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PARISH EVENTS

Rector's Corner: Maybe they survived...because they were thankful



Most of us know the story. It was the autumn of 1621. In Plymouth, Massachusetts, after a rich harvest, the men, women and children who had survived the first year in the New World gathered for a feast to offer thanks. One of the pilgrims wrote at the time: "By the goodness of God, we are so far from want."

What was it like? With some internet research, I found that the menu for that first Thanksgiving had some surprises. It was not necessarily turkey and pumpkin pie. They probably ate venison. The pilgrims didn't have forks; they used spoons, and, more than likely ate with their hands. The food was probably a lot more fatty than we

are used to. High cholesterol numbers were unheard of and of little concern in their harsh lifestyle. The first pilgrims were more worried about plague and the pox than about lifestyle diseases.

They didn't have much sugar, so sweets and deserts were probably not on the menu. So, forget the pumpkin pie; it probably wasn't there. But whatever it may actually have involved, that autumn feast left us with an enduring tradition: people gathering around a table, giving thanks for surviving in an uncertain and difficult new place.

A few years ago, the Unitarian minister Peter Fleck suggested we look at all this a bit differently. "Maybe," he wrote, "the pilgrims weren't thankful because they had survived. *But maybe they had survived...because they were thankful.*"

These were people who lived their lives in wonder and hope, grateful for everything: the hard winds and deep snows...the frightening evenings and hopeful mornings ...the long journey that had taken them to a new place. They knew how to express gratitude.

Gratitude doesn't always come easily. We all know that generosity – the giving of a gift – means thinking more about others than about oneself. It represents an act of love. But so does being thankful. To give thanks is to extend beyond oneself. It is to remember whence comes the gift.

There is love in that. *A love for the gift – and for the one who gave it.*

Reverend Fleck suggested that maybe *that* is what enabled those pilgrims to thrive and prosper: a humble appreciation for whatever God gave them, trusting that He would give them what they needed. It's an optimistic message, really — and gratitude, I think, carries within itself a spirit of optimism. Maybe that spirit can teach us something, as we endure our own hard winds and deep snows – the storms of our own lives. Especially now.

Later this month, Ken and I will travel to Delaware, where we will gather with family and friends for a grand Thanksgiving dinner. There will be 8 or 10 of us and we will share turkey with all the trimmings. Thanksgiving will be a time for family and friends who form a family of the heart, and for celebration.

But I know it won't be that way for everyone.

The other day, I was passing the McDonald's near our home. There was a big sign taped to the window. I think it tells us something about America this autumn. The sign said: "Open 24 hours on Thanksgiving Day." For a lot of Americans, that will be the place for feasting. That will be their holiday. It won't involve a grand buffet with turkey and pumpkin pie. It will be a hamburger and maybe a milkshake. But even so, Thanksgiving isn't about giving thanks for having a lot. It's about giving thanks for just having. For *being*. For knowing that whatever we have, whether it is served on a china plate or a cardboard carton, all of it is *a gift*. The prayers whispered over a Happy Meal are just as precious to God as the ones said over the turkey and stuffing.

And all of us, no matter where we find ourselves praying, will be bound together by one simple word: *grace*. At a few McDonald's this Thanksgiving, I'm sure that grace will be said. And, I am just as sure of this: that grace will be present – the grace of gratitude – the grace of thanking God for whatever gift He gives. And in the giving, and in the receiving, and in the thanking, there is something that transcends time and place. *There is love.*

Love for what we have, and love for what we have been given. And love for the God who gives it. Be-

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Chicken Corn Soup Sale
November 7
Parish Hall

Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner
November 14, 4:30 till ?

