

Maneline

ST. MARK Catholic Community

ST. MARK Supports Former Parishioner's School in Tanzania for 22 Years

By Daphne Sloan

The ringing of the gong in the trees signifies that the teachers and students are changing classes at Margery Wolf Kuhn (MKW) Schools of Bagamoyo, Tanzania. Over the past 22 years, *ST. MARK* has helped to support MKW Schools with scholarships for girls, textbooks, science equipment, microscopes, computers, and shipping costs for library books.

The School has grown from 90 students in one grade in 2000 to 500 students in primary through secondary school today. Starting with seven buildings, the School now has 32 buildings, including dormitories for some of the students and teacher housing. This year's graduates scored in the top 10 percent of all schools in the country; all will be able to move on to higher education.

It all began when Charles Wolf Sloan, Jr., a member of *ST. MARK* Parish, graduated from Virginia Tech and was accepted into the U.S. Peace Corps to serve in Tanzania from 1993 to 1995. After a few months at home, Charlie returned to Tanzania to teach at the Marian Girls Catholic Secondary School in Bagamoyo. During the years he spent there, he realized that there was a serious lack of government schools to educate the many competent children in the area. Charlie took the balance of the educational funds left him by his aunt, Margery Wolf Kuhn, and bought 15 acres of land designated for a school by the local community counsel in Bagamoyo.

Charlie has served as the School Manager since it opened in 2000, and *ST. MARK*

has been a faithful and loyal supporter ever since. The administrators of the School have always been Tanzanians. In the beginning, the School was called Nianjema School, but when the government named a school nearby "Nianjema", Charlie decided to rename his School in his Aunt Margery's honor.

Historically, Bagamoyo was the major port for exporting slaves to Arab countries. A Catholic mission from the Netherlands was established there in 1867 to bring Christ to the freed slaves. The missionaries purchased slaves brought in from the interior and set them free. Many of the freed slaves did not know how to return home, so they stayed close to the Church and became Catholics. Today the



beautiful blend of Catholics, Muslims, and Protestants in the Bagamoyo community is reflected in the MKW School student body.

MKW has a demanding schedule of 11 subjects for all pupils in secondary school: English, Kiswahili, math, biology,



Charlie and Mastidia Sloan and their family

chemistry, physics, history, civics, bookkeeping, accounting, and religion. For their religion classes, students receive instruction in their own religion. Normally Tanzanian primary schools are taught in Kiswahili, but MKW has instituted an English/Kiswahili program for its primary school; all classes in the secondary school are conducted in English.

Charlie has added activities such as art, music, dance, yearbook, and sports to the curriculum, which few of the other schools in Tanzania offer. He wants the students to be well-rounded when they leave MKW.

The Modern Medics Clinic Tanzania is being built near the School campus to care for the students, staff, and residents of Bagamoyo, who are infected with malaria, tuberculosis, typhus, COVID, and occasionally AIDS. Charlie and his wife Mastidia, a medical doctor, are co-founders of the clinic. Dr. Mastidia is the director.

The School could not have grown and flourished as it has without the support of *ST. MARK* and the dedicated donors and organizations working through the Tanzanian Educational Fund, Inc. in Vienna. If you have any questions, please call Daphne Sloan, *ST. MARK* parishioner and Executive Director of TEF, at 703-938-9668 or check out our website: www.TanzaniaEducation.org.



News from the ST. MARK Finance Council

By John Zolper

The ST. MARK Finance Council (FC) wants to thank Parishioners for helping to *Come Together as the ST. MARK Family*, helping us meet our financial needs and supporting our faith community.

The 2022 fiscal year that started July 1, 2021, still had a lot of financial unknowns for the Parish. Following a successful 2021 Stewardship Campaign in the fall, we are happy to report the Parish is in good financial shape, with growing activities, vibrant ministries, and several large capital improvement projects. Even when accounting for a large, targeted capital improvement donation, we were approximately 1 percent ahead of the income budget at the end of February. Coupling this with expenses running approximately 4 percent under budget puts the Parish on solid financial footing; it was running close to budget at three-quarters of the way through the current fiscal year. This is even with Faith Formation expenses thankfully up as the Parish returns to a more normal tempo of operation. Thank you!

