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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 15, 2017

5 PM CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST

"THE FIRST QUESTION WHICH THE PRIEST AND THE LEVITE ASKED WAS: 'IF I STOP TO HELP THIS MAN, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME?' BUT... THE GOOD SAMARITAN REVERSED THE QUESTION: 'IF I DO NOT STOP TO HELP THIS MAN, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HIM?'"

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. APRIL 3, 1968

Presider and Homilist

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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.

JANUARY 8, 2017

Attendance:	251
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$13,447



The Epiphany Star above the altar 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.



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 O God, all people are your Beloved,

People Across races, nationalities, religions, sexual orientations and all the ways we are distinctive from one another.

Presider We are all manifestations of your image.

People We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny.

The Collect

Presider You call us into your unending work of justice, peace and love

People Let us know your presence among us now: Let us delight in our diversity that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty. Strengthen us with your steadfast love and transform our despairing fatigue into hope-filled action. Under the shadow of your wings in this hour may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope. We ask this, inspired by the example of your disciple, Martin Luther King, Jr., and in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence is observed

The First Reading: Sanctuary

Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must—at that moment—become the center of the universe. . . . There is so much to be done, there is much that can be done. One person—a Raoul Wallenberg, an Albert Schweitzer, a Martin Luther King Jr.—one person of integrity can make a difference, a difference of life and death. As long as one dissident is in prison, our freedom will not be true. As long as one child is hungry, our life will be filled with anguish and shame. What all these victims need above all is to know that they are not alone; that we are not forgetting them, that when their voices are stifled we shall lend them ours, that while their freedom depends on ours, the quality of our freedom depends on theirs.

Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, 1986

Reader Let us hear what the Spirit says to us.

People Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: Witness

My silences had not protected me. Your silence will not protect you. . . . What are the words you do not yet have? What do you need to say? What are the tyrannies you swallow day by day and attempt to make your own, until you will sicken and die of them, still in silence? Perhaps for some of you here today, I am the face of one of your fears. Because I am woman, because I am Black, because I am lesbian, because I am myself — a Black woman warrior poet doing my work — come to ask you, are you doing yours? And of course I am afraid, because the transformation of silence into language and action is an act of self-revelation, and that always seems fraught with danger. But my daughter, when I told her of our topic and my

difficulty with it, said, 'Tell them about how you're never really a whole person if you remain silent, because there's always that one little piece inside you that wants to be spoken out, and if you keep ignoring it, it gets madder and madder and hotter and hotter, and if you don't speak it out one day it will just up and punch you in the mouth from the inside...' The fact that we are here and that I speak these words is an attempt to break that silence and bridge some of those differences between us, for it is not difference which immobilizes us, but silence. And there are so many silences to be broken.

Audre Lorde, from *Sister Outsider*

Reader Let us hear what the Spirit says to us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Third Reading: Sanctuary

Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be... I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land!

Martin Luther King, April 3, 1968, Memphis Tennessee

Reader Let us hear what the Spirit says to us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is observed

The Holy Gospel Luke 6:27-36

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Homily

The Rev. Michele H. Morgan

Music for Meditation

Prayers of the People

Leader Creator God, you invite us into a place of love, generosity, equity, and hope. Yet, we too often refuse that invitation and become part of inherently violent and unjust structures. Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

We pray for those who are broken by seeing their own faces in the victims of violence, who feel both marked as a target and invisible. May each of us have the freedom and space to be who God created us to be, inside and out.

People Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

Leader For all those who feel different, marginalized, and alone. We commit ourselves to acknowledging, respecting, and celebrating differences and commonalities.

People Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

Leader For all those who work for justice. May we be inspired to join them even though we risk ridicule or failure. Grant us steadfastness of heart even when the work takes longer than we expect.

People Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

Leader We give thanks for the gift of empathy and the ability to see the face of God in one another. May we practice empathy when we engage with others so that we might learn about and connect with each other's contexts.

People Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

Leader For St. Mark's and the space we have where we may share joys and sorrows, hope and despair. May we create affirming and life giving space free from sexism, misogyny, ageism, and heteronormative thinking.

People Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

Leader We pray for all cities that they may be places of rich diversity and equal opportunity. We pray for our city, Washington DC as we live into a transition and all the change and opportunity that will bring.

People Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

Leader For those who have died, especially those in our community, and all black lives lost simply for being black.

People Help us to build and nurture a beloved community.

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, you created each of us wonderfully different and yet always in your image. Help us to embody and practice justice, liberation, and peace in our engagements with one another. Empower us, inspire us, and direct us to be your beloved people in the world. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Welcome

Clergy Greeting

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty Father, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

People **Amen.**

Presider Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

People **Amen.**

Presider Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

People **Amen.**

Presider Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Jesus taught us, we pray:

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.**

Thy kingdom come, thy 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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

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.**

✠ Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

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

Opening sentences adapted from the United Church of Christ. The Collect is revised Holy Women Holy Men. Prayers of the People are written by Michele Morgan and Justi Schunior and based on Black Lives Matter Principles. The Eucharistic Prayer is from the ELCA "End Racism Sunday" 2015. Post Communion Prayer is from EOW Blessing and Dismissal are from Common worship the Church of England

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Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Isabelle Cross, Verger

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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*) • Kayla Baily (*Parishioner*) • Blake Bassett (*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*)



THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Sue Dibblee, mother of Michelle Dibblee • *Spc. Isiah L. Booker, of Cibolo, TX*



IN THE DIocese OF WASHINGTON:

St. Peter's Church
Church of the Ascension and St. Agnes, Washington
Washington Interfaith Network (WIN)
Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Ministries
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Pray for the Inauguration of the Forty-Fifth President of the United States

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

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) Today St. Mark's is saying good-bye to **Preston Brooks**, a member of this parish since his baptism here in infancy. Preston grew up among us, moving from the Christmas Pageants and games of childhood to our Christian Education program, to service trips to New Orleans and Panama. When Preston completed high school, like other graduates he shared his thoughts on his St. Mark's years with us. Now he is setting out on a new journey: service in the United States Marine Corps. In a few days' time he will report for duty, likely an assignment far from us. During today's service we will affectionately recall Preston's time among us here and will send him out to begin this new phase in his life with our blessings.

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) PRAY FOR THE NATION: Join us on Wednesday, January 18, at 7 pm to pray for the Nation, peace, and justice. Questions? Contact Jessie Babcock at jessie.babcock@gmail.com.

6) 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.

7) 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.

8) 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.

9) 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

10) 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.

11) 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.

12) 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).

13) 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

Tuesday Night Bible Study, 7:30-9:00 pm, Dozier Library

Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 11:00 am-12:15 pm; brown bag lunch follows, Elders' Room

14) Tuesday 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)

15) 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.

16) THE BIBLE, THE BIRTH OF CHRISTIANITY. AND GENDER (JESUS SEMINAR ON THE ROAD): APRIL 21-22 Celene Lillie (Union Theological Seminary) and Deborah Niederer Saxon (Christian Theological Seminary, IN) will examine the leading role of women in the rise of Christianity and the formation of Christian beliefs. Why does gender continue to be so prominent in religious disputes about knowledge, purity, and authority? How does that relate to Roman imperial power? What's the new story about women and Christian origins revealed by recent scholarship? Sessions at St. Marks: Friday, 4/21, 7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m, Saturday, 4/22, 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Chris Berendes (jesusseminardc@gmail.com), [facebook.com/jesusseminardc/](https://www.facebook.com/jesusseminardc/)

Music & Arts

17) 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.

18) 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.

19) St. Mark's Players will hold auditions for "Evita" in the church between 7 and 10 pm on Monday, January 23, and on Tuesday, January 24 in Baxter Hall.

20) "Recent Tragic Events", the tale of a blind date, with complexities, in Minneapolis on September 12, 2001 will be presented by St. Mark's Players this month. The actors are well rehearsed because the first two performances have already been held. Next performances will be at 8 pm Thursdays, the 19th and 26th, Friday, the 27th, and Saturdays, the 21st and 28th. There will be a matinee Saturday, January 28th at 2 pm. Come out and support your really local theater.

