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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 8, 2017

5 PM CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST

Presider & Homilist
The Reverend R. Justice Schunior

Cell Phones – Please turn off your cell phone or other electronic devices at any time you are in the Nave.
Hearing – The T-Coil system can be accessed by using a hearing aid with a T-setting, or by using one of our headsets. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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Childcare: the Nursery is open! Children up to age 3 are welcome. Take the stairs to the lower level; turn right to go down the hall to the Nursery, which will be the last room on your right.

The Parish Calendar is Online at www.stmarks.net/calendar/month.

Restrooms and water fountains are available in the foyer and on the lower level.

Lost & Found is managed by our new maintenance contractor PMM. Please contact the PMM On-Site Team (202-695-9433) to see if your item has been found or to turn in an item you've found.

<u>JANUARY 1, 2017</u>	
Attendance:	118
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$33,589.83

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The Epiphany Star above the alter is a gift from Joya Cox, it's creator. It is an icosahedron, a figure with 20 plane surfaces, each of which also serves as the base of a pyramid.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am	Holy Eucharist (<i>Family Eucharist is celebrated the second Sunday of most months</i>)
9:00 am	Children's Chapel (<i>not offered when Family Eucharist is celebrated at 9:00 am</i>)
10:00 am	Sermon Seminar
11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm	Contemplative Eucharist

We formally begin the worship service with the Prelude, a musical offering designed to bring us together for worship that allows for quiet reflection before the service begins. Please respect this time by refraining from conversations in the Nave as much as possible. While greeting each other is important, we ask that you do so outside the Nave or near the doors so that others can have quiet time.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Sentences

Presider Arise shine, in Christ, God's light has been revealed to us; it reaches across time and space,

People We have come to see, we have come to follow,

Presider Arise shine, God's light has been revealed to all people, God's glory has been unveiled in all the earth.

People May we go and tell, may we go and share God's light with our needy world.

Silence is observed

The Collect

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

People God of mystery, by the leading of a star, on this day you revealed your only begotten one to the gentiles, lead us all the way to the contemplation of the beauty of your glory, through Jesus Christ, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader Let us hear what the Spirit says to us.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence is observed.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

The Reverend R. Justice Schunior

Music for Meditation

An Affirmation

Presider Let us declare our faith in God.
People **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader God who revealed yourself to wise men following a star,
Guide all who search and journey towards your light today,
People **God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.**

Leader God who unveiled yourself in the gift of a child,
Show yourself to all who seek after justice and righteousness today,
People **God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.**

Leader God who was baptized with those who declared their repentance in the Jordan river,

People Manifest yourself to all who come with repentant hearts today,
God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.

Leader God who fed the thousands with a handful of fish and loaves,
Satisfy our hunger with your word of truth and love,
People **God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.**

Leader God who changed water into wine at a wedding,
Fill all who thirst with the free gift of the water of life,
People **God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.**

Leader We invite all to offer prayers of petition, intercession, or thanksgiving silently or if aloud, ending with "This is my prayer," to which all will respond, "**Amen.**"

A time for individual prayers is observed.

Leader Let us pray.
People **Gracious God, we thank you that Jesus' epiphany reaches across time and space. As we go into this day may we embrace your call to come and see, come and follow, go and tell others. May we remember that we are bearers of Christ's light sent out to touch others. Amen.**

A Prayer of Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is observed.

People **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

Absolution

Presider God forgives you; forgive yourself and go in peace.
People **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider God's peace be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

All, one with another, exchange a sign of peace.

Welcome

Clergy Greeting

Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

People **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread

with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now we pray together:

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider We, St. Mark's, recognize this as God's table set before us and for all and this bread and wine as God's food for us and for all.
Therefore whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe,

People All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

The Communion

Please gather one group at a time around the altar. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please make your needs known to the minister.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People **Gracious God, in this Eucharist you have given us a foretaste of your eternal banquet. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider May the love of the Creator go before you,
May the life of the Redeemer be within you,
May the joy of the Spirit shine through you,
And the blessing of God be with you now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider Go into the world knowing you are led by the light of Christ!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Liturgy Request

At St. Mark's, we frequently change the liturgy (the language we use during our worship service). Our goal is to use language that reflects our common effort to put into words our relationship with God. In order to keep the liturgy truly alive and life giving, we need your input. Please feel free to contact the clergy at any time to discuss the liturgy and how the words we say affect you.

