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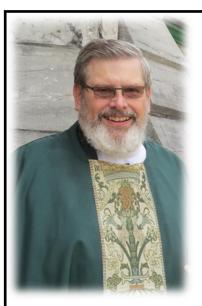


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### **An Update from our Rector**

(The following recently letter went out to all parishioners to update them on the changes for the summer now that Covid-19 restrictions are relaxing)

Dear St. Mark's Family,

Beginning on Sunday, July 4, and running through September 5, we will be holding the 10:00 AM Sunday Service in the Undercroft. It's a little cooler there on hot days. Please enter through the parking lot door at the bottom of the ramp.

Live Stream of the service will continue as usual.

We are pleased to report that there will be some changes to the service due to the Diocese and NY State relaxing restrictions:

- There will be some music. Initially there will be one congregational hymn each week. Masks will be required when/if you are singing.
- Distribution of Holy Communion will be back in the traditional place, rather than at the end of the service.
- "Social Hour" will be held following the service. If you are bringing something to share, "pre-packaged" food is preferred.

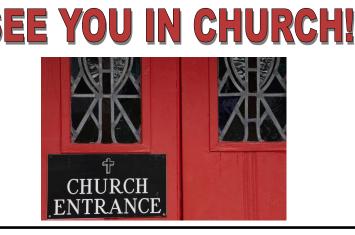
Some restrictions will remain:

- Masks will be required as you enter and exit and any time you move about the room and/ or cannot maintain 6-foot separation. An exception, of course, will be seating where "family units," including friends who travel together, will be allowed to sit together with less than 6-feet separation.
- Holy Communion will continue to be received in one form Host only.
- Since most of the service will still be spoken, the service will continue to be a bit shorter than "traditional."

The Vestry will be re-evaluating things on a regular basis and we'll keep you informed of future changes. Feel free to make suggestions to any member of the Vestry.

Looking forward to seeing you at worship.

Nelson W. Gaetz Interim Rector





### Search Committee Update

We continue to wait for candidates to be considered for our parish. The Messenger notice reads:

#### St. Mark the Evangelist in Syracuse seeks a half-time Rector.

This has garnered little (no) attention likely due to our lack of resources to enable us to seek a full-time Rector. We cannot widen our search as the costs of relocating a priest from afar are high.

What we CAN do:



• Pray regularly, perhaps:

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: look graciously upon us, the people of St. Mark the Evangelist, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector for this parish. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing.

- Tell others that we are looking. Use your "network" to help find a leader who will work to return us to full time ministry.
- Keep your pledge up to date to keep our present financial situation stable.
- You may pledge any time of the year.

Jim Miller Search Committee Chair

Report from our Treasurer, Pat Dunn Budget Report for January 1 thru May 31, 2021				
Income	\$85,365.00	\$116,118.66	\$30,753.66	
Expenses	\$157,694.40	\$71,321.62	-\$86,372.78	
Net Profit/Loss	-\$72,329.40	\$44,797.04	\$117,126.44	
Pledges	\$49,000.00	\$28,600.00	-\$20,400.00	

### **50 years of touching hearts and lives for Jesus** On June 14, 2021, St. Mark the Evangelist's much beloved Interim Rector, Fr. Nelson W. Gaetz, celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> year of ordination. St. Mark's parishioners commemorated this milestone during the June 13<sup>th</sup> service, presenting him with a purse during the service followed by a surprise luncheon at Coleman's Authentic Irish Pub (one of his favorite places) complete with cake and more gifts. Fr. Gaetz admits he was completely taken by surprise.

All agreed after the past year, it was so nice to be able to mingle, talk and be able to celebrate such a wonderful occasion together. And everyone was also happy that this great event happened while Fr. Gaetz was serving at St. Mark. Fr. G noted that he began his ministry at St. Mark's (Lutheran Church in Baldwinsville) and will end his ministry at St. Mark the Evangelist.

"I can only begin to tell you how grateful I am for the celebration of my 50th Ordination Anniversary... It was a wonderful day. Having you share it was the best part." ~ Fr. G.

Thank you for being you and thank you for being here at St Mark the Evangelist. I am very grateful for your service to us all. Congratulations on your 50 years in the priesthood. I'm sure many, many parishioners past and present are grateful as well.