Vestry Meeting
Nov 16, 11:30 PM
Parish House Library

Dementia Support Group
Nov 20, 4:00 PM
Parish Library

Breaking Bread Together
Dinner
Nov 20, 5:30-6:30 PM

Christmas Décor/Gift Workshop
Nov 22, 10 AM

Annual Meeting
Nov 23, 10 AM
*Holy Eucharist followed by
brunch and plenary meeting.*

Joint Advent Lesson and
Carols
Dec 7, 4 PM
*St. Stephen's Church,
Thompsontown*

Blue Christmas Worship
(see p. 4 for details)
Dec 14, 5 PM
Church and Parish Hall

Breaking Bread Together
Dinner
Dec 18, 5:30-6:30 PM
*Carol sing begins 5:00 PM
Church / Parish Hall*

Greening of the Church
Dec 21, 3 PM
Church and Parish Hall

Christmas Worship Services
*See p. 5 for full Advent/Christmas
schedule*
Dec 24, 5 PM
*Family Eucharist
11 PM*

The Jubilee Ministry Center at St Mark's

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and the Holidays

Help make the holiday season bright for families in need this year. Mother Hubbard's Cupboard is asking for the public's assistance in making sure that no one in need goes without a meal this holiday season. Businesses, schools, faith-based organizations and other community groups help in special ways during this time of year. The holiday season provides The Cupboard with many needed resources that carry it through the "lean months" later in the year. Financial and in-kind donations are always welcome. If you would like to make a donation to The Cupboard, please contact us at 717 248-9383 or the parish office at 717 248-8237.



Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Experiences a Record Year in Helping the Hungry

Mother Hubbard's cupboard provided more food to more people in the last year than ever before. In the first nine months of 2014 alone, statistics being assembled for the parish's annual meeting show that The Cupboard has touched the lives of 2,601 people in 894 families, 456 of which had never been seen by us before. More than in any single year in its history. The Cupboard purchased \$21,341 in food over and above the many generous in-kind donations during this same period. The Cupboard increasingly helps the "working poor," families that are actively engaged in work but, because of low wages and increasing expenses, simply cannot make ends meet. A survey of our data shows that among the most important factors is the increasing cost of rent, a necessary expenditure, but one that decreases the resources available for other important expenses, like food, medication, utilities, and transportation to and from work.



Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner to Aid Parishioners' Outreach

Each year on the Friday nearest Veterans' Day, St. Mark's hosts a scrumptious dinner of *home-made* pork and sauerkraut to benefit its expanding program of outreach to the needy in the greater Lewistown area. Throughout the year, Parishioners' Outreach partners with other churches and social service agencies to meet the emergency needs of members of the community who find themselves without basics of daily life. While Parishioners' Outreach does not seek to "fix" the problem in a permanent way, it offers an opportunity for individuals or families to fill a critical gap when they are pressed to the edge. Referrals play an important part of this ministry as it seeks to put people in touch with resources and assistance provided by government and private agencies to address any systemic problems that may exist. But before those referrals can work, people are often caught "between a rock and a hard place." This is



Breaking Bread Together Dinner

Breaking Bread Together Dinners in November and December will be one week earlier on the THIRD Thursday of the month because of Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.



Folks of A Seasoned Age

Christmas Workshop with Nancy Laub— November 22—10 AM. Don't forget Nancy's Christmas arrangement workshop, which is scheduled for November 22nd at 10 AM in the Parish Hall. You may recall that last year's program had to be cancelled because of bad weather. This year, we'll pick up where we left off with creating beautiful arrangements in mugs that are especially suitable as gifts.

Ongoing:

Knit & Knot. Faithful members of our Knit & Knot group continue to meet on Tuesdays at 2:30 PM. We need more knitters and crocheters either new or experienced! We also need yarn . . . especially baby yarn. Come and join us!

Exercise Class. Our exercise class continues on Tuesday at 3:30 PM. This is a class that admits *all levels* of ability. Come and get movin'!

Dementia Support Group. Are you a direct or indirect care-giver to someone who suffers from memory impairment of any kind? If so, join our group and find listening and generous hearts. We share our concerns and our joys as we face the challenges of memory impairments among members of our families and friends. Confidential and welcoming.

They say the best advertising is word of mouth. Please tell your friends and family about our various programs and invite them to join you!

If you'd like more information on these programs or have suggestions for social, educational, or spiritual activities for those in the "AARP crowd" fell free to contact Jackie Leight at (717) 953-6158.



where Parishioners' Outreach seeks to help. Regardless of the success of our principal fundraiser, we always run short of the need. Parishioners' Outreach helps with important items like medical needs (co-pays, prescriptions, medical supplies and other types of medical bills), transportation (emergency car repairs, bus tickets, gas, public transportation fares), utilities (water, gas, electric, local telephone, utility fees), education (books, fees), clothing, and other emergencies and temporary relief efforts. Each request is handled on a case-by-case basis.

