

Deaths

Kay Martin, sister of **Bob FitzGerald**, on July 26, 2022.

Weddings

Caroline Elizabeth Turnage & Thomas Woodruff Buchanan, on June 18, 2022.

Births

John Peter Skeadas, IV on July 15, 2022.
Parents are **Mary Helen & John Skeadas**.
Grandparents are **Pat & John Turnage**.

Happy Birthday

July 31 Rick Newell	3 Stuart Briscoe Anna Kate Childs	5 Minette Haynes Hines Vaughan Jennifer Beruvides
August 1 Brad Lepore Larry Cunningham	Ben Davis Sindee Finch	Marie Gardner-McIntyre Georgia Johnson
2 Emily Nelson Tad Dicharry Hannah FitzGerald	4 Susan Cage	6 Ron Boutte Mark Faries Catherine Green Liam Alley Laura Poljak Gray Knicely

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THE MESSENGER

Community

This year's Early Bird Acolyte Training is set for Sunday, August 21! Meet in the choir stalls immediately after the 10:30 am service. All new and returning acolytes are welcome!

Back to school help is needed! All Friendship Houses in Community Renewal are in need of school supplies. Approximately forty items are needed of EACH of the following: hand sanitizer, scissors, pencils, pencil boxes/pouches, composition books, primary tablets, crayons, multiplication charts, and math flash cards. Any and all donations are welcome! These items will be collected NOW through the end of August. **If you would like to donate monetarily or have additional questions, contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net**

We are again looking for volunteers to staff the front desk during the summer. We are looking for someone to work Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm. You can work every week or once a month, whatever your schedule can fit. **Contact Priscilla McLean, priscilla@stmarkscathedral.net**

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

It's not too far away to start thinking about Rally Day! Rally Day is **August 28**. We will gather in the Gym after the 10:30 am service for lunch and a look at what St. Mark's has to offer this fall. Mark your calendars.

Want to enjoy some fellowship and a good book during the summer without any prep?

Join us at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings in the Parlor to read *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World* by Henri Nouwen. We will read each chapter together, around the table, and discuss as we go. We will have donuts, muffins, or other pastries each week. **RSVP is not necessary, but we'd love to hear if you plan on coming. Please e-mail Lauren & Seth Thibodeaux at thiblauren@gmail.com.** Feel free to join us at any point during the summer.

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 by email:**

Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net.

Episcopal Relief and Development is mobilizing with Anglican agencies and other partners in order to provide humanitarian assistance to people fleeing the violence in Ukraine. Working with the Action by Churches Together Alliance (ACT Alliance), Episcopal Relief and Development will provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance. **You can donate at episcopalrelief.org.**

The Wednesday Night Book Study group is on sabbatical for the summer but we will resume meeting in the Parish Library on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. The group will be reading and discussing *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident who helped found the Confessing Church. The book compels the reader to face himself and God in any situation and asks "What can the call to discipleship, the adherence to the word of Jesus, mean today to the businessman, the soldier, the laborer, or the government worker? What did Jesus mean to say to us? What is his will for us today?" Dietrich's practice of his faith led to his execution on April 9, 1945 in Flossenburg concentration camp by the Nazis. **For more information, please contact William Weaver at william.weaver@uhsinc.com or by calling (302) 276-3750.**

Sunday Readings

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23* Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

O Lord, giver of life, I know that all I have received is from your hand.

Gracious and loving Father, you call us to be stewards of your abundance; caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve.

May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen

Upcoming Events

August 21 Early Bird Acolyte training 11:45 am

August 28 Rally Day