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## **Bulletin Board**

April 22, 2021

Dear Friends -

My mom, dad and I are so grateful for all the "Southern Hospitality" we received in Dalton. Welcoming us into your homes with delicious food, treating us with a night out, bringing us food and the unending acts of love have been so special. We will never forget your generosity and we will always be indebted to your kindness. I am so happy to be here and getting to know everyone has been a joy. What a wonderful gift from God! God bless "y'all".

-Fr. Rick and Dick & Sandy Tiff



# PETER'S FREE-WHEELIN' 5K

Don't forget your  
T-shirts!!

Pick up is at the  
church on:

Friday from  
4:30p-6:00p

AND

Saturday from  
9:00am-10:30am



The two  
year old  
class  
thanks  
everyone  
that  
supported  
Peter's  
Free  
Wheelin'  
5K this  
year!

# Bible Study



Father Rick will be holding a weekly Lectionary Bible Study beginning on Wednesday, May 5th from 6pm-7pm in the courtyard of the church grounds. Please Bring Your Own Bible, your “virtual” margaritas and Chair!! Hope to see you there!!!

PS: Covid-19 guidelines with social distancing and mask wearing are still required.

## IN OTHER NEWS

As the Diocese begins to allow increased access back into our churches, we need to also ensure compliance with Safeguarding requirements. One requirement is controlling who is able to enter St. Mark's facilities. Therefore, we are once again checking on keys to the church! If you have come off of a guild, other church committee or for some other reason no longer need (not just "nice to have") a church key, please turn it in to either Kim Littell or Curry in the office. If you need your key to be picked up, let us know and we'll come get it. In a few weeks after tabulating the results, I will call to confirm key numbers in your possession if you've not already done so. We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter to help ensure your safety and that of St. Mark's facilities.

Thanks!  
Kim Littell

## ALTAR GUILD NEWS

We are planning a training for Saturday April 24 at 9:00 with Fr. Rick. We will be going over his preferences for set up and the changes we have had to make to comply with the restrictions for Covid. We hope all current members can attend. If you have ever wondered about all the lovely hangings, linens, brass, and silver and would like to join us, we would welcome all new members. Please let us know if you can come. We will serve light refreshments.

Anne Blaylock and Martha Minor



**Humane Society**  
OF NORTHWEST GEORGIA

The Humane Society of NW GA, located in Dalton, is looking for volunteers and hope you can help. We adopt out 700-800 cats and dogs each year. Many of them before coming to us have struggled just to stay alive. Taking care of the 75-85 cats and dogs that we have at any given time requires 60 volunteer hours each day! We hope that you can tell your church members that we would love to have them join our volunteer team! We have three 3 hr. daily shifts to care for dogs and three 1 hr. daily shifts to care for cats. To volunteer, they can go to [hsnwga.org](http://hsnwga.org) and fill out a volunteer application. Thanks for your help-our cats and dogs thank you too!

## Saint of the Week by Marilyn Lance

Zita of Tuscany. Worker of Charity

This week on April 27 we honor a 13<sup>th</sup> century Italian saint. Zita was born in Tuscany in northern Italy in 1212. She also is known as Sitha and Citha and is the patron saint of maids and domestic servants. When she was 12 she became a servant in a rich household. For a long time she was badly treated by her employers and fellow servants for her goodness and hard work. But Zita kept her inner peace and respect for her employers. Finally she overcame the malice of the other servants and her employers, and was put in charge of all the affairs of the house. By modeling Jesus in humility Zita moved the family to a religious awakening. She believed that God had placed her in her situation and fulfilling her duties was devotion to God. Zita also used to feed the poor. Zita died peacefully in the house where she served on April 27, 1272. After 150 miracles had been attributed to Zita she was canonized in 1696. Soon after Zita's death a popular cult grew up around her. During the late medieval period her popular cult had grown throughout Europe. In England she was known as Sitha and images of her can be found in churches across southern England. Her name was popularly invoked by housewives and maidservants when crossing rivers and bridges and especially in event of having lost one's keys.



