

# THE WAY

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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### **What Is Advent?**

For many Christians unfamiliar with the liturgical year, there may be some confusion surrounding the meaning of the Advent season. Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think that it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. This is part of the story, but there's more to Advent.

### **The History of Advent**

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas.

### **Advent Today**

Today, the season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. At that time, the new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6. (Advent begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year.)

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these "last days" (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2), as God's people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God's past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people.

### **Advent Liturgy and Practice**

To balance the two elements of remembrance and anticipation, the first two Sundays in Advent (through December 16th) look forward to Christ's second coming, and the last two Sundays (December 17th – 24th) look backward to remember Christ's first coming. Over the course of the

four weeks, Scripture readings move from passages about Christ's return in judgment, to Old Testament passages about the expectation of the coming Messiah, to New Testament passages about the announcements of Christ's arrival by John the Baptist and the Angels.

While it is difficult to keep in mind in the midst of holiday celebrations, shopping, lights and decorations, and joyful carols, Advent is intended to be a season of fasting, much like Lent, and there are a variety of ways that this time of mourning works itself out in the season. Reflection on the violence and evil in the world cause us to cry out to God to make things right—to put death's dark shadows to flight. Our exile in the present makes us look forward to our future Exodus. And our own sinfulness and need for grace leads us to pray for the Holy Spirit to renew his work in conforming us into the image of Christ.

### Advent and the Christian Life

While Advent is certainly a time of celebration and anticipation of Christ's birth, it is more than that. It is only in the shadow of Advent that the miracle of Christmas can be fully understood and appreciated; and it is only in the light of Christmas that the Christian life makes any sense. It is between the fulfilled promise of Christ's first coming and the yet-to-be-fulfilled promise of his second coming that Karl Barth penned these words: "Unfulfilled and fulfilled promise are related to each other, as are dawn and sunrise. Both are promise and in fact the same promise. If anywhere at all, then it is precisely in the light of the coming of Christ that faith has become Advent faith, the expectation of future revelation. But faith knows for whom and for what it is waiting. It is fulfilled faith because it lays hold on the fulfilled promise." The promise for Israel and the promise for the church is Jesus Christ; he has come, and he will come again. This is the essence of Advent.

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# Forever in our hearts...

*St. Mark the Evangelist recently celebrated the lives of two longtime parishioners and friends, Ray Axelson and Evelyn Burrows. They will be remembered and deeply missed by their loving family at St. Mark.*

## Raymond Julius Axelson, Jr. March 17, 1927—August 1, 2018



**R**aymond Julius Axelson Jr., 91, went to be with our Lord on August 1 of this year. Ray was born on March 17, 1927 in Providence, RI, Ray was very proud to celebrate his birthday on St. Patrick's Day. He is the son of Raymond Julius Sr. and Gertrude Sampson and has a brother, George. He was co-owner with his wife of Ray Axelson Commercial Photography. He is a 1950 graduate of Syracuse University with a degree in Civil Engineering. Mr. Axelson was a former VP and chief estimator for the Santaro Companies and is a Veteran of the US Coast Guard from 1945-46.

He lived at Brighton Towers with his loving wife of nearly 70 years, Ethel. Ray was a member of St. Mark the Evangelist Episcopal Church, served on the Vestry and as former treasurer of Calvary Episcopal Church. He is a former Scout Leader with Troop 42 and enjoyed canoeing and kayaking. He married his wife Ethel Mae Yeomans on December 24, 1949, at Eastwood Baptist Church.

Ray is survived by his wife, Ethel; son, James Axelson (Janie); daughters: Lynn Barry (Tom); Diane Miller (Ken); 10 grandchildren (10 spouses); 30 great-grandchildren (2 spouses); 2 great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Ray was buried with military honors in Onondaga County Veterans Cemetery.



# *Evelyn I. Kanar Burrows*

## *February 26, 1925-October 25, 2018*

**E**velyn I. (Kanar) Burrows, 93, of Baldwinsville, passed away Thursday, Oct. 25, surrounded by her family at Loretto after a brief illness. Born in Syracuse, was a graduate of Central High School and St. Louis Institute of Music. Evelyn taught music both publicly and privately for more than 30 years. She enjoyed her family and friends, square dancing, summers at the lake, and winters in Ft. Myers Beach. She was predeceased by her husband Harold in 2012.