> The best to you always, Barbara White





One of the things I love about Fr. Gaetz is our texting sessions. So often we would talk about the "good old days" – German Christmas cards, grandma's stoves, Christmas stollens, the smell of Christmas trees in the cabins, Grandpa putting fir needles on top of the stove for the aroma. If I have a philosophical question about a part of dogma, we text back and forth. He always comments on my door decorations.

Love our conversations via text.



### 2 more years!

Thank you to Phyllis Honsinger for her hard work and planning to make the celebration happen and a great success.



Thank you to Father Gaetz for all you have done for St. Mark's and for all of us during

these times. Thank you for doing my husband's funeral service. It meant a lot to me and to my family. Best wishes to you and congratulations on 50 years of serving the Lord!

Dottie Doane







# The Vestry at Work

he last few months have flown by. After many months of meeting by Zoom (except one month last fall when we met distanced and masked in the parking lot), we are pleased to report that we are back to in-person meetings. We think we were able to conduct business effectively by Zoom but being together seems to give us a better chance to have everyone "speak up" on the issues. We are keeping the possibility of Zoom Meetings as a backup option for winter months when we might not be wise to be on the roads in a storm.

Most of our time has been taken up with routine reports and business. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and the strength of the stock market and careful management, we have managed to "keep our financial heads above water."

There were a few things out of the ordinary that needed attention:

- ► Our ongoing roof problems were once again addressed.
- ► The parking lot door has been replaced.
- ► We have spent quite a lot of time discussing the NY State & Diocese rules related to Covid-19 and made periodic decisions intended to keep us as active as possible while complying with the rules.

► Following the expectations of the diocese, we joined the electronic age. We are now providing a livestream of the Sunday Service every week. This has required some unexpected expenditures and thanks to receiving a Diocesan mini-grant, all of the expenses for upgrades were completely covered.

► The work of the Transition Team was completed and a Search Committee was appointed with Jim Miller as Chair. They are waiting for possible candidates from the Diocese.

Feel free to contact any member of the Vestry if you have questions or suggestions.

Faithfully, *The Vestry* 

### Meet St. Mark's 2021 Graduate



**HENDRIK RONALD LALLIER** – Hendrik is the son of Amy and Allen Lallier. He is a 2021 graduate of John C. Birdlebough High School in Phoenix. While in school, Hendrik was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, earning the rank of Life Scout. Currently, he is concentrating on finding work as a heavy equipment operator. Hendrik is active at St. Mark and serves as an acolyte and altar assistant. He is also a member of the youth group. His hobbies include hiking, biking and camping.





# We are all proud of you and wish you the best on the next step of your journey in life!

### **OUR CLOTHES CLOSET IS NOW OPEN!!**

A proposal for reopening was sent to the Diocese which was accepted and we were able to reopen in April under these guidelines: We are currently open on the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., offering half-hour time slots for each shopper with 2 shoppers per time slots; Shoppers are asked to register for a time slot by calling the church office or they can sign-up for the following month when we are open.

Things have been running smoothly with this system and we have started putting out our "Clothes Closet sign" which has brought in a few other shoppers. It is nice to see our regulars as well as some "new" neighbors.

We will be open on August 14 and Sept. 11. Please feel free to drop by and meet our neighbors and you just might find a great bargain for yourself!

PLEASE NOTE: We are currently not taking any new donations until we can whittle down what we have. We will keep you posted on that.

The Clothes Closet Team Jackie Eberline, Bill Zimmer, Gary and Cheryl Neddo

Forever in our hearts...

The past few months have seen the loss of two very generous and instrumental people who meant so much to so many at St. Mark—longtime parishioner and friend, Mike Auer, and former Rector, Fr. Joe Bergin, who served as our Parish Priest from 1996-2007. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. And let us all say to each of them...Well done, good and faithful servant!



# Michael E. Auer

December 16, 1950 - April 4, 2021

Sunday, April 4, 2021, at home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Syracuse, Michael was the son of the late State Senator Martin S. Auer and Wilma Tucker Auer. A graduate of Syracuse University

Mike spent his life in the Syracuse area and devoted his career to the family business Auer & Co, Inc. The company, founded by Michael's great-grandfather and great-great uncle, marked its 156th year in Syracuse in 2021.

