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Deaths

Nancy McAllister, sister of **Margaret Badgley**, on March 30, 2021.

Edna Lillian Thompson, aunt of the **Rev. Dr. Rowena White**, on April 5, 2021.

Dr. Paul Winder, on April 6, 2021.

Happy Birthday

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| April 11
Sonja Rogers
Brian Homza
Anne Elizabeth Knicely
Emily Powell | 14
Kelly Rainwater
Lindsey O'Brien
William Bartle
Wiley Cotter
Elizabeth White | 16
Jan Madison
John Giles
Bo Boyd
Denis Poljak
Scott Zimmer
Benjamin Jump
Elizabeth Elbersen |
| 12
Ted Sherman
Marianne Comegys
Dan Koruna
Sarah Catherine Allen
Collier White | 15
Bobby Pugh
Bryan Mitnaul
Tom Murphy
Alexandra Williams
Holland Peterson
Parker Stage
Andrew Thibodeaux | 17
Clay Hollingsworth
Tomeka Bowman
Sam Porter
Lola Overdyke |
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Mary Godwin | | |

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THE MESSENGER

Community

Communion Celebration Weekend is the weekend of April 17 and 18. This is a special weekend where children gather to learn why we take Holy Communion. We will spend that Saturday morning together from 10:30 am-Noon in the chapel. On Sunday, the celebration will take place during the 10:30 am service. There will be photography in the Cathedral beforehand at 9:30 am. **Please email Fr. Drew at achristiansen@smc.school if you are interested in having your child participate in the Communion Celebration Weekend.** It is for children at or around the age of six.

Meals On Wheels Opportunity! It's only a one hour volunteer opportunity every Monday delivering Meals on Wheels to eight seniors at Evangeline senior apartments (across street from Betty Virginia Park) St Marks would like to get a team together to do this once a week. The team can decide on their schedule for the each month. **Please email Jennifer for more information. Jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net**

We are re-starting our SPIRITUAL DIRECTION GROUP on Mondays at 10:00 am in the library. The group is open to all who are interested in spiritual growth and participation in a caring and accepting group. (Other times to meet may also become available on request). **For more information contact Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net.**

St. Mark's is partnering with the *Love Your Neighbor* project to revitalize Shreveport's Caddo Heights community. The project is focusing on cleaning up the area, removing debris, trash and inoperable cars as well as funding the demolition of dilapidated houses. **There will be a community wide cleanup this Saturday at 8:00 am starting from Hattie Perry Park on Ledbetter St.** Everybody is welcome. **For more information on contributing to the project, contact Skip Simonton at 422-0943.**

Community Renewal Fruit Signup List!

Community Renewal has resumed meeting with youth in their neighborhoods as distancing allows. Their after school programs teach and practice balanced nutrition at their meals. The Barksdale neighborhood would greatly appreciate 25 pieces/servings of fruit every Monday. Fruit may be fresh or canned and should be dropped off at the church office any time before the assigned Monday at 10:00 am. **The signup this year is online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044FAFAA2D6-fruit>.**

Remember as a child how a stuffed animal eased your fears? For the month of April, we will be collecting NEW stuffed animals for the CARA center. The CARA center is a partnership of Christus and LSUHSC to provide aftercare and medical care for the diagnosis, management and prevention of child abuse and neglect in our local area. For the month of April, drop off new stuffed animals at the church office. **For any questions contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net**

EYC will meet this Sunday for dinner, activity, and compline from 6:15 to 7:30 pm.

After a temporary hiatus that unfortunately has lasted for an entire year, we have returned to congregational singing of hymns and service music as of Easter Day 2021! This announcement also includes a return to choral music during worship, as long as we maintain proper social distancing and other protocols including continued use of masks to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. There is not a plan to return to regular Wednesday choir rehearsals and Choral Evensong until September. This will provide the necessary time for everyone to get vaccinated. However, in the meantime we will have a choir on Sunday mornings and for any special services that will take place between now and September.

If you are going through a difficult time, one of the Stephen Ministers from St. Mark's may be able to help. Stephen Ministers are laypersons who have received special training to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support for persons who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. After all, there are many difficulties and transitions in this life! Why not give yourself the gift of a Stephen Minister who can accompany you on part of your journey?! The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. For more information, contact **the Rev. Dr. Rowena White** at rowena@stmarkscathedral.net.

Sunday Readings

The Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35 * 1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

It is not a question of how reasonable it is to tithe. It is not a question of convenience. It is not a question of what God will do for us. It is a question of faith in God as creator and owner of all things, and complete trust in God's providential promises. Every Christian can benefit by tithing because it makes more vital that faith, which surely has been tested before.

Additional Resources

Dean Alston Johnson's Blog:

<https://thecarpentersnail.blog/>

St. Mark's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Cathedral-Shreveport-181096028587074/>

Bishop Jake Owensby's Blog:

<https://jakeowensby.com/blog/>

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