Survivors include her daughter, Judie (Lewis) Samhammer of Baldwinsville; two sons, Bill (Rhoda Hatter) Burrows of Canastota and Randie (Kelly) Burrows of Baldwinsville; grandchildren, Christopher (Diana), Jessica (Ray), Timothy, Nicole, and Eric; 3 great-grandchildren; and several wonderful nieces and nephews.



Evelyn and Harold were married at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on October 26, 1946. Because of the shortage of silk during World War II, Evelyn asked her husband -to-be to send home a silk parachute from overseas which she had made into her wedding gown. Harold was discharged from the Army Air Corp on March 14, 1946.

*(Photo and information courtesy of her daughter and son-in-law, Judie and Lewis Samhammer)*



*You are cordially invited to the  
Annual Circle V Christmas Luncheon  
Thursday, DEC. 6 at 12 Noon  
At  
Strada Mia Restaurant  
313 N. Geddes St., Syracuse*

Everyone attending is responsible for their own meal. There is a sign-up sheet and menu on the Parish Bulletin Board or you can email Deb at [stmarkssyracuse@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkssyracuse@gmail.com) and she will add your name to the list! We would appreciate if all those who are interested in attending the luncheon would please sign-up by Sunday, December 2, so we can let the restaurant know.



## **Personal Items Needed**

**A**s you know, Circle V puts together bags of personal items as a supplement to the Food Pantry for those in our community who need them. It has recently come to our attention that folks are coming in specifically for these products—in particular, shampoo, deodorant, razors, and toothpaste. Right now, we have plenty of soap, but are out of these other items and are currently accepting donations for men and women.

If you are able to help, please bring your donation to the church during service or during office hours and Circle V will put the bags together.

Thank you all so much for your generosity and compassion for our neighbors.







Advent 2018

Dear Friends,

December 2nd marks the beginning of the season of Advent. It is our time of preparation for Christmas. One of our customs is to adorn the church with poinsettia plants. As in the past, the plants will be distributed to those who are ill and to those parishioners who are unable to worship with us at the Christmas services.

#### *THE LEGEND OF THE POINSETTIA*

*In one village in Mexico it was customary for each person to place a gift on the altar of the church for the baby Jesus on Christmas Eve. One Christmas, an angel told a small child to take some dried up weeds she'd found along the road to the church for the baby. When the child placed the weeds on the altar, they turned into the first poinsettia. Since then the flower has been called "The Flower of the Holy Night" or "Flor de Noche Buena."\**

If you wish to contribute to the Christmas Flower Memorials, an envelope has been enclosed so that you may fill in the necessary information. All names will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

Please return the envelope by Wednesday, December 12th, in order to allow time to compile the listing. Your check should be made payable: **St. Mark the Evangelist Flower Fund**. You may place the envelope in the collection plate or mail to:



**Mrs. Joan Green  
4040 Elmcrest Road  
Liverpool, NY 13090**

Extra envelopes will be available in the back of the church.

Christmas Blessings to You and Yours.  
Peace on Earth,

Joan C. Green,  
Flower Fund Chairperson



\*Christmas Legend: <http://www.appleseeds.org/poinsettia-legend.htm>

# Looking to help? Here's some ways...



## Latest Food Pantry Needs

*Thank you all for your generous donations in support of this important ministry*

The Food Pantry is currently in need of the following items:

Jelly  
Gravy  
Tuna Fish

Mashed Potatoes  
White or Brown Rice  
(1 lb. pkgs. please)

## DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR CLOTHES CLOSET

In anticipation of the Christmas Clothes Closet, we are seeking donations of the following items:



**COATS** of all sizes (*Especially needed*)

**HATS**

**MITTENS & GLOVES**

**SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS**

**GENTLY-USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

*There is a Donation Box in the Parish Hall for the Winter Wear*

*ALSO, any bakers who would like to contribute small loaves of **WRAPPED HOMEMADE SWEET BREAD** (example, banana or cranberry) or **COOKIES** (small bags of 12) are welcome and appreciated. For more information, please contact Gary at 315-350-9765 or Cheryl 315-708-7283.*