Mike loved the Montreal Canadiens hockey and fishing on Oneida Lake where he spent his childhood summers. He had a lifelong interest in fire departments and fire trucks dating back to marching in the Cleveland NY fireman's parade as a child. Mike also volunteered for Meals on Wheels and the annual Greek Festival. He was very generous, often donating candy for children's events. Like many others in his family, he loved animals, especially the family cats and dogs. Most of all, he loved his girls Christina, Andrea, and Martina.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Christina Armatas Auer, and daughters, Andrea and Martina. Mike also leaves behind his brother, Marty Auer and sister-in-law, Nancy, of Allouez, MI; his sister, Virginia Auer Parrott and brother-in-law, Bill, of Oswego; as well as his niece, Larissa Murphy Morales; and great-nieces, Willa and Kelly Murphy Miller (Jason); his nephews, Philip Murphy and Tom Auer (Kristen) and great-niece Hope; his cousins, Charlie Auer, Mary Auer Houser and Amy Auer Ruff and their families.

Funeral services were private at the request of the family with the Reverend Nancy A. Auer officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home in Syracuse.

Contributions can be made to St. Mark The Evangelist Church, 1612 West Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13204; St Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church, 325 Waring Road, Syracuse, NY 13224; or Forever Friends Animal Rescue, 174 Gristwood Road, Pennellville, NY 13132.

## Memories of a generous and kind servant of God ... sense of humor included

Due to Covid restrictions and the large number of family members who attended Mike's funeral, St. Mark Parishioners were unable to attend his funeral. Some of them wanted to share their thoughts and memories of Mike here for those of you who either knew him or never had the pleasure...

#### Jim Miller gives an intro for Bill Martin's comments:

Syracuse native Bill Martin got to know Mike at St. Mark's for they traditionally sat (as do most "good" Episcopalians) in the same pew/area every Sunday. Mike was noted for his dapper dressing – always a suit, often a three-piece. Mike always sat on the inside of the pew which allowed for any to share the pew on a busy Sunday. He came to St. Mark's from Trinity as did so many of us. Bill learned that his neighbors on Wellesley Road, Ben (who smoked a pipe and quipped he always knew where to get tobacco – a Auer & Co.) and his wife, Doris, were Mike's aunt and uncle.

#### **Bill Martin:**

When we first met, I jokingly told Mike I had him pegged as either a Fuller Brush Man or an Undertaker! Mike assured me that he could get me Fuller Brushes online. I was surprised that Mike actually knew who the Fuller Brush man was! Little did I know at that time how much we would have in common...

At coffee hour, our conversations often centered on life growing up on the Southside – Elmwood Park and all the Mom & Pop stores I frequented growing up and Auer & Co. supplied. I also got to know of Mike's amazing knowledge of the Syracuse fire barns (stations) and their personnel.

We also both attended what is now Central Tech, which was Syracuse Central High School when I went. We would often share stories of Central Tech and I had several of one of my teachers, Bob Kraushaar, who also attended to St. Mark.

Our sports conversations revolved around Mike's love of hockey, particularly the Montreal Canadiens, and we both shared interest in the Syracuse Nats basketball team.

For a long time, we talked on the phone regularly and enjoyed sharing nostalgia even as Mike was working 6-7 days a week to keep his clientele happy. We both shared the same a dry, subtle sense of humor and I would call Auer & Company to order my favorite, Charleston Chews (a chocolate covered nougat candy named after the 20s dance craze). When he picked up the phone, I would say "How's your supply of Charleston Chews?" He would simply respond very seriously, "We're out. Vanilla," knowing that I liked vanilla and strawberry. Once, Oakwood cemetery came up in conversation and Mike let me know he had a few plots and he would sell me one cheap!

Bill summed up Mike this way ... "down to Earth with a good heart."

#### Jim Miller:

Mike's generosity was behind the scenes. Our St. Mark's children's Easter baskets were well stocked. Our annual Circle V Halloween parties were ladened with Auer & Co. products. Billy once mentioned to Mike that he had a hospitalized friend who had severe stomach issues and could only tolerate LifeSavers. And Life Savers he soon had! Boxes of them! Mike's magnanimity extended far beyond the candy counter. Frequently during the church's coffee hour, he would place a Food \$en\$e order to be given to someone in need. During our shopping for Thanksgiving baskets or Porter Christmas gifts, Mike was always silently making contributions.

