

The Grapevine

St. Mark's Episcopal Church



January-February 2011

Happy New Year

Welcome to the 2011th year of the Dominion of our Lord. Early January is the time when we start modifying the resolutions made at the end of last year and adjusting them to the reality of the New Year. Christmas time is over.

Early January is when we begin to celebrate in the Church the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is the day that when we celebrate the revelation of the Son of God as a human being in the person of Jesus Christ. The day is celebrated on January 6. The Church celebrates the season of Epiphany every Sunday until the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday.

The celebration of the season begins with Jesus being revealed to the people in His baptism, and follows by Him being revealed as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”, as “the light of the world”, as “the teacher of spiritual matters”, as “the one who will fulfill the Law and the Commandments”, as the one who establishes the limits of the law, as the one who defines Love as the ultimate example of best behavior, as the one pointing to God the Father as maintainer and sustainer of the world and on the last Sunday He is revealed and acknowledged as “the only begotten Son of God”, the beloved, Transfiguration Sunday.

This season the Church invites us to participate with God in an adventure toward an end that can inspire wonder. The Church is inviting us to get to know Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior and redeemer of the world, to apply His teachings and to follow His example. The Church is calling all of us to be Holy as our Father in heavens is Holy.

May the King of Kings and Lord of Lords bless you this year with all spiritual blessings from the heavens; may the Father of all provide for all our needs; may the Holy Spirit give us wisdom and strength to do what we are called to do.

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Senior Warden: Pamela Hysong

Junior Warden: Todd Wagner

2011

Amy Whitlow

Larry Shaffer

Dolly Lopresti

Kitty Batrus

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Greg Lilly

Todd Wagner

Lucie Whittle

Lorraine Zitnay

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Richard Burkert

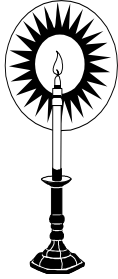
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Jack Herbein

Pam Hysong

Please remember

St. Mark's Church in your will.



2010 Weekly Altar Flowers & Monthly Altar Candles

Donation price is \$30 a Sunday for flowers and \$8 a month for candles. Please contact Joanne in the Parish Office or Doris Horner with your requests.

We have openings for the following dates:

1/16 (2), 1/23(2), 1/30 (2), 2/6 (2), 2/20 (1), 2/27 (1),

3/6 (2), 3/13 (2), 3/20 (2), 4/3 (2), 4/17 (1), 4/24 (2)

5/1(1), 5/8(2), 5/15 (1), 5/22(2), 5/29 (2)

6/5 (2). 6/12 (1),6/19 (2), 6/26 (2) 7/2 (1), 7/10 (1), 7/17 (2), 7/24 (1), 7/31 (2)

There are many more openings from August thru December.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Richard Burkert, Deneen Brant, Angie Herbein, Dorthy Veale, Dolores Clara Borsheim.

Family and Friends Serving Our Country:

Jason Medsger, Clint Cable, Bill Pulliam, Justin Erdley, Chad McLaren, Michael Custer, Jeff Bright, Dan Kell, Valerie Hantke, Ryan Bracken, and Gary Hogman.

Please Continue To Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Lois Bender, Liz & Don Hysong, Joy Brehm, Cindy Leap, Kevin Boyden, Jack & Carroll Green, Dorthy Veale, Bill Horner, Eugene Davis, Ed & Marjorie Ajay, Gloria Coulson, Jack Herbein, Jack Lorence, Louis Hoffer, Eugene Davis, Jim Hargreaves, Sue Kelly, Ethel Arthur, Hassell & Polly Sledd, Maggie Lesosky, Vivian Marple, Bernice Ketterer, Joan & Bill Berresford, Marvin Ripple, Phyllis Miller, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladden, Catherine Woods, Joy Howard, Dave Maxwell, Linda Russell, Barb Gatto, Msgr. Orbanek, Jeff Gates, Chris Marlowe, Ted Thiele, Barbara Mileto, Hal Trevenen, Connie Derzack, Carole Caroff, Tim Whitford, Bob Armstrong, Mary Beth Rauch, Natalie Neff, Betty McGrath, Shaun Shreck, Keith Barkley, Alice Broad, Peter Keitsock, Florence Gunnlaugson, Bridget Shero, Kelly Plowchin.



