



St. Mark's
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Bulletin Board

September 2, 2021

A group of pics from the Whitewater Adventure!!!



COMING SOON.....

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES REFRESH

September 12TH @ 12:00PM



*Classes will be one hour and right AFTER CHURCH

*Classes are a refresher for 2020 class after 1 year of COVID-19.

*Classes are required for confirmation.

*Confirmation will be on either September 26th @ 2:00pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rome, GA.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES REFRESH

September 19TH @ 12:00PM

*Class will be for one hour and right AFTER CHURCH

*Confirmation will be on either September 26th @ 2:00pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rome, GA.

**HELP
WANTED**

We are currently low on personal hygiene items like shampoo and body wash. We are also low on breakfast items such as cereal or pop tarts. Any donation is greatly appreciated. You can drop any items in the box in the Parish Hall nearest to the offices.

Thank you,

Nola Culverson

On behalf of the Dalton State Birdfeeder

SAVE THE DATE _____

September 12th - Youth Confirmation Class

CANCELLED - 2ND SUNDAY POTLUCK

September 19th - Adult Confirmation Class and Oktoberfest

October 3rd - Blessing of the Animals

December 19th - Father Rick Tiff's Installation



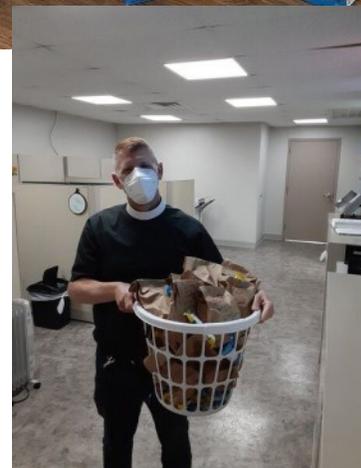
Preschooler in the Spotlight

My name is Annalise. I am
three years old. I love art
and playing on the play-
ground. Barbies are fun
too!!



Once again— Many thanks to the entire congregation for helping make the “Sweets from St. Mark’s a FABULOUS success. That was a ton to fill over 1200 bags! St. Marks comes though again!

Below are pic of the event and on the following page is the article that was on the front page of the Daily Citizen this past week.



'Underappreciated heroes of this pandemic': St. Mark's provides treat bags for Hamilton healthcare workers

"We're just incredibly busy now, and it all broke loose in one 12-hour shift" four to six weeks ago, said Lee Duman, a Hamilton Emergency Medical Services captain. "We went from zero to 60 and have continued that."

"Our volume is about double" where it would typically be this time of year, and "there is no letup," Duman added. "These guys are tired."

It's "everywhere, every community, every EMS," said fellow captain Claudio Leyssens. "These are the underappreciated heroes of this pandemic."

For that reason, care packages dropped off Monday for EMS workers from St. Mark's Episcopal Church were thoroughly appreciated, Leyssens said.

"These little things go a huge, long way."

Father Rick Tiff was thrilled to hear that.

St. Mark's had planned to begin a "Messy Church" intergenerational initiative but delayed it until October due to COVID-19, so the congregation members instead chose to create care packages for Hamilton Health Care System employees in Dalton, Tiff said. He delivered 1,200 bags Monday to all types of workers, from EMS and respiratory therapists to those who work in the emergency room and intensive care unit, as "we're trying to get to everyone."

As a U.S. Navy chaplain in Afghanistan, Tiff learned "it's about getting out to the people," he said. "We hope this will be a lift to people."

"It definitely will be, and it's very appreciated," assured Daryl Cole, marketing communications manager for Hamilton Health Care System. "They're (Hamilton employees) going through a whole lot — it can get really difficult and stressful — so to know they're not forgotten is a pick-me-up."

"Everybody is short-staffed, too," now, Leyssens said. "There's such a need for any healthcare providers, and they're just not there."

That puts more pressure on those who are working, especially those with families, he said. And family members "are suffering because you're not there" at home.

And while the number of calls have slightly curtailed their steep rise in recent days, "we're at 75 miles per hour instead of 100 miles per hour, I don't know how else to put it," he said. "We're still going up, just not as much."

Ambulance crews have the added responsibility of sterilizing vehicles, which adds time and work to their regular duties, Duman said.

"If (patients) have any respiratory issues or signs of flu or COVID-19, we gas the truck, and our guys have done a really good job of (preventing) spread" of diseases.

The church congregation have been working on "Sweets from St. Mark's" for several weeks, and "we got a lot of donations" to fill care packages with sweets, salty snacks, nutritional bars, etc., Tiff said. Each bag has inspirational messages penned by congregation members, as well, such as "We're grateful," "Thank you" and "God bless you."

Members of the congregation prepared the bags following Sunday's service, Tiff said. "I was sincerely surprised" to have so many packages.

Leyssens, who attends St. Mark's with his family, was not shocked.

"I knew the congregation would support it, because that's how they are," he said. "They're absolutely amazing."

It is "a good community, and a church is about community," Tiff said. "We want to support our community, and I was blown away" by this effort.