As always, we continue tithing as a Parish by giving 5 percent of our Offertory income to worthy charities; most are local, but some are national and international. In fiscal year 2022, ST. MARK responded to charitable requests from our community that totaled \$86,000 to date. Charities we supported include the following:

- Committee for Helping Others (CHO)
- EduCorp
- Stroke Comeback Center
- Tanzania Education Fund
- FamilyPASS
- The Car Ministry
- Shelter House
- Second Story
- HOPE in Northern Virginia
- Good360
- Associates of St. John Bosco Inc.
- Bethany House of Northern Virginia
- Culmore Clinic
- Just Neighbors Ministry Inc.

Long-Term Capital Improvement

Over the past year, the Finance Council has developed a long-term Capital Improvement (CI) Needs List to help anticipate and prioritize CI expenses. As the campus ages, we expect a need for additional maintenance and repair or replacement of key equipment and infrastructure. We replaced the elevator lift pump, two chillers, and two compressors for the air conditioning system. We added 48 columbarium units in the Memorial Garden. The WIFI system was also upgraded in the lower level of the Cassidy Activities Center—a need that was identified by several ministries.

generous donation of \$416,000 to renovate the bathrooms. The bathroom renovation has been on the list of potential capital improvement projects ever since it was identified as a Parish need in the 2012 Parish survey. Although significant work was done over the years by the Parish Staff and Financial Council members to create a concept plan for the renovation that received an initial review by the Diocese, the cost of this project had been beyond the means of the Parish. This large donation, along with prior donations to this project and continuing CI contributions, now makes addressing the bathroom renovation more feasible. With

help from the Finance Council, ST. MARK Staff will be revisiting the prior concept plans, reaching out to the architect, and developing a plan for the path forward. Although this is an important project, and the Finance Council is committed to seeing it through, we will all

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Thank you!”

The Parish is currently implementing the following CI projects. In some cases, project completion and payments will crossover into fiscal year 2023 that starts July 1:

- Refinishing and repairing the Church pews that are showing their age (some date back to the original Church in 1968), installing new kneelers, and replacing the Church floor. This project will start in early July and be completed over the summer.
- Replacing the sound system with two modern multichannel digital linear steering arrays. A contract has been signed, and scheduling is being finalized. We will provide updates in the Bulletin when more details are known.
- Getting bids to replace the 40-year-old piano that was bought used in 1997 and that fails to hold its tune with the high use. With music such an important part of liturgy at ST. MARK, we hope to purchase a new piano in the fall after the pew and floor renovations are completed.

Finally, as first noted in the November 21, 2021, Bulletin, which included the October 2021 financial summary, ST. MARK was blessed to receive a very

need to be patient as the other CI projects are completed. Also, the tight construction market will likely mean the bathroom renovation will not occur right away. We will share more information as we have it.

Finally, as the Finance Council is looking to the end of the current fiscal year and the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, we will work with Parish Staff to review the 2023 budget. We will be keeping an eye on the prospect of increasing expenses with rising inflation and continue to plan conservatively.

In closing, we look forward to coming together as the ST. MARK Family in an updated sanctuary (new flooring, renovated pews, new sound system, and new piano) supporting our vibrant faith community. Thank you again for your support of the Parish with your time, treasure, and talent as we all strive to *Come Together as the ST. MARK Family*.



Creation Care Mary Garden: Summer Update

By Betsy Zolper

Each season brings new color to our Mary Garden and more opportunities for birds, butterflies, and bees! Our Third-Grade Students from *ST. MARK* School have documented the changes to the Garden. As spring turns to summer and the growing season lengthens, we should see larger plants with many blossoms. This blooming, in turn, will create a “buzz” as butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds forage for nectar or pollen. The age-old wisdom is that plants sleep the first year, creep the second year, and leap the third year. This first summer will be a glimpse of what the Garden will become! Let’s get acquainted with our summer bloomers.

