

Welconne to SAINT MARK'S The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12A

July 29, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

July 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

 + --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross" BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982
 LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)
 WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)
 VF—Music from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)
 Please silence your cell phone

Welcome to St. Mark's Church. Again, this Sunday, as last Sunday, we hear parables of Jesus concerning God's Kingdom. The Kingdom is characterized as hidden, yet being revealed; as small now but destined to grow large; as so precious that those who discover it will give all in order to attain it; as open to all who will accept it. The first reading from 1 Kings is Solomon's prayer asking God for wisdom. It was Solomon's desire for wisdom rather than riches and power, which revealed him as a righteous king. This is a prefiguring of God's Kingdom in which all of God's people are a royal priesthood, enlightened by the spirit and wisdom of God. Our continued reading of the Epistle to the Romans leads us to Paul's great outburst of praise and assurance of the certainty of God's love for us. Here Paul is certain that even our weakest and most elementary striving towards God is proof that God is leading us and has destined us for glory. The Church is not the Kingdom of God. It is, in the words of Alexander Schmemann, the world in the process of becoming the Kingdom. When we gather to celebrate, our movement toward the Kingdom is revealed. In the Eucharist God reconstitutes us as the Church and we discover ourselves growing toward the Kingdom

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God's People Gather Together



Celebrant+ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.PeopleGlory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie (Church of England)

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantTogether, let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The Word of God

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136 Mirabilia

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<sup>129</sup> Your decrees are wonderful; *
       therefore I obey them with all my heart.
<sup>130</sup> When your word goes forth it gives light; *
       it gives understanding to the simple.
<sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and pant; *
       I long for your commandments.
<sup>132</sup> Turn to me in mercy, *
       as you always do to those who love your Name.
<sup>133</sup> Steady my footsteps in your word; *
       let no iniquity have dominion over me.
<sup>134</sup> Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
       and I will keep your commandments.
<sup>135</sup> Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
       and teach me your statutes.
<sup>136</sup> My eyes shed streams of tears, *
       because people do not keep your law.
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The Epistle

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared (TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11 with Refrain)

 To what can the kingdom of God be compared? A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared, And there, where predictable plantings should be, There grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree! God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise: Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives. Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound, Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.

- 2. A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread: A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed, A church reaches out to the youth in the town, A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound. God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise: Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives. Your reign is among us, creation is blessed, When even a few faithful lives change the rest.
- 3. While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl, God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world. A girl sells possessions to help those in need; A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed. God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise: Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives. Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue; May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.

Biblical References: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52; Mark 4:26-34 Tune: William Howard Doane, 1875 ("To God Be the Glory") Text: Copyright © 2011 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.



Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures

of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

ReaderThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The people sit. After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for + the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People-Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world; *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.* For the just and proper use of your creation; *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For all bishops and other ministers; *For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We remember especially the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and those on our prayer list. We also pray for Michael Warner as he continues his bicycle trek across our country.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Diane Stewart in thanksgiving for the Nurses & Doctors who work with children; and by John & Diane Stewart in celebration of their grandson Owen's continued progress.

Hear us, Lord; *For your mercy is great*.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks to God this week for Virginia Connolly, Paige Wolgemuth & Peter Williams who are celebrating their birthdays. And for Jeanine Graviano & Kelly Pickering who are celebrating the anniversary of their wedding.

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Virginia, Paige & Peter as they begin another year. Grant that they will grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen them trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Anniversary of a Marriage

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon Jeanine & Kelly that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King; *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you*.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept.*