## Nature Note by Marilyn Lance

Spring Comings and Goings



It's been about a month since Spring began with the Vernal Equinox and birds are coming and going. The flock of Grackles (large black birds) that roosts in the bamboo at the end of my yard left the week after Easter, probably heading for nesting grounds up north. I had a very good crop of berries on my holly trees this year. The trees are pollinating now but there are still berries from last year. A flock of my favorite berry eaters descended on Sunday to get those last berries. These are the colorful Cedar Wax Wings with the black bandit mask. They nest north of the Mason-Dixon line up in to Canada, so they will be leaving soon. I've heard a White Throated Sparrow every once in a while this winter but in the last week they are singing more frequently. Soon they will be off to their nesting grounds in northern Michigan and Canada. Hopefully, all the birds heading north will not encounter any late winter weather. While some birds are leaving, others are arriving from South and Central America. About two weeks ago, someone at work reported seeing a hummingbird. So get your feeders clean and ready! I don't put out hummingbird feeders because of my cats but I do see these tiny birds in the summer feeding off of my red-flowered hummingbird vine. If you want to feed them mix 1/4 to 1/3 cup of table sugar in a cup of water. Do not use honey or red food coloring. Last week I saw and heard my first Chimney Swift, back from Peru. They are welcome in my chimney. At the Hu-

mane Society, I've seen a pair of tree swallows flying over the pond in search of insects. They've been in Central America for the winter. I haven't seen the tree swallow's cousin, the Purple Martin who spends the winter in the Amazon Rain Forest. I see a lot of apartment houses and gourds put up for Purple Martins but I haven't seen the birds for years in Dalton.



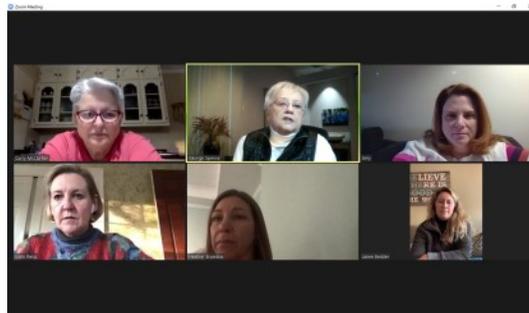
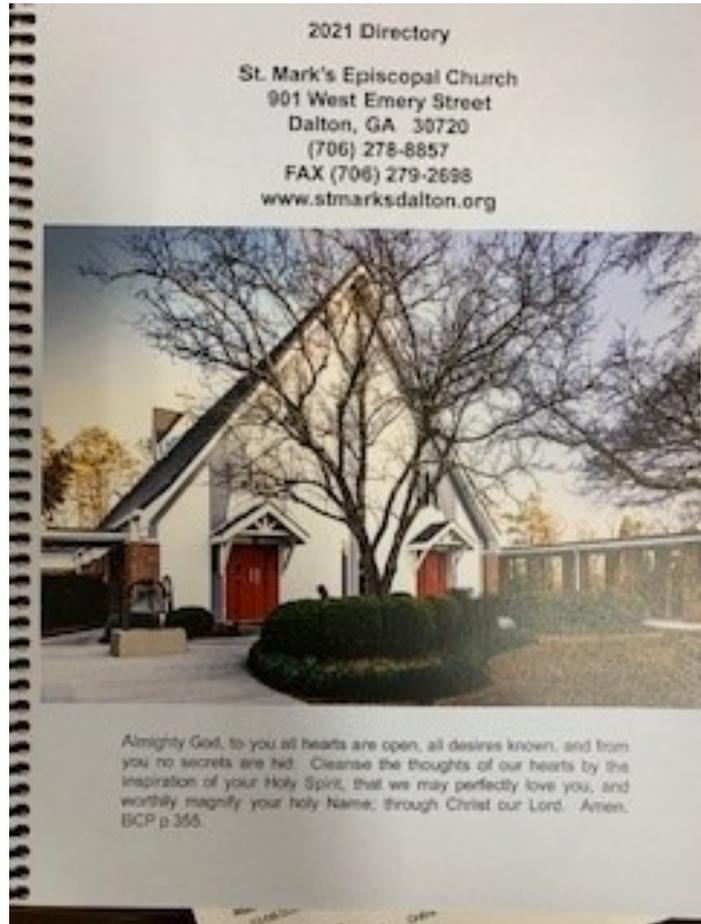
Copies of the 2021 St. Marks Directory are now available at the Parish Office. If you haven't had a chance to get yours, please call 706-278-8857 and Curry will Set up a time for you to come and get it.