■ **Threadleaf Coreopsis** (5 plants), located in the middle of the Garden, is adorned with lovely star-shaped yellow flowers. The stars remind us of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, an ancient title for the Virgin Mary, which over the years pointed to Mary’s role as our “guiding star” on the way to Christ. Coreopsis provides nectar for many butterflies and native bees. In late summer and fall, songbirds eat its seeds.

■ **Anise hyssop** (2 plants), located near the stone bench, has blue to purple flower spikes that are attractive to bumblebees, butterflies, beetles, and hummingbirds. The leaves are fragrant, and you may like to take carefully a sniff! “Hyssop” is associated with cleansing throughout the Bible. It reminds us of the first Passover preceding the Exodus, when it was used to sprinkle the blood of the Sacrificed lambs on the doorposts of the Israelites; it was used again at the Crucifixion of Our Lord to offer Jesus a drink.

Anise hyssop hosts the summer azure butterfly. The butterfly lays eggs on the plant, and the small caterpillars feed and mature before dropping to the ground and forming a chrysalis. Pollinated flowers produce smooth, oval-shaped seeds that attract goldfinches and other birds.

■ **Blue false indigo** (1 plant), planted to the right of the light pole, has spires of blue flowers that appear in late

spring, about a month after the leaves emerge. Flowering lasts for just two to three weeks. The wings on this bloom resemble Mary’s hands raised in prayer to heaven. The three-part leaves are a soft blue-green and remain attractive until heavy frost. Three lobes forming one leaf reminds us of the Trinity. The blue flowers have been used by indigenous people to make a blue dye. Indigo flowers are attractive to butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. This plant is a larval host plant for many butterflies: Orange Sulphur, Clouded Sulphur, Frosted Elfin, Eastern Tailed Blue, Hoary Edge, and Wild Indigo Duskywing. <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/baptisia-australis/>.

■ **Cardinal flower** (2 plants), located in front of the light pole, takes its name from the red vestments worn by Catholic Cardinals. Brilliant red blooms first mature in late summer and continue into mid-fall. The bloom has three lower petals and two upper petals that form a tube. Since most insects find it difficult to navigate the long tubular flowers, Cardinal Flower depends on hummingbirds for pollination. <https://www.wildflower.org/>. Medieval tradition associates this bloom with Mary’s ear drops (drop earrings).

The plants in our Creation Care Mary Garden bloom in succession and not all season—they bloom as God intended as part of the food web. When we plant 70 percent native plants, we are successful in re-establishing the habitat that our pollinators, birds, and other creatures need to survive (Doug Tallamy, *Nature’s Best Hope*, 2020). The appearance might not be what we have become accustomed to, but it is what God intended—a habitat in which His creatures can find a home. We are in the process of certifying our garden as a *St. Kateri Habitat*. You can learn more about these Habitats at <https://www.kateri.org/saint-kateri-habitat-2/> and <https://homegrownnationalpark.org>.



Gardening is a labor of love that lends itself to prayer! Make it an offering to the Father by beginning your work with a blessing:



Lord, we give You thanks for this great bounty of life entrusted to us. May we be always reminded of Your providence, creativity, goodness, and beauty as we tend what You first brought forth. May the complex relationships of plant, animal, and human life supported by these gardens spark contemplation of your Holy Trinity, the Communion of Saints, Our Lady’s nurturing love, and the riches of Heaven yet to come.

Truly, not a sparrow falls to the ground without Your knowing it (Matthew 10:29); may our careful stewarding of this land teach us how You cultivate our souls and provide for our material and spiritual needs.