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

+ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

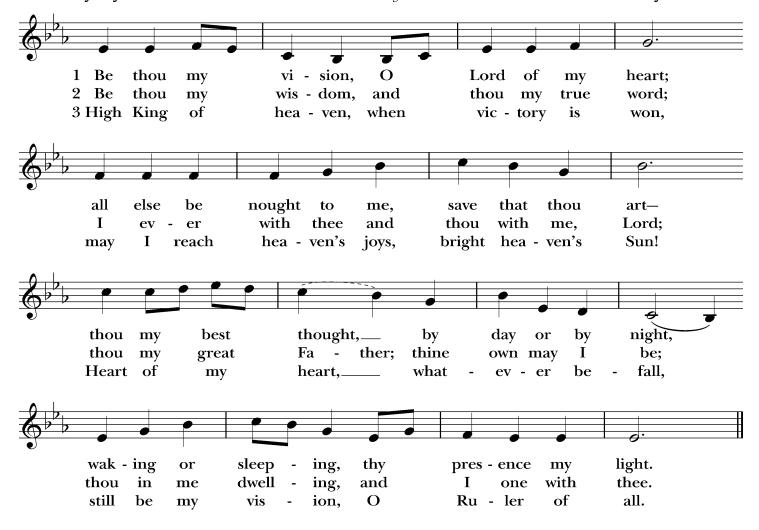
Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8

Offertory Hymn

Be thou my vision

Hymnal 488



The Doxology



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 3 from the Anglican Church of Ireland)

Celebrant	The Lord is here.
People	His Spirit is with us.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory. Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words. *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

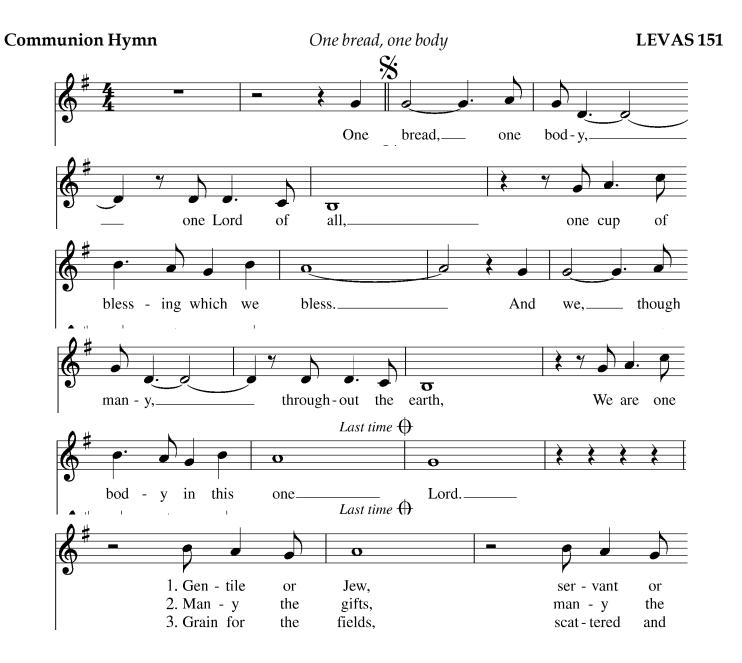
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

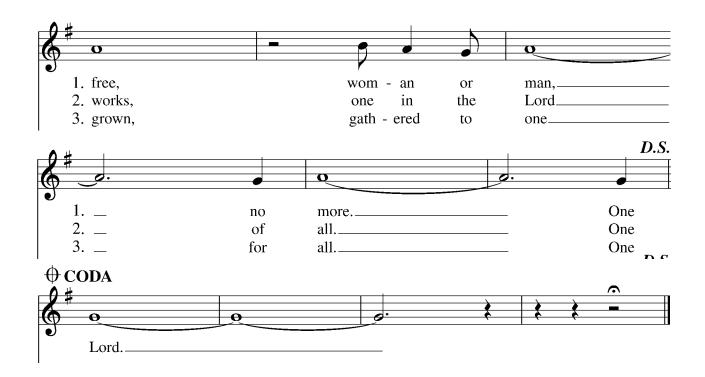
Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for us the People of God. *Amen.*



<u>**Communion Norms</u>**--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "Amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. Please notify Fr. Chris at the Communion Rail.</u>