Outreach

21) SOUP KITCHEN SANDWICH MAKING! 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. You can serve food at 4th and K NW (6-7:30) and/or 11th and N NW (7:30-9).

Questions? Contact Jack Richards or Alix Pereira or sign up with the Ramishes: Lisa.ramish@gmail.com.

22) Hosting Out of Town Marchers Jan. 20-21 If you can help host a person (or persons) coming from out of town to participate in the Million Women's March in Washington, DC on Saturday Jan. 21st please contact Mandie Yanasak Worsley at myanasak@gmail.com or Agatha Tan at as863@law.georgetown.edu. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

23) Curious about the 2017 St. Mark's Holy Land Pilgrimage? The trip is in formation and scheduled for October 17 – 29. Come to an information meeting for further conversation and details on **Sunday, January 22 from 2 – 4 pm in the Adams Room.** Meet with others who have expressed interest, as well as people who have travelled with the group in the past. We will have some books and films available for lending as well as some Middle Eastern mezze to whet your appetite for the trip. Contact karen.getman@gmail.com for further info.

24) Thanks for supporting the Advent Olivewood and Olive Oil Sale. Middle East Working Group is grateful to all who purchased the Canaan and Al'Ard olive oil and tapenade as well as the olivewood nativities and ornaments. Our sales were over \$6000.00. This means that your support netted \$2,894.50 for refugee assistance. The balance was used to purchase our product from artisans and farmers in the W. Bank. A portion of the proceeds will be sent to an organization working with refugees who are still living in camps after fleeing their home countries and the rest will be donated for the St. Mark's share our Capitol Hill Good Neighbor Program to assist with the resettlement of our Afghan family. If you would like to provide some additional assistance to the CHGNP fund or would like to volunteer in the project, please contact karen.getman@gmail.com

25) Refugee Update: With the very generous contributions from your homes, **The Capitol Hill Good Neighbor Program** has now furnished two apartments for Afghan families at Parkview Gardens in Riverdale. We are about to complete an apartment in Cheverly for the arrival of another Afghan family with two children (boy -2 and girl-5) on Tuesday, January 17. This is **our assigned family from Lutheran Social Services** and CHGNP will provide sponsorship and friendship to the Rasooly family for a year. The wonderful contributions of furniture and goods have allowed us to create welcoming environments for all the families. We will now team with others in CHGNP to provide employment counseling, transportation, general orientation, language competency, financial assistance, etc. If you have skills and interest, please contact karen.getman@gmail.com

26) 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!

27) 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 karen.getman@gmail.com **and we will contact you with preliminary itineraries, costs, and a registration of intent.**

Parish Life

28) Third Agers 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.

29) SAVE THE DATE! EILEEN BLUMENTHAL WILL BE RETURNING TO CALIFORNIA IN EARLY FEBRUARY SO WE PLAN A PARISH LUNCH ON JANUARY 29. 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.

30) 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.

31) 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).

32) 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 23, 2017.**

33) 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

35) January 22, HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE TRIP INTEREST MEETING! All rising High School youth are invited to our final interest meeting for the June 24- July 1 High School Service Trip to Nicaragua! Join us at 11am in the Adams Room on Sunday, January 22 to hear more about our service partner, Fabretto, and receive final trip details. Email Caroline (caroline@stmarks.net) for more information.

36) January 29, MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE TRIP INTEREST MEETING! All rising Middle School youth are invited to our final interest meeting for the July 9-14 Middle School Service trip with Center for Student Missions right here in DC! Join us at 11am in the Adams Room on Sunday, January 29 to hear more about our service partner, and receive trip details. Email Caroline (caroline@stmarks.net) for more information.

37) February 17-20, ANNUAL FAMILY SKI TRIP! It is time to register for the annual Ski Trip! This President's Weekend we are again 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 on-skiers alike! **RSVP to Caroline by January 15** 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!

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(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