Other parishioners fondly remembered Mike as well:

#### Dottie Doane:

What a kind man. I always sat in front of him at church and even though I would inevitably arrive late, he never commented on it or pointed out that I was late again...During peace sometimes we would say a few words and he would as me if I had something on my prayer list. I know he loved his family and his church family also. He gave generously when there were occasions to donate candy like at Halloween or Easter. He will be missed.

#### Joan Green:

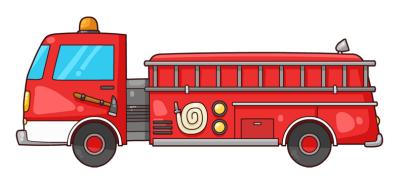
Mike was a devoted Episcopalian whose church roots go back to his parents; his uncle. The Rev. E. Rugby Auer, who was Rector, 1950's-60's of the former St. Mark's Parish; Mike's cousin, the late Mary Littlefield was a fellow member of our Parish; and The Rev. Nancy A. Auer, sister-in-law who officiated at Mike's funeral. He was a Syracuse kid who graduated from Central High School and Syracuse University. He worked tirelessly in the family business of Auer & Co., Inc. that was founded 156 years ago by his great-grandfather and great-great uncle. Christina, Mike's wife, was known to work long hours next to her beloved husband in the family business. The company anonymously gave our church candy for Easter egg hunts. One day, cases of canned goods arrived for our food pantry; donator unknown. Mike might be seen working at the Greek Festival of the Greek Orthodox church that his wife and daughters attended. He did not want any credit for any of his generous giving.

As a child and young man, Mike liked to take part in many sports. Probably his favorite was ice skating. There is a story about this. He skated at the rink in Kirk Park. When the staff needed to clean the ice, they made an announcement, "everyone off the ice." Most skaters obeyed except for one young man who just wanted to continue skating. It's been said, the workers just had to skate fast to catch this skater. Of course, it was Mike. He also had a passion for fire departments and fire trucks that started at an early age. I'm sure there were times when he stopped at a nearby fire house to "just chat with the guys".

Others reading this will probably have a fond memory of Mike that would put a smile on your face. That was just Mike.

There is an empty seat in a pew and many empty hearts that are difficult to fill. Michael E. Auer may you rest in God's eternal Peace.

Mike, you are greatly missed...



### Fr. JOSCPH BCRGIN July 29, 1935 – February 28, 2021



ergin (Carlow). On 28th February 2021. Joe, in his 85th year and always in our hearts. Will be forever cherished by his nieces and nephews David, Paul, Mary, Boyce, Ruth, Juliet, Sarah and Joe and his many grandnieces and nephews.

Son of PC and Mollie Bergin of Dublin Street, Carlow, he was pre-deceased by his wife Loreen in 2016,

Joe was for many years a member of the Dominican Order serving in Trinidad, Cork, Newbridge College and Tallaght. He left the Dominicans and joined the Episcopal Anglican Church in 1990, married and then served as pastor in Newfoundland and Syracuse New York. For the last few years, he has been in retirement in the wonderful care of the staff at College View Nursing Home in Cavan.

Please note: This obituary originated from Ireland.



Father Joe led a peripatetic career. From Carlow, Ireland, where he was born in 1935, Fr. Joe first went to Dublin for seminary and then to University College in Cork where he received his degree in geography, sociology, and languages (1964). His resume lists Gaelic, Latin, and Spanish. The summer he graduated, he was sent to Trinidad, West Indies, as a Dominican missionary where he taught at Holy Cross College. He stayed there for 5 years and returned to Ireland where he taught at St. Thomas College until 1974 when he then took the position as Dean of St. Mary's Cathedral in Cork. In 1980, he took a position as Rector of St. Martin's, Dublin where he served until 1987.

His career took a turning point in 1988 when he was on sabbatical in the United States and studied Anglicanism. He lived in San Diego where he found his wife, Loreen, and was accepted as a priest working for two years as a vocational counselor to the homeless for Episcopal Community Services. He and Loreen then moved to Wisconsin and applied to Anglican dioceses in Canada landing a three-year position as Rector of St. Barnabas in Flowers Cove, Newfoundland, in 1992.