Liturgy Source

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Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Katherine Anderson

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

Gladys Anderson (*Matt Patton's grandmother*) • Grace Aspinall • Federica Barrow •
Alishia Daugherty Bauman (*Kristen Deutsch's cousin, Stephanie and David Deutsch's daughter-in-law*) •
Pamela Blumgart • Janice Brown • Lynda Bugge •
Sylvie Kalas Braddock (*Barbara Nelson's granddaughter*) •
Anne Carter (*Justi Schunior's mother*) • Joya Cox • Deborah Cunningham •
Andrew Earnest (*Lynda Bugge's grandson*) •
Taylor Emerson (*Randy Marks' niece*) • Mr. and Mrs. David Glaze (*of Boulder CO*) •
Dave Haglund • Celia Hahn • Rick Hayes •
Alice Kistler (*Kathryn Powers' sister*) • Dennis Lewis • Elizabeth Long •
Lilly March • Nat Marks • Lila Marks •
Lina Marks (*Randy Marks' mother*) • Jane Miller • Barbara Nelson •
Leslie F. Nickerson (*Frank Nickerson's father and Amelia Nickerson's grandfather*) •
Randell Prothro • Marilyn Stiles • Arnold Taylor • Debbie Keysor and Joyce Gutson



THOSE OF OUR PARISH SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Vincent Alcazar (*Parishioner*)
Clint Billings (*son of Kevin Billings and Mary Louise Wagner*)
P. J. Boehm (*brother of Rachel Boehm*)
Preston Brooks (*Parishioner*)
Stephen Dannenmaier (*brother and brother-in-law of Bill and Molly Dannenmaier*)
Jason Earnest (*son of Erika Bugge, grandson of Lynda Smith-Bugge*)
Kurt Hansen (*nephew of Brock and Penny Hansen*)
Weston Zarek (*son of Tom Zarek*)



IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON:

Church of St. Stephen and the Incarnation and Misa Alegra
St. John's Church, Zion Parish
St. John's Church, Broad Creek
St. John's Church, Mt. Rainier
St. John's Church, Georgetown
St. John's Church, Lafayette Square and Iglesia San Juan
St. John's Church, Norwood
St. John's Church, Olney
St. John's Episcopal School, Olney
St. John's Preschool, Washington, DC

IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION:

Kita Kanto - (Japan)
The Rt Revd Zerubbabel Katsuichi Hirota



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements, *not to exceed 150 words*, are to be submitted to bulletin@stmarks.net by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday preceding the Sunday you wish the announcement to run.

Official Parish Calendar online at: <http://www.stmarks.net/connect/calendar/>

From the Vestry & Parish Leadership

Christmas Day bulletins CORRECTIONS: We missed putting in two notifications in our bulletin for Christmas Eve and Christmas day:

In Memory of my Mother and Father, Reginald and Irene Thornhill by Carol Thornhill

In Memory of Paul Bugge by Tracy Council

In Memory of Rebecca S. Council by Tracy Council

1) 2017 CANVASS Be. Belong. Give. The formal Canvass period has ended -- many thanks to our stalwart canvassers for canvassing and to so many members for pledging! As of **4 January, we've achieved about 88% of** our goal of \$870,000 and we're down to the last 100-or-so pledgers! If you haven't already, PLEASE make your 2017 Canvass pledge today!

Together we can make that 100% mark and get our 2017 operating budget finalized -- which needs to happen in the next few weeks. To find all the forms and background information you need, go to stmarks.net/donate and click one of the links to "Pledge to Donate in the Future" or "Forms For Making or Paying a Pledge." You can pledge online, you can download a paper pledge form and mail it in, or you can pick one up in the tract racks and either put it in the collection plate or in the office mailbox at the top of the stairs. Questions? Write to Nora Howell at stmarkscanvass@gmail.com.

