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ST. MARK WELCOMES

THE REV. NELSON W. GAETZ



Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,

I am delighted to have been called to serve as your Interim Rector effective September 16th. After completing almost three years as Interim Priest at Trinity Episcopal Church in Seneca Falls I am delighted to be returning to urban ministry in Syracuse. I am especially pleased to have been called to St. Mark's because of all the vibrant ministries you are involved in. I look forward to participating with you in strengthening these ministries and helping to prepare for your next permanent Rector.

I am a graduate of Hartwick College in Oneonta NY and The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and was ordained in 1971. I served St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Baldwinsville for nearly 10 years and then was

Senior/Executive Pastor at Atonement Church and Ministries on the South side of Syracuse for nearly 32 years. During 16 of those years I was also Dean of the Central Conference/District of the Upstate NY Synod, ELCA. Since my retirement in November 2011 I have been doing interim ministry mostly for the Episcopal Diocese. Since 2000, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the Episcopal church are in Full Communion sharing clergy, and fully recognize each other's members, ministries and sacraments, which make this possible.

My wife Margaret (Peggy), who died shortly after my retirement, and I have three grown children and 9 grandchildren. Robert and his family live in Kirkville, Kathryn and her family live in Baldwinsville very near where I live and Christine and her family live in Florida just outside Orlando.

I hope you will make every effort to be at worship in the next few weeks. I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Fr. Nelson Gaetz



An Autumn Blessing



~ Author unknown

I praise you, Lord, for autumn:
for falling temperatures and m
trees turned gold and red, bro
falling leaves and blowing lea
the smell of burning leaves,
the joy of leaf-pile jumping.

I praise you, Lord, for autumn
the interplay of outside tempe
and inside warmth,
the promise of cider and pump
and blessing of blankets and si

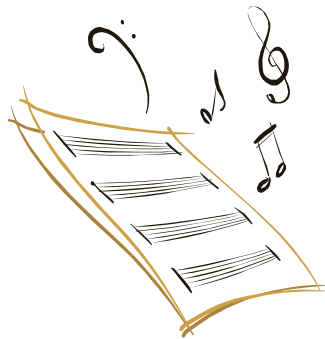
I praise you, Lord, for autumn:
the beauty and hope in the change of season,
the promise that the coming of autumn heralds another ending,
A new beginning,
And the wonder of another winter,
Another spring,
Another summer,
Yet to come.



Courtesy of St. Helen R.C. Church, Gates, NY



Cheerful Notes



When I was 16 years old, my Dad brought home a Hi-Fi record album of Handel's "Messiah," recorded by RCA in Toronto, Canada, under the baton of Sir Ernest MacMillan, conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. Up to this time in my life, I had been under the mistaken impression that when one mentioned the "Messiah," he was talking about the "Hallelujah Chorus." As a new Christian finally listening to the whole oratorio, I was fascinated to learn that Handel had in only 21 days composed and orchestrated this three-hour oratorio, a work that begins with the earliest Biblical prophecies of Jesus Christ, and then continues through the centuries to His birth, His earthly ministry, and His crucifixion. Handel also dramatically illustrated the rebellious, sinful state of humankind, and the substitutionary sacrifice Christ provides freely for us in this fallen world. All of this takes place in Parts 1 and 2 of "Messiah."

But Handel didn't stop there! In Part 3, Handel goes on to gloriously set the Resurrection of Christ, His defeat of death and sin, His second coming, and the Bible's final scene... when we who Christ has saved from sin and its penalty are surrounding the Great White Throne on which sits Christ, the Lamb of God, as we sing to Him, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood... to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing... forever and

ever, Amen!"

My young Christian life was immediately deepened as I listened to "Messiah" many times; and I also grew to love the soloists on this "budget" (some choruses and solos were cut) RCA album: Soprano Lois Marshall, Alto Mary Palmateer, Bass James Milligan, and last, but not least, Tenor Jon Vickers! Vickers sang accurately with a pleasant voice, which seemed also a bit limited in range, as he avoided sustaining the high A naturals in the "Thou shalt break them" aria, which comes just before the "Hallelujah Chorus." I very much liked his singing, nevertheless. When I went to Eastman School of Music in the fall of 1959, I took with me a portable record player and my beloved "Messiah" album.