Parishioner's Outreach was aided in 2014 by a generous grant from Operation Understanding, an on-going outreach assistance program funded by the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. However, such grant assistance is, by nature limited. If you would like to help with this quiet but important ministry of the Jubilee Ministry Center at St. Mark's, please contact the parish office (717) 248-8327 and ask for Elta Lauver.

Parishioners' Outreach seeks . . . to fill a critical gap when families are pressed to the edge.

On Being A Lector

By Pamela A. Lewis

One of the important lay ministries of Christian service is that of lector. It is seen by some as little more than a glorified narrator; someone, who, for a few minutes in the Sunday liturgy, reads the scriptures. There may even be lectors who hold this belief. Admittedly, when I began serving as a lector about twenty years ago, I looked upon my new role as a good way to serve the Church and so it is. However, an investigation into the roots of this ministry reveals that it is much more.

Throughout the Bible, we find examples of religious leaders who made the Word of God available to the people by reading it in public. Towards the end of his life, Moses instructs the leaders of Israel to read the Law (the Torah) aloud: "Assemble the people . . . that they may hear the law and learn it and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this Law." (Deut 31:12)

In the gospel of Luke, we read of Jesus, at the beginning of his public ministry, coming to Nazareth, "where he had been brought up: and as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. And there was delivered to him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had taken the scroll he found the place where it was written: The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor . . ." And all bore witness and wondered at the gracious words which came from his mouth." (Luke 4:16-22)

Jesus, to the people of Nazareth, is simply the son of Joseph, a

layperson – neither priest, nor Levite, nor scribe. Jesus is the model of how to be a lector: he rises from the congregation to proclaim God's word from the prophet Isaiah.

Lectors today carry on the ancient tradition of reading the Holy Scriptures aloud to the congregation and imitate Jesus in proclaiming God's word to all present. While his words were "gracious" Jesus did not draw attention to the *how* he read; rather, he drew the listening congregation into an encounter with God through the words of the Isaiah passage. In *The Cloister Walk*, Kathleen Norris wrote of reading a passage from Isaiah during a morning worship service. While she rejoiced in its poetry, she took her reading to be an act of prayer to facilitate the congregations encounter with the living God.

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The lector's ministry is a gift as well as a special task. The lector sets the Liturgy of the Word in motion. Careful preparation should be evident to all, yet reading is done with self-effacing decorum. The lector "disappears" behind the Word of the Lord. A humbling challenge, but one the lector embraces with gratitude.

Excerpted and adapted from The Anglican Digest Autumn, 2014, pp 24-25

Have you every thought that you might like to be a lector? If so, please speak with Father Zwifka. Each lector is provided with training to get started and with materials to enhance their understanding of the specific Scriptures they are to read each time they are scheduled. As with all liturgical ministries, "many hands make light work" . . . the greater the number of lectors, the less frequently we need to call on any individual and when several lectors are required, the diverse voices of our congregation are better heard.

St. Mark's Annual Meeting Set for November 23rd

All parishioners of St. Mark's Episcopal Church are invited to attend the parish's annual meeting that has been scheduled for Sunday, November 30th immediately following the celebration of Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM. As has been our tradition, we will share in a delicious brunch as part of the festivities. Every baptized member of the parish is encouraged to participate.

The Annual Meeting is an essential part of our life together as a parish in the Episcopal Church. One of the elements that sets The Episcopal Church apart from other members of the Anglican Communion is a great emphasis on the active participation of the laity in all aspects of the Church's life — from the triennial meetings of the House of Deputies in General Convention to annual Diocesan Convention to the parish's Annual Meeting.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to report on and discuss the direction of the parish's life in Christ. Reports from various ministries are published in the Annual Report and it is in the Annual Meeting that everyone has an equal opportunity to weigh-in on the activities and direction of the parish community. One important aspect is the discussion of the parish budget. A budget is more than just a table of numbers that determine how much money is involved in the daily workings of the church. It is a document that reveals a parish's priorities for the coming year and so, in essence, "sets the agenda" for the next fiscal period.