May our gaze remain fixed upon our final home, and Your garden offered back up to You in a song of praise: “O all you things that grow in the earth, bless the Lord: praise and exalt Him above all forever” (Daniel 3:76).



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ST. MARK Youth Receive the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

By Lynne Finta

Bishop Paul Loverde conferred the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION on 8th grade Youth at a Mass on May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

The Sacrament bestows the Gifts of the Holy Spirit on those who have been Baptized. Bishop Loverde requires that children spend two years preparing for it. Also, children must either be enrolled in Religious Education classes or attend Catholic School. CONFIRMATION preparation usually begins in the 7th grade, and the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION is held in May of the 8th-grade year.

NET Day of Reflection

First-year Candidates had the chance to participate in a National Evangelization Teams (NET) Day of Reflection. The Day of Reflection provided them with the opportunity to interact with other Candidates, as well as go to Confession and attend Mass in a more intimate setting. Activities included interactive games,

music, and small group activities facilitated by a group leader.

Weekend Retreats

Beautiful Hunting Ridge Retreat Center in Winchester, Virginia, was the site of the 2021 one-day separate retreats for boys and girls, attended by second-year Candidates. The retreats focused on the importance of being Confirmed, the children's relationship with God, and the tools necessary for the ongoing faith journey following CONFIRMATION. Children were placed in small groups, each with two adult leaders. High school students helped as well.

Spirit Teams

Part of the preparation for CONFIRMATION included participating in service projects, which was the impetus behind the Spirit Teams concept. The goal of these teams was to provide Candidates with opportunities to live out their faith as disciples in fellowship with other 8th graders. Spirit Team leaders

were tasked with planning four experiences for their teams. These can include:

- A social event or "meet and greet" for the children to get to know one another.
- Participating in a *ST. MARK* Junior High Event, such as Junior High Kickoff and Junior High Friday Nights.
- Participating in at least two service opportunities, such as volunteering at the Thanksgiving Clothing Drive, serving at a Youth Mass and preparing/serving dinner afterward, and helping out at the Fall Festival.

This year's Spirit Team volunteers were Nicholas Applehans, Laura Baltas, Stephanie Bollini, Natasha Collin, Brian Gagnon, Nithya Joseph, Paula Mahoney, Lauren McCabe, Stephanie Peterson, Megan Pickersgill, Robert Reynolds, Christine Stein, Noreen Tarr, and Catherine Yeagle.

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Confirmandi

Antonio Antunes Nalani Applehans Jace Atkinson Nolan Baltas Angelo Batista Manetti Marco Belloli James Bollini Carlo Bonacci Corinne Bremer Graydon Byrne	Paola Cabo Camacho Petar Cemovic Luke Collin Phillip Conrad Alexander De La Cruz Ethan Do Amy Dugan Braden Eggstaff Johanna Fernando Alexander Gagnon James Garvert Anna Glassman	Mia Hanna John Harrison Benjamin Hottle Cozette Humen Isabel Joseph Cameron Kannar Garrett Kathman Patrick Khouri Andrew Kociolek Holly Lauer Amy Lee Michael Lowen	Matthew Martinez Grace McCabe Madeline Mihalik Gavin Morahan Valeria Novoa William Odell Maxwell O'Harren Fabrizio Ozkan Benjamin Peterson Grace Pickersgill	Cristina Reyes Aiden Reynolds Tess Reynolds Jonah Richards Adriana Robles Molly Roccia Charles Root Elise Sharma Matas Stanis Alexis Stattel Brennan Stegmoyer Nora Stein Katie Sullivan	Fernando Tapia Kelsey Tarr Amelia Taylor Milo Tom Audrey Wandow Emma Weizel Monica Wong Amelia Wright Jill Yeagle
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Parish Celebrates the Sacrament of First EUCHARIST

The second-grade children of the Parish received First EUCHARIST at Masses on the weekends of May 7–8 and May 14–15.

