

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

10:30 a.m.

(In-Person and Live-Streamed on Facebook and YouTube)



St. Mark's Episcopal Church

134 N. Division Avenue

Grand Rapids MI 49503

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Welcome to St. Mark's

Welcome to historic St. Mark's, a vibrant community of faith, which has gathered for worship since 1836 and in the current building since 1848. If this is your first visit with us, please know that we are delighted you are here. Please, introduce yourself and be sure to sign our guest book at either entrance to the Sanctuary and/or fill-out a Visitor's Welcome Card.



Masks and Sanitizing: Masks are not required for those who are vaccinated but requested for those not vaccinated. We have reserved some pews in the church for social distancing if preferred. Please ask for assistance from the ushers to locate these pews.

Holy Communion at Worship: Please note the protocols in the bulletin for Communion. If you wish to receive a Blessing from our clergy you may cross your hands over your chest for a Blessing without being touched.

Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's: Sundays at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Eucharist at 12:00 p.m.; Tuesday Noon day prayer; Compline on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook live.

Sundays at St. Mark's: We offer a 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service and will be adding an 8:00 a.m. Service on September 12.

The Breakfast Café, a program of our outreach ministry, is at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday. If you would like more information, please contact the church office at meganth@stmarksgsr.org.

Children at St. Mark's: St. Mark's provides many children's activities and opportunities and welcomes you to contact our Director of Children's Formation, Laura Kozminski at laurak@stmarksgsr.org for more information.

Junior and Senior High Youth: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth:

G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches for youth in grades 6-12. We have weekly formation gatherings during the school year and service and social activities throughout the year. Please contact our Director of Youth Ministries, Jeff Brown, for more information: jeffatgrey@gmail.com.

Adults: We offer the *Education for Ministry* seminar during the academic year as well as an *Inquirers' Class* for those preparing for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirming one's faith and seasonal Wednesday night forums. We also offer a Saturday book study for adults. Please, see Fr. Christian for more details.

A Note about Cell Phones: We ask that you turn off your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate when you enter the church.

Rest Rooms are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the hallway ramp.

Parking on Sundays: Street Parking is available on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the Church. Parking is available in the Parish lot, the upper and lower levels of the GRCC building on the corner of Division and Lyon (access from Lyon) and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: Please, pick up an exit ticket from an Usher, a Greeter or at the Front Desk of the Parish House. Parking is free on Sunday only. A white ticket is required to accompany the parking ticket and to exit the lot.

The Gathering of the People

Prelude – Trio in B Minor

J. S. Bach

Lector I - Welcome

Gathering Hymn - Green Hymnal 761: All who hunger gather gladly (*Alex Williams, cantor*)

1 All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ing. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that earn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming, here, in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Presider I Greeting

Presider I: † Blessed be God: most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.

People: And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

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.

Gloria to God – Red Hymnal 53

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, He is the might - y King, Mas-ter of
ev' - ry-thing, The cap-tain of my soul, The u - ni - verse con-trol, God is the one
true ex - pres - sion of life. He's the cre - a - tor, A great cre - a - tor,
Hea - ven and earth His great - ness pro - claim. The cap-tain of my
soul, The u - ni - verse con-trol, Ho - nor and ma - jes - ty se-ond to none.

Collect of the Day (*Standing as able*)

Presider II: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider II: 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 Liturgy of the Word

The Hebrew Scripture (*Seated as able*)

2 Kings 4: 42-44

Lector I: A reading from the Second Book of Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Lector I: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145: 10-19 – *Lector I: Let us pray a portion of the Psalm responsively by half verse*

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

The Christian Scripture

Ephesians 3: 14-21

Lector II: A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Lector II: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Hymn - Red Hymnal 146: Break thou the bread of life (*Standing as able*)

**1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit pants for you, O living Word.**

**2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.**

**3 Teach me to live, dear Lord, only to thee,
As thy disciples lived in Galilee;
The, all my struggles o'er, the vict'ry won,
I shall behold thee, Lord, the living one.**

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato

The Nicene Creed (*Please note the language for the Spirit.*)

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 a 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, the Spirit is worshiped and glorified. The Spirit 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 *(all Standing as able.)*

Lector I: During the Season of Pentecost, we ask God to hear our prayers.