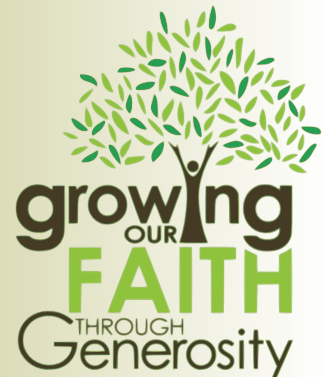
## Your Stewardship is Needed...and Welcome

**Please remember to turn in your pledge cards by Sunday, Dec. 16. As you know, our Church counts on members to pledge for budget planning and to help cover the necessary church expenses. If you have not pledged in the past, we hope you consider it for 2019. If you are a past pledge supporter, please consider increasing your support of the work we do here at St. Mark the Evangelist.**

**Please note: You are not limited to the payment schedule on the pledge card but may make your pledges in any way convenient for you.**

**Thanks to you for all of your past and future support of our church. It is an important part of our neighborhood community!**

***“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)***



## Help a Porter Family at Christmas

**I**t has been a tradition of our Parish to give to others at Christmastime. This year our focus will be on our neighbor, Porter Elementary School. After discussion with the Social Worker at the school, she suggested that we donate Walmart Gift Cards to families. They will be donated prior to Christmas so parents can provide a small Christmas for their family. The social worker will determine the families that will receive the gift cards.



You may give in two ways; either purchase a \$25.00 Walmart gift card or you may donate another amount by writing a check to St. Mark's Church and earmarking it for PORTER CHRISTMAS GIFTS. All donations in any amount to this gift-giving are appreciated. The deadline for giving to this project is Sunday, December 9th. Thank You!

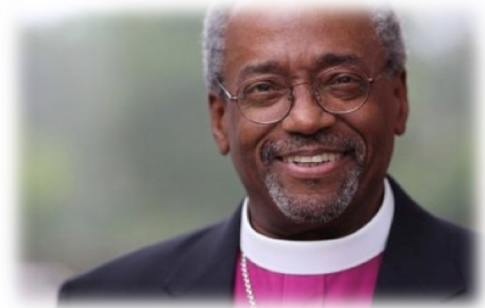
*On behalf of our Mission Outreach,  
Jim Miller & Joan Green*

# An Invitation to Practice The Way of Love

## From Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry

*I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. – Ephesians 3:17-19*

In the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called "church" or "Christian," this Jesus Movement was simply called "the way."



Today I believe our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. But how can we together grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world?

The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. For centuries, monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a "Rule of Life." The framework you now hold – **The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life** – outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

It is designed to be spare and spacious, so that individuals, ministry groups, congregations, and networks can flesh it out in unique ways and build a church-wide treasure trove of stories and resources. There is no specific order you need to follow. If you already keep a Rule or spiritual disciplines, you might reflect and discover how that path intersects with this one. By entering into reflection, discernment and commitment around the practices of **Turn - Learn - Pray - Worship - Bless - Go - Rest**, I pray we will grow as communities following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus. His way has the power to change each of our lives and to change this world.



**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

**Your brother in the Way of Jesus,  
+Michael**

**The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Primate  
and Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church**

## St. Mark's Evening Clothes Closets & Dinners are a Huge Success!

With the popularity of the Saturday morning Clothes Closet and Green Café, coordinator Chery Neddo knew one was not enough. So plans were made and donations acquired to start another one in the evening with a spaghetti dinner taking the place of the Saturday breakfast offerings. And when members of Vintage Church joined forces with St. Mark the Evangelist volunteers, success was virtually guaranteed.



The Evening Clothes Closet was launched in October with a spaghetti dinner while November offered a Thanksgiving feast for shoppers. At both dinners, approximately 60 people were served, many were families. Most of the people visited the clothes closet which took in quite a bit of money for our Food Pantry at only a quarter an item!

The Clothes Closet is also gaining momentum with large donations of bread and rolls from DiLauro's Bakery in Syracuse along with another generous bread donor.

The loaves and rolls are sold for a quarter and are a much-needed and appreciated treat by those in the neighborhood who have no nearby grocery store in walking distance. We are being blessed with so much bread, in fact, that we are able to freeze extra loaves for our food pantry to go along with the peanut butter and jelly in their food bags.

Last but certainly not least, St. Mark would also like to send a special thank you to the **Teen Funders Committee of the Jewish Community Foundation of Central New York, Inc.** Our church applied for a grant through their B'nai Mitzvah Fund program and was awarded \$350 to help fund our Clothes Closet feasts!