Kevin Adamson Leena Alvarez James Aquilina III Austin Aufderheide Maximus Barbato Hannah Berthe Linsey Bingi Emily Bokan Hannah Bordener Sophia Bordener Anny Boyd Norah Candela Matthew Carter	Nicole Chandler George Darling Avery Domin Katherine Emerick Mason Engel Nicholas Fleming Andrew Gagnon William Geide Roman Geiger Giovanni Giordano Holly Gonzalez	Jackson Goudreau Emmeline Guy Tyler Hayes Claire Hockenbury Heinrich Hollonbeck Olivia Kimball Julianna Laine Emrys Landau-Smith Kevin Le Blair Lewis Landon Long	Lauren Mack Justin Mathias III Alice McGinley Adriana McVey Katherine Mikol Madeleine Mirabello Jack Montgomery Claire Moynihan Anna Nistler Oliver Nuss Anna Olmos	Zoe Popperwell Grant Printer Lola Rash Lucas Reeves Kara Ryan Michael Ryan Julia Santoro Maxwell Shaw Graham Simon Jacob Soria Galvarro Anna Spear	Annalise Stapleton Andrew Steare Grace Tardy Lyric Tellez-Mansy Zachary Todor Arden Tom Nathaniel Upchurch James Velarde Gabriel Wilson Ella Woestman Everett Woestman Parker Zens
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A Pilgrim Tells Her Story at ST. MARK

By Joyce Kerrigan

On Wednesday, April 6, the M&Ms After-Mass Coffee hosted a most interesting and inspiring speaker. Lynda Rozell, the author of *Journeys with a Tin Can Pilgrim*, shared her story of how she came to the unusual life of living out her Catholic Faith as she travels around the country in her truck and Airstream trailer home.



How did a corporate lawyer, whose plush worldly life revolved around her lawyer husband, two young daughters, and successful career, evolve into being a road warrior for God?

When Lynda was 31 years old, the death of a good friend was a radical turning point in her life. Lynda believes that God allowed that loss in her life to produce the good of leading her back to the Catholic Church and a fervent faith after an 18-year absence. Ironically, over the next decade after her reversion and continued deepening faith, it also led to the end of her marriage of 21 years. Lynda's husband's decision to divorce was precisely because of her faith and the change that it produced in her. Lynda, with her typical sense of humor, recalled what he said to her: "I married Gloria Steinem and woke up with Jerry Falwell."

Nevertheless, the divorce was a devastating emotional and psychological ordeal for Lynda, and she did not recover quickly. Eventually, however, the healing came, and she moved forward with continuing her meaningful work and caring for her two daughters.

Discerning What God Wants

As Lynda approached middle age and her daughters approached adulthood, her thoughts turned to how she would spend the rest of her life. In her own words, she asked in prayer "what God had in mind" for her. Prayer and discernment revealed that she was being asked to sell literally all that she owned and follow Him. Lynda firmly believes that God has a call for everyone and put herself at His disposal. Then she simply

answered His call. She felt that God was asking her to be present to others with the intention of helping them to see God's love for them.

"He didn't provide an instruction manual," she said, "but He asked me to trust Him to lead me where He wanted me to go." It turned out that where God led Lynda to go was on the road, in what she describes as a simple

apostolate expressed in her daily life as a nomad.

Going on the Road

By 2018, Lynda was road-ready; she had completed all of the necessary financial arrangements for a semi-retirement, the disposition of the contents of her home, and the sale of her home. Previously, she had purchased a truck and an Airstream trailer home and practiced driving the truck while hauling the Airstream for a period of time. Penny, Lynda's pet chihuahua, was by her side as an amiable traveling companion.

Sowing Gentle Seeds of Faith

Lynda's main destinations are campgrounds near some well-known, and some lesser-known, Catholic Shrines and Churches. Her presentation included many beautiful photographs of some of her trip stops. Campground communities are very open to camaraderie and friendship. Opportunities abound to evangelize and to plant what Lynda calls "gentle seeds of faith" in a natural manner in conversations. The best approach, Lynda advises, is always as human-to-human, heart-to-heart, and taking time to get to know what is going on with other people. She finds that most people open up and share what is going on in their lives.

