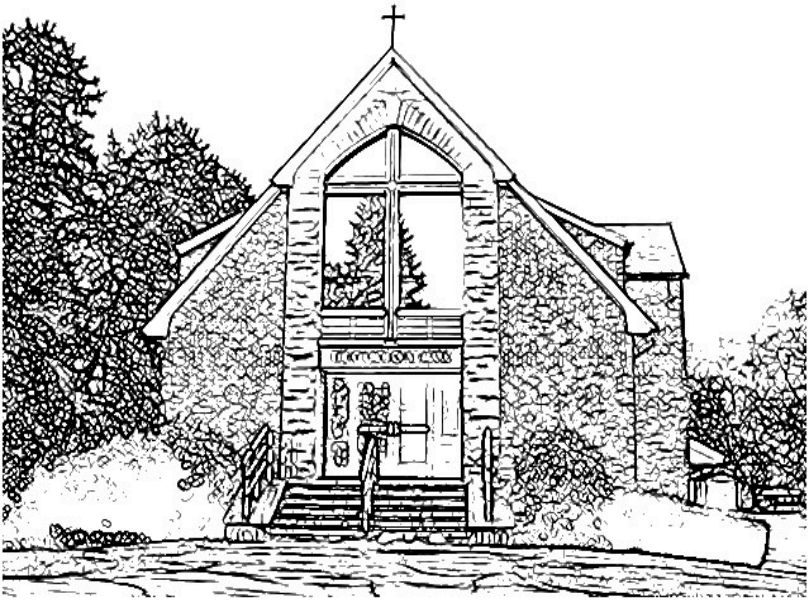


# The Light



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

## **FROM THE RECTOR**

Alleluia the Lord is Risen Indeed!

While we venture into Eastertide some of us find ourselves in a world marked by anxiety, division, and uncertainty. I'm reminded that the resurrection of Jesus is not an escape from reality. It is God's declaration that love is stronger than death, that mercy outlasts violence, and that hope is not foolishness but faithful. Easter calls us to live differently and to forgive more freely, to give more generously, and to trust more deeply in the life God is bringing forth among us.

Eastertide is a time when we remember that death does not have the final word. We will venture through many stories of Christ's ministry to the world just before we reach his ascension on the day of Pentecost.

I pray that this season invites us to look for signs of resurrection in our own lives: in reconciled relationships, in renewed courage, in quiet acts of service, and in the steady rhythms of prayer and worship. And I, for one, believe that the risen Christ is present with us in Word, in Sacrament, and in the life we share as a parish community.

May these fifty days deepen your joy, strengthen your faith, and renew your confidence that Christ is alive and at work in you. We hope you will join us for worship and the social events that we have upcoming.

The vestry and I are looking toward an in-house vestry retreat this summer as we think, pray and discuss deepening our reach and ministry in and to the Warwick community. I hope to have more to share here with you in the next newsletter.

With every blessing in this holy season,  
The Rev. Julia

## **VESTRY NOTES**



Dear St. Mark's parishioners:

As we transition out of the season of Lent and into the season of Easter, we are reminded that new life and beginnings will come again, and what a great celebration it is once it's arrived! Even with those great celebrations, there are still uncertainties in the world. Yet one thing we know for certain is that God remains steadfast in His love for us, and through him, we are strengthened, rejuvenated, and welcomed as we are.

We as the St Mark's family have bore witness to His steadfast love and strength, and we anticipate the growth to come, whether through increased membership, creative ideas to serve our surrounding community, or building and property updates. Through the grace of God, we will be tackling two important projects necessary to bring St Mark's into the future: replacing the furnace, which will be supplemented by a grant from the diocese; and updating and improving the sanctuary's sound and technology.

Additionally, in the coming months, the Vestry will be participating in a retreat to reflect on how to broaden our ministry collectively in ways to uplift and strengthen the many talents and passions of our members. We continue to pray to God for guidance and inspiration on where we are called to focus to offer hope and assistance across the generations.

