food Pantry.

We were able to help feed:

126 Dogs and 25 Puppies 388 Cats and 47 Kittens

Totals for the month of April were:

Dogs: Dry food 762 lbs Cans (no cans available)

Cats: Dry food 837 lbs 162 Cans

Special thanks to two of our donors who donated canned Kitten Food and Canned Adult cat food.

We thought it best to purchase more dry food as the cost of canned cat food is extremely high with one can costing about 65 cents. There is also a shortage on canned food at many of the supply stores.

Total for January thru April:

Dogs Dry Food 5137 lbs 714 Cans

Cats Dry Food 4248 lbs 753 Cans

Pet Food Dates for May: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. May 5th and May 6th.

God Bless All of You and Keep You Safe During These Trying Times,

Cynthia Greig, and Joanne McKinley

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Animal Welfare Ministry

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

MAY

1
10:00 AM
Holy Eucharist II
Church & Zoom

2

3

4
PET FOOD PANTRY
10:00 am to 1:30 pm

5
PET FOOD PANTRY
10:00 am to 1:30 pm

6

7

8
10:00 AM
Holy Eucharist II
Church & Zoom

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15
10:00 AM
Holy Eucharist II
Church & Zoom
Vestry Meeting

16

17

18

19

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21

22
10:00 AM
Holy Eucharist I
Church & Zoom

23

24

25

26
Nardecchia
Spay-Neuter Clinic

27

28

29
10:00 AM
Holy Eucharist II
Church & Zoom

30
MEMORIAL DAY


31

5-8 Mother's Day

