



Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me

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Dear Parish Family,

In mid-April, when I last wrote to you, I could never have imagined a scenario that would eclipse COVID19.

And then a video. And then another. And then protests. And then violence. And then....And then...

Maybe like me, you are feeling powerless. Maybe like me you are feeling frustrated. Maybe like me, you don't understand. Maybe like me you are tired.



Well first, allow me to say, on behalf of all those who working hard in the Kingdom of God, DON'T GIVE UP. DON'T STOP PRAYING. DON'T STOP LOVING. Now, more than ever, we should recall that this is when the church (that's you and me) are needed the most.

We don't need permission from any leader to say something nice to someone who doesn't look like us. We don't need money to show God's unconditional love to someone who doesn't think like us. We don't need elected officials to legislate in order to lay aside our agendas and think about the whole community in which we live. Rabbi Rachel said, "...we're trying to make sense of the senselessness while not letting go of each other." Her recent article in the Atlanta Journal Constitution is here: <https://www.ajc.com/news/opinion/opinion-what-life-like-now-brunswick-after-arbery-death/h0jy3Q4e1wjfdABkUkTIOO/>

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Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said in his Pentecost Sermon, "If I make room for you, and you make room for me, and if we will work together to create a society where there is room for all of God's children, where every human being, every one of us is treated as a child of God, created in the image and likeness of God, where everybody is loved, everybody is honored, everybody is respected, everybody is created as a child of God. If we work together to build that kind of society and don't give up, then love can save us all." You can read the entire sermon here, <https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/presiding-bishop-michael-currys-pentecost-sermon-live-streamed-service>

But these two wise souls made me think of Trinity Sunday.

What I mean is that Gareth reminded me JUST NOW, in the midst of violence. In the midst of a pandemic. In the midst of hatred. In the midst of it all, there is a place prepared for each of us. For George Floyd. For Ahmaud Arbery. But also for Roddie Bryan. For Travis McMichael and for Greg. There is an even a place for Police and there is a place for Protestors. There is even a place prepared for ME and, the heart of the Good News at the center of Pentecost, there is a place for YOU.

Rubyev's powerful icon (see right) says it better than I ever could. Notice the place, right at the center of the table...open. Waiting. A place where the Love of the Father and the Son which is the Holy Spirit is seated. And an invitation to a hungry and thirsty world is extended.



Where is God in 2020? I will let the pictures of those of His children who've taken their places at the table speak.

Then, come you who feel powerless. Come you who feel frustrated. Come you who don't understand and you who are tired. Take your place at the table. The place prepared just for you.





BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Prayer, Study & Service

Help us Lord to continually and victoriously cast down fear and trust You fully, regardless of what You ask us to do or the circumstances we face. Together in agreement, we bind the spirit of fear and any strongholds it may have tried to build in our lives and we rebuke it all now in the name of Jesus!

(www.dailyeffectiveprayer.org)

The next scheduled Brotherhood of St. Andrew General Meeting is Thursday, July 16th @ 6:00pm. Details will be published as they develop.



6th Annual CAMP ST. MARK

at Honey Creek
On Dover Bluff Rd, Waverly GA

August 3 - 7, 2020

Outrageous Fun for ages 2nd – 6th grade

Vacation Bible School is Good . . . VACATION BIBLE CAMP IS BETTER!!!

Theme is Champions in Life...”Ready, Set, Go with God!”

www.saintmarksepiscopal.com to register or email Lynne Emery at lemery@saintmarksepiscopal.com



St. Mark's Episcopal Day School needs your help!

Our

TRIKE-A-THON Fundraiser

Has been rescheduled for FRIDAY, July 10 from 9:00 - 10:00

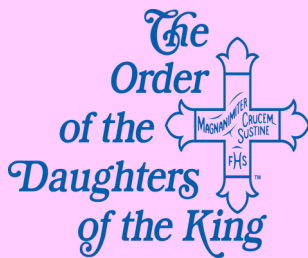
On Norwich St, next to St. Marks Church (road will be closed to traffic)

We are raising funds for our NEW STEAM programs, playground upgrades, and our SMEDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

WHAT IS A TRIKE-A-THON?