Lector II: We pray in thanksgiving for the gifts of God and for the generosity of those who give of themselves and their gifts for the mission of St. Mark's.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Lector I: We pray for our President, the Governor, the Mayor and all elected officials.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Lector II: We pray for those in need of food, clothing, shelter or medical attention. We pray for our fragile earth.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Lector I: We pray for peace and an end to bullying, intolerance, violence, terrorism and war.

For all who are in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble.

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Lector II: We pray for the Episcopal Church and the Christian Tradition throughout the world.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Lector I: We pray for all Bishops, Clergy and all those who serve God and God's people especially here at St. Mark's.

For those who minister in the Name of God;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

Lector II: We pray for God's blessing on those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or other celebrations. We celebrate the birth of Norah Elizabeth Ilem to David and Allison. Hear us, O God;

For your mercy is great.

Lector I: We pray for all those on our Parish Prayer Lists and those with special concerns. We pray for the sick and all those for whom we have promised to pray. *(Silence to add additional prayers either silently or aloud.)* We will exalt you, O God;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Lector II: We pray for those who have died. We remember those who have died due to the pandemic. May they and all the departed rest in peace. (*Silence to add additional names silently or aloud*)
O God, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Confession of Sin

Presider I: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider I 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 of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Presider I: †Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider II: May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider II: Respectfully, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

Offering of Gift: Please, see p.12 for ways to give. Thank you

Offertory Music: Allegro

Morgan Hare, trumpet

Henry Purcell

Doxology (*Standing as able*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, O heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II (EOW)

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

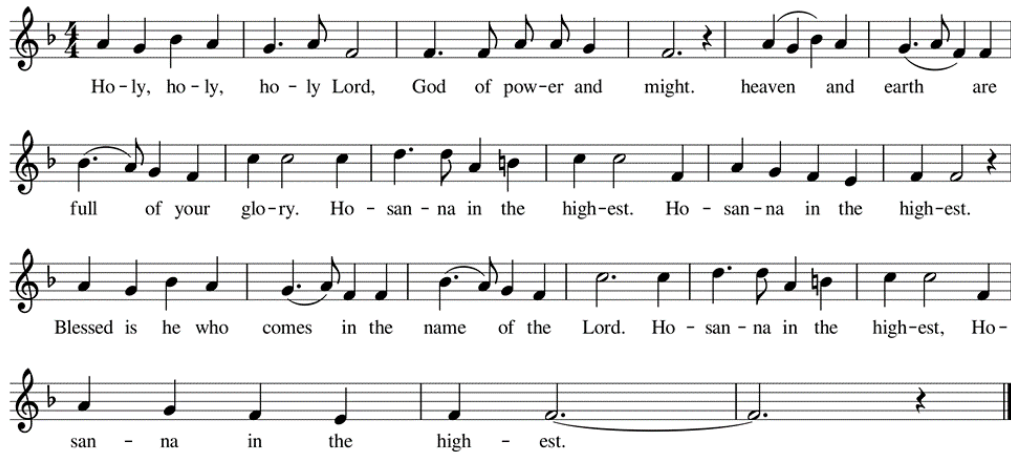
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider I: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy



The people may stand or kneel as the Presider continues.

BCP, Prayer B

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: Please pray the Lord's Prayer in whichever language you prefer.

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.

(Spanish)

Padre nuestro, que estas en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo, danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día, perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden, No nos deyes caer en la tentación y libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Reception of the Sacrament



Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.**

Presider: Please follow the ushers to receive the Eucharist at the communion rail by proceeding from right to left. Feel free to kneel or stand. Those in the north transept will be ushered to receive Communion first. All are welcome to the Table of the Lord.

Instruction for Receiving Holy Communion and Following the Guide of the Ushers

All who seek a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Parent(s), please feel free to make a decision for your child. Please, follow the lead of the Ushers to receive the Sacrament.