I wasn't at Eastman very long before I became aware of the "caste system" among the young musicians there. Pianists and composition students were at the top of the pyramid, followed by conducting and music theory majors, then instrumental and percussion majors, and finally voice majors! And within the "lowly" group of voice majors were the upper classmen, tenors, sopranos, mezzo sopranos, and baritones ... in that order! The star tenor at that time was a very handsome young man named Cornelius. That was his first name, but he went by his nickname, Curry. He would never condescend to talk to a mere freshman like myself, except to maybe invade a practice room where a freshman was vocalizing to offer his "sage" criticism!

One day at lunch I was sitting at a table where Curry happened to be eating and talking with some other singers. I heard him mention Jon Vickers, saying that he was to make his debut at the Metropolitan Opera in 1960. Curry asked if anyone had heard him; and I, mere freshman that I was, bravely spoke up saying that I had a record of him up in my room! For the next few minutes I was Curry's best friend as we hurried up to the third floor of Munro Hall, our dorm, so we could listen to Vickers sing the opening solos in "Messiah," "Comfort ye..." and "Every Valley..." About halfway through the latter, Curry jumped up while loudly exclaiming, "If that guy is going

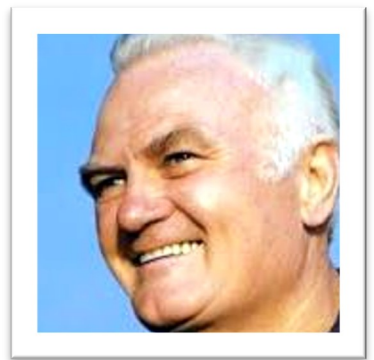
to sing at the Met, I should have been there two years ago!” He left my room and never spoke to me again! Now I must admit, I was also surprised to hear that Vickers was going to sing at the Met because, although he had what to my ears was a pleasing voice, he didn’t sound operatic to me. My opinion was soon to dramatically change!

As the fall months passed by and our short Thanksgiving vacation ended, I flew from Philadelphia back to Rochester on a Capital Airlines Viscount turbo-prop airliner. While I had been home, my high school choral director, Gerald Dagher, asked me if during my Christmas vacation I would sing the bass solos in “Messiah” for him and his choir in the large Coatesville Methodist Church. I was more excited about that than anything else which I had experienced in that very eventful year! In December, I was in a practice room at Eastman every day striving to get into my voice the two recitatives and two arias from the great oratorio that I would be singing for my home folks!

At the beginning of December, I visited a record shop just up the street from Eastman; and I heard that RCA was about to release a high-budget album of “Messiah,” in STEREO under the baton of Sir Thomas Beecham, conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra! Beecham had engaged his colleague, Eugene Goosens (former conductor of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Eastman faculty member), to re-orchestrate “Messiah” as he thought Handel, himself, might have orchestrated the work if there had been orchestras in the 1700’s that would match the orchestras and orchestra facilities of the mid-20th Century! The resulting Beecham-Goosens orchestration was spectacularly grandiose and complete (irritating purists, to this day, I might add!). None of Handel’s original choruses or solos were cut; and four dramatic opera singers sang the arias: Soprano Jennifer Vyvian, Alto Monica Sinclair, Basso Giorgio Tozzi, and... you guessed it... Tenor Jon Vickers! I immediately ordered the album as a Christmas present for my parents, even though delivery could not be assured before the day I would fly back home! I

began to visit that record store daily to see if the album had arrived. Each day the answer was “not yet,” until the morning of the day, December 18, 1959, that I would fly back home! That morning the album arrived, and I hand carried it onto the plane! I later hid that family Christmas present in my suitcase, once I had retrieved my luggage in Philadelphia.