NO ANNIVERSARIES FOR JANUARY OR FEBRUARY



Happy January Birthday

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
Symon Thomas	7	Magnus Rogers	27
Greg Karlick	14	Richard Mayer	27
Stephen Balamuta	15	Connie Mayer	31
Hayley Bragdon	17	Fr. Charles Martin	31
Jack Follansbee	19		
Kenn Leap	22		

Happy February Birthday



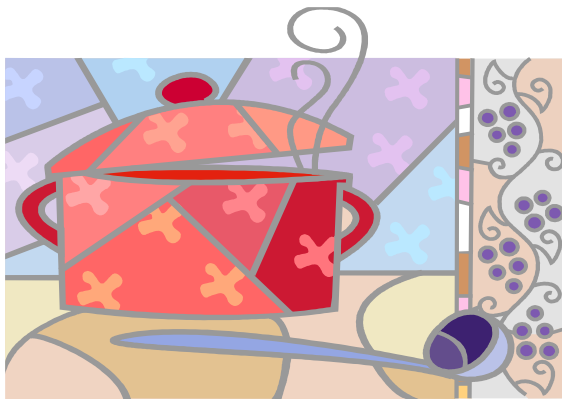
<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
Greg Lilly	4	Mary Boyden	15
Heidi Wyant	4	Thomas Schillinger	19
Maggie Lesosky	10	Dorthy Veale	23
Patrick Wolfe	11		
Jay Follansbee	12		

Soup & Study
Most Wednesdays at the home of John & Annis Rogers
6 – 8 pm

Join us for an evening of delicious homemade soup and lively discussion in our home. We usually read one chapter each week and meet to talk about what we've read. We take turns providing a simple meal.

Our current area of study is Meister Eckhart (1260-1328), German theologian, philosopher, professor, and mystic. He took a leading pastoral and organizational role in the Dominican Order. Later in his life he was brought before the local Franciscan-led Inquisition and was tried as a heretic.

Contact Annis Rogers 539 – 2295
shaman@atlanticbb.net



Hitting The Slopes



The Pittsburgh Youth Initiative invites all to a day of skiing at Hidden Valley Resort on Saturday, January 22, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Participants should meet at the ski lodge for tickets that can be purchased at a reduced rate: lift tickets, \$15; ski rental, \$10; snowboard rental, \$15.

Please RSVP to your parish youth coordinator or to the Rev. Kris Opat (kris@stpaulspgh.org or 412-531-7153) by January 15. Financial assistance is available.

The Christian Rock group Third Day is coming to Cambria County War Memorial on March 26, 2011.

I am going, and would like to get a group to go from church. Group tickets start as low as \$15.00 plus fees.

I am planning on purchasing the tickets on first of February. Cindy Leap has agreed to help me organize this.

Please let me or Cindy know if you would like to go. If you want to hear their music, here are some radio stations that will be playing it; k-love 105.7, 97.7, air one 90.7, word fm (Sunday afternoons) 101.5.

Also, I have several of their CD'S if you would like to listen on Sunday mornings after the service.

Thanks,
Mary Boyden (446-5563) Cindy Leap (536-0045)

Christmas Eve Service Photos

Take time to check out our Web page www.stmarksjohnstownpa.org.

Kenn has uploaded over 100 pictures taken from the Children's Christmas Eve Service and the Late Service., as well as a video that John Rogers shot. Enjoy!

Cindy Leap



Rwandan Orphan

All families of the church are encouraged to donate \$1.00 on the third Sunday of each month (Jan. 16th and Feb. 20th) for Chantal, our Rwandan orphan. Please be sure to mark your donation separately for her.