For more information and/or to help with this growing program, please contact Gary at 315-350-9765 and Cheryl 315-708-7283. or call the office at 315-488-8511.





# Community Christmas & Clothes Closet



at  
*St. Mark the Evangelist Episcopal Church  
1612 W. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY*

**Saturday, Dec. 8  
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

**The Green Café will  
be open and serving  
FREE  
REFRESHMENTS**



**There will ALSO be:**

**A Cookie & Stuffed Animal for every child  
A GOODIE Basket for every customer  
A Coat/Hat/Mitten Table (FREE)**



*There will be a table with small gifts for  
Christmas Shopping*

**We will have clothing for Men's, Women's and Children  
All items in the CLOTHES CLOSET are ONLY 25¢ !!**

*St. Mark's Clothes Closet funding is made possible in large part due to a generous grant from the  
Teen Funders of the Jewish Community Foundation of CNY, Inc.*



**JOIN US**

**THURSDAY, DEC. 20th  
4-6 PM**

**For St. Mark the Evangelist's  
Evening Clothes Closet**



**& Ham Dinner**

*St. Mark's Clothes Closet funding is made possible in large part due to a generous grant from the Teen Funders of the Jewish Community Foundation of CNY, Inc.*

***Browse through men's, women's and  
children's clothing, shoes, etc....***

**FOR ONLY 25 CENTS PER ITEM!**

***and then enjoy a delicious HAM DINNER!***



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

*Please note: Volunteers are needed for this event as well as our regular Saturday morning Clothes Closets. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.*



# DECEMBER 2018 FOOD \$ENSE MENU

## Westside @ St. Mark's

Inquiries can be made at:

(315) 488-8511 or (315) 378-4908

Email: [stmarkssyracuse@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkssyracuse@gmail.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/>

[StMarkTheEvangelistEpiscopalChurchSyracuseNewYork/](https://www.facebook.com/StMarkTheEvangelistEpiscopalChurchSyracuseNewYork/)

### December Package\* \$20.50:

- Ham Steaks, 1 lb.
- Breakfast Sausage, 1 lb.
- Salisbury Steaks, 12 oz.
- Ground Turkey, 1 lb.
- Pancake Mix, 32 oz.
- Fresh Eggs, 1 doz.
- Apple Juice, 64 oz.
- Hashbrowns Potatoes, 20 oz.
- Toasted Oats Cereal, 12 oz.
- Frozen Berry Blend, 16 oz.
- Fresh Produce
- Fresh Produce

*\*Projected package is subject to change*

### PLEASE READ:

We cannot hold food for you after the scheduled pick-up time. If there is a conflict, you may have someone else pick up your food for you. If you have any questions, please ask the volunteers when you sign up.

There are NO refunds or exchanges.

Any food NOT picked up on

April 25 will become a donation.

### December Specials:

Spiral Ham: 9 lbs. (*avg.*) for \$18.00 - The spiral hams average between eight and ten pounds per special.

Italian Meatballs: 5 lbs. for \$13.00 - The Italian meatballs are fully cooked and are in a five pound bag.

Stuffed Chicken Breast: 2 lbs. for \$8.50 - The chicken breasts are stuffed with apples and cranberries.

American Cheese: 5 lbs. for \$10.25 - The sliced American cheese is not individually wrapped.

Protein Box: \$13.50 - The protein box includes fish sticks 1 lb., pork tenderloin 1.7 lbs. (*avg.*), Chicken Thighs 2 lbs. (*avg.*), ground beef 1 lb., and sliced turkey breast 8 oz.

Onion Rings: 2.5 lbs. for \$6.00 - The onion rings are ready to cook and can be used in the oven or fryer.

White Pasta Bake: 4.5 lbs. for \$13.50 - The pasta bake is family sized and a Stouffers' product.





## What is Food \$en\$e??

**What is it?** Food \$en\$e offers the opportunity to stretch your food budget by purchasing quality food at a discount.

**Who is eligible?** EVERYONE is eligible to purchase food from Food \$en\$e. No donated food is used in this program. It's a buying club -- so there is no income requirement.