We pray that in the coming seasons, you know and witness the joy and regrowth that God promised to us, no matter how big or small. It has been a joyous Holy Week and Easter celebration, and as we move forward into Eastertide, may you remember that the Lord is Risen and will always provide.

Sincerely submitted,

Victoria “Tori” Wagner, Vestry Member



**April:** April 11th

**May:** May 2nd

7 pm in the undercroft \$5 admission.

Light refreshments served. All levels welcome! Come join the fun.



**CHELO’S FUNDRAISER:** April 16<sup>th</sup>, Get your coupon and your friends and enjoy a good meal & dessert at Chelo’s or take it home to enjoy. Up to 20% of your bill (minus tax & tip) will be donated to St. Mark’s. A delicious way to fundraise!

**MAY BREAKFAST:** May 3<sup>rd</sup> 8 am to 11am. Eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, baked beans, muffins, coffee, tea, juices, what is better than that? Prices are \$12-adults, \$5-children (5-10) and \$30 for a family of 4.

**COFFEE HOUR:** after the 9 am services. Please join us. It’s a great time to meet new people and catch up with your St. Mark’s family. (And there are really good snacks. 😊)

**OUTREACH:**

**Please keep these dates in mind for the Food Pantry:**



**April 18 – Food Drop Off**  
**11:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**April 25 – Food Distribution**  
**11:00 am – 12:00 noon**

**May 23 – Food Drop Off**  
**11:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**May 30 – Food Distribution**  
**11:00 am – 12:00 noon**

## Stewardship Update

2026 Pledges

# of Pledges	Pledge Amt
<u>1</u>	\$ 44,200.00
<u>1</u>	\$ 7,800.00
<u>1</u>	\$ 5,200.00
<u>1</u>	\$ 4,800.00
<u>1</u>	\$ 4,200.00
<u>2</u>	\$ 4,160.00
2	\$ 3,900.00

# of Pledges	Pledge Amt
1	\$ 1,320.00
3	\$ 1,300.00
1	\$ 1,250.00
1	\$ 1,200.00
4	\$ 1,040.00
1	\$ 600.00
1	\$ 572.00

1	\$ 3,120.00
1	\$ 2,640.00
1	\$ 2,600.00
1	\$ 2,400.00
2	\$ 2,080.00
1	\$ 2,040.00
1	\$ 1,820.00
1	\$ 1,800.00
3	\$ 1,560.00
2	\$ 1,500.00

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3	\$ 520.00
1	\$ 484.80
1	\$ 420.00
1	\$ 400.00
1	\$ 360.00
2	\$ 240.00
1	\$ 200.00

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**Total amount pledged: \$127,491.00**

5 Pledges decreased  
14 Pledges increased  
2 New pledges  
24 Kept the same amount  


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45 Pledges

<b><u>FINANCIALS</u></b>	<b><u>January</u></b>	<b><u>February</u></b>
<b>Revenues:</b>	<b>12,726.45</b>	<b>12,997.50</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>18,978.13</b>	<b>18,057.92</b>

## **VESTRY MEETINGS**

April 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

May 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

All are welcome to attend.

## **UPCOMING WORSHIP DATES**

Holy Week Services: 4/2/26 Maundy Thursday, 7pm

4/3/26 Good Friday, 7pm

Holy Saturday: 4/4/26 Holy Saturday service, 5pm

(No Eucharist)

Easter Day: 4/5/26 Holy Eucharist 9am

Easter Egg Hunt to follow

## **ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

The Activities Ministry Team is happy to announce the following planning meeting dates. All are welcome to attend. Bring your ideas!

April: Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 am

May: Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 am

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### **Vestry Members 2025**

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Jacqueline Sjogren, Jr. Warden

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Jeanne Soares, Asst. Treasurer

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**DEADLINE for the combined June-July Light is May 15, 2026.**

All articles should be submitted to the office. You may drop them off or send them by email to: [office@stmarkswarwick.org](mailto:office@stmarkswarwick.org).

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