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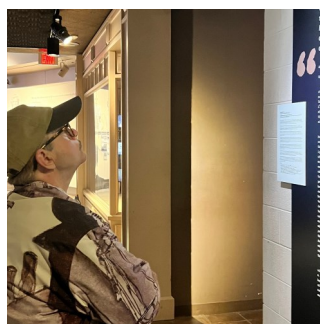
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## A Word ...

*I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by. Ecclesiastes 3:10-15*



**T**he work of ministry is a sometimes curious one and it can be difficult to know what the real fruits of one's labor might be. All that we do in God's name is like planting the seed but, as St Paul reminds us, it is God that gives the growth, and the fruits of ministry ripen only in God's time.

If you're like me, you may wish that God worked on a quicker timeline, and yet if we can take a moment to stop and look around, we can see all the good in the world that comes from God. God doesn't work through grand measures or flashy spectacles, God enters quietly into our lives from the unexpected places, the work of God is the stuff of small gestures and easy-to-miss kindnesses. The kingdom of God isn't built all at once, but one carefully laid brick at a time.

As followers of Jesus, we can take comfort in knowing that Jesus has done the hard work, freeing us from the power of Evil and opening for us the path the eternal life. Our task is merely to take up this hard-won freedom, to bask in the love of God, and to boldly and courageously bring love and determination to every corner of our daily lives.

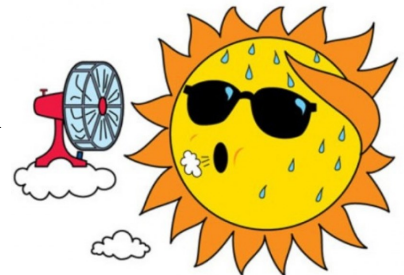
But also to take moment each day, to look up and look around and see that God is good.

Blessings,  
*Jon*

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### Summer Worship

As it gets warmer, to beat the worst of the heat, we will once again be shifting our worship to the Undercroft. This year we will move down a little earlier, beginning on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Our last Sunday in the main sanctuary will be Trinity Sunday, so after having your delicious Trinity Sundae, let's all work together to shift items we'll need for a successful worship experience in the Undercroft.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

## **Money Matters**

You may have noticed a change recently in how we handle the Sunday collection. For the past month or so, members of the Vestry have taken turns to count the money collected each week and prepare the deposit. We made this change to align how we handle money with the best practices and guidelines promulgated by the church.

Previously the money was counted, deposited and spent all by the same person, our Treasurer. Fundamentally, this was unfair to the Treasurer not only because all of the burden was placed on them, but it also put them in an untenable position should a mistake ever be made.

The church's financial guidelines lay out that the counting of money should never be done by a single person and that the person(s) counting the money should not be the same people keeping the books or writing the checks. This change now brings us into line with that expectation.

Of course, our vestry members understand the need for confidentiality in this important responsibility and your donations will be handled in the same careful manner as always.

## **Let's Talk About the Future**

As mentioned at the annual meeting, we, as a parish, are at a point where we need to discern how we might better steward our resources to ensure the continuation of our ministry into the future. Therefore, everyone is invited to join for a series of community gatherings in the next few months to work together in casting a vision to carry us forward.

These events will be held after worship, will last about an hour and will offer opportunity for everyone to participate and be heard. We are planning on three gatherings over the spring and summer, but we can add more if necessary. Right now, the schedule is:

**First meeting:** Sunday May 21st

**Second Meeting:** Sunday June 25th

**Third meeting:** Date still to be determined

## **Parish Picnic**

This year, we are planning something new for our parish picnic. We will be doing it together with the folks from St Luke's and we'll be in a new location, Reed Webster Park in Camillus. The picnic is planned for Sunday, August 27th, beginning at noon. We are also exploring having a joint worship service on that day before the picnic and we'll let you know as soon as plans have been finalized.

The park has a nice pavilion and they've recently constructed new restrooms close to the pavilion. The park is located behind Township Five on Warners Rd, along the Erie Canal Trail near the east end of the Liz and David Beebe Erie Canal Park. Its address is 3489 Warners Rd, Camillus, NY.