Saint Barnabas, Flowers Cove, Newfoundland

Here in Syracuse, as a newly forming church that didn't even have a name yet, we were itching (and praying) to have a leader to both guide and lead us. We were the four parishes of the Syracuse Urban Cluster – All Saints, Calvary, St. Mark's, and Trinity. Three of us were closing our doors and coming to the Church of St. Mark. This was a giant leap of faith for the 3 closing parishes and also for the parish willing to open itself up to us all (my family came from Trinity) and

it needed leadership with the right skills and temperament. However, we were not getting any candidates from the diocese to consider...

Meanwhile, Fr. Joe had notified East Coast dioceses of their plans to vacation on Long Island in hopes of attracting a parish somewhere. So, in retrospect, the Lord sent our "traveling monk" through Upstate New York on the way from Newfoundland. The Diocese then notified us of Fr Joe's travel itinerary.

As a result, Father Joe came one weekend and, caving into his captivating Irish lilt and his lovely wife, Loreen, we hired him on the spot! Loreen had tears of happiness! God in His merciful aptitude had come through!

This came from the Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland:

Joe is an excellent priest. He is a warm person and soft spoken. He seems to have a keen understanding of people and human relationships and always leaves a person with the impression of having been heard, understood and feeling better about themselves. He is extremely reliable and has never failed in anything he has contracted to do, and usually goes beyond expectation.

It has now been 25 years since Fr. Joe came to us and helped us to find our identity. During his brief tenure (1996-2007)

- ▶ We got a new name: The Episcopal Church of St. Mark the Evangelist
- ▶ We were officially incorporated (March 3, 1996)
- ▶ We had our first of many St. Patrick's Day dinners (Sunday, March 17, 1996)
- ▶ Our first Mother's Day *Blanket Sunday* was held May 12, 1996
- ► The Newsletter of the Parishes Worshipping at St. Mark's became *The Way* (June, 1996)
- ▶ We got a new sign, September, 1997
- The St. Mark the Evangelist/ Porter Elementary School partnership was formally recognized by the Syracuse City School District October 15, 1997, making it the longest continuing school/business partnership amongst city schools.
- ► We sponsored 2 refugee families, the Askandars and the Rajabs. The Rajabs "moved in" with us and grew from 3 to 7!
- ► We started/resurrected a mid-week service at Brighton Towers.
- ► We helped to initiate the West Side Ecumenical Faith Community
- ► We held a Tenth Anniversary celebration for a week in April, 2006, complete with a Culture Day, and a catered Dinner Dance with the Mario DeSantis Orchestra.
- Much more, too numerous to list...the bottom line, though, Fr Joe guided us through the uncharted waters of such a merger, and in doing so strengthened our faith, our vision and our resolve. Our mission continues to share the love of God with our neighbors.

Below are Fr. Bergin's own words from His "Farewell from Father Joe" message in The Way, December 2007:

"My mother, who did a fair amount of traveling in her day, like to quote from Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet": 'Goodnight, goodnight! Parting is such sweet sorrow, that I should say good-bye until it be tomorrow.'

Through the years, I've learned that parting truly is a sweet sorrow. We humans spend considerable time greeting each other and then saying farewell. For clergy who move from place to place at regular intervals, good-byes are frequent but seldom easy. We clergy get to encounter people in a manner that touches both them and us at levels of great depth. The 12 years I have spent among you here as priest and pastor have now come to an end. However, the friendships that have bonded us will last. You will ever be in my thoughts and prayers and Syracuse, being a

small place, we will surely run into each other from time to time.

I carry many good memories of our years together. I thank you for the graciousness you have shown to Loreen and myself in that time. The final Eucharistic celebration in church last Sunday touched me to the core. That, along with the festive meal afterwards and the expressions of love will stay with me forever. Thank you for both your personal parish good wishes and gifts. Most of all, thank you for enriching my life and providing me the opportunity to end my 47 years of active ministry in a church that both challenged me and allowed me to experience God's presence in a sacred place among a faithful people."

Thank you, Fr. Bergin, for all you gave to St. Wark the Evangelist!

a Message from the Flower Lady

To Fellow Parishioners & Friends of the Parish,

I need to review with you our use of altar flowers and the candle for the Sanctuary Lamp. It is a long-standing tradition of the Episcopal Church for the flowers on the altar and the candle in the Sanctuary lamp to be given [by members and friends of the Parish] as either memorials or on occasions to honor persons. It has come to my attention that fewer people are using this tradition as we lose people through death or other situations. Please keep in mind that you can honor family or friends as memorials or celebrations by giving the flowers or the lamp in their names.