**How does it work?** It's Simple. Order and pay in advance at our site.

**Cost is ALWAYS \$20.50** per unit. Multiple units may be purchased, and/or single specials — YOU choose!

**Cash or EBT are accepted. No checks.** (EBT customers must bring card and sign a voucher).

## When can I sign up?

**Sundays,  
Dec. 2 & 9  
10am –12 noon**

**Wednesday, Dec. 5  
4-6 p.m.**

**Saturday, Dec. 8  
10:30am—12:30pm**



## **JOIN US**

for

*Christmas Fun at St.  
Mark's*

**CLOTHES CLOSET  
SATURDAY, DEC. 8**

**10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

This community event will include a visit with Santa, a reading of the Nativity story, refreshments, and MORE!

*Also, browse through men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, etc...*

**ALL FOR ONLY 25 CENTS PER ITEM!**

The Green Café will be serving refreshments, beverages and **HOT CHOCOLATE!**

You may also place your Food Sense order at this time!

To learn about our Evening Clothes Closet and Dinners, turn to page \_\_\_\_

**Pick-Up Date & Time:**

**Wednesday**

**Dec. 19**

**11:30-1:30 P.M.**

# **The Church of St. Mark the Evangelist**

## **Vestry Meeting Minutes**

### **Monday, October 15, 2018**

**Present:** Fr. Nelson Gaetz, Jackie Eberline, Gary Neddo, Jack Omilanowicz, Cherolyn Ottey, Dana Marzynski, Phyllis Honsinger, Gary Smith, Debra Richardson, Julie Dunn, Tom Marzynski

**Excused:** Jim Oliver

Treasurer: Pat Dunn

Clerk: Debra Denny

**1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Fr. Nelson Gaetz at 7:00pm

**2. Opening Prayer:** Jackie Eberline led the Opening Prayer

**3. September 2018 Minutes:** Dana Marzynski made a motion to approve the September 2018 minutes with minor corrections; the motion was seconded by **Jack Omilanowicz**. The September minutes were approved.

**4. Treasurer Report:** The September and Year-to-Date Financial Reports were presented for review. **Cherry Ottey** made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports as presented and was seconded by **Tom Marzynski**. Motion carried.

**5. Pastoral Report:**

- Fr. Gaetz presented his September hours to the Vestry and gave a copy to be filed with the minutes. He also informed the Vestry of dates in October and November he will be unavailable due to medical procedures and a pre-planned vacation. He said he arranged for Sunday service coverage for both Sundays he will be out of town and that Fr. Jon White has agreed to cover any emergencies requiring a priest while he is out of town.
- He also reported that St. Mark's youth ministry is cooperating with the youth groups at St. Luke's, St. John's and St. James. They will be meeting evenings once a month on Sunday evening.
- Fr. Gaetz also informed the Vestry that Deacon Chuck Stewart, who has been visiting with St. Mark's at-home parishioners, will continue to visit with them through the end of the year after which time Fr. Gaetz will begin at-home visitations.
- Fr. Gaetz has reached out to the Diocese to assist with St. Mark the Evangelist getting up to speed regarding worship ministry licensing and safe-church practice training and renewals.

**6. Old Business:**

**Stewardship Committee:** Fr. Gaetz reported the next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18, at 5 p.m.

**Maintenance/Repairs of Building:** Quotes are needed for the following necessary repairs and maintenance:

- Repointing of brickwork in Undercroft
- Tree closest to the church (on the right in front) needs trimming as the branches are overhanging the roof
- Cleaning of gutters and repair/replace a gutter on the St. Mark Ave. side damaged by ice

Gary Neddo said he will be speaking with Jerry Lewis, who should be able to give him the names of several reputable companies for quotes. Mr. Lewis previously worked on the Undercroft project and he has been Clerk of the Works for several school districts.

**Update on Filing Cabinets for Music room:** Jack Omilanowicz reported that he was able to locate 5 cabinets for the \$100 allotted for the purchase but said he would need someone to pick them up as he does not have a large vehicle or truck.

## **7. New Business:**

**Update on Boilers:** Gary Neddo reported that new burners were installed in the boilers prior to the Sunday, Oct. 14, service by Roger Green, who is fully insured, providing significant cost savings to the church. Gary did speak with Dave Hill at Potter and Perrone to update him on the situation and Mr. Hill assured it would not void the contract.