Lynda concluded her presentation by saying, "God surprises me all the time with an unlikely series of coincidences that lead me exactly where I should be. When He brings people into my life, He blesses me by giving me a chance to walk with them and befriend them—just as He and others on His behalf have done

in my life." She said, "In essence, being present to others—not only to talk about the faith but to show its impact through my actions—is at the heart of my mission as a *Tin Can Pilgrim*. It can be at the center of what you do as well, whatever the circumstances in your life. We find ourselves when we reach out to others."

[Editor's note: Lynda's book, *Journeys with a Tin Can Pilgrim*, is a bestseller on Amazon. Lynda says, "Come with me on a journey to visit shrines and religious sites across the United States. I write about the places I go, the people I meet, and spiritual aspects of my travels. You can read all about how I became a Tin Can Pilgrim in my book *Journeys with a Tin Can Pilgrim*". Her blog is available at tincanpilgrim/about.com.]

“I am a little pencil in the hand of God, Who is sending a love letter to the world.”

Mother Teresa

New Members Welcomed at EASTER Vigil

ST. MARK welcomes RCIA Neophytes and Newly Re-ceived and Newly Confirmed, who became full members of the Catholic Church at the EASTER Vigil Mass!

The fulfillment of their journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults finds them continuing

their immersion in the faith in their Period of Post-Baptismal Catechesis, “Mystagogia”, as they delve more deeply into the mysteries of the faith.

We welcome you; we thank God for you; and we ask you to pray for us, now that you are united with us.



Christ is Risen!

- Conner Barden, sponsored by Erin Benbennick
- Michelle Bolger, sponsored by Nate Rasmussen
- Beau Conaway, sponsored by Murutamanga Kabahita
- Jon Dunlap, sponsored by Mark Edwards
- Skye Ilies, sponsored by Tim Frank
- Thomas Leuchtner, sponsored by Jeffrey Jozefski
- Lauren Nguyen, sponsored by Lynna Nguyen
- Liam Nguyen, sponsored by Minh Nguyen
- Annabel Olah, sponsored by Erin Coleman
- Lauren Valdez, sponsored by Hillary Sadler
- David Yi, sponsored by Adam Murray
- Hugo Zia, sponsored by Tom Sileo

M&Ms



In April, the M&Ms had a Coffee after the 9:15 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, April 6, and a potluck luncheon on Wednesday, April 20. Both events were in the Cassidy Activities Center.

In May, they had a Coffee on Wednesday, May 4. They planned a visit to the Museum of the Bible to see the Shroud of the Turin exhibit on Wednesday, May 18.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

By Maria Gillard

Have you ever wanted to send a hug and a prayer to someone?

We at the ST. MARK Prayer Shawl Ministry are a group of the faithful with a talent to send hugs in the form of stitched yarn.

The needs for our gifts are diverse—from warmth and protection for the homeless in winter to a sign of care for the bereaved, the ill, and the newborn. As a ministry, we look after one other, pray together, and provide a service.

Over the past year, our group has donated a total of 105 items (hats, hat and scarf sets, and scarves) to The Lamb



Center. We also donated 20 baby blankets to the Giving Tree for the Hope and A Woman’s Choice pro-life groups. Bill Grossman has taken several shawls to nursing homes and retirement homes.

You can be a part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry’s mission in several ways:

- **Pray for us and those who receive the shawls, hats, scarves, and baby blankets.** And the shawls are blessed.
- **Bring a shawl to an ill or bereaved person.** Please sign the sheet when you pick up so the Prayer Shawl Ministry can pray for them. The shawls are located next to the door to the Parish Office.



- **Donate yarn.** We are always in need of yarn so that we can continue to make the items for the needy.
- **Drop by a meeting to see what we do.** We meet every second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in Room C 103.
- **Joining in the stitch and pray.** We share patterns and ideas.