In recent years, the Annual Meeting had been held in January or February. However, the parish's by-laws require the meet-

ing to be held in November. By recovering that important element, we are not only be more faithful to the governing documents of our parish but also are able to look over and adjust the parish budget and its "agenda" before we get into the fiscal year actually covered by its terms. By meeting in November, we will actually have a chance to discuss our future directions rather than simply "rubber stamping" whatever has been published in the Annual Report.

It is an important meeting as well, since we will be electing two new members to Vestry. With a recent change in the by-laws, the total membership of Vestry has been reduced to seven, so the participation of every member on Vestry is critical to the on-going life the parish. Your vote counts, since we believe, as Episcopalians, that it is in the will of the people that the will of God can be seen at work among us.

By happy coincidence, the Annual Meeting will be held on the an auspicious day—the Feast of Christ the King and the Sunday just prior to our observance of Thanksgiving Day. What a wonderful way to mark our allegiance to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and to give thanks to God for so many blessings received and anticipated. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join together for Eucharist, our Great Thanksgiving, and for the work of mission as we consider the future of our parish community.

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St. Mark's to Hold "Blue Christmas" Worship Service

Blue? Yes, blue as in the blues. As in "I am feeling blue." Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other dis-ease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations

make parties and joviality painful for many people in our community. There is a growing attentiveness to the needs of people who are blue at Christmas. Sr. Mark's hopes to create sacred space for people living through dark times.

On December 14th at 5 PM, we will gather in the Church for a "Blue Christmas Service." Anyone who might find solace in worship that provides a more quiet, somber feel than a traditional Christmas worship service is welcome, as is anyone who might seek to give support to those who feel particularly blue at this time of year. Scripture, music and meditations or sermons focus on the comfort God offers during dark times. We will share fellowship after the service with refreshments in the parish hall.



Pastoral Care: Everyday Gifts for Everyday Needs

By Father Zwifka

How can I be of help in a difficult situation when I have no experience in it? Doesn't this require help from someone with more experience or training than myself?

It is challenging to consider how to enter the lives of others at a time of crisis in a way that is both careful and helpful. How do we journey with someone through a terminal illness or the death of someone they love? How do we enter a marital crisis? What so we have to do in situations of mental illness or substance abuse?

One essential ingredient is to recognize that we are not responsible for fixing the situation. Except for those few circumstances in which some material assistance is needed, we are not likely to be able to resolve the situation, but rather to be with the person of family in the midst of it. Our belief in the possibility of the Spirit being at work in this moment can be tremendously liberating if we allow ourselves to live into it. We are called to be instruments for the work of the living God; we are called to be channels through which the Spirit can move. In fact, that is what we have all been praying for when we recite the Prayer attributed to St. Francis at the close our Sunday worship!

We are not responsible for determining what the outcome will be, for making the "right" thing happen. We are not called to be perfect; we are only called to be present. So, how can we, as givers of pastoral care, ground ourselves in that awareness?

It is important for us as individual disciples and as a community of faith, to be aware of the particular gifts God has given in our midst. We are all gifted in different ways. Perhaps, we need to focus more on naming what is that we have to offer and less on feeling inadequate because we are not as good at something as another. Praying, accompanying, listening, problem solving and offering relief on concrete things are all ways of caring. Take the story told to me by a woman who was a parishioner of mine many years ago. Mary (not her real name) was going through a crisis of having one of her three young children hospitalized with a critical illness over several weeks. One day, a fellow parishioner arrived at her door and told her she was there to pick up the family's laundry. She took it, washed it, ironed what needed ironing, and returned it. There were no long discussions about the sick child, but there was love and caring. Here, God used someone with the gift of being able to do laundry to ease the burden of another. I believe this is what St. Paul meant when he wrote, "Bear one another's burden and so you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). It is the essence of pastoral care.

So, you see, being someone involved in pastoral care is not necessarily a matter of being specially trained in any Church ministry. It is about caring for the daily needs and concerns of the family of Christ. What gifts do you have? How can you care for others? If you feel God's call to use your gifts for others, contact me at the parish office or speak with Blair Hannon, our Coordinator for Pastoral Care.

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cause no matter how fierce the winds, or how unforgiving the storm, at least on this day we shall seek to remember that our God is near.