Thanks!

I would like to acknowledge the folks who made the new directory possible - These photos were copied during one of many Zoom calls.

This was a great team that got the job done. My humble thanks for all you did to make it happen. -

Jan Littell, Jr. Warden



Myself (Jan), Rhenda Spence, Amy Belk, Kathi Reisz, Heather Brumlow, Jaime Beckler, George Spence and Deb Hull. Special shout-out to Kim Littell for moving the boxes from here to there and back again.

# Office Protocols

Now that office hours are reestablished The office will be taking phone calls from 8am - 1pm, Monday - Thursday then closed Friday. PLEASE NOTE: Social distancing and masks are still required so if you need to come in please call first. In person meetings are by appointment only. Thank you in advance, for your patience.

We celebrate the lives that make up the community of St. Mark's Church.

## Happy Birthday

April 26—May 2

HEATHER BURTON CHARLIE ANDERSEN COLLIER ANDERSEN  
BROOKE BENNETT SALLY ADDIS FRANK PATTERSON  
BROOKLYN HARDIN MARY GERACI SARA FISHER  
ANNELLE SERRITT

## Anniversaries

RICK AND SALLY LITTLE

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 04/18/2021

Weekly Giving	\$	7,475.00
Total Giving for April	\$	28,167.74
MTD Budgeted for April	\$	17,595.00
Difference for April	\$	10,572.74
YTD Budgeted	\$	93,840.00
YTD Giving	\$	100,069.74
YTD Difference	\$	6,229.74

Thank you for your generosity and support for the work of God here at St. Mark's!

## CHURCH STAFF

### Priest

Rev. Rick Tiff

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# Intercessory Prayer List –April 2021

***People on this list have been moved here after being on the Service Bulletin list for four weeks.***

(Parishioners indicated by \*)

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*Geneva Albertson	Mary Bucy	Steve Plott
*Joan Anderson	Sammie Burchfield	Diana Poarch
*William Brammer	Susan Butler	Beth Powell
*Jon Burchfield	Marita Cantrell	Michelle Pritchett
*Tracey Burke	Judith Catalano	Shirley Puckett
*Patti and Gary Cole	Carole Cook	Bob Rodric
*Cathie Cope	Mindy Cox	Mary Schaugh
*Lisa Dinverno	Doug Enck	Edwina Schwegmann
*Carolyn Hawkins	Janelle Ferguson	John Sewell
*Brenda Hoffmeyer	Tiffany Fritz	Nancy Spalding
*Jacob Jones	Phil Gailey	Laura Stephens
*Steve Jordan Family	Mary Haughie	Sylene Taylor
*Sue Killcreas	Janet Hayes	Bailey Underwood
*Sandy & Rick Martin	Tasha Hemphill	Christine Williams
*Bee Maybank	Hyde Family	Melanie Wilson
*Kim Miller	Dr. Doris Jeanette	
*Teresa Noble	Katherine Kelehear	
*Alice Oosterhoudt	Beverly Kellett	
*Ethel Rutledge	Aaron Kitchings	
*John Schwenn	James Lambert	
*Bernadette Smith	Beverly Leeds	
*Mary Squires	Becky Lewis	
*Carol Taylor	Pam Lewis	
*Virginia Weaver	Hannah Locke and family	
*Celia Williams	Jim Lord	
Melvin Adams	Reese Lukei	
Kelly Allgood	Ann Lumpkin	
Thad Arms	Minnie Marsh	
Bobby Ray Armstrong	Bridget McClure	
Lynn Bailey	Maryanne McDaniel	
Charlie Banks	Michelle	
Maxine Broeker	Esme Miller	
Shirley Brown	Teresa Mitchell	
	Vicky Morris	
	Charlie Neal	
	Rebekah Nichols	
	Jeremy Norton	
	Michelle Onorato	
	Martha Painter	
	Mary Elizabeth Paris	