Each Sunday during the year, except for Lent or Advent, we have flowers on the altar. It is the duty of the altar team of that week to distribute the flowers after the service. We try to remember our athome people, those who have birthdays or other celebrations and those who have given the memorial. This is appearing to have become some what of a chore for the altar teams. Reasons? They vary – not many shut-ins, church services not fully open due to Covid, fewer people attending on Sundays. We need your assistance with this. If you have a family member whom you would like to honor in some way on a particular Sunday-please speak to the altar team of that week, if someone in the Parish has a birthday, speak up and maybe you'll get a bouquet to take home. We are open to your suggestions.

One last thought – if you give flowers or the lamp on a particular Sunday, a contribution is welcomed and appreciated. Your contribution, if by check it should be made out to ST. MARK'S FLOWER FUND. (We have a separate account from the regular church account.)



Thank You, Joan Green, Flower Fund Chair

## Despite COVID the generous hands of St. Mark's stretched far!

Our parish has once again proven itself in exemplifying the Lord's directives! Despite the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, you reached out in these times of extreme need.

First up was Our Good Friday collection. The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created. Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian



presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children. We responded with \$275 which was then matched, as always, by the Erregger Fund. (\$550).

Next up was our traditional Blanket Sunday collection always found appropriately on Mother's Day! This is an initiative of Church World Service which provides blankets, and other survival resources globally and nationally in areas of natural disasters, conflicts, and for refugees. St. Mark the Evangelist has participated every year since we became a parish 25 years ago. This year we collected \$300 which will be partially matched to the limits of the Erregger Fund (\$112) for a total of \$412...enough for 41 blankets.

And right on the heels of Blanket Sunday came the Spring ingathering of the United Thank Offering. This longstanding initiative

of the Episcopal Church Women also dates back to the 19th century. St. Mark the Evangelist has been a beneficiary of this funding source, most recently in 2014 when we received a major grant to renovate the Undercroft! To date we have received \$304 which will also be partially matched (\$113).

### Thanks to all who opened their hearts to these opportunities for mission!

Jim Miller—Outreach & Missions

## **Parishioner Update: Ethel Axelson**



St. Mark recently received some news about our friend and parishioner Ethel Axelson who recently moved into Elderwood at Liverpool.

While she is a little hard of hearing, she is doing great and is happy. Ethel said she really likes it at Elderwood but misses church and everyone here. She especially enjoys getting cards and notes, adding that she has received several from Marie Bearden since she has moved there and really appreciates them!

We are currently checking on the rules for visitors, so please check with the church office before planning a visit. In the meantime, if you want to let Ethel know you are thinking about her, here is her address:

#### Elderwood at Liverpool 4800 Bear Road, Rm. 225 Liverpool, NY 13088



For more information or pick up, please contact

Garang Ajak Program Manager gajak@ifwcny.org 315-449-3552 ext. 111

**Donations can be dropped** off in the parking lot at

InterFaith Works of CNY 1010 James Street Syracuse, NY 13202

#### We appreciate you!

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#### July 1st to September 30th, 2021

The program seeks to address issues of food insecurity and hunger in under served communities in Syracuse.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

· We would greatly appreciate canned fruits and vegetables, pastas, and other non-perishable food items, or cash donations

#### **Other Ways you Can Help**

- · Identify resources for food security
- · Establish a community pantry within an area of need
- Volunteer with one of our community gardens

### **Francis House seeks** volunteers



Francis House, a vibrant, warm and loving home for persons who are terminally ill, is in A Family When You Need It Most. need of volunteers. As

a volunteer you can help meet the needs of our residents by working in our kitchen area where you will be responsible for cooking, cleaning and assisting our residents with meals. Shifts are also available in the reception area.

It is a most rewarding ministry and there are a variety of opportunities for service that may interest you. Currently, we have a big need during all shifts on weekends (8-12/12-4/4-7) and have openings during the week for both areas.

Please call Rea Carver for information at 315-475-5422 or you can email her at rcarver@francishouseny.org.

Thank you!



1612 W. Genesee Street Syracuse, NY 13204

TO:



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.