

The Messenger



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Whose Rights Are Important?

Dear Christian, Friends at Saint Mark's,

Following the terrible mass murder of fourth grade children at the Robb Elementary School Texas, one of the questions all Americans now need to answer in their conscience is this:

“Do we value our Second Amendment right to possess guns, especially assault rifles, more than our children's rights to life and safety?” Up till now, it is quite clear that Americans value their “Right” to hold guns more than the safety of children. Will this change with another mass murder of children by someone with an assault rifle? I do not think so. The American demand for their “Gun Rights” and freedom to own military grade weapons is by far more important than our children's safety. Access to assault rifles is not the only reason for gun violence in our country. There are other key factors in gun violence, but access to assault rifles is a major contributing factor to mass murder of children in our schools. It could not be clearer than the example in Texas.

Gun Rights supporters have suggested that more guns, arming teachers, armed guards in all schools, single entry to schools, would solve the problem of gun violence like the Texas school shooting. I strongly disagree. It is like saying the solution to our drug problem is making more drugs legal. The logic is quite faulty in that argument and will be more deadly in the future. Now as a Christian, and a church leader with a child, I would submit to you that Jesus, The Prince of Peace, would not support owning or carrying an assault rifle. Jesus did not support violence or using weapons of war. Jesus did not condone Saint Peter using his sword in the Garden of Gethsemane in assaulting the Temple guards sent to arrest him. If they were available, I could not picture Jesus carrying an AR 15 on his shoulder nor arming his disciples with AR15s, then saying “Blessed are the peacemakers”. No, what would Jesus do about the mass murder of innocent children with assault rifles in schools? Jesus would tell us to get rid of what offends us.

As much as Jesus and Christianity discourages weapons and violence, Americans will not give up their “Rights” to own assault weapons. Guns are our idols that replace our trust in God to protect us and our soul's health. Guns have become our idols of “independence” and replace our trust in God. Americans now pledge their allegiance to guns. We are now “one nation under guns” not God. When our “Right” to own guns outweighs the safety and health of our own children, we are in deep moral and spiritual trouble. Americans who idolize guns to the exclusion of their own children's safety will pay a terrible price. We are paying it right now, but this idolatry will not stop anytime soon. We need to get used to child sacrifice at the altar of gun rights, even when our God has always forbidden child sacrifice to idols. Please pray for an end to gun idolatry and common sense to come upon those who love guns more than children.

In Peace,

Fr. Kim

Holly Weaver

Healthing Corner

"For what man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him?
even so the things of GOD knoweth no man, but the Spirit of GOD. "
1 Corinthians 2:11

June awareness Month: Men's Health, Alzheimer's and Brain
National Migraine and Headache, PTSD.
Week Men's Health June 13-19
Day National Cancer Survivors' June 5th
World Blood Donor June 14th
World Sickle Cell June 19th

Men's Health: We should encourage the Men in our life's to take care of their bodies by eating right, exercising and working to prevent Disease.
See your Family Doctor if you havened in awhile!!!!

Hospitality

Thanks for everyone's Help in the Kitchen after fellowship.

Please sign-up for the up-coming Summer months .

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Fellowship Meal

ECW

Hello All You Beautiful Women of St. Mark's.

I'm going to have a zoom meeting in late June; for ECW about the Holiday Bazaar November 5th 2022. I will send out an email date & time via email.

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Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.

Ivanna Freeman Outreach

Food Cupboard

St. Mark's Food Cupboard, funded by members of the St. Mark's Church community, seeks to provide our community with access to food.

It is located at the rear of the Church and is open 24/7.

The food cupboard opened as a response to the covid 19 need.

Our food cupboard is always in need of food. You may help by donating non-perishable food.

Suggested Items:

Rice Krispy treats, Crackers, Pop Tarts, Canned food, Cereal, Raisin, Oatmeal....

If you have any questions please see Ivanna Freeman, she has been filling the box and keeping it supplied.



Links

<https://www.facebook.com/STMARKSHB> or
YouTube



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YouTube](#)

Keep in touch via Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/291213475198441>

Offerings can be made online at our website or mailed
to the parish house.

~ Visit our Website at stmarkshb.org ~

Happy Birthday



Ivanna Freeman, 6/5
Chris Pasela, 6/12
Jamie Hartranft, 6/14
Breanna Dunlap, 6/17
Rose Dienno, 6/22
Becky Hartranft, 6/25
Wanda Kosempel, 6/29
John Macomber, 6/29

Happy Anniversary

Paul & Lisa Colombo, 6/16
Frank & Holly Weaver, 6/21
Bill & Ivanna Freeman, 6/25

Our Organist - Zack von Menchhofen, cago
(www.thechoirmaster.com or www.youtube.com/choirmasterzack)



Letter From Sally Nickle

The Month of June

After World War II, the men, women and children were happy to be reunited with their loved ones again. The American people worked hard to rebuild the status and uphold the favorable reputation of The United States of America. We are, One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All!

"Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble by the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." 2 Corin 1: 3-4

The First Commandment effectively says: "I took you out of slavery and into freedom, and these Ten Commandments are the way to make a free society. YOU CANNOT BE A FREE PEOPLE IF YOU DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!"

May 26th was Ascension Day. We commemorate Jesus Christ's ascension into Heaven, 40 days after Easter. It shows that Jesus really had overcome death. He wasn't just resurrected to die again, but to live forever. He is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. Psalm 110:1

May 31st Memorial Day is a federal holiday in The United States for mourning the U.S. Military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed services. It is observed on the last Monday of the month. It originated during the American Civil War when citizens placed flowers on the graves of those who had been killed in battle.

June 5th Pentecost or Whitsunday. The Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other Disciples following the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ causing them to speak in tongues. Passover was fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given and communicated as a divine person.

It is also a popular time for baptisms.

June 19th Father's Day. A loving Father leads and provides for his family. He teaches his children to have respect for each other and be respectful of others. Show them how to be unselfish, generous, understanding, considerate, thoughtful and kind. Discipline them with love.

You and your actions are their best role model.

June is also the beginning of summer. A time to relax and enjoy yourselves. Go swimming! Wade in a creek. Collect lightning bugs. It can also be a family fun time of planting seeds for a vegetable garden. If your garden produces extra vegetables, share them with relatives or friends. Some of you may go to the seashore. Others will prefer a visit to the mountains. There will be weddings, birthday parties, class reunions, picnics, and graduations.

Congratulations Sean Kaiser on graduating from Florida State University. Good Luck in the U.S. Army!
Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers!!

Respectfully Yours,
Sally Nickle

| | 6/5 | 6/12 | 6/19 | 6/26 | |
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| GREETERS | Rose Dienno | Pam Refford | Sandy Shaffer | Mike Villano | |
| GIFT BEARER | | Pam Refford | | | |
| READERS | Lucia Costanzo | Mary Ann Kaiser | Burt Todd | Susan Weidener | |
| PRAYERS | Liz Hughes | | | | |
| ACOLYTE | | | | | |
| COUNTERS | John Mraz & Toni McL | Burt Todd Chris Roy | Mike Villano & Sandy Shaffer | Mary Ann Kaiser Frank Weaver | |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | Sandy Shaffer | Bob Shingle | Sandy Shaffer | | |
| ALTAR GUILD | Beth Snow Sue Lorah | Beth Snow Sue Lorah | Beth Snow Sue Lorah | Beth Snow Sue Lorah | |
| NURSERY/ SUNDAY SCHOOL | Ivanna | Ivanna | Ivanna | Ivanna | |
| FELLOWSHIP APPETIZER | Kathy Mraz | Laurie | Sally Macomber | Fr. Kim & Mother Asha | |
| FELLOWSHIP MAIN DISH | Fr. Kim Dr. Asha | Sue & Pam | Toni McL | Frank & Holly Weaver | |
| FELLOWSHIP DESSERT | Rose Dienno | Toni McL | Judy | Mike & Lisa Villano | |

Many are called but few sign-up...**St. Mark's worship team calendar**

The life of the church is its people. Our participation in worship and fellowship is but one way we demonstrate our willingness to serve. - Bob Schultz

LET US PRAY FOR: Julie Combs, Marge Darby, John & Sally Macomber, The Pasela Family, Dick Rainer, Ruth Rainer, Bob, Lois & Elisabeth Schultz, Diane Spath, Claudia Petrus,, Taran Miller, Sheri Monti, Suzanne Towber, Annamarie Picariello, Susan Rainer, Douglas Rainer, Greg Shores, Jane Shingle, Dominic Harley, Josephine & Galen Miller, Vicki Weller, Geri Phillip, Jerry Price & Declan McGinnis, Jim Hudak, Jensyn Moyer, Fr. John Symons. and those we now name...



BULLETIN BOARD

City Gate Men's Mission:

St. Mark's continues to supply dinners to City Gate in Coatesville. If you would like to help with cooking, contact Frank Weaver or Fr. Kim before the second Saturday of each month. The next dinner is on June 11, 2022

Let us know what you would like to see in our newsletter!

The June vestry meeting will be held via Zoom on June 21 @7 pm.

Remember we changed to Tuesday

Please submit pictures for the Newsletter. All pictures are welcome, pets, children, seniors .

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



We are open!

Sunday School is going strong! 10:30 AM

Fellowship meals are outstanding!

Sunday Service 10:30 AM



Our Celebration of The Rev. Dr. Asha George-Guiser

Thank you Roger Dwyer for these great pictures.