2) Leadership meeting Sunday Jan 22nd 12:30 pm in the Dozier Library: Every year at our annual meeting we elect new leadership that helps the Clergy and Staff attend to the day to day business of St. Mark's. This year at our annual meeting (held on March 26th after the special joint 10am service) we will elect a new Senior and Junior Warden as well as three Vestry Members. *(They could be called President and Vice-President of the lay governing board members, yet we are the Episcopal church...so it is slightly more complicated.)* We have folks that we know are interested and we want to make sure that if you want more information about running you should come to the meeting. If you have questions please contact Peter Sherer: peter@expmatters.com

3) Thank you! To the De-greening crew. Maureen Shea, Lisa Ramish, Dan Ramish and the boys, Kathryn Powers, Mary Cooper, Derek Wilkinson and Kenn Allen for taking down the decorations and also for Jack and Doris Burton who got everything put away. Thank you all so much.

From the Office

4) bulletin@stmarks.net is here! In an effort to streamline our bulletin production process we have established a St. Mark's bulletin email address: bulletin@stmarks.net Please direct announcements, suggestions, lay leadership volunteer assignments et al and anything else you can think of that is related to the St. Mark's bulletin to the new address. Many thanks!

Worship

5) 11:15 Lay Servers. Would you like to play a central part in our worship? We are recruiting volunteers to be lay servers at the 11:15 service. No particular experience or training is needed although there is a manual. Volunteers generally sign up once a month or once every two months. This is an important, meaningful position. **Contact:** Linda Huntington at 301 279-2248.

6) 11:15 Bread and Wine Rota: January and February are now available on the SignupGenius site: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0949acac29a6fe3-bread>. Put in your request before the rush. We are now requesting 2 bottles of wine until further notice. You can sign up on the website or email me at cecbill@mac.com. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

7) Acolyte Service. Interested in being an acolyte at 11:15 services? Participating in the service adds another dimension to your experience of, and is a contribution to, our community's weekly ritual. All the training and support you might need will be provided. Interested? Contact Michael Knipe @haroldknipe@gmail.com, or 202-487-3990.

8) MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY 4-6, 2017, for ProgressiveChristianity.org's *EMBRACE FESTIVAL* in Portland, Oregon where you can join hundreds of others from all over the country to experience some of the amazing creativity and spiritual exploration that are undergirding the future of Christianity. In 1994 St. Mark's then rector Jim Adams created The Center for Progressive Christianity, which today is called ProgressiveChristianity.org. This network has continued to lead the way in offering resources for creating sacred community, pursuing social justice, and fostering personal transformation and is now poised for this on-the-ground, in person celebration. Embrace Festival will be packed with information, ideas, workshops and fun. Don't wake up next spring and discover you've already obligated yourself elsewhere! More information at embracefestival.com or talk to Susan Flanders, susanflanders@earthlink.net or Janice Gregory, janmaxgreg@gmail.com.

Christian Education

9) INTRODUCTION TO LIFE AT ST. MARK'S. Three sessions from 12:30-2:00, **Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, and May 7, 14, 21.** Opportunities to formally join St. Mark's congregation during a liturgy are on March 26, and May 28. Leaders: The Rev. Michele Morgan and Youth and Family Director Caroline McReynolds-Adams. In the Dozier Library.

10) CATECHESIS: Have you ever wondered what goes on in the Catechesis classrooms? Want to give back to St. Mark's by teaching Sunday School? Hoping to connect more closely with St. Mark's youth? We are looking for a few good volunteers to help teach. Catechesis runs from late September through May each year. Training is provided. If you'd prefer to try a couple classes before committing to the full year, that's ok too - we welcome any participation! All teachers will need to complete the "Safeguarding God's Children" class. Please contact Kris Humphrey (kristenjhumphrey@gmail.com) or Nora Howell (nora.howell.va@gmail.com) for more information.

11) Christian Education Catalog: The 2016-17 Christian Education Catalog is now available on-line at <http://www.stmarks.net/grow/classes/>. Please take a moment to check out our classes. You'll find information on Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, and classes on a variety of topics ranging from race and privilege to the art of documentary film. Questions? Contact Lucy Brown (lucybrown66@gmail.com) and Joe Calizo (jcalizo@gmail.com).

