



The Grapevine

St. Mark's Episcopal Church



September 2022

A Note from Nancy – September 2022

This year is moving right along. I've noticed around town that the leaves on some trees and bushes are beginning to turn color already. Temperatures are moving down ever so slightly but the grass and weeds are still growing much too quickly requiring frequent mowing. (Good exercise – right?) Speaking of which—have you noticed the jungle around the church? I would like to propose that the week of Sept 18th be designated church beautification week. (After all, Bishop Ketlen will be here Oct. 2 and we want the church to look nice for her visit.) Hopefully, it will be a little cooler by then. Anytime that week, if you have an hour or two to spare, please come down and do some weeding. We will supply bags and boxes to put the weeds in. If everyone can do a little, we can get it done.

I also propose that on Thursday, Sept. 22, which is the first day of Autumn, we have a picnic from 5 pm to 7 pm. The church will supply hot dogs and hamburgers to grill. Bring a dish to pass and we will celebrate outside in fellowship and love. It has been too long since we have been able to really enjoy each other's company. Of course, if it rains we will move the picnic inside.

Now that school has started, our schedules are getting full. Please put this on your calendar and join us. You do not have to have done any weeding. Just come that night and spend time with your church family.

Peace, In Christ,
Mother Nancy

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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www.saintmarksjohnstown.com

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

2022

Richard Burkert

2023

Colleen Curry
Louise Mead
Erin Pavic
Michael Teore

2023

Nicole Hastings
Catherine Anne McCloskey
Lyssa Nickle-Madden

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

News of Note

Annual Meeting & Elections to Vestry

Our Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 25th following the 10 AM service with a ZOOM option. At this meeting we review the State of the Parish. The principal order of business is the nomination and election of new members to the Vestry. Richard Burket is completing a three-year term and two new members will be elected. The Nominating Committee, led by the Jr. Warden is seeking nominations to Vestry. Please give prayerful consideration to potential nominees. If you discern a call to serve on Vestry, please contact the Junior Warden, Mike Teore (mike062354@aol.com).

Saturday's Kitchen — Saturday, September 17th

St. Mark's will be serving at Saturday's Kitchen on September 17th. We are in need of at least 6 volunteers to help at assemble dinners and serve. Please call Kitty Batrus at 814-288-1848 or email kittyb2666@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 1st ...

In celebration of the **Feast of St. Francis** we will hold our annual Blessing of the Animals in the Courtyard from 10 AM to 12 N.

Bishop Ketlen Solak's visit to St. Mark's — October 2nd

The Bishop's visit will be the first Sunday in October (10/2). If you would like to be confirmed or received, please speak to Mother Nancy. Email (revnancy-stmarks@atlanticbbn.net) or call the office (814-535-6797) to learn more about classes.

We'd like to get the church all spiffed up for Bishop Ketlen's visit. So the week of September 18th has been set aside as Church Beautification Week. You can find more information elsewhere in the *Grapevine*.

Diocesan Convention

The 157th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be held November 18 and 19. The Nominating Committee is still seeking Recommendations for Candidates for Diocesan Offices. You can find more information about the offices on the next page. A copy of the form for nomination is included elsewhere in the *Grapevine*. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to participate in the life of the Diocese.

Deputies from St. Mark's are Adam Sprankle and Louise Mead. Alternates are Richard Burket and Mike Teore.

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

More about Diocesan Convention

Dear Deputies, Clergy, Friends, and All Siblings in Christ:

As co-chairs of your Nominating Committee, we invite you to **consider serving the Diocese of Pittsburgh in one of the many openings we have on the important governing bodies of this Diocese.**



We need candidates, both lay and clergy, for a number of offices.

If you have never served in a Diocesan office, this is a great time to start! We greatly value new faces and even older faces who have not yet served on one of these boards. You can learn more about them [here](#), but know that experience in church governance is learned on-the-job for most of us.

Although the initial deadline for filing the Nominating Form, available in [PDF](#) or [Word](#), was August 31, we are **extending the deadline for this Form until Friday, September 16**, with a photograph (of your choosing) and a brief statement of interest due on Friday, September 30.

We need candidates for the following offices:

- **Standing Committee** (1 clergy & 1 layperson)
- **Board of Trustees** (1 layperson)
- **Constitution & Canons** (1 clergy & 1 layperson)
- **Commission on Ministry** (1 clergy or layperson)
- **Cathedral Chapter** (1 clergy & 1 layperson)
- **Regional Disciplinary Board** (1 layperson)
- **Deputies to 2024 General Convention** (4 clergy & 4 laypersons)

While nominations will be made at their district meetings, just a heads up that District 2 will elect 1 layperson to Diocesan Council and District 3 will elect 1 layperson to Board of Trustees. All four districts will elect a chair and vice chair.

This is an exciting time to be an Episcopalian. Nationally, we have just elected our youngest President of the House of Deputies, the first Latina woman, and we have welcomed a new bishop to our own Diocese! More than ever, we need you of whatever age, persuasion, or status in life to help us guide this Diocese. Please consider nominating yourself for one of these offices.

Detailed descriptions of the positions are [available here](#).

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PICNIC!

Thursday, Sept. 22

5 to 7 PM

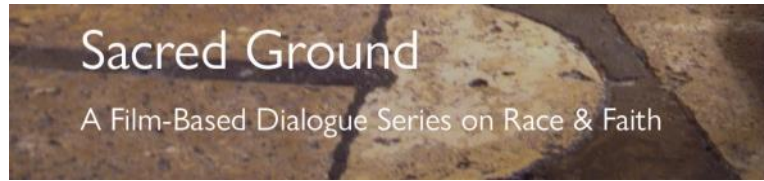
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News from the Diocese



The Beloved Community Initiative (BCI) will be running *Sacred Ground* sessions throughout this coming program year in various locations, and room is available for those wanting to participate.