My parents and I had a joyful reunion, and we had a very happy drive back to our Coatesville, PA, home in our 1957 Buick Century. However, I woke up on Saturday with a Rochester, NY, cold; and my singing of “Messiah” on the Sunday at the Methodist Church was labored, but I got through it! Audience members were kind to me, despite my cold. By Christmas Day, I was feeling much better, and I was overjoyed to present Mom and Dad with the new “Messiah” album! Dad had just had a techie friend of his install a stereo system in our living room, and on Christmas night my parents and I sat enjoying the fire in our fireplace and listened to the new stereo “Messiah” on speakers placed on either side of the warm and colorful fire. For the three of us, listening for the first time to the Beecham “Messiah,” it was a powerful, emotional, joyful “God Moment” in our lives! I remember it like it was yesterday! And I for the first time understood completely why Jon Vickers was going to sing at the Met! His voice had grown immensely, gaining size and rich color; and his singing was more expressive than ever before! I had never before heard such a tenor, and probably seldom have since! Vickers’ interpretation of the Messiah solos... from the opening “Comfort Ye” and “Every Valley,” to the Part 2 recitatives, “All they that see him,” “Thy rebuke,” “Behold and see,” “He was cut off,”

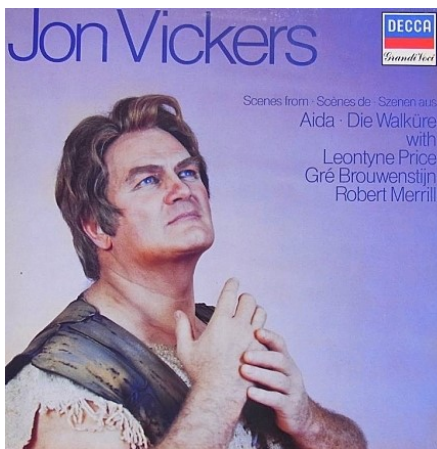


“God’s Tenor,” Jon Vickers

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and the Part 2 arias, “But Thou didst not leave His soul in Hell,” and “He that dwelleth in Heaven – Thou shalt break them,” and his singing of the lone tenor piece in Part 3, the “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory” duet with the alto soloist... were, and still are, the finest tenor oratorio singing I have heard, ever!

Jon Vickers went on to have an operatic career of more than twenty years, singing a repertoire that ranged from the spinto tenor roles of Verdi, Mascagni, Leoncavallo, Ponchielli, Cilea, and others, to the heldentenor roles of Wagner and his Ring Cycle. I heard Jon Vickers in person on several occasions and I marveled at his enormous, but always beautiful and expressive voice that would seem to effortlessly dwarf the fine voices of the other lead singers, as if he somehow had hidden a mighty pipe organ in his broad chest! The last time I heard Vickers sing in person was at what had been billed a “maybe his last ‘Otello’” at the Metropolitan Opera in 1974. Before that performance began, the Met general manager appeared in front of the curtain... always an omen that one of the advertised lead singers was ill. All of us who had filled the opera house to hear Jon Vickers were quite relieved to hear that it was soprano Teresa Stratas who was ill, and not Vickers!



Stratas was a consummate artist and a good actress whom all of us liked; but instead, we were now to hear a previously unknown soprano who would be making her Metropolitan debut that afternoon. Her name? It was none other than Kiri Te Kanawa, who would be a brilliant star that day and for many years thereafter! She and Jon Vickers brought the love tragedy of Otello to new heights that day for all of us in a way than none of us will ever forget!

In closing, I want tell you why Canadians to this day refer to the late Jon Vickers as “God’s Tenor.” Jon Vickers’ parents were evangelical Christians who ran a rescue mission in Toronto, where their young son would sing in a nearby church choir. In his early adult years, Jon worked in a Toronto bank. His bank manager had heard Jon sing in church; and when the Toronto Symphony “Messiah” album project was announced, the bank manager urged the then largely untrained Jon Vickers to audition for the tenor solo role in the recording. Jon was hesitant at first, thinking that only an experienced professional singer would be considered for such a role. The bank manager persisted, however. And Jon Vickers finally did audition for the part and was hired to sing it! And the rest, as they say, is history! Some professionals at the Met heard Vickers on the Toronto Symphony album and managed to have him come to New York for voice study and coaching. His operatic debut then came in a relatively short time!

This discovery and progression were truly examples of “God’s Moments,” as throughout his long career, Jon Vickers lived and performed while maintaining his Christian testimony in a field filled with temptations, egos, and distractions. He always sang “as unto the Lord” with a voice as beautiful and maybe as powerful as will be Gabriel’s Trumpet when we see Jesus Christ return! Maybe we will also hear God’s Tenor as we sing our praises around the Throne of Jesus Christ!