12) ONGOING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. These groups meet weekly and are open to newcomers.

Marching Through the Bible: Gospel of Mark, Sundays, 10:00-11:00 am, Penniman Room
SMMC Meditation, Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm, Nave

Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 11:00 am-12:15 pm; brown bag lunch follows, Elders' Room
Thursday Night Bible Study, 7:30-9:00 pm, Dozier Library

13) Thursday Night Bible Study is exploring the Christian mystic tradition, starting with four medieval English mystics: Richard Rolle and The Fire of Love, the anonymous author of The Cloud of Unknowing, Walter Hinton and The Ladder of Perfection and ending with Dame Julian of Norwich and Revelations of Divine Love. Our text will be Visions of God by Karen Armstrong. We hope that this may become an ongoing inquiry into religious mysticism as it is experience in Christianity and other faith traditions. **When/Where:** Thursdays 7:30-9pm. **Where:** Dozier Library. **Fee:** \$25 contribution per semester. Questions? Contact Bill Jones (billclough@icloud.com) or Kathleen Grant (queenmommy17@gmail.com)

14) MARCHING THROUGH THE BIBLE: The Gospel of Mark. This weekly class meets at 10a.m. in the Penniman Room. The Jesus stories in Mark, our Patron Saint, are the oldest in the New Testament, and reflect the struggles in the early Christian community during the first Jewish revolt against Rome (66-74 A.D.). The stories are pithy, direct, and challenging, with Jesus's sidekicks (the disciples) behaving very much like us! The course consists of class discussion of the Mark text assigned for that day. Regular attendance is encouraged. Additional outside readings are not expected. "Marching Through the Bible" is named in memory of our long-time convener, Francis "Buzz" March. Fee: \$25 per semester. Convener: Bob Ewald.

Music & Arts

15) MUSIC LESSONS. The St. Mark's Music Studio offers voice lessons with Kellie McHugh (kellie.mchugh.81@gmail.com) and Adam Caughey (adamcaughey@gmail.com) and piano lessons with Jeff Kempeskie (jeff.kempeskie@stmarks.net). Students of all ages and levels of experience are welcome.

16) DO YOU LIKE TO SING OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? If so, we want to know! Singers of all voice parts are needed in the Chancel Choir (regular Thursday 7:30-9:30 pm rehearsals in the nave). Teens are invited to sing with the Teen Choir and children are invited to sing with the Boys & Girls Choir (both rehearse Sundays, 11-11:45 in the Music Studio & Elders' Room, respectively). The Handbell Choir rehearse every other Wednesday from 6:45-8 pm. No prior experience necessary. There are also opportunities to play solo instrumental pieces year-round. Please contact jeff.kempeskie@stmarks.net.

17) Third Ager Lunch at the Baxter Hall Movie Palace on Saturday, Feb 4 @ 11am. All are invited to the Winter Potluck featuring Mike Canning, author of *Hollywood on the Potomac*. Mike, a Capitol Hill neighbor and a major film buff, will give his great program about how Washington has been depicted in the movies over the years. Bring your favorite chili, salad or a beverage to serve 8. Mike will have his book available for purchase. Please RSVP to Barbara Harvey (bsh33@cornell.edu). Questions or comments send to Susan Sedgewick (jssedgewick@gmail.com) Your Third Ager team: Barbara Harvey, Susan Sedgewick, and Don Gangloff.

Outreach

18) SOUP KITCHEN: TODAY– Please pick up a casserole pan (which contains an easy recipe, a date label, and detailed delivery suggestions) on the table near the High Altar. The pans are provided to the congregation on the first and second Sundays of every month. Parishioners are encouraged to prepare one or more casseroles and deliver them in person to the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church (CHUMC) located three blocks from St. Mark's Church. CHUMC, in turn, feeds our needy and hungry neighbors on the hill throughout the week. Need more information? Please contact Jack Richards (703) 751-1456.

