

# THE WAY

The Newsletter of  
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## Spring 2024

March/April Edition



### Preparing

St. Mark's and St. Luke's kicked off the season of Lent together at Shrove Tuesday which featured a pancake dinner, burning of palms and a special "early" Ash Wednesday service for those who could not attend a service on Wednesday. At left is the new cross hand crafted by Jim Miller's son, Jeff, and installed by St. Mark parishioner, Eric Hovater, just in time for Lent. *More Shrove Tuesday images on page 5.*



# A Word ...

*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. BCP p265*



These words, from the invitation read by the minister as part of the Ash Wednesday service really get at the heart of what Lent is about. Lent originated as a time for new Christians to focus their minds and spirits on their coming union with Christ in baptism. In those ancient days, most baptisms were of adults, not children, and represented a significant (and dangerous) choice. If we can imagine, as our forebearers did, baptism as a kind of death of the old self and the birth of a new self, then we can begin to see Lent as a period of grief almost, of saying goodbye, and preparing ourselves for what awaits. The forty days of Lent comes from Jesus's time in the wilderness, where he said goodbye to his old self and determined to live into the purpose for which he was created, facing many temptations, and overcoming them in order to be able to share the good news that the kingdom of heaven has come near.

This experience was so meaningful to so many who undoubtedly felt so connected to Jesus through it, that they began setting aside time each year to renew that experience and reinvigorate their own faith. And the disciplines outlined, self-examination, repentance, self-denial, and immersion in God's Holy Word offer us the pathway to get in touch with God in deeper ways and to forge a stronger connection with Jesus in our own lives.

I pray that this is a meaningful season for you this year, and that together we might become an ever truer reflection of God's love that lights up the world.

Peace,  
*Jon*

## *Holy Week Schedule*

Easter is on March 31st this year, which is pretty early, and as usual we will be preparing to celebrate the Resurrection in the services of Holy Week, which recount the final days of Jesus before his crucifixion.

**The schedule for Holy Week is:**

7pm Wednesday Mar 27	at St Mark's	Tenebrae: the Service of Darkness
7pm Thursday Mar 28	at St Luke's	Maundy Thursday
Noon Friday Mar 29	at St Luke's	Good Friday
7pm Friday Mar 29	at St Mark's	Good Friday
7pm Saturday Mar 30	at St Luke's	Easter Vigil

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARK...

## Fridays in Lent

We hope everyone is experiencing a blessed Lent this year and that if you've chosen to give something up or take on something new that it is going well and helping you find a deeper relationship with God.

During Lent we have been having our weekly "Fridays in Lent" service and supper going back and forth between here and St Mark's. We have short contemplative service beginning at 6:30 followed by a shared meal and conversation. There is more left and we hope you can join in if you haven't already.



## Friday March 22 at St Mark's

## Now Give Online! Through Tithe.ly

St. Mark's now offers the option to give online! Whether it is a pledge, memorial or a one-time donation, it can be done easily online. No more writing of checks, envelopes, or stamps needed! The option to donate online can be found on the homepage of our website — there is a menu item at the top of the page called "Give Online" or a large button below the banner image you can click on to bring you to the Giving Button option along with instructions for your first time.

*To the right is a screenshot of the donation page. Please let the office know if you have any trouble setting up your donation.*

A screenshot of the online donation interface for St. Mark the Evangelist Episcopal Church. At the top, the church name is displayed. Below it, the current amount is shown as \$ 0.00. There are dropdown menus for 'Fund' (set to 'General Fund') and 'Country' (set to 'United States'). A row of buttons allows selecting the frequency: 'One Time' (highlighted in green), 'Weekly', 'Bi-weekly', '1st & 15th', and 'Monthly'. The 'Contact Details' section includes input fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email', 'Street Address', 'City', 'State/Province', and 'Zip/Postal'. A 'Phone' field is also present with a '+1' country code dropdown. The 'Payment Information' section has an 'Add Payment Method' button and a 'Cover the fees' toggle set to 'Yes'. An 'Extra Details' section contains a 'Memo' field. At the bottom, a large green button says 'Give \$0.00' with a shopping cart icon. A footer note states 'Powered and Secured by Tithe.ly. Learn more.'