Pastoral Care

All families of the church are encouraged to donate one dollar on the fourth Sunday of each month (Jan. 23rd and Feb. 27th) for our Pastoral Care. Please be sure to mark your donation separately for Pastoral Care.

Finance Meeting

Tuesday, January 11th

Tuesday, February 15th

5:00 pm

Vestry Meeting

Sunday, January 16th

Sunday, February 20th

After the 10:00 am Service

Pastoral Care/Outreach for January/February



As winter weather settled in our area, many families and individuals began to experience uncomfortable pressure on their family budgets.

In November and December, requests for help with housing, food and warm clothing increased. Your dollars donated to the Pastoral Care ministry at St. Mark's are being stretched to help families in many ways.

The small food pantry we stock at our church immediately assists those who walk-in with needs for food. These individuals are also referred to their neighborhood food bank for regular assistance. Your donations of non-perishable food and household items meet a tangible need for the downtown community. Thank you! Funds are also used to restock the pantry shelves, assist with emergency housing and to provide holiday meals.

There have been generous donations of grocery coupons and gift cards that are given to those with greater need. Thank you for your generosity.

Please consider a regular commitment to visiting one of our homebound parishioners in 2011. A visit and a phone call from St. Mark's means so much to those who cannot make it to our services. Please see Amy Whitlow or speak with Cindy Leap or Fr. Santiago if you would like a suggestion on who may need a visit.

On Sunday, February, 6, we will participate in the national Souper Bowl of Caring. On this day, the young people of our church will greet you after the service with soup cans collecting dollars or change to help feed the hungry. All donations on this day will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul's Family Kitchen.

Be watching our Sunday bulletin for an opportunity to offer our time and talents to the Greater Johnstown Habitat for Humanity on a future project. Work is being done on a warehouse near Sandyvale Cemetery and there will be an opportunity to home build this spring in Johnstown.



St. Mark's Breakfast Club

St. Mark's is renewing the tradition of Breakfast Club starting February 6th at 8:30 am.

So what is breakfast club? A small breakfast with a speaker, usually someone involved in Christian Ministry in one way or another.

What does it cost? Nothing, It is free, but donations are always accepted to cover the food.

And a donation may be taken to help support the speakers ministry.

Why 8:30? So those from early service can join us as well as those involved in Choir.

We are working on a list of speakers. So if you have someone you think would be interested, please contact Pam Hysong (724-235-2686) or Cindy Leap (536-0045).



SATURDAY'S KITCHEN

We are in need of volunteers to help out at Saturday's Kitchen on Saturday, January 29th. If you are able to help from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, please check the Sign Up Sheet in the Parish Hall. Thank you so much for your continued support in helping to feed those less fortunate.

Angie Herbein



Magazines Wanted

What do you do with your subscription magazines once you have read them? Most times they go into the recycling bins or out into the trash.

Well, don't throw them out. Bring them to the Parish Hall and Don Bender will place them throughout the Conemaugh Hospital waiting Rooms.





COME MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD

**We will be having our
Special Annual
Parish Meeting
On
January 23, 2011
After the 10:00 am Service**

- To approve the potential withdrawal of funds from the Trust.**
- We will also be completing our Church Survey Forms - **Together at the Meeting!****

EYE on Episcopal Youth

Plan now to be among those representing the diocese at the 2011 Episcopal Youth Event. This once in every three year event takes place June 22-26 on the campus of Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota, followed by several days of mission work in the Twin Cities.

The cost of the trip is \$295 for food, lodging, and participation in the program. Transportation details are to be determined.

Registration is limited to 32 youth and eight adults from each diocese. Registration begins January 3 first-come, first-served. To secure your place, send a \$100 check payable to "The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh" with "EYE" in the memo line to St. Paul's Episcopal Church c/o The Rev. Kris Opat, 1066 Washington Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15228.

For more information visit: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/eye2011.htm> or <http://episcopoyouth.blogspot.com/2010/06/episcopal-youth-event-2011-pricing.html>