From Your Director of Music, Warren Ottey

Looking to help? Here's a way...



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
Peanut Butter
Stew
(Smaller cans, please)

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



Porter School Drive

One of our customs in our partnership with Porter School is to provide the social worker &/or the nurse with socks and underwear for student emergencies. If you are school shopping for children, grandchildren or other kids, please keep this need in mind. The underwear can be sizes 6-10 and the socks can be almost any sizes for children. As always, these emergency packages are appreciated. Please leave items in the designated box in the Parish Hall and I will deliver them to Porter School in late September.



Thank you, Joan Green

A Warm Welcome and a Very Special Thank- You



The September 16th service at St. Mark the Evangelist was a blessed and emotional one as we welcomed our new Interim Pastor, the Rev. Nelson Gaetz, and at the same time, had the opportunity to thank Pastor Kate Lufkin Day for all she has done for our church and for each of us since the passing of our beloved Father Adrian A. Amaya.



During the service, Anna Amaya thanked Pastor Kate personally and on behalf of the congregation, presented her a gift of a very special stole that had belonged to Fr. Amaya. This particular, two-sided stole was special to him and we hope it will be just as special to Pastor Kate!

Thank you, Pastor Kate, and welcome Father Gaetz, from St. Mark the Evangelist!





DID YOU KNOW...?

... When St. Mark Sexton Phil Buffham is not keeping St. Mark the Evangelist clean, you'll find him volunteering on weekends aboard the Adirondack Scenic Railroad. This summer, he has been busy on wine trains and now the fall foliage tours. But, even though Christmas is three months away, the railroad is gearing up the ever-popular *Polar Express* — *and it's not too early to get your tickets as it sells out quickly.*

Live the magic of the classic Polar Express™ Train Ride story with the Adirondack Scenic Railroad. This trip is approximately 2 hours round trip. Depart from Utica's Union Station and travel north while being served hot chocolate and cookies, interacting with Hot Chocolate Chefs, and listening to Liam Neeson's reading of The POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride, by Chris van Allsburg. When you arrive at our North Pole (Holland Patent, NY), Santa will board the train, spending time with each and every family during the return trip and giving children the first present of Christmas (a silver bell, just like in the book or movie)!



<http://www.adirondackrr.com/adkrr/polar-express-utica/>

For a first-class ride, travel to the North Pole in the Cocoa Class car! Mrs. Claus and our Hot Chocolate Chef will be the hostess' for you in our first-class car. Families will be served cookies and hot chocolate in souvenir mugs while being seated at table seating. Santa will visit with each and every family during the return trip.

Children (and parents!) are encouraged to come in pajamas. Don't forget your camera — you'll want to capture the memories of your time with Santa!

A Sincere THANK YOU from Joseph's House

Earlier this year, the Mustangs women's group launched a "Baby Bottle Drive" to collect money in support of Joseph's House, in Syracuse, which serves as an alternative to adoption or abortion for women who find themselves in difficult situations and choose to keep their child.



Thanks to their efforts and the generosity of the parishioners of St. Mark, The Mustangs were able to collect and donate \$183.00 to Joseph's House for their mission. A wonderful letter thanking St. Mark for the support has been received and is posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board. Please take a minute to read how much your caring donation has been appreciated.





St. Mark's

CLOTHES CLOSET IS OPEN

SATURDAY, OCT. 13



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

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

ALL FOR ONLY 25 CENTS PER ITEM!



**The Green Café is open during Clothes Closet
with a free light breakfast for shoppers!**

*The Clothes Closet is open on the second Saturday of each month
Volunteers are needed between 9:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. +/-
There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.*



Keep those cans and bottles coming!

Thanks so much to all of you who have donated cans and bottle to St. Mark's Youth Group! The collection continues and there are two collections bins available for recycling—one in the Undercroft and one by the door going up to the Parish Hall.

You may bring them directly to church or you may contact Phyllis Honsinger at (315) 214-9847 for pick-up service at your home. Also, the redemption center that has the account is located in Western Lights Plaza. You can bring them there and just ask for the amount to be added to the account for **St. Marks**.