# Special Service and Celebration

Parishioners from both St. Mark's and St. Luke's came together on March 15 to celebrate Fr. Jon White's new ministry as priest-in-charge at St. Mark the Evangelist Episcopal Church. This is in addition to his ministry as priest at St. Luke's in Camillus. The pews were filled with parishioners from both parishes, clergy from other parishes, families and friends. Bishop Dede Duncan-Probe officiated the service with several parishioners taking part as well.

A bountiful reception was held afterwards hosted by St. Mark's Vestry.

Congratulations, Fr. Jon, we are so happy to have you leading our flock!



# Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week and Easter was very different but special this year. Services were split between St. Mark's and St. Luke's with a service at each parish on Good Friday and Easter. Here are some images from that reflective week and joyous day...



Photo courtesy of Nancy Tucker  
Foot washing at Maundy Thursday service at St.

## A Tenebrae Thank You

*The Office received the following email note from Sr. Martha Torbik who attended Tenebrae service during Holy Week and I wanted to share it with all of you.*

“Sr. Rose Marie and I very much appreciated being welcomed to the Tenebrae celebration at St. Mark's Church. It was a beautiful, reflective, thought provoking and prayerful experience and a special lead in for the Sacred Triduum.

It was a special experience for me too, in discovering your church also reserves the Blessed Sacrament. A lady sitting in front of us shared a little with me about how very similar our faiths are.

Please thank Fr. John and your congregation for including us.

Blessings of our Risen Lord Jesus, Sr. Martha Torbik, osf”



Easter images courtesy of Anna Amaya.

# Forever in our hearts...

*St. Mark celebrated the life of one of its most stalwart and devoted parishioners, Roger Green. Always there when called upon, his selfless and generous life was remembered by so many at his Celebration of Life service. He will be greatly missed, but we can rejoice he is home...Well done, good and faithful servant!*



## Roger E. Green

**September 22, 1931 – March 8, 2023**

**R**oger E. Green, age 91, of Liverpool, NY passed away on March 8, 2023. He was born on September 22, 1931 to the late J. Harold and Eunice [Lanning] Green. He was a graduate of Liverpool Schools and Canton, ATC, Class of 1951. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

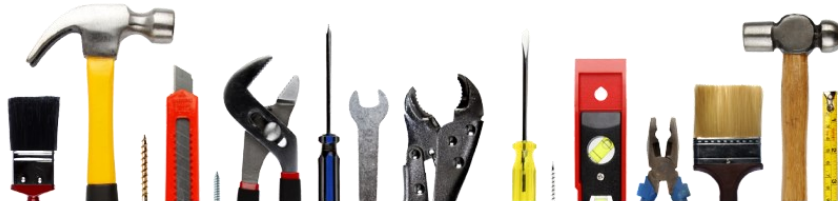
Roger was a Master Plumber, owner and operator of Green Plumbing, Inc. for over 40 years and a member of the Plumbers & Steamfitters Union Local 267. He worked at plumbing into his 90<sup>th</sup> year of life. He was never idle. You might find him building or renovating a house, and in his later years working on a “project” in the barn.

He looked forward to spending summer week-ends at his cottage on Lakes of the Isles, Thousand Islands. For relaxation, he might have been seen boating on the St. Lawrence River in one of his wooden boats that he had built. He built five of them in his lifetime. The first one when he was just 13 years old. Taking Road Scholar trips with his wife was educational and enjoyable, as well. You might also have seen him riding his bicycle to the North Area YMCA for his morning exercise.

Roger was predeceased by his parents, sister, Helen Roe, brother, H. Edwin Green, and step-daughter, Valerie J.H. Anderson.

Surviving to cherish Roger’s memory are his wife of 53 years, Joan (Myers) (Hunt) Green; his daughter, Joyce Green; his son, James Green; his step-daughter, Leslie Hunt; son-in-law, Otto [Jamie] Anderson; grandchildren, Emilee Anderson, Nathan [Cherie Meredith] Anderson, Nicole [Jason] Walters; great-grandchildren, Jeremiah and Kayla Anderson, Jordan and Julia Walters and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Roger was a gift to all mankind and he will be sorely missed.



## In Gratitude

Our church has offered a reception following funeral services for several years now. I have worked on several of these events. This time my family and I were the recipients of this kind service.