This endeavor "shows they care, that (healthcare workers) are not forgotten, that you're thinking about them," Cole said. "That is so important right now."

Item Of The Month

September

Being thoughtful is about thinking of others and doing something kind for them. Make someone smile today.

You Can:



Shampoo and Conditioner



Body Wash



Offer your help

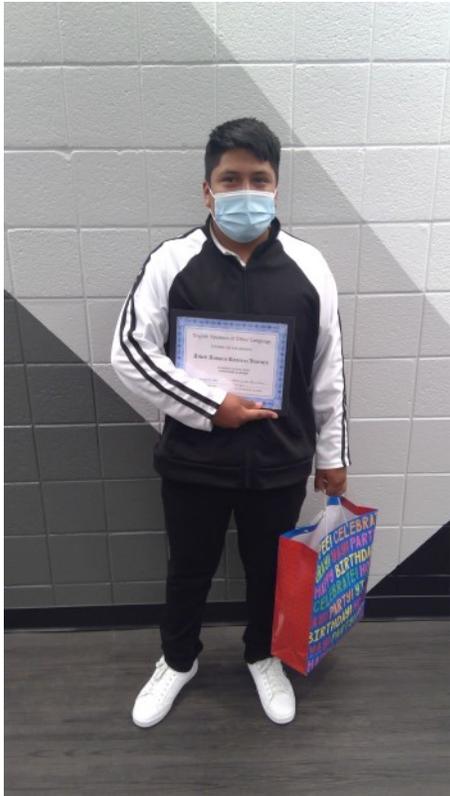
To help with these needs you can contact
Whitney at (706) 278-6595
or by email at wcockburnnwgafcc@gmail.com

NEWCOMER ACADEMY DONATIONS

We had some money left over from the gift cards St. Mark's gave us last year for the students. We decided to use them by continuing to do student of the month and buying them a gift with the gift cards. We will continue to do it until we run out of money. We appreciate everything St. Mark's has done for our program! Please let your church know.

The pictures attached or from the two winners for August and us getting in the hallway to announce the winner. The young man is the middle school winner, and the young lady is the high school winner.

Thank you!!!



Nature Note by Marilyn Lance

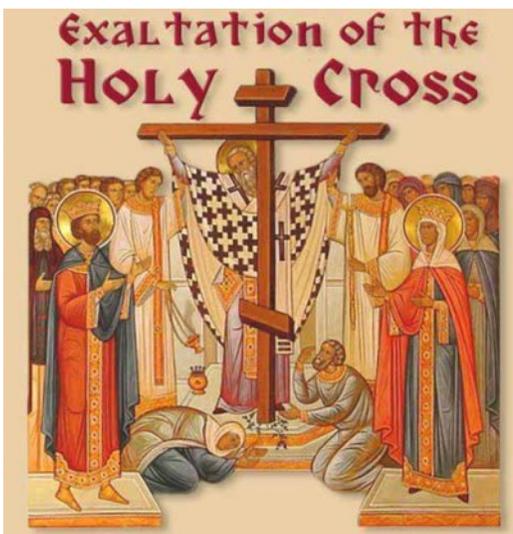
Ragweed Time: Atchoo!

It's that time of year again and a lot of us are sneezing and have itchy noses and eyes. Although Goldenrod gets blamed for fall allergies, the real villain is Ragweed. A single Ragweed plant may produce a billion grains of pollen in a single season and this pollen is wind borne! Ragweed doesn't depend on insects for pollination so the flowers are not showy. They look like little green knobs on the top of the plant. The pollen can remain airborne for days and travel over 100 miles. Hot, dry and windy days are perfect for ragweed pollen. Less pollen is released if temperatures are cool and the humidity is high. If you have allergies, early



morning is a good time to be outdoors because ragweed is a mid morning pollinator. Ragweed is a pioneer plant that establishes itself on soil that is bare or has been disturbed by fire, gardens, construction sites, and roadsides. After a year or so other plants will seed in and choke it out. People ask me why I don't burn brush in my field instead of hauling it to the landfill. I have done that before and ended up with a patch of ragweed for several years and I'm very allergic to it. Common Ragweed grows 2 to 3 feet tall and has lacy leaves that look like marigolds or wormwood. Giant Ragweed grows 5 to 6 feet tall and has large 3 part leaves. I have some this year that is 10 feet tall thanks to all the rain. A lot of annoying and invasive plants have been brought to America from Asia and Europe. But we have returned the favor! Common Ragweed is found in parts of Asia, Australia, and all over Europe, where it has increased recently. This increase is due to more construction, change in farming and global warming. The Ragweed season lasts until October or a good frost. So get your allergy medicine and tissues! And you are not alone. About 16% of Americans are allergic to ragweed and about half of the people who have hay fever are allergic to ragweed.