19) BRING A CASSEROLE OR SERVE FOOD - Volunteers are needed for Sunday Suppers on **Jan 15**. We need hot casseroles delivered to Baxter Hall by 5pm using the recipe we provide. Or you can serve food at 4th and K NW (6-7:30) and/or 11th and N NW (7:30-9). Please sign up with Lisa.ramish@gmail.com. Advanced sign-ups are greatly appreciated!

20) Save the Date: January 12th : Homelessness in our city is widespread and touches both genders as well as families. Join St. Mark's Woman to Woman and the Outreach Committee as guest speaker Korrin Bishop leads a discussion on Women and Homelessness in DC and across the nation. We encourage attendees to bring donations of new feminine products and/or new ladies undergarments. 7-8:30pm in Baxter Hall. Last name A-M Bring a small sweet or savory snack, N-Z Bring a beverage of your choosing.

21) Two Afghan families arriving in January! The first family of three (with 2 year old boy) arrived in Riverdale on January 5. The second family of four (with 2 year old boy and 5.5 year old girl) will arrive on Jan. 17 in Cheverly. The first family have some local support but the second family have been assigned to the Capitol Hill Welcome Neighbor Team. We will be assisting them with their adaptation to the US throughout the year as they develop new skills and capacity to become self-sustaining in the US. If you have gently used or new household furnishings to donate for our refugee family. please contact ka-ren.getman@gmail.com. We can arrange for pick-up. Most needed items are full/queen sized bed and living room furnishings. To contribute needed non-perishable household items, check this web-site: https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/CRYINLS0GWQ/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1

We've been waiting for months and now the moment is here! Thanks to all for your kind support.

22) Helping refugees: what are the choices? Find out on February 11. St. Mark's will host an event where you play the part of someone involved in the refugee crisis, in a scenario set in DC. Learn what people and your elected government can do. Listen to what other people think. Find common ground. Work towards solutions, not postures. For more information, go to <http://www.refugeemegagame.com>. Sign up now, it's free to participate!

23) GIVE THE HOMELESS FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP - Every Sunday, a group of volunteers provides food and friendship to the homeless in our city. It is a ministry that focuses as much on the social/emotional needs of DC's most vulnerable citizens as it does their physical needs. For years St. Mark's has provided sandwiches for guests to take with them after sharing a hot meal. Now we are also looking for volunteers to help provide the hot meals, or to serve the meals, or both. If you are interested, please email Lisa.ramish@gmail.com.

24) The Middle East Working Group announces "The 2017 St. Mark's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land". Planning has begun for travel in mid-October 2017 a 10 – 14 day options. Once again, MEJDI Tours will provide travel support for a multi-narrative encounter with people and places.. The historical holy sites of our own Christian faith and other Abrahamic religions (Islam and Judaism) are a highlight of the pilgrimage. But differing from traditional Holy Land trips, our itinerary will include meetings with individuals whose work for peace and justice are beacons of light in a troubled land. **Interested.... want to know more?** Add your name to the sign up sheet in the foyer or contact Tom and Karen Getman at ka-ren.getman@gmail.com **and we will contact you with preliminary itineraries, costs, and a registration of intent.**

25) Refugee Update: Curious about the status of refugee resettlement? Lutheran Social Services assures the Capitol Hill Good Neighbor project that refugee resettlement is not an endangered program. However, many families who have been vetted arrive with family connections already in the States and do not need the level of support our community offers. LSS is awaiting a good match who will benefit from the assistance our group can provide. Thanks to those who are on our volunteer list as we continue to prepare. Want more information to volunteer your friendship and skills to resettlement? Contact: ka-ren.getman@gmail.com

Parish Life

26) SAVE THE DATE! EILEEN BLUMENTHAL WILL BE RETURNING TO CALIFORNIA IN EARLY FEBRUARY SO WE PLAN A PARISH LUNCH ON FEBRUARY 5. More details to follow or contact Penny Farley at p3farley@me.com or 301 420-4473 or Raiford Gaffney at rgaffneydc@gmail.com or 202 460-5414.