We thank you again for your past donations and look forward to your future donations. Please let us know if you need any assistance!

St. Mark the Evangelist Youth Group



BOTTLE AND CAN COLLECTION to benefit the Youth Group at St. Mark the Evangelist Church

Bring your empties to church and place in the collection bin or to schedule a pick-up call Phyllis Honsinger (315) 214-9847



**St. Mark Clothes Closet and Green Café
ARE EXPANDING THEIR SERVICES!!**

And YOUR help is needed!

In response to the need and to better serve our community, the popular St. Mark's Clothes Closet and Green Café will be launching an **EVENING CLOTHES CLOSET & SPAGHETTI DINNER** once a month beginning...



October 18th from 4-6 PM!

And we need VOLUNTEERS to make this a success!

Please note: You do not need to volunteer every month. There's enough of us to take turns to help & to share in the neighborhood experience! Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for this event as well as the Saturday morning Clothes Closets.

Look for these other Special Clothes Closet Events:

- Nov. 10, 10:30am to 12:30pm — Clothes Closet and Green Café
- Nov. 15, 4-6pm — Evening Thanksgiving Clothes Closet and Turkey Dinner
- Dec 8, 10:30am to 12:30pm, Christmas Clothes Closet, Green Café & Coat Giveaway. Visit with Santa, Homemade Bread and Cookies, Stuffed Animals for Children, Nativity Story Time & a Mustangs' Christmas shopping table
- Dec. 20, 4-6pm — Evening Christmas Clothes Closet and Ham Dinner

Volunteers will be needed for these as well!

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." James 1:22

OCTOBER 2018 FOOD \$ENSE MENU

Westside @ St. Mark's

Inquiries can be made at:

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

Email: stmarkssyracuse@gmail.com

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

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

October Package* \$20.50:

- Pork Tenderloin, 1.75 lbs. (avg)
- Chicken Drumsticks, 3.5 lbs. (avg)
- Salisbury Patties, 12 oz.
- Fish Sticks, 1 lb.
- Ground Turkey, 1 lb.
- Pierogis, 13 oz.
- Cheddar Cheese, 8 oz.
- Egg Noodles, 12 oz.
- Tomato Cream Soup, 17 oz.
- Frozen Broccoli, 16 oz.
- 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.

October Specials:

Pork Baby Back Rib: 2.5 lbs. for \$7.50

- The baby back ribs are in a honey barbecue sauce and are fully cooked.

Italian Meatballs: 5 lbs. for \$12.75 -

The Italian meatballs are fully cooked and are in a five pound bag.

Stuffed Chicken Breasts: 2 lbs. for

\$8.25 - The chicken breasts are stuffed with apples and cranberries.

American Cheese: 5 lbs. for \$11.50 -

The sliced American cheese is not individually wrapped.

Breaded Shrimp: 3 lbs. for \$12.75 -

The breaded shrimp contain 16-20 shrimp per pound.

Onion Ring: 2.5 lbs. for \$6.00 - The

onion rings are ready to cook and can be used in the oven or fryer.

Hot Pockets: 12/8 oz. sandwiches for



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,
Oct. 7 & 14
10am –12 noon**

**Wednesday, Oct. 10
4-6 p.m.**

**Saturday, Oct. 13
10:30am—12:30pm**

Plan to Visit

St. Mark's

CLOTHES CLOSET

SATURDAY, OCT. 13th

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

Browse through
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**ALL FOR ONLY 25 CENTS PER
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**YOU MAY ALSO PLACE YOUR
FOOD \$EN\$E ORDER
AT THIS TIME!**

Pick-Up Date & Time:

Wednesday

Oct. 24

12-2 P.M.