## Images from St. Mark's Annual Meeting March 3



St. Mark's held its Annual Meeting on March 3, which was also accessible through Zoom. The election phase saw Gary Neddo elected as Warden, replacing Jim Miller (at right). St. Mark's thanks Jim for his dedicated service during his term as warden. And thank you to the Vestry for hosting a delicious Coffee Hour prior to the meeting.



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## New Acolyte Room Finished

Recently we undertook a project to spruce up the vesting room in the sanctuary to make it the place where our acolytes and other worship servers can put on their vestments. Just a little paint and some reorganization and it is looking pretty good. As for the old Acolyte room in the basement, we are in the process of repainting it so that it will become the new home for our Food Pantry. A big thank you goes out to Eric Hovater for his work on this project and to Fr. Jon as well. (More images on page 6)





# Shrove Tuesday Snapshots

St. Mark's and St. Luke's in Camillus came together to celebrate Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras – the last day to indulge before the solemn, holy and sacrificial season of Lent. Fr. Jon and Pat Dunn served up pancakes and sausage while parishioners provided delicious desserts. Later, Fr. Jon burned last year's palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday and then distributed ashes to those present who could not make one of the Ash Wednesday services. It was a joyous and special night!





# Food \$en\$e at St. Mark's is busier than ever

It seems lately that each month brings another record number of orders through the St. Mark's Food \$en\$e site. For instance, in 2023, January saw 64 orders while February had 66. In January 2024, there was a whopping 127 orders placed and last month 119 orders were taken. This meant a good deal of coordination of the volunteers led by Jim Miller to organize the delivery from unloading to pickup of the orders. Just to be clear, the unit orders feature 12 items from meat to produce but it does not come as a unit—volunteers have to sort and package each order along with the individual “specials” ordered. And keep track of whose order is whose. This group of hearty volunteers has developed quite the system which is amazing to watch. If you can, you should stop by sometime to check it out—and maybe pitch in. Volunteers are always welcome and needed now more than ever. It's worth mentioning, too, that each customer receives 2-3 free loaves of bread courtesy of a regular donation established by Gary and Chery Neddo.

This jump in orders is mainly contributed to the fact that in July of 2023, the Food Bank of CNY began offering the option to place orders online using a credit/debit card so customers weren't restricted to trying to get to a site to place an order in person. This was welcome news to so many Food \$en\$e customers, and there are many loyal ones



***New Acolyte Room, Continued from page 4. Below left is the finished Acolyte Room; the image at the bottom right is the old Acolyte Room awaiting fresh paint. The Food Pantry will eventually be moved to this room which will have more room and new shelves.***



# march

## Happy Birthday

3 Jon White  
18 Franklin Harrison  
22 Tom Marzynski  
26 Bill Zimmer  
27 John Guido

# april

## Happy Birthday

2 Kate Hill  
9 Gail Manolescu  
24 Forrest Antrum  
28 Jennie True



## From the Treasurer...

### Financial Report for January 1 thru February 29, 2024

	<i>Budget for Year</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<i>Income</i>	\$107,145.00	\$21,834.43	-85,310.57
<i>Expenses</i>	\$143,523.00	\$30,159.32	<b>-\$113,363.68</b>
<i>Deficit</i>	<b>-\$36,378.00</b>	<b>-\$8,324.89</b>	\$28,053.11
<i>Clothes Closet/ FP Bal.</i>	\$ 2,767.27		
<i>Investments</i>	\$ 686,952.06		

**Submitted by: Pat Dunn**



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## HOLY WEEK



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### Sundays

**11 am—Holy Eucharist**  
In-person and by Livestream

*All are Welcome!*

### Office Hours

**Tuesdays**  
**8 am to 3 pm**  
**Thursday:**  
**12-3pm**

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.