It may have seemed like the “feeding of the 5,000” but as usual, you came through. I want to express my gratitude and sincere thanks for all that you did. I will not mention names for fear of leaving someone out but you know who are and I thank you.

A shout out to Frank from Brooklyn Pickle for seeing all bases were covered-food wise.

Another special thanks to Altar Teams. It was a busy week of set ups, take downs, and clean ups but everything looked lovely for Roger’s funeral. We thank you, as well.

*Joan Green & Family*

FOREVER

*How many times will you open the door, thinking  
he’ll be there?*

*Perhaps, Forever!*

*How many times will you hear his footsteps on  
the stairs?*

*Perhaps, Forever!*

*How many times will you hear his voice on the  
phone?*

*Perhaps, Forever*

*How many times do you need to be told that  
God’s loving arms around Roger hold?*

*Just Once  
Alleluia!*

## Dates available for Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Lamp



Altar Flowers — Jul.30, Oct. 29, Nov. 26, Dec. 24, Dec. 31

Sanctuary Lamp — Jun. 11, June 25 July16, July 30,  
Aug. 6, Aug. 27, Oct. 29, Nov. 26



If you are interested, please contact Joan Green at (315) 652-3350 or [jgreen01@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jgreen01@twcny.rr.com).  
If you have a listing for a Sanctuary Lamp or Altar Flower memorial, a donation is welcomed and appreciated. *If paying by check, please make it out to, “St. Mark’s Flower Fund.”*

*Thank you,  
Joan Green, Flower Fund Chair*

# An Enduring Legacy: A Pilgrimage of Enlightenment

*By Kevin Ward*

At the end of February, a group of pilgrims from the Diocese of Central New York visited Alabama to witness the effects of systemic racism in America's past and present. On Thursday, we left during an ice storm and by the time we landed it was 80 degrees in Alabama! That afternoon we were able to rest a bit from our early flight and to get ready for a full day of activities on Friday.

On Friday we went to Selma which was the center of the Civil Rights Movement. Our guide, Mr. Terry Chestnut, was the son of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Selma lawyer. He showed us a park at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge where there were several markers representing the foot soldiers of the Civil Rights Movement like John Lewis.

We then walked across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Walking across the bridge was a profoundly moving experience. As I walked, I thought about all the people who were injured on the foot of that bridge just for marching for the right that they should have held as Americans.

Later that afternoon we stopped for lunch at the All in One Cafe where we were treated to a delicious lunch of Soul Food. I had macaroni and cheese, chicken breast in gravy, green beans, fried ocre, cornbread, and coconut cake.

On Saturday, we went to the Legacy Museum in Montgomery which was the creative work of Bryan Stephenson, the author of *Just Mercy* and the Director of the Equal Justice Initiative. His work at EJI helps prisoners to get off Death Row. Many men were given death sentences due to systematic racism. Some of the sentences were reduced to life imprisonment and others were freed to go home to their homes and families. The museum followed the history of racism from slavery to mass incarceration. The 2 1/2 hours I spent there was difficult as I witnessed the brutality of slavery, Jim Crow, and the poverty. There wasn't a poverty of spirit, however – the Black people were able to resist and rise above their circumstances.

After a wonderful picnic lunch, we went to the Rosa Parks Museum, the Freedom Riders Museum in the old Montgomery Bus Station. Following that, we walked through the Museum of Lynching. It was difficult to see how many men, women and children were lynched by white mobs – some four to more than six thousand!

On Sunday, we drove in the bus to Birmingham. Our first stop was at St. Mark's Episcopal Church where we worshipped with a welcoming congregation. Since it was Lent, we used Right One of the Book of Common Prayer and sung out of the Hymnal 1982 and Lift Every Voice and Sing. Bishop DeDe preached a powerful sermon. The church had a woman rector and a deacon.





We shared a wonderful meal and had conversations about their lives and experiences. Following that, the bishop and we debriefed our thoughts and experiences before heading to our next stop.

The thirty of us went to the Institute for Civil Rights that was opened just for us. It was right across from the 16th Street Baptist Church that was bombed and where four young girls were killed!

The Institute was a very interesting museum. There were comparisons between what a white classroom and a black classroom looked like, for example, and many other things. After visiting this museum, we drove to the Birmingham Airport and flew back to Syracuse.