**The Church of St. Mark the Evangelist
Vestry Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 20, 2018**

Present: Julie Dunn, Gary Neddo, Jackie Eberline, Jack Omilanowicz, Cherolyn Ottey, Dana Marzynski, Phyllis Honsinger, Gary Smith, Debra Richardson

Excused: Jim Oliver, Tom Marzynski

Treasurer: Pat Dunn

Clerk: Debra Denny

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Gary Neddo at 7:00pm
2. **Opening Prayer:** Gary Neddo led the Opening Prayer
3. **Interim Priest Update:** Gary Neddo reported the candidate for interim priest, the Rev. Nelson Gaetz, had met with the Wardens, Pat Dunn, Treasurer, and Kitty Miller and an Interim Rector Letter of Agreement had been worked out. Once approved by the Vestry, the letter requires the signatures of the following people before a public announcement can be made to the parish: The Interim candidate, the Senior Warden and the Bishop. It is anticipated that it will be signed within the next week so Father Gaetz may officially begin Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018. There will be mutual ministry reviews of the total parish ministry conducted during this year and an Annual Clergy Evaluation which will help determine the health of the parish. The continuation of this agreement, if a permanent Rector has not been called by the time this agreement has reached its term end, will be visited at that time. This one-year contract was presented to the Vestry for approval. A motion was made by **Jack Omilanowicz** to accept the contract, which was seconded by **Julie Dunn**. The contract was then signed by Sr. Warden, Gary Neddo.
4. **July 2018 Minutes:** **Jack Omilanowicz** made a motion to approve the July 2018 minutes with minor corrections; the motion was seconded by Gary Smith. The minutes were approved.
5. **Treasurer Report:** The July 2018 and Year-to-Date Financial Reports along with the quarterly Finance Committee report were presented for review.
6. **Old Business:**

Building Use Rules: The New Rules for Use of Parish Hall were reviewed and approved as presented. Copies will be sent to outside groups that use the hall and will be posted in the Parish Hall and kitchen. It was suggested it also be sent out to the Parish and included in the next newsletter.

Update of Church Service & Picnic: Debra Richardson reported that all is moving

ahead smoothly, and the event has been well advertised. The church service and picnic will be held Sept. 9 at Shove Park beginning at 10 a.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
 - The gutters along the parking lot side of the building need cleaning (weeds growing in them) / The gutters on the St. Mark Ave. side were cleaned not too long ago but were recently damaged by ice, so it needs repair/replacing
- Gary Neddo said he had a contractor who could give him name of several reputable companies for quotes and asked if anyone else has any recommendations for quotes to please let the secretary know.

7. New Business:

Weed Wacker: The sexton had reported that the church's weed wacker is not working and possibly may need replacing. Gary Neddo suggested it be looked at to see if it can possibly be repaired before purchasing.

Internet changes: Pat Dunn announced that Spectrum's monthly charge recently went up more than \$50 per month as the previous deal for internet that had been set up with Time Warner has expired. He suggested by eliminating the modem in the downstairs portion of the church will save \$70-75 per month. The vestry voted to turn in the modem in the undercroft at this time until such time it is determined that wireless internet service is required in the undercroft for regular ministry programs.

8. Other Business

Request to rent building: Lifeline Screening called to see if they can use the facility Oct. 4. This request can be considered only if they do not charge for their services as our not-for-profit status restricts us from renting our facilities to for-profit businesses and organizations. The secretary will call to see if they charge for their services.

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

7. Closing Prayer was led by Dana Marzynski.

Next Executive Meeting: September 13, 5:30 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting: Monday, September 17, 7 p.m.

Rules for Use of Parish Hall

You may set the Parish Hall up anyway you would like. When you are done, please put it back the way you found it.

If you bring food, please take it with you and do not leave leftovers at the church.

Please DO NOT put any liquids into the trash cans. Pour liquids down the sink.

Please rinse out all empty bottles and cans and put into the blue bins located under the deep sink or take them with you when you leave.

If you spill anything, please clean it up. There is a mop and bucket, as well as a broom and dust pan, on the west side of the hall, next to the cabinet across from the kitchen door. There are spray cleaners under the sink.

Bathrooms: Please check to make sure they are reasonably cleaned and empty trash if necessary.

Everyone: If you use any dishes, flatware, etc. please wash with soap and water and put away. **Outside Groups:** You are welcome to use our dishware, silverware, pots and pans provided you wash and put away. We ask that you please supply your own plastic ware, paper products and condiments/food items and do not use the church's.

Please check supplies and/or cold beverages and creamer before buying additional ones. Paper plates are in the black cabinet in the hall, cups, plastic ware, sugar, etc. are in the metal cabinet in the kitchen. If you notice any supply is low, please leave a note for Deb Denny, our parish secretary.

