

The Light



*Good News from
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Warwick, RI*

July - August 2024

VESTRY NOTES



Did you know that anyone in the congregation can attend Vestry meetings? The Oxford dictionary defines the word vestry as “a room or building attached to a church, used as an office and for changing into vestments; a meeting of parishioners, originally in a vestry, for the conduct of parochial business; a body of parishioners meeting in a vestry”.

So, the Vestry extends its welcome to everyone! While only Vestry members can vote, the Vestry always welcomes voices and support from all! The activities committee has been busy planning the summer picnic, (save the date; it is August 18th) and could use brainstorming ideas for the year! There is an activity meeting scheduled soon, so read your bulletins and emails and feel free to contact any Vestry member if you would like to attend. We are a very approachable group!

Happy Summer!
Respectfully,
Jackie Sjogren
Junior Warden

Editor's Note: On occasion, however, the Vestry may need to go into “Executive Session” to discuss confidential matters; in which case, non-Vestry members will be asked to leave.

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Please note!



We will continue to have one Sunday service at 9 am until the Sunday after Labor Day. Watch the E-News for updates or call the office at 401-737-3127. The message will be updated when the service schedule changes.

FROM THE INTERIM PRIEST

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Mark's,

The past eight months have flown by since I joined this wonderful parish community at the beginning of November. My chief responsibility as Interim Priest is to keep the round of worship and pastoral ministrations going so that the Vestry and Search Committee can attend to the all-important work of calling a new priest.

During the first four months of 2024, I found myself doing many of the weekly office tasks, including preparing the weekly bulletin, after former Parish Administrator Sally North needed to resign for health reasons. This was useful experience as it helped me understand the parish's procedures and routines.

Then, at the beginning of May, we engaged Barbara Votolato in a one-year assignment as Interim Parish Administrator. She has been a Godsend—making it possible, among other things, to prepare, print, and mail this issue of *The Light* after a hiatus of many months.

As part of the “long return” from Covid, the Vestry and I worked together to reinstate the full Sunday morning schedule of services (at 8 am and 10 am) during the Winter / Spring of 2024, and to re-establish the Coffee Hour after the principal Sunday morning service.

In my remaining time at St Mark's, I plan to continue working with the Vestry on any outstanding issues that need to be addressed before a new Rector arrives. I treasure the opportunity to continue getting to know St Mark's parishioners. Do let me know if you have any pastoral needs – I am always eager to be of service!

Faithfully in Christ,

Fr John D Alexander, Interim Priest

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THE ACTIVITIES MINISTRY TEAM IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THESE UPCOMING EVENTS. PLEASE PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND MINISTRY!

JULY:

Wine and Paint Event

July 21, 2 pm, \$45 per person

Fun time for friends and families to relax and have a lot of laughs.

August:

Parish Picnic

August 18

after the 9 am service

Outdoor coffee hour, yard games and lunch around noon. Any ideas on how to make the picnic fun and memorable? Please let Deb Bergeron know.

Looking ahead to the Fall:

September:

Pasta Dinner

September 7

Plan ahead to invite friends to this delicious and profitable fund raiser.

October:



The Pumpkins are Coming!

First weekend in October

Come help unload the truck and then **sign up** in the narthex to sell pumpkins.

Fourth Annual Community No More Hunger Walk
October 19 (Registration 9 a.m.; Walk begins 10 a.m.)
Ninety percent of funds our team raises supports St. Mark's Pantry
and ten percent goes to West Bay Community Action.

NOVEMBER:

PENNY SOCIAL

NOVEMBER 23

PLEASE SAVE ANY "GENTLY USED" OR NEW ITEMS. A BAKE SALE IS
PLANNED, SO GET THOSE FAVORITE RECIPES READY!

DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY:

CHORAL OR HAND-BELL CONCERT

FUNDRAISER FOR ORGAN REPAIRS.

COFFEE HOUR:

after the 9 am service

THE ACTIVITIES MINISTRY TEAM WILL
CONTINUE THIS IMPORTANT EXTENSION OF OUR
CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY. IT HAS BEEN A
GRATIFYING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL. PLEASE
PLAN TO JOIN US.



FROM THE PARISH EGISTER

Burials

May 28, 2024

Ruth Mae (Beckett) Abbott

OUTREACH

July 20 – Food Drop Off

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

July 27 – Food Pantry

11:00 am – 12:00 noon

August 24 – Food Drop Off

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

August 31 – Food Pantry

11:00 am – 12:00 noon



**Food
Pantry**

Parishioners may drop off nonperishable food at the church on July 20 and August 24, 11 am to 1 pm. On the dates for the Food Pantry those in the community who are food insecure may come to receive some food to help them meet their needs. If you would like to be involved in this important ministry, please be in touch with Rick Hopper and Joanne Heffernan. Everyone is welcome to participate in whatever way they can.

PLEASE NOTE:

A REFUGEE FAMILY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO FURNISH AN APARTMENT: COUCH, TABLE AND CHAIRS, SMALL KITCHEN APPLIANCES, MICROWAVE OVEN. PLEASE CONTACT JOYCE BERNAU (ORGANIST) 401-699-4233
JOYCEBERNAU@GMAIL.COM

MAY FINANCIALS

Revenues: \$10,718.85

Expenses: \$11,525.64

THE DEADLINE for the **combined September-October Light** is **August 15, 2024** All articles should be submitted to the office.

You may drop them off or send them by email to:
office@stmarkswarwick.org

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Services

Saturdays

Sundays during summer

Vigil Eucharist 5 pm

Holy Eucharist 9 am only


Holy Days as Announced

In case of emergency: If you have an urgent pastoral need for a priest (illness or death are two examples), contact Fr. John D. Alexander on his cell phone at 401-241-6924.



Mass on the Grass services continue Saturdays at 5 pm until Labor Day, weather permitting.

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Office closed	5	6 5 pm Holy Eucharist
7 <i>7 Pentecost</i> 9 am: Holy Eucharist 10 am Coffee Hour	8	9	10	11	12	13 5 pm: Holy Eucharist
14 <i>8 Pentecost</i> 9 am: Holy Eucharist 10 am Coffee Hour	15	16	17	18	19	20 11 am: Food Drop Off 5 pm Holy Eucharist
21 <i>9 Pentecost</i> 9 am: Holy Eucharist 10 am Coffee Hour 2 pm Wine and Paint	22	23	24	25	26	27 Food Pantry open 11 am to noon 5 pm: Holy Eucharist
28 <i>10 Pentecost</i> 9 am: Holy Eucharist 10 am Coffee Hour	29	30	31			
				This month the Food Pantry drop off is Saturday, July 20 from 11am-1pm and the Food Pantry is open on July 27 from 11 am to noon. We are always looking for your generosity to help stock the shelves.		