The pilgrims knew that. Nearly four centuries later, those pilgrims left us a legacy, and a lesson: a beautiful example of what it means to have an "attitude of gratitude." It is an attitude we all need to nurture — not just today, but every day. Gratitude can open our hearts — and change our lives — if only we let it.

Or, as Reverend Fleck so beautifully put it: maybe the pilgrims weren't thankful because they survived.

Maybe they survived...because they were thankful.

Happy thanksgiving!

David +

The Christmas Season at St. Mark's

Sundays in Advent

November 30—December 21
Church School 8:30 AM

Holy Eucharist with Advent Wreath Service 9:30 AM

Second Sunday in Advent—December 7th

Prayers for Healing and Anointing at Sunday Eucharist—9:30 AM

Joint Service with Church of the Nativity and St. Stephen's
Advent Lesson and Carols — 4 PM

Historic St. Stephen's Church—Thompstontown

Third Sunday in Advent—December 14th

"Blue Christmas" Worship—5 PM

Fourth Sunday in Advent—December 21st

(Last Sunday for Church School until January 11th)

Greening of the Church—3 PM

Christmas

Christmas Eve—December 24th

Family Eucharist—5:00 PM

The family Eucharist will be broadcast live on the internet.
Link available at www.stmark-lewistown.org

Carol Sing — 10:30 PM

Traditional Candlelight Eucharist — 11:00 PM

**There will be no services on Christmas Day,
December 25th.**

Sunday in Christmastide—December 28th

(Feast of the Holy Innocents)

Service of Christmas Lesson and Carols—10 AM

Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany—January 4th (observed)

Solemn Choral Eucharist — 9:30 AM

The Baptism of Jesus—January 11th

Church School resumes — 8:30 AM

A Great Christmas Gift Idea!


Short on gift ideas? Have that especially "hard to buy for person?"

GIANT Gift Cards are back! And this year we have added Weis Markets Gift Cards!



Why not give a GIANT or Weis Markets gift card? For each dollar you spend, St. Mark's benefits by receiving 5% of the proceeds.

Even if you don't need to buy a gift, why not get some for yourself. There is no extra cost involved, you need to buy groceries and St. Mark's will benefit financially. Gift cards are currently available in \$25 and \$50 denominations. Larger denominations can be obtained on request.

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Scripture Readings for the months of November & December

Nov 2, All Saints/All Souls Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10,22 I John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	Nov 9, Proper 27 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 107:1-7,33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12	Nov 16, Proper 28 Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	Nov 23, Christ the King Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46
Nov 30, Advent I Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:2-19 I Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	Dec 7, Advent 2 Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-18	Dec 13, Advent 3 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Canticle 15 I Thessalonians 5:15-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	Dec 20, Advent 4 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Canticle 3 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

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Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Financial Update



The chart below is a summary of parish finances for the current quarter (began October 1). It also indicates the “YTD” or “Year to Date” status of our finances and relates those figures to the YTD and Annual Budget.

	Oct 1 - Nov 5, 14	Budget	Jan 1 - Nov 5, 14	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
01-10100 -DONATIONS	2,894	5,502	55,543	52,360	63,149
01-10200 -EXTRAORDINARY REVENUE	40	377	949	3,387	9,230
01-10300 - INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS	10,756	7,972	81,366.	77,722	93,000
Total Income	13,690	13,851	137,859	133,471	165,379
Expense					
01-20000 - OPERATIONS EXPENSE	3,424	3,756	46,605	52,044	59,033
01-30000 - PERSONNEL EXPENSES	11,643	14,699	102,311	106,828	123,077
Total Expense	15,067	18,455	148,916	158,872	182,110
Net Ordinary Income	-1,378	-4,604	-11,057	-25,401	-16,730
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One very bright spot in this report is the comparison of the YTD actual figures against the YTD Budget for “Donations.” This is where we account for pledges and other monetary donations toward the operations of the parish. It is important to understand that this figure does not take into account money that is contributed for the outreach ministries of the parish (e.g. Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard). It shows that giving has generally outpaced what we budgeted for the year. This is cause for gratitude to all who support the core ministries of St. Mark’s Church. However, our current level of revenue from these sources does not come close to meeting the actual expenses involved in operating the parish.