**Funding for Thanksgiving Baskets:** Vestry approval is sought by Missions and Outreach Coordinator, Jim Miller, for the purchase of food for 25 Thanksgiving baskets for the Porter and Frazer schools as well as for the community and some parish members. Wegman's has already donated a \$100 gift card toward the turkeys. Last year's cost was \$350 for turkeys and food items needed above donations. **Gary Neddo** made a motion funds be released from line item 5720 (Rector's Discretionary fund) not to exceed \$500. **Jack Omilanowicz** seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**St. Mark Annual Thanksgiving Dinner:** Dana Marzynski informed the Vestry that Annette Skinner has requested the Vestry approve \$125 for the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 18. Cherry made a motion to approve this request and to release \$125 from the Hospitality Fund (line item 5820). **Gary Neddo** seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Christmas Program in Undercroft:** Gary Neddo announced there will be a Community Christmas Clothes Closet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8. The event will include a visit with Santa, a story-telling station for the reading of the Christmas story, free coats/hat/mittens table and every child will receive a cookie and a stuffed animal. Food Sense will also be there to take orders and answer questions.

**2019 Budget Committee:** Pat Dunn reported that he will be working on the 2019 Budget, which will be presented at December Vestry meeting.

**Discussion to move November Vestry Meeting:** Due to the fact that Fr. Gaetz will be out of town for the scheduled November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and that is also the evening the Thanksgiving baskets are put together, **Jackie Eberline** made a motion to move the November Vestry meeting to the 12<sup>th</sup>, which was seconded by **Debra Richardson**. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Jackie Eberline** and seconded by **Debra Richardson**. Meeting adjourned 8:33pm.

**7. Closing Prayer** was led by Fr. Gaetz.

**Next Executive Meeting: Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m.**

**Next Vestry Meeting: Monday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.**





**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF:**  
**DECEMBER 2018**

	<b><u>2nd</u></b>	<b><u>9th</u></b>	<b><u>16th</u></b>	<b><u>23th</u></b>	<b><u>30th</u></b>
<b>LECTORS</b>	Kathi P. Nancy M. Jim. M.	Adam A. Forrest A. Dana M.	Nancy M. Kaley R. Kitty M.	Noah H. Alex A. Warren O.	Sally T. Dana M. Gary N.
<b>CHALICE BEARER</b>	Tom M. Nancy M.	Gary N. Ethel A.	Tom M. Dana M.	Pat D. Jim M.	Ethel A. Nancy M.
<b>GREETERS</b>	Ernestine L. Barb W.	Phyllis H. Bob K.	Sally T. Barb W.	Ernestine L. Carol G.	Marie B. Jackie E.
<b>USHERS</b>	Pat D. Jim M.	Jackie E. Amy L.	Gary N. Jim M.	Jackie E. Gary N.	Marie B. Amy L.
<b>PRESENTER OF THE GIFTS</b>	Ethel A. Carol G.	Phyllis H. Leslie H.	Kim A. Joan G.	Barb W. Ernestine L.	Gary N. Forrest A.
<b>ALTAR ASSISTANT</b>	Gary N.	Karen W.	Hendrik L.	Tom M.	Phyllis H.
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Noah H. Adam A. Marie B.	Marie B. Stefania M. Hendrik L.	Tate L. Adam A. Marie B.	Stefania M. Adam A. Marie B.	Adam A. Tate L. Hendrik L.
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Team C	Team D	Team A <i>(Greening of the church)</i>	Team B	Team A
<b>V.P.O.D.</b>	Tom M.	Cherry O.	Gary S.	Debra R.	Jackie E.
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Phyllis H. Leslie H.	Annette S. Sally T.	Zach D. Heather T. Jackie E.	OPEN	OPEN

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**TUESDAY, DEC. 4, 5 PM — WORSHIP TEAM**

**MONDAY, DEC. 17, 7 PM — VESTRY**

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in the Vestry room on the lower level of the Parish Hall building.

If you would like to know more about any team or committee, please talk with Fr. Gaetz or one of the wardens.



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CONCERT

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### Service Time

**Sundays:**

**10 am-Holy Eucharist**

*Child Care available during service*

### Office Hours

**Tuesday—Friday:**

**9 am to 2 pm**

### Christmas Services

**Brighton Towers:**

**Thursday, Dec. 20, 7 pm**

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24:**

**7 p.m., Carol Singing**

**7:30 pm Service**

**Christmas Day, Dec. 25: 10 am**

**Mission Statement: The Church of St. Mark the Evangelist is a community of faith sharing the love of Jesus Christ with one another and the world.**