The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

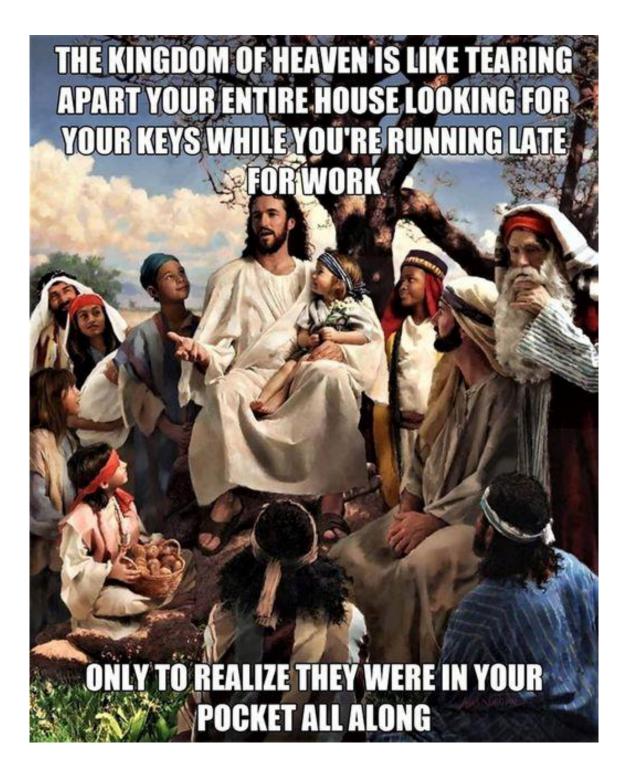
The Announcements



The Dismissal

LEM Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude





THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 7/31	Parish Office Closed		
Wednesday, 8/02	7:00 p.m. Alanon 12 Step Meeting (Atwater Room) 7:00 p.m. Flute Choir (Parish Hall)		
Thursday, 8/03	10:00 a.m. Bible Study "Women of the Bible"11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Rector's Office12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers in the Atwater Room		
Saturday, 8/05	5:00 p.m. "Mass on the Grass" come as you are Holy Eucharist (Columbarium Garden)		
Sunday, 8/06	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour		

Participating	in Today's Service	Next Week, August 5 & 6		
Saturday at 5:00 p.m.		Saturday at	t 5:00 p.m.	
LEM/Lector	Sundy Schermeyer	LEM/Lector	TBD	
Altar Guild	Freear Pollard	Altar Guild	Diane Stewart	
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.		Sunday at 10:00 a.m.		
LEM	John Kern	LEM	TBD	
Lector	Dick Gardner	Lector	TBD	
Ushers	Tim Feil, Kevin Tunney	Ushers	Steve DeCaro, Tom Horan	
Altar Guild	Victoria Garcia, Ashley McLean	Altar Guild	Lee Wadelton, Edie Hofmann	

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Diane Stewart in thanksgiving for the Nurses and Doctors who work with children; and by John & Diane Stewart in celebration of their Grandson Owen's continued progress.

July Birthdays	1 0	Servic	e Attendance	
2 Connor Lueck	17 Edward Callahan	Saturo	lay, July 22 2023 5:00 PM	23
3 Hannah Reid	22 Bryn Wolgemuth	Sundo	iy, July 23, 2023 1 <u>0:00 AM</u>	<u>1 36</u>
9 Allison Martuscello	27 Helen Horton		Tota	l: 59
11 Frances Graham	30 Virginia Connolly			
14 Lois Simson	31 Paige Wolgemuth	(60 Households also prayed with us online.)		
14 Paul Canty				
16 Casey Shea		7/27	Bible Study	8
			11 am Holy Eucharist	7
July Anniversaries				
13 Debbie & Rich Caccavano				
15 Gino & Allison Martuscello				
22 Jennifer & Ronald Marwood				
23 Liz & Tom Horan				
28 Lee & Frank Wadelton				

Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon And Remember the People of Ukraine and Sudan too!