Of course, the most expensive portion of those expenses is personnel and particularly the costs associated with having a full-time rector. In August of 2013, Vestry determined that we would fund a full-time priest on a short-term basis. Father Zwifka continually reminds Vestry that the current level of funding is not sustainable, and, as time goes on, becomes less so since we are using hard earned savings for this purpose—and those savings will not be easily replaced. The only solution is to find other significant revenue or, in time, to reduce the personnel budget by returning to part-time clergy ministry. This is an area of continuing concern for Vestry and will be a topic of conversation at our Annual Meeting later this month.

Vestry receives a detailed report on parish finances at every monthly meeting. More information is available to any parishioner upon request.

Stewardship Prayer for 2015

Generous and loving God,
You call us to be disciples of your
Son Jesus and good stewards of
all your many gifts.

Open our minds and hearts to a
greater awareness and deeper
appreciation of your countless
blessings.

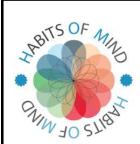
Transform us through the power
of your Spirit to nurture a Stew-
ardship
way of life marked by

*faith-filled prayer,
service to our neighbor and
generous sharing.*

Teach us to be faithful servants of
your gifts.

May we return many times over
the gifts entrusted to us. We pray
through Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Have you returned your Annual Membership Pledge Card?



If you haven’t had the chance to return your pledge commitment for 2015, please do so as soon as possible. Knowing how much we can expect from our regular giving is an important part of careful budget planning. With the Annual Meeting just around the corner, it’s more important than ever for you to be counted as a constant financial supporter of St. Mark’s and its ministries. If you have misplaced it or would like a new card, please contact the parish office. We’ll even take your pledge over the phone if that is more convenient for you but ***we need you!!***

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU!! to all who helped make the Fall Bazaar and AppleFest a success. So many people did so much that they cannot all be named. But to all who made items for the bazaar, helped make the apple dumplings and dessert, and those who staffed the festivities on Friday & Saturday, a heartfelt THANKS — we could not have done it without you. We still have a few ordered dumplings not yet picked up (they have been frozen for your convenience. Once they have been distributed, we will have exceeded our goal of \$1400!!!



Please note: *The Ministry Rota for December and the Christmas holidays will be published separately and will be available on-line and in church.*



NOVEMBER—2014

ROTA



DATE	SERVICE	PRESIDER	HOMILIST	USHERS	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	CHALICE BEARER
11/02/2014 21st Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Day	9:30 A.M. H. E. Rite II	Fr. Zwifka	Fr. Zwifka	Nancy Laub and Elta Lauver	Deb Vaughn	SD: Blair Hannon Crucifer: Michael Aitkin Acolytes: Phyllis Sikorsky	Phyllis Sikorsky
11/09/2014 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 A.M. H. E. Rite II	Fr. Zwifka	Fr. Zwifka	Maggie and Jeff Wilson	Robin Wilson	SD: Blair Hannon Acolyte: Phyllis Sikorsky Crucifer: Mark Kaler, Jr.	Deb Vaughn
11/16/2014 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	9:30 A.M. H. E. Rite II	Fr. Zwifka	Fr. Zwifka	Fred McKinley & Ralph Aitkin	Cynthia McKinley	SD: Blair Hannon Acolyte: Phyllis Sikorsky Crucifer: Lexi Kuhns	Phyllis Sikorsky
11/23/2014 24th Sunday after Pentecost ANNUAL MEETING Christ the King	10:00 A.M. H.E. Rite II	Fr. Zwifka	Fr. Zwifka	William Wilson & Joe Sikorsky	Robin Wilson	SD: Blair Hannon Acolyte: Phyllis Sikorsky & Colby Hagan Crucifer: Mark Kaler, Jr.	Deb Vaughn
11/30/2014 Advent I	9:30 A.M. H.E. Rite II	Fr. Zwifka	Fr. Zwifka	Tony Hatfield-Nicholson Elta Lauver	Deb Vaughn	SD: Blair Hannon Acolyte: Phyllis Sikorsky Crucifer: Michael Aitkin	Phyllis Sikorsky

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November 14 4:30-'till

St. Mark's Parish Hall

Tickets:

\$8.50 per person

\$1.50 per dessert

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for reservations



Winter Salad Bar

Everything from soup to nuts!

December 12

St. Mark's Parish Hall

Tickets:

\$6.00 per person

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