As we went our separate ways, I think we pilgrims were all changed in many ways by this experience. For me personally, I was made painfully aware that there is still segregation in the United States, not legal segregation but economic, educational, and social segregation. I also was amazed at the friendliness and willingness of the people to share their stories. I was deeply touched.

I am sure the Diocese will have more Pilgrimages and I would encourage you to attend. It is a difficult but very rewarding journey and an opportunity to get to know other Episcopalians from our Diocese. You will have times for worship and prayers. You might be changed!

*For more Pilgrimage images, turn to page 10.*



(Natalie Vineberg/Washington Post illustration; Terra Fondriest, Zack Wittman, KT Kanazawich, Cornell Watson, James Roh for The Washington Post; iStock)

## Kevin's personal journey published in *The Washington Post!*

After participating in a Washington Post survey regarding adult Trans and Nonbinary adults and the issues they face, Kevin's own personal story was selected from among more than 500 respondents. It and other select stories were recently published in an article dated April 12 entitled: ["Trans in America: School is a 'nightmare' for trans and nonbinary kids."](#)

Note: You may have to create a free account to read the article, but it is worth it!



At left and below are images from The Institute of Civil Rights in Birmingham. (Courtesy of Rachel Ravellete of the Diocese)



From upper left, group picture of the pilgrims with the members of the parish of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Birmingham, AL; above, the pilgrims listen intently to their tour guide; and at left, is The Legacy Museum.

# TALENT ABOUNDS AT ST MARK SECOND “ARTIST IN THE PEW” ON DISPLAY

In April, the creative work of parishioner Gail Manolescu was on display – and for sale – at the Marcellus Free Library, 32 Maple St., Marcellus. For the entire month, everyone who entered the library was greeted by her beautiful and vibrant artwork which was hung near the receptionist desk.

Gail is a talented seamstress who can often be found selling her wares at local craft fairs.

“I have been sewing most of my life,” Gail said. “I started sewing girls clothes for my Etsy shop in 2016. After accumulating a lot of scraps I needed to come up with something else. Thus my Hoop Art was created. Most popular is the folded star hoop. It is 14-inch hoop and takes about 4 days to complete one. I have larger hoops with different designs. They retail from \$35-\$45. I sold 7 as a result of my show at the library.”

If you missed her show and would like to have one of these amazing pieces of hoop art, let Gail know or Deb in the office can hook you up with her!



# Circle V News

St. Mark's women's' group, Circle V, met April 13 for the first time this year after a winter hiatus. But winter didn't stop them from keeping the personal bags stuffed and ready for those in the neighborhood needing a little help.

Circle V invited the ladies of St. Luke to join them and it was a lively group. Together, along with their meeting, they enjoyed lunch and dessert before their joint effort of filling personal bags to be given out as needed.

Circle V Sunday is May 7 and the members provide all of the ministry assistance for the Sunday service that day as well as hosting Coffee Hour.



## Mother's Day (May 14) is Blanket Sunday!



Blanket Sunday, a program of Church World Service, has been an important part of St. Mark's outreach since our start as a parish in 1996. Back then, blankets purchased in bulk were just \$5; today they're \$10. Back then, and now, they are **wool**, water-resistant, flame-retardant, durable, warm for frigid temps and extreme weather. Today, however, they also have **Fleece Blankets**, water-repellant, durable, warm, soft, don't add bulk and for warmer climates.

For more than 75 years, Church World Service, of which the Episcopal Church is an important member, has been helping people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world.

Through the generosity of CWS partner organizations, congregations and individual supporters, our most vulnerable neighbors around the world can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters. When our neighbors are in need, even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way!

We have always celebrated Blanket Sunday on Mother's Day. Blankets and mothers go hand in hand...warmth, security, and love. The funds we collect will buy blankets to be sent to US communities hit by recent tornadoes and flooding. They might also go to the Ukraine, Syria, Turkey and to refugee camps throughout the world. Church World Service works with Christian Aid organizations wherever need arises.

*If you don't have one, envelopes are available on the tables in the sanctuary.*

# Joint Spring Dinner Delicious & Fun

A second joint dinner between St. Mark's and St. Luke's was held April 23rd, this time hosted at St. Luke's. It was well attended and thank you to Milt Stevenson for grabbing these great photos.