Post-Communion Prayer *(Standing as able)*

Presider II: Let us pray.

People: **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

The Blessing

Presider I: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the +Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**
(1 Thessalonians 5:13-22)

Hymn of Sending Forth - Blue Hymnal 448: O love, how deep, how broad, how high

**O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
How passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.**

**2 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore.
For us temptation sharp he knew,
for us the tempter overthrew.**

**3 For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself but us.**

**4 For us to wicked hands betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death,
for us gave up his dying breath.**

**5 For us he rose from death again;
For us his he went on high to reign;
For us he sent his Spirit her
To guide, to strength, and to cheer.**

**6 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude - Allegro

Henry Purcell

You are invited to participate in the tradition at St. Mark's to remain seated until all the candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended, fitting ways to conclude our worship together. Thank you.

Save the Dates

Episcopal 101 (Please note change of date)
Ada Park Service
Celebration Sunday
Parish Picnic
185th Anniversary Dinner
Choral Evensong

August 1, 9:15 a.m.
August 22, 5:00 p.m.
September 12, 8 & 10:30 a.m.
September 26, 12:00 p.m.
October 17, 4:30 p.m.
November 1, 7:00 p.m.

Offertory and Ways to Give to St. Mark's Episcopal Church

- 1.) Place check or cash in the offering plate
- 2.) Electronic Giving (email Pam for form – see the attachment in our e-news)
- 3.) Give+ Mobile App from any mobile device
- 4.) Pay by text - text 616-205-9714 from your phone and send in a payment
- 5.) Mobil App Square cash - Cashtag: \$stmarksgsr Web address: [cash.me/\\$stmarksgsr](https://cash.me/$stmarksgsr)
- 6.) Mail in a check to the church
- 7.) Online at our website at www.stmarksgsr.org through PayPal



Sustaining St. Mark's Ministry in 2021

The total budget for 2021 is \$654,938, which requires an estimated \$12,595 income per week. The total pledged amount for 2021 is \$480,746.

Last week, we received \$6,156 in pledges and offerings. That amount included pledges paid by mail, online through Give Plus, PayPal, and regular giving.

Weekly: Total Weekly Contributions Needed:	\$ 12,595
Total Contributions Received this past week:	\$ 6,156
Total Weekly Endowment Operating Allocation	<u>\$ 1,880</u>
Difference:	\$ 4,276 (Shortfall)

Year to Date (YTD): Total Contributions Needed YTD:	\$365,255
Total Contributions & Pledges Received YTD:	\$372,927
Total Operating Expenses YTD:	<u>\$312,809</u>
Current YTD:	\$ 60,118

Thank you for maintaining your pledge and giving whether pledged or not.
Pam Stevenson, St. Mark's Finance Manager

Announcements in Detail: Please, see eNews in your emails and on the Parish website at www.stmarksgsr.org for information on Spring Wednesdays for Adults, Journeys in Faith for Inquirers, the J. Chester Johnson event on June 3 and many other opportunities for engagement, learning and service.

Health Safety Protocols at St. Mark's

Please, remember to use sanitizer when entering the Parish House and when leaving as well as after washing hands in the restrooms. Those who have been fully vaccinated are free to not wear a mask. If you have not been fully vaccinated, we kindly ask that you wear a mask. Masks are provided at the entrance to the Parish House. Two sections of the nave of the Sanctuary have been reserved for anyone wishing to maintain more distance from others. When receiving Holy Communion, please feel free to maintain distance if you wish while kneeling or standing at the communion rail. At the Sign of Peace, we advise respectfully offering a sign of peace without touching others. Please, help us maintain as much health safety as possible. Blessings and many thanks.

Episcopal 101: Sunday, August 1, 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Hoping to provide a more timely opportunity for learning more about the Episcopal Tradition, please, join me in the Parish Hall next Sunday instead of next Wednesday night. We will gather on Sunday, August 1, for an hour prior to the 10:30 Eucharist for time together. Come and bring your questions. I hope to see you then. ~ Christian+

First Sunday Food Collection

Please, consider bringing non-perishable food for our local food pantry at Westminster Presbyterian Church on the first Sunday of the month. We will be responsible for delivering food collected so that the Downtown Pantry will receive your donation. Thank you.