27) Columbarium News: The vestry recently voted to raise the price for St. Mark's columbarium niches from \$1200 to \$1500, effective January 1, 2017. The change was based on an analysis of the prices now being charged at other churches in our area and is the first such increase in 10 years. Anyone considering the purchase of one or more niches is encouraged to contact Penny Hansen (pennyhansn@aol.com), the Columbarium Coordinator, before the price change at the beginning of the coming year. Purchase of niches is limited to members of St. Mark's Church and their immediate family.

28) READING GROUP meets the first Monday of every month in the Dozier library downstairs opposite the nursery at 7:30 p.m. For February 6, we will read The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson. If you have read the book, please join us for the discussion. **Contact:** Linda Ewald (lherbe@yahoo.com, 301 541-5133).

29) CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP for those caring for a seriously ill or otherwise incapacitated family member or friend. The group now meets on the second and fourth Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Dozier Library. Please note the change in day and time. If you think such a group might be helpful to you, please contact Mary Welker (292-387-4083) (marymwelker@aol.com) or Pamela Blumgart (202-631-4936) (pjblumgart@mail.com) prior to attending a meeting. **Next meeting: January 9, 2017.**

30) LOOKING FOR HELP WITH HOUSEHOLD SERVICES? Help David Durant help you. After Easter, St. Mark's replaced Green Maintenance with PMM as its janitorial services provider. GM laid off David Durant who had worked at SM for 7 years. Since then, David has actively sought permanent employment. Meanwhile, he has only been able to obtain sporadic work such as detailing cars, indoor carpet cleaning, raking yards, etc.). Except for these odd jobs, and contributions from a few parishioners, he has received no other financial support; his present situation is urgent. In her letter of recommendation, Michele described David as efficient, very diligent and hardworking with a passion for caring for the people of St. Mark's. To help him obtain part-time employment or to perform odd jobs for you or your neighbors, please contact Penny Farley (p3farley@verizon.net), Pete Eveleth (peter.eveleth@gmail.com) or Nat White (whitenat1938@gmail.com).

Youth & Family Ministries

31) January 15, SPRING PARENTS MEETING! Calling all St. Mark's parents! We will have our quarterly information meeting on Sunday, January 15 at 10am in the Adams Room. Drop your child at Sunday School and join us to hear information about youth activities, grab Spring 2017 Youth Events Calendar, sign up to volunteer, and meet other parents.

32) January 22, NICARAGUA SERVICE TRIP INTEREST MEETING! All rising High School youth are invited to join us for our final High School Service Trip Interest Meeting at 11am in the Adams Room. Come here more about this amazing opportunity to serve in Nicaragua this summer, June 24-July 1.

33) January 29, MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP INTEREST MEETING! All rising Middle School youth are invited to join us on Sunday, January 29 at 11am in the Adams Room for the first interest meeting for our summer service trip.

34) February 17-20, ANNUAL FAMILY SKI TRIP! It is time to register for the annual Ski Trip! This President's Weekend we are skiing at Timberline Resort and lodging at Windwood Resort, both in Canaan Valley, WV. With multiple options for lodging, meals, arrival days, and outdoor activities, there is something for everyone, skiers and non-skiers alike! **RSVP to Caroline by January 16** to reserve your spot (caroline@stmarks.net)!

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Welcome Guests!

We'd like to get to know you better!

We invite you to fill out this page, tear it off, and drop it into the offering plate or hand it to one of the greeters as you leave. Please take the rest of this service bulletin with you, so that you can refer to the service schedule, office directory, and information about upcoming events and classes at St. Mark's.

We hope you feel at home with us. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service. You can also call the office at any time and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Thank you for visiting St. Mark's today.

Go in peace and return often!

After completing, please tear off this page and place in offering plate or give to greeter:

(please print)

I attended:

- 9 am Holy Eucharist
- 10 am Sermon Seminar
- 11:15 am Holy Eucharist
- 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist
- Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)

Name _____

Email _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- Baptism (child, adult)
- Getting married at St. Mark's
- Music (choir, lessons)
- Children/youth classes & programs
- Adult classes
- Senior programs/activities
- Outreach/community service
- Environmental issues
- Yoga classes
- Dance classes
- St. Mark's Players (theatrical productions)

Would you like to be contacted by a clergyperson?

- Yes
- No