- A Trike-a-thon is an event where the children ride their trikes or riding toys on our school track while friends and family cheer them on.
- Donations are taken online through the link below. PLEASE HELP US BY SHARING THE LINK.
<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/stmarksepi2>
- Please help us by sharing the link. Checks (made out to SMEDS) and cash are also accepted.
- Payments can also be made by texting LION to 73256. Choose "St Marks Day School - Donations" from the scroll down menu.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!



The Daughters of the King will meet for our regularly scheduled meeting at 9:30 on June 11. We will discuss our plans to attend the upcoming Fall Assembly at Honey Creek in September. Krisita Jackson our national president reminds us to pray The Lord's Prayer daily at noon as we walk through this pandemic. Pray also for social justice. Bea Newnam, one of our daughters, broke her hip and is at the senior care center for rehab. We pray for a speedy recovery.

The Giving Garden

The Garden Ladies are excited to host our first wedding in the garden on June 20th! We are happy to allow this couple to marry in a safe, beautiful place in spite of the virus! They will have their immediate family only present in the garden and after their ceremony they will stand at the gate and their extended family and friends will drive by in "parade fashion" and wave them on their way! We pray there will be no more virus, or demonstrations, or inclement weather which will delay this loving couple to be together in holy matrimony! These are certainly stories they can share with their grandchildren!



We continue to have the most glorious harvests of tomatoes, squash, peas, beans, zucchini, and peppers! Delivering to those in need and anxiously awaiting the cucumbers, corn, and WATERMELON!! Last year our sweet raccoons enjoyed more watermelons than we did so we are taking action this year! Maybe they will scare away the armadillos!

If you have been by and noticed the grass is brown, you are correct. After much research and due diligence, we decided on a tiny white rock to be installed by our own landscape superman David Herndon who has been a Godsend to us since early on. He loves the Giving Garden and treats it with such respect and care. He helped us with our decision to transition from grass to rock for many reasons (primarily rodents, dollar weed and bugs). So another blessing for us!

Debbie Dougherty has also been posting videos from the garden for the Day School children to enjoy as they continued their virtual learning in the areas of environmental science. We will be so happy to hear their little voices giggling and playing next door again! "Garden Wady, may I haf a bwakberwee??" Please visit us at stmarksgivinggarden.com. New videos posting soon!

Love and good health,
The garden ladies
Linda and Edith





hello, Goodbuy – The Monthly Scoop June



Since reopening our doors to the public on Thursday May 7th, we are happy to report the store has been experiencing excellent sales! We are currently operating Wednesdays – Saturdays 9 to 5 for business and 10 to 2 for receiving drop offs. We are utilizing Tuesdays as a workday for staff and volunteers.

We took full advantage of our time closed, due to the virus, and made some BIG changes to our processing areas. These changes aim to streamline our process and utilize our time and energies more effectively. One of our BIG goals is to eliminate ‘The Pile’ which has been one of our biggest challenges over the years. SO FAR SO GOOD!! Staff and volunteers are doing an excellent job of keeping up with our incoming donations and keeping the floor fully stocked for our shoppers.



When you feel comfortable venturing out, please stop by and check out our improvements firsthand!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!

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GeorgeAnne Youngner	1	Janice Marvin	8	Bev Bittinger	20
Angela Patron	1	John Abbott Havens	9	Debby Stubb	20
Debbie Youngner	2	Marcember Lyons	10	Richard Cowen	21
Jo McGuire	2	Tom Irwin	11	Carol Elliott	21
Kenji Stobaeus	2	Jack Breslin	11	Betty Jine Henderson	22
Helena Burr	2	Nancy String	12	Bob Lear	22
Larry Youngner	6	Jasmine Gaines	13	Ava Bokker	22
Karen Ansel	7	Noah Brantley	15	Debbie Craven-McWaters	27
Evan Tiplados	8	Ed Martin	17	Jean Patelidas	28
David London	8	Benjamin Butin	18		

Larry & Debbie Youngner	5	Bill & Mary Turner	14
Herman & Dawne Hudson	7	Owen & Linda Dorsey	17
Eddie & Dorothy Lambright	7	Brad & Margaret Butler	18
Clay & Jenna Caldwell	7	Gene & Jill Caldwell	19
Jug & Nancy MacKenzie	8		
Dade & Lydia Brantley	13		