*"How many lessons of faith and beauty we should lose; if there were no winter in our year!"*

- Thomas Wentworth Higginson

## February 13, 2023, Vestry Meeting via Zoom

- ▶ Ash Wednesday (2/22) will offer people 3 opportunities to receive ashes both at St. Mark and St. Luke's.
- ▶ Every Friday during Lent, a service will be held at 6:30 followed by a light supper, alternating weeks between St. Mark and St. Luke's.
- ▶ Kevin Ward will be attending the Diocese Pilgrimage to Alabama from February 23-26. We wish him an enlightening trip and look forward to learning about his adventure.
- ▶ March 5th will be our Annual Meeting and a new warden, and two Vestry persons shall be elected. The Vestry will provide the coffee hour snacks. Bishop DeDe will join us the evening of March 15th for the installation of Fr. Jon as priest-in-charge of our parish. The Vestry will host a reception afterwards.
- ▶ The documents for outside groups using the parish hall are being updated.
- ▶ Soon, the new direction signs for St. Mark will be erected in place of the old rusty ones.
- ▶ There will be no regular Vestry meeting in March due to the Annual Meeting.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact a Warden or Vestry member.

***Faithfully Submitted,  
St. Mark the Evangelist Vestry***

The Church of St. Mark the Evangelist  
**Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
 January through December 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec '23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Bud...</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
4000 — Pledges	15,498.00	53,000.00	-37,502.00
4100 — Plate/Loose Offerings	535.22	1,300.00	-764.78
4200 — Major Feasts	828.00	1,675.00	-847.00
4300 — Long Term Inv. Income	12,000.00	48,000.00	-36,000.00
4500 — Diocesan CIF Income	954.69	4,300.00	-3,345.31
4600 — Memorial/Donations	200.00	150.00	50.00
4650 — 4650-Flower Fund Dona...	1,196.90	3,000.00	-1,803.10
4700 — Building Use Or Donation	840.00	2,550.00	-1,710.00
4800 — General Fund Raising	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
4900 — Miscellaneous Income	118.00	475.00	-357.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>32,170.81</u>	<u>115,450.00</u>	<u>-83,279.19</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	32,170.81	115,450.00	-83,279.19
<b>Expense</b>			
5100 — Diocesan Support	2,596.66	15,579.93	-12,983.27
5200 — Salaries	20,521.39	78,116.96	-57,595.57
5300 — Rector Benefits	7,529.96	29,800.00	-22,270.04
5400 — Youth Programs/Scholars...	0.00	300.00	-300.00
5500 — Church School	305.89	400.00	-94.11
5600 — Outreach	867.34	3,600.00	-2,732.66
5700 — Human Needs	0.00	500.00	-500.00
5800 — Committees	494.77	2,800.00	-2,305.23
6000 — Office Operations	2,935.83	11,150.00	-8,214.17
6100 — Insurance	7,686.91	8,100.00	-413.09
6200 — Other Financial Expenses	1,699.95	5,520.00	-3,820.05
6300 — Building Operations	8,279.60	22,350.00	-14,070.40
6400 — Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	100.00	-100.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>52,918.30</u>	<u>178,316.89</u>	<u>-125,398.59</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-20,747.49</u>	<u>-62,866.89</u>	<u>42,119.40</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-20,747.49</u></u>	<u><u>-62,866.89</u></u>	<u><u>42,119.40</u></u>

**Submitted by: Treasurer, Pat Dunn**  
**Reported: 4-11-23**



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**Sundays**  
**11 am—Holy Eucharist**  
**In-person and by Livestream**  
*All are Welcome!*

## St. Luke Happenings

**St. Luke’s Junk in the Trunk and Bake Sale** will take place on Saturday, May 20. The hours are 9am to 2pm. If you would like to rent a space, the price is \$15. Contact Eileen Robertson for more information.



**St. Charles Food Pantry** is requesting microwaveable meals (mac and cheese type), individual fruit cups, applesauce, oatmeal, type meals and individual snacks. With the closing of the SkyLine apartments many families are living in motel rooms with only a microwave to prepare meals. They are grateful for the support from St. Luke’s.

**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.**