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Weeding in front of the church</u>—We are looking for volunteers to come by once in a while and weed the flower beds in front of the church and the parish hall.

<u>COMING SOON: New Photo directory</u>—we are creating an in-house photo directory. Pictures can be taken after church from July 22 through August 13. Alternatively, "selfies" or another favorite photo of you or your family can be sent to <u>chris.jubinski@stmarkswhb.org</u> for inclusion in the new directory.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Parish picnic at the Rectory on Sunday, September 10th, 4:00 p.m. (rain date 9/17)

Worship during the Summer: Saturdays at 5 p.m. is truly "come as you are" so feel free to dress comfortably. You will also notice that we will be simplifying the liturgy for Saturdays and Sundays by reducing the overall amount of singing we do during the service. We welcome Douglas Baldwin at this Sunday's 10 am service who will be playing the guitar. Stephen Hunt, our Director of Music, is away this weekend.

- Gluten Free Communion Wafers are now available during each service. If you require one, please ask Fr. Chris at the communion rail.
- If you are a new parishioner, we would most appreciate your filling out our Parish Survey. There are blanks at the back of the church for your convenience. Completed forms can be returned to the church office. Thank you.
- Altar Flowers: If you would like to dedicate Altar flowers for the Altar contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at <u>laura.bott17@gmail.com</u> There are vases available in August on the following Sunday's: two vases on the 13th. Each vase is \$40. <u>Kindly Note:</u> checks should be made out to St. Mark's Church with "Flowers" in the memo section.
- Ways to Help the People of Ukraine... A complete list is posted on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please help us collect as much of these necessary items as we can. There is a box for them in the narthex. You can also visit our website at www.stmarkswhb.org for ways to help.

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested: Noah Berger (Req. by Jenn Kast), Stan Billie (Req. by Jenn Kast), Deana Chiusano (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Nancy Fraser (Req. by Ki Nobeletti), Roberta Good (Diane Stewart's Sister), Elaine Hanes (Req by Kate Gabrielsen), Barbara Ireton (Req. by Carol Smith), Cathy Jones (Farmers Market), Stephen Jones (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Gretchen & Jim Jubinski (Fr. Chris' Parents), Campbell Kast (Req. by Jenn Kast), Cole LoRusso (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), Fred Meyer (Parishioner), Jock McLean (Parishioner), Sean McLean (Req. by Jock McLean), The Reverend Abigail Murphy (Priest in EDLI), Sudie Nostrand (Carol John's Sister), Paul Oele (Parishioner), Cassie Panzarino (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Joan Petrella (Parishioner), Rosemary Rees (Victoria Garcia's Sister), Betty-Rose & Stuart Richardson (Req. by Victoria Garcia), Jean Scopinich (Parishioner), Louise Reeves (Parishioner), Owen Foster (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), Ursula Ellerkamp (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Samantha Rigby (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Thomas Olsen (Req. by Jinny Gilmore) and John Martinelli (Req. by Jinny Gilmore).

If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.

<u>We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:</u> Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner.



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<u>Sunday Services (Summer Schedule ends on September 3rd)</u> Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.—"Mass on the Grass" come as you are Holy Eucharist Sundays at 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist in the church (Livestreamed)

<u>Thursday Midweek Service</u> 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office

> <u>Office Hours</u> Tuesday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano—Bishop of Long Island The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf—Assisting Bishop The Rt. Rev. William Franklin—Assisting Bishop The Rt. Rev. Daniel Allotey—Assisting Bishop The Rev. Christopher D. Jubinski—Rector Email: chris.jubinski@stmarkswhb.org Cell: 410.253.3664 Stephen Hunt—Director of Music Kate Gabrielsen—Parish Administrator Chris Adams—Facilities Manager Rosanna Davis—Director of St. Mark's Bright Beginnings Preschool Diane Stewart—Warden Sandy Wyman—Warden

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> > Thomas Simson—Treasurer Carol Fitton—Clerk of the Vestry