Hope you can join us soon!



VACATION Bible School

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be July 11 to July 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Children who are preschool age 3 through 5th grade are invited to sign up.

This summer event will help put kids on track for trusting Jesus! At *Rocky Railway*, kids explore Jesus's power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop. Preteen and teenage children can be a part of this exciting week by volunteering to lead the younger children as crew assistants, snack helpers, song leaders, dance leaders, story tellers, and more.

Adults can join the fun too! We are building our team now and have openings for adult VBS Directors, Crew Leaders, and Station Directors, so please let us know how you can assist. This is a wonderful way to get to know other families with young children at *ST. MARK* or to give back if your child participated in the past

Contact Jean Lupinacci at jlupinacci@stmark.org or 703-938-1948 extension 1. Register will start May 16; visit the Parish website at www.stmark.org.

ST. MARK Book Club

The Book Club discussed *The Book of Joy: Finding Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama and Bishop Tutu with Douglas Abrams on April 13, and *Seven Lessons from Heaven: How Dying Taught Me to Live a Joy-Filled Life* by Mary Neal on May 11.

The selection for June 8 is *Encounters with Angels* by Odile Haumont (256 pages).

The Book Club will not meet in July and August.

On September 14, the Book Club will discuss *Founding God's Nation: Reading Exodus* by Leon Kass.

For more information, please contact Mark Morneau at markmorneau@outlook.com.

Hearing Aid Devices Available

Are you having trouble hearing or understanding the priests or Lectors at Mass? Please ask an Usher to give you a hearing aid device. You can bring your own set of headphones or earbuds. The smaller jack will fit into our hearing devices.

June Feasts and Saints

- 1 St. Justin
- 2 Saints Marcellinus and Peter
- 3 Sts. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- 5 PENTECOST SUNDAY
- 6 *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*
- 9 St. Ephrem, Deacon and. Doctor of the Church
- 11 St. Barnabas, Apostle
- 12 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
- 13 *St. Anthony of Padua*
- 19 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)
- 21 *St. Aloysius Gonzaga*
- 22 Sts. Paulinus, John Fisher, and Thomas More
- 23 THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
- 24 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
- 25 *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- 27 St. Cyril of Alexandria
- 28 *St. Irenaeus*
- 29 STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
- 30 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Milestones

BAPTISM

ST. MARK welcomes the following new Parishioners to our Parish family:

Conner Patrick Barden
Jack Taylor Billingsley
Brianna Carys Fenton
Hazel Marie Grimm
Weston Russell Grimm
Skye Sunghwi Ilies
Thomas Grant Leuchtner
Michael Joseph McKeague, IV
Liam Nhat Ngoc Nguyen
Lauren Ha Nhu Nguyen
Lauren Marie Valdez
Hugo Zia

DEATHS

The following Parishioners entered into eternal life:

Judith Best
Oral "Butch" Butcher
Amelia Felix
Virginia Findeis
Mary Garbacz
Virginia Greiner
Steve Hurley
Frank Lane
Ann Lundberg
Maureen McLoughlin
Thomas Quigley

MATRIMONY

Dana Scarantino and Brendan Fisher

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Mark Your Calendar

June 2022

- 2 Embry Rucker Food Delivery 9:00 a.m.
- 3 First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Youth and Family Mass 6:00 p.m.
- 15–18 Forty Hours Devotion
- 19 High School WorkCamp Week
Christ House Food Collection and Delivery
- 29 College Night 7:00 p.m.

July 2022

- 1 First Friday Eucharistic Devotion 10:00 a.m.
- 7 Embry Rucker Food Delivery 9:00 a.m.
- 11–13 Middle School Work Camp
- 11–15 Vacation Bible School
- 15–17 Steubenville Conference Opens
- 17 Christ House Food Collection and Delivery
- 22 Diocesan Kings Dominion Day