Social Hour Hosts Needed

Please, considering offering to host a social hour on a Sunday following the 10:30 Eucharist. A sign-up sheet is available on the Welcome Desk of the Parish House foyer. A social hour can be as simple as cookies, cheese and crackers and lemonade. Hosts can expect to be reimbursed by submitting receipts to Pam Stevenson, Financial Manager of St. Mark's. Please, consider this opportunity for service and fun. Thank you.

Parishioner Larry Manglitz

Long-time parishioner, Larry Manglitz, is now in residence at Porter Hills on Fulton. Please, keep Larry in your prayers as well as all those on our In-Bound Parishioner list and all those for whom we have promised to pray, especially those found on our Parish Prayer Lists. Thank you.

All Ministries Planning Meeting: Sept. 8

Chairs of all ministries or representatives of ministries and staff are invited to the annual fall All Ministries Planning Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Pizza will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be available on Welcome Desk next month. Please, plan to come and participate in this interactive opportunity for planning the program year together. Thank you.

Celebration Sunday, September 12, and Return to Two Services

In consultation with staff and other ministries at St. Mark's, we will return to two Services on Sundays on Celebration Sunday on Sept. 12 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Backpacks and School Supplies for Children through August 8

Please, join in the fun of purchasing backpacks for children, all ages. Purchase them and bring them to St. Mark's. We'll bless them on August 8 for delivery to Fr. Jose to distribute to Hispanic children in local parish schools. Please, consider this opportunity for serving God and God's children.

Celebration Sunday, September 12 and Return to Two Services

In consultation with staff and other ministries at St. Mark's, we will return to two Services on Sundays starting on Celebration Sunday September 12 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Volunteers Needed

If you can offer time and talents to assist with ministries at St. Mark's, please see the Ministry Directory for opportunities to serve. We have many areas of need as we return to a fuller expression of our life together. Thank you!

St. Mark's Sacred Grounds Wildlife Habitat

Since the summer of 2017 the south side of St. Mark's property, the St. Mary's Garden, has been landscaped. Sixteen diseased hawthorn trees and a tangle of overgrown yew shrubs were removed. With the help of a grant from the National Wildlife Foundation, the vision of the Rector, and the labor of many parishioners, that space has since been transformed to encompass a native plant garden, a children's outside classroom and a Memorial Garden. Last week, St. Mark's was recognized as a Wildlife Habitat. We are committed to supporting the health and preservation of specific types of wildlife by providing native plantings, food and water sources, and places to shelter and raise them. In addition, we are incorporating sustainable environmental practices throughout St. Mark's campus. Through our Earth Care and Garden Ministry, we have become active participants in the effort to be good stewards of God's creation. ~ Dr. Marie McKendall, Ministry Chair.

Prayer requests:

Sam Bateman
Chuck Bocskey
Elly Davies
Christine DeGroot
Caleb DeYoung
Mike Krushinsky
Jennifer Julius
Larry Manglitz
Jean McCormick
Tim Miller
Ally Nichols
John Oatley
Baldwin Ogden
Aila Olivia
The Polanski Family
David Pyles
Betty Rood
Jo Ellen Schneider
Heidi Stoneman
Dale Van Kley
Christiane Westhelle and Family

In-bound parishioners:

Irene Haizman
Shari Takus
Margarett Tanase
Jean Zylstra
Sue Allen
Gertrude DeAguire
Nita DeGraaf
John Gracki
Larry Manglitz
Irene Savara
Shirley VanDerBos
Mary Rollins
Roma Warmington

Those in the Military Service
LTC Timothy Brower Sr. USA
Cpl Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC
Lt. Col. Todd Murray, USAF
1/Sgt Deidre Piechocki, USA

Prayer for Discernment
Bea Rocco