There will be several 8-week sessions, starting in September 2022, and running until June 2023.

Starting in September

- Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. starting on September 8 at St. Thomas, Oakmont
- Mondays at 6:30 p.m. starting on September 12 at Calvary Church, East Liberty

Starting in November

- Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. starting on November 10 at St. Thomas, Oakmont
- Tuesday evenings at a location and time TBD

Starting in January 2023

- Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Church, East Liberty
- Tuesday evenings at a location and time TBD

Starting in April 2023

- Day and time TBD at St. James, Penn Hills
- Day, time and location at a second location TBD

BCI can add more locations as needed. A minimum of 8 people per session are needed to allow for maximum ability to interact within the sessions. [Please click here to register.](#)

BCI will also accommodate anyone who wants to participate but cannot attend in-person by offering a Zoom option for any of the sessions.

For more information visit www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/.

Webinar Invitation:

Sacred Ground Fall Kickoff with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Thursday, September 15, 1:30 p.m.

For: Sacred Ground facilitators and participants—and all Episcopalians interested in learning more about this dialogue series on race.

What: Bishop Curry will share his vision for racial reckoning and justice ministry over the next two years and how to engage using Sacred Ground curriculum

[More information and Registration](#)

Blessing - of the - ANIMALS



**Saturday, October 1, 2022
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
In the Church Courtyard**

**Rain or Shine. Bring your pet for a special blessing.
All types of pets are welcome. Please keep dogs
on leashes and other species gently restrained.**

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Annual Parish Meeting

Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022

Following the 10:00 am Service

Nomination of Vestry Members

Election of Vestry Members

Report on the State of the Parish



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ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Many thanks to the generous contributions from Chris & Delbert Hess, Carol Harp, Valerie Kasper, John & Betty Aubrey, Tim & Pam Vescovi, June T. Holland, Patricia Taylor, Carol & Lou Shaffer, Loretta Birchfield, Theresa Kosaber., Tim Cicotello, Joan Clites, Annett Kristofco, Judy Zubal, Marlin Boratko, Joan Cammarata, Tammy & Randy Mitchell, Helen Mishler, Mary Kay Milavec, Healing Hearts, Mina Zlato, John and Sharon Flick, Alyssa Breedlove, Patricia McCullough and Mary Ellen Wojcik for their continued support.

There were 140 Families who came through our doors in August. This is a sharp increase of 15 new families since last month.

We helped 173 Dogs 30 Puppies 410 Cats and 118 Kittens

Totals for the month of August were:

Dogs:	Dry food	901 lbs	Puppy Food	73 lbs	62 Cans
Cats:	Dry food	848 lbs	Kitten Food	259 lbs	120 Small Cans

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

Grand Total From January through August:

12,165 lbs	Dry Dog Food	and	9,321 lbs	Dry Cat Food
1,071	Canned Dog Food	and	694	Canned Cat Food

During the Month of September the Pet Food Pantry will be open September 7th & 8th, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will also be open on October 5th & 6th.

Cynthia Greig and Joanne McKinley

The Johnstown Concert Series

Seipp/Sheets Trumpet and Organ Duo

Saturday, September 17, 7:30PM

First Presbyterian Church

309 Lincoln Street, Johnstown, PA 15901

The Seipp/Sheets Trumpet & Organ Duo is unlike any ensemble performing today. Custom musical arrangements of virtuoso, beautiful, entertaining, humorous and patriotic selections enhance the exquisite blend of their instruments. Coupled visually with specialized videos, Seipp and Sheets craft a unique and engaging concert experience for all ages, creating extraordinary connection with their audiences. Trumpeter Chuck Seipp and organist Randall Sheets are two performers at the top of their craft. In addition to the music they produce, Chuck and Randall regularly commission new arrangements and compositions.

Tickets are available at the door: Adult \$15 or 2 for \$25; Seniors \$10, Students \$5
Doors open at 7 PM

2022-2023 Season

IUP Faculty Woodwind Quintet

Saturday, October 15, 7:30PM

Clipper Erickson, Pianist

Saturday, November 19, 7:30PM

Sterling and Strings Terpsichore Trio

Saturday, March 18, 7:30PM

Tim Wetmiller and Friends

Saturday, April 15, 7:30PM

Three Rivers Ringers

Saturday, May 20, 7:30PM

For more information see <https://johnstownmusic.org/>



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 or Doris Horner with your requests.

We have openings for the following dates:

9/4 (1), 9/18 (1),
10/2 (1), 10/16 (1), 10/23 (2), 10/30 (1)
11/6(2), 11/20 (2), 11/27 (1)
12/4 (2), 12/18 (2)



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

September 18th

Following the 10AM 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER				1	2	3
4 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rt II Church & Zoom	5 	6	7 PET FOOD PANTRY 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM	8 PET FOOD PANTRY 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM	9	10
11 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rt II Church & Zoom	12	13 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM NA MEETING	14	15	16	17
18 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rt II Church & Zoom Vestry Meeting	19	20 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM NA MEETING	21	22	23	24 SATURDAY'S KITCHEN 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
25 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rt I Church & Zoom PARISH MEETING	26	27 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM NA MEETING	28	29	30	
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