



The Grapevine
St. Mark's Episcopal Church



June 2022

A Note from Nancy – June 2022

For 2 ½ years we, here at St. Mark's, have been very blessed not to have had a case of COVID among our office staff. That has now changed. Last week, Pam Hysong, was found to be positive and this week, Joanne was out with it. Because of this and the fact that the COVID numbers are increasing in this area of Pennsylvania, we will be returning to requiring masks inside the church on Sundays and anytime you are inside the building during the week. We also will continue to socially distance and coffee hour will be discontinued. During Communion, we will use the intinction cup but will discontinue the use of the common cup for now. As before, if you prefer to not partake of the wine that is perfectly acceptable.

For the same reasons as stated above, we will not have the strawberry festival during Thunder in the Valley at the end of month. I know we have all been hoping to be returning to some semblance of normalcy this year, but that is not to be at this moment.

As I mentioned in one of my sermons recently, please contact your national and state senators and representatives to find ways to work together to reduce the incidence of mass shooting of innocent people in this country. Encourage them to speak calmly with their colleagues and listen to the concerns of both sides. With God's help, laws will be written that will preserve our heritage and eliminate the loss of life due to hate, anger and misunderstanding.

I was reminded while listening to Taps being played during Memorial Day that the last words of the hymn are "God is nigh." May God in Christ continue to bless us with grace, strength and fortitude in the days ahead.

Peace, In Christ,

Mother Nancy

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

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Treasurer: Pam Hysong
Secretary: Joanne McKinley
Sexton: Nikki Forsythe

The Vestry:

Senior Warden: Lyssa Nickle-Madden
Junior Warden: Michael Teore
Secretary: Colleen Curry
Treasurer: Pam Hysong

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Richard Burkert

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Colleen Curry
Louise Mead
Erin Pavic
Michael Teore

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Nicole Hastings
Catherine –Anne McCloskey
Lyssa Nickle-Madden

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



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: 6/5 (1), 6/12 (1), 6/19 (2), 6/26 (2)

July: 7/3 (1), 7/10 (1)

August: 8/14 (1), 8/21 (1)

September: 9/4 (1), 9/18 (1)

October: 10/2 (1), 10/15 (1), 10/22 (2), 10/29 (1)

November: 11/6 (1), 11/13 (1), 11/20 (1), 11/27 (1)

December: 12/4 (2), 12/11(2)



Precautions

As Mother Nancy shared in her NOTE, two of our staff recently tested positive for COVID. The COVID numbers are increasing in this area of Pennsylvania, as well. For the health and safety of all, we'll be taking a few extra precautions at St. Mark's.

- Masks will be required inside the church on Sunday.
- Masks will be required anytime you are inside the building.
- We will continue to socially distance.
- Coffee hour will be discontinued.
- We will use the intinction cup during Communion, but will discontinue the use of the common cup.

“Spirit”

... a word from the Brothers of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist

It is an extraordinary thought that God's Spirit has come mightily upon us – and not just once, at our baptisms. We each have that Spirit now – a great power which we can call upon every day. Call out that power: Come, Holy Spirit! And that Spirit, like the sun and the rain, will help the seeds which God has planted deep within us to grow and flourish.

-Br. Geoffrey Tristram
[Society of Saint John the Evangelist](#)



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ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Well, we have completed another busy month at the Pet Food Pantry. We have seen an increase in cats and kittens (61) this month at the Pet Food Pantry. We would like to thank the following donors who have helped: Valerie Kasper, Carol and Lou Schaffer, Linda Cordes, Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Hess, Lori Griffith, John & Sharon Flick, Annett Kristofco, Agnes Gramling, Tammy Mitchell, June T. Holland, Theresa Kosaber, Gary Howarth, Helen Mishler, Patricia Taylor, Joan Clites, and the following Organizations: Fat Cat, Healing Hearts & Helping Tails, Cat Aid Network for their continued generosity.

During the month of May we were able to assist 9114families.

We were able to help feed: 168 Dogs and 13 Puppies
 472 Cats and 61 Kittens

Totals for the month of May were:

Dogs:	Dry food	948 lbs	0 Cans	(no cans donated)
Cats:	Dry food	964 lbs	148 Cans	(60 small cans)
Kittens:	Dry food	156 lbs		

Total for January thru May:

Dogs	Dry Food	9793 lbs	974 Cans
Cats	Dry Food	7160 lbs	1295 Cans

A special “thank you” to our volunteers. If you would like to help and can spare a few hours once a month, please call Joanne at the office.

Pet Food Dates for June 8th and 9th from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm.
 Spay-Neuter Cat Clinic on June 23rd.

Cynthia Greig, Joanne McKinley

Animal Welfare Ministry

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



BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

Please continue to support our Building Fund which is the 2nd Collection of the Month.

Rwandan Orphan

All families of the church are encouraged to donate \$1.00 on the Third Sunday of each month (June 19th) for Josian, our Rwandan Orphan.

Please mark your donation separately for Josian.

Pastoral Care

All families of the church are encouraged to donate one dollar on the fourth Sunday of each month (June 26th) for our Pastoral Care.

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

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

**June 12th
Following 10 AM service
& Via Zoom**

No Regular Finance Meeting

**For June
Unless Needed**

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