PLEASE make sure ALL doors and windows are closed and locked and all fans, lights ovens and any other appliances used are off when leaving.

If you fill a trash bin, please take the bag to the dumpster and replace the liner in the bin. New bags are located under the sink with the window.

Parking: Please note when having an event, you CANNOT park in the library during the hours they are open. You will risk being towed.

St. Mark the Evangelist THANKS YOU for your consideration and cooperation

Please note that these Rules for Usage of the Parish Hall and Kitchen were recently updated and are posted in several locations throughout the kitchen area for your convenience. These updates were also sent out to anyone who uses our Parish Hall.



Personal Items Needed

As 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 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.



CIRCLE V MEETINGS

The next meeting (in the church hall) is Thursday, October 4th, at noon. Please bring your own lunches, coffee and dessert to be provided.

The next Circle V get-together is the Christmas luncheon on Dec. 6 at noon. Barb White and Nancy Morrison are the hostesses and the location is TBD.

Further Reminations from a Slow Learner: "Ashes to Ashes; Dust to Rust."

As I age (ripen?), I am starting to appreciate God's role in "the little things" that I have overlooked and taken for granted in my previous decades. I now say a silent "Thank you, Lord" each time I am in the basement loading/unloading the washer and drier. Kenmore and Whirlpool have provided us with reliable tools that have long since, in my estimation, exceeded their-sell by or expiration dates. I have begun to appreciate them while understanding they won't last forever ... nor will I.

I find myself doing the same thing while driving ... silently thanking the Lord for "vehicles that run so well" even my uniquely colored —some would say ugly— Dodge Caliber with 161,000 miles on it. And on my way to and from campus, each time I go down the steep hill near the LaFayette truck inspection stations and say "Thank you, Lord" at the exact place where a tractor trailer nudged me into a 180-degree spin on a slushy day in February several years ago. It slammed the car into the northbound guard rail cocooning me from any traffic in both directions. I was able to drive it straight to Syracuse Frame where I junked it. A miracle I have never forgotten.

Once on campus, I find a parking space— not easy— and say "Thank you, Lord" for the spots are hard to come by.

I invite you to do the same and to look around you and I'm sure you'll find plenty of opportunities for a quiet, simple, "Thank you, Lord."



"I know that was you,
God! Thank you!

"Thank you, Lord!" ~ Jim Miller



Attention Cursillistas!

CNY Ultreya meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at St. Matthews, Liverpool;

Next meeting:

7 p.m.

Oct. 17, 2018





MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF:
OCTOBER 2018

	<u>7th</u>	<u>14th</u>	<u>21st</u>	<u>28th</u>
LECTORS	Nancy M. Noah H. Kitty M.	Forrest A. Kaley R. Dana M.	Ethel A. Kathi P. Sally T.	Jim M. Nancy M. Forrest A.
CHALICE BEARER	Ethel A. Tom M.	Nancy M. Pat D.	Gary N. Jim M.	Dana M. Tom M.
GREETERS	Jim M. Carol G.	Phyllis H. Bob K.	Sally T. Ernestine L.	Barb W. Phyllis H.
USHERS	Marie B. Jackie E.	Amy L. Tom M.	Jackie E. Pat D.	Jim M. Amy L.
PRESENTER OF THE GIFTS	Barb W. Ernestine L.	Ethel A. Marilyn G.	Kim A. Nancy M.	Gary N. Forrest A.
ALTAR ASSISTANT	Forrest A.	Gary N.	Karen W.	Hendrik L.
ACOLYTES	Adam A. Tate L. Hendrik L.	Noah H. Adam A. Marie B.	Marie B. Stefania M. Hendrik L.	Tate L. Adam A. Marie B.
V.P.O.D.	Debra R.	Julie D.	Cherry O.	Jack O.
ALTAR GUILD	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team A

UPCOMING MEETINGS



MONDAY, OCT. 15, 7 PM — VESTRY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER meeting TBA — WORSHIP TEAM

THURSDAY, OCT. 18, 5 PM — STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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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Service Time

Sundays:

10 am-Holy Eucharist

Child Care available during service

Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday:

9 am to 2 pm



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