Saint of the Week by Marilyn Lance



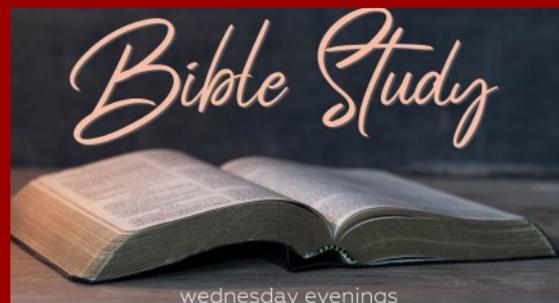
Holy Cross Day

This week we go way back to early Christianity to learn about Holy Cross Day which takes place on September 14. Since the beginning of Christianity the cross has been the symbol of Christ's triumph. September 14 recalls three events about the cross. The first is the finding of the true cross by Saint Helena. She was the mother of Constantine, the first Roman emperor to profess Christianity. Helena went to Israel in the year 327 and supervised excavations where she thought Jesus was crucified, and found three crosses in the rubble belonging to Jesus and the two thieves. Constantine had the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre built on the site. The second event was the dedication of this church on September 14, 335. The third event celebrated on Holy Cross Day was the return of the true cross to Jerusalem in AD 627. The cross had been removed by the Persian Emperor after the conquest of Jerusalem in AD 614.

Quilts of Valor

Three Quilts of Valor have been presented last week to three Veterans! What a beautiful ceremony!!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FR. RICK, DICK TIFF AND KEN CULVERSON FOR YOUR SERVICE TO



Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall, and always minding the Diocesan protocols.

Enjoy this photo of our dinner group that met up this week after Bible Study!!



This Week at St. Mark's

Sunday, September 12 - Pentecost 16

8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
 12:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class

Wednesday, September 15

6:00pm Bible Study w/Fr. Rick

Sunday, September 19 - Pentecost 17

8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
 12:00 pm Adult Confirmation Class

Office Hours

Monday, September 13 - 16

8am—1pm

Friday, September 17th

Office Closed

Upcoming:

Sunday, October 3

4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 10

Octoberfest

CHURCH STAFF

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

Happy Birthday

9/13 - 9/19/2021

SARAH JENKINS EMMA PHINNEY JULI HAYES
 JOHN KNIGHT PATSY GORDON RICK POWELL
 RICK LITTLE JENNIFER PHINNEY ROGER BAGLEY

Anniversary

KIM AND JAN LITTELL

Stewardship Report

For week ending 09/05/2021

Weekly Giving	\$	2,521.33
Total Giving for September	\$	2,521.33
MTD Budgeted for September	\$	5,865.00
Difference for September	\$	(3,344.67)
YTD Budgeted	\$	211,140.00
YTD Giving	\$	232,077.34
YTD Difference	\$	20,937.34

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

Intercessory Prayer List –September 2021

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

(Parishioners indicated by *)

	Bobby Ray Armstrong	Maryanne McDaniel
*Geneva Albertson	Lynn Bailey	Michelle
*William Brammer	Charlie Banks	Esme Miller
*Debora Buckner	Mark Beckler	Vicky Morris
*Jon Burchfield	Shirley Brown	Charlie Neal
*Tracey Burke	Walt Brown	Rebekah Nichols
	Edward “Skinny” Calhoun	Jeremy Norton
*Patti and Gary Cole	Marcus & Rebecca Carrell	Michelle Onorato
	Margie Bruner	Martha Painter
*Cathie Cope	Mary Bucy	Mary Elizabeth Paris
*Jeri Cotnam	Norma Burney	Randy Perry
*Lisa Dinverno	Sammie Burchfield	Steve Plott
	Susan Butler	Diana Poarch
*Carolyn Hawkins	Marita Cantrell	Beth Powell
*Brenda Hoffmeyer	Judith Catalano	Michelle Pritchett
*Jacob Jones	Carole Cook	Shirley Puckett
	Mindy Cox	Beverly Pulliam
*Steve Jordan Family	Jack Dale	Linda Price
*Sue Killcreas	Doug Enck	Ellen Sue Rhodes
*Jan Littell	Janelle Ferguson	Regina Robertson
*Sandy & Rick Martin	Bob Frady	Bob Rodric
	Tiffany Fritz	Nikki Satterfield
*Bee Maybank	Phil Gailey	Mary Schaugh
*Kim Miller	Mary Haughie	Edwina Schwegmann
*Teresa Noble	Colleen Halverson	Addie Snyder
	Tasha Hemphill	Nancy Spalding
*Alice Oosterhoudt	Hyde Family	Laura Stephens
*Rick Powell	Dr. Doris Jeanette	Sylene Taylor
*Ethel Rutledge	Pam and David Joiner	Bailey Underwood
*John Schwenn	Katherine Kelehear	Melanie Wilson
	Beverly Kellett	David Young
*Mary Squires	Aaron Kitchings	
*Carol Taylor	James Lambert	
*Virginia Weaver	Becky Lewis	
*Celia Williams	Pam Lewis	
Abbie	Hannah Locke and family	
	Jim Lord	
Melvin & Harriet Adams	Reese Lukei	
Lisa & Thad Adams	Ann Lumpkin	
Kelly Allgood	Minnie Marsh	
Thad Arms	Bridget McClure	