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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19, 2017

5PM HOLY EUCHARIST + LAYING ON OF HANDS

Presider and 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.



MARCH 12, 2017

Attendance:	282
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$22,592.11



THE BROKEN MIRROR CROSS, which hangs above the altar in Lent, an especially fitting symbol reflecting to us the often fragmented nature of our lives, was designed and made by Joya Cox.

THE WOODBLOCK PRINTS of The Stations of the Cross, which are hanging in the Nave throughout Lent, were created by and given to St. Mark's by Tracy Council.



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 Let us bless God who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

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

Silence may be kept.

Presider As we draw near to the place of at-one-ment:
Give us tears to see the wonder of your presence;
Give us tears to see the wasting of your people,
Give us tears to see the wounding of your son.

People We are the people who helped make the wood on which you were crucified, and still we misuse your creation; We are the people that helped make the nails that pierced your body, yet still we use work for gain at others' expense; We are the people that did nothing to stop your betrayers, yet still are ruled by comfort or cowardice.

Absolution

Presider O soul be joyful. The saving God stretches our God's hand to you, to announce a loving reconciliation. Washed and whole, let us open our hearts to God in worship.

People Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

God, of the wellspring, source of life and truth: Jesus asked for water from the hands of a woman in the land of the stranger; may he teach us to name our need, to love our neighbor and to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ, who shows us who we are. Amen.

The Hebrew Scripture Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people

may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

The Gospel John 4:5-42

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can

he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People Praise be to you, Lord Christ

The Homily

The Rev. R. Justice Schunior

Music for Meditation

Please stand as able.

An Affirmation

Presider We believe in God

People Who made the world, loves it and smiles on it;

Voice 1 Who created human beings each to be different and asked them to get along with each other;

Voice 2 Who took the risk of leaving us alone, knowing that one day our differences might threaten the earth's safety;

People Who trusts us in full knowledge of our frailty.

Presider We believe in Jesus Christ

Voice 1 Who came among us insignificantly,
Who grew among us uneventfully,
Who walked among us incognito;

Voice 2 Who, to change the world, emptied himself and called others away from security;

Voice 3 Who befriended those whose company would discredit him;

Voice 4 Who pardoned those who deserved to be condemned;

Voice 5 Who healed those who were hopeless cases;

Voice 6 Who spoke the deepest truth in the language of the living room;

Presider Who contradicted common sense by accepting the cross and taking on the grave and being liberated to live on the third day

People Who calls us, now as then, to a life which is absurd by the standards of the world.

Presider We believe in the Holy Spirit

People Through whom God Surprises, disappoints, cajoles and questions us;

Voice 3 Who is the bringer of strength and source of humor;

Voice 4 Who is a paradox – ever present yet unpredictable.

People And we believe that the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of the world; and we rejoice that God has made it so.

Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray...

For the universal Church and all who serve it...

For our nation and all leaders...

For peace and healing in the world...

For friends, family, and our community within and outside these walls...

For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit...

For those who have gone before us...

Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Presider Dear Friends in Christ, the persons here gathered at the altar are to be entrusted with the administration of the Holy Communion in the name of God and of this congregation to those of our community who are unable to be present at celebrations of the Eucharist. In this ministry, Lay Eucharistic Ministers strive to be observant of the Lord's commandment to "love one another as I have loved you," as they share the one bread and one cup.

To the Candidates: Are you resolved to undertake the office of Lay Eucharistic Minister in order to build up Christ's Body, the Church?

Candidates: I am.

Presider Are you resolved to administer the Holy Communion with care, reverence, and love?

Candidates: I am.

Presider Will we who witness these promises do all in our power to support this ministry with our prayers and encouragement?

People We will.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Creator and Redeemer of your family, bless our brothers and sisters in their ministry as Lay Eucharistic Ministers. May they offer the holy sacrament to your people with steadfast devotion and constancy of faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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

Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

Clergy Greeting

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider This is the table, not of the Church, but of God. It is to be made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So, come. You who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because I invite you: it is God, and it is God's will that you who want God should meet God here.

Leader Now let us hear the story of how this sacrament began. On the night on which Jesus was betrayed, he sat at supper with his disciples. While they were eating, he took a piece of bread, said a blessing, broke it and gave it to them with the words, "This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me. Later on he took a cup of wine, saying, "This cup is God's new covenant, sealed, with my blood. Drink from it, all of you. To remember me."

Presider So now, following Jesus' example and command, we take this bread and this wine, the ordinary things of the world which Christ will make special.

Leader Let us bring before you, O God, the things and the people concerning us as we gather at Christ's table:

Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

Leader For all the things ordinary or special, which are significant at this time:

Time for individual prayers silently or aloud may be offered at this time.

Please end with ***this is my prayer*** and the people will respond with **Amen**.

Consecration

Presider Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and all that you promised. What have we to offer?

People **Our hands are empty,
Our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things.
But with you is mercy
And the power to change us.**

Presider Among friends gathered round table, Jesus took break broke it and said, “This is my body, broken for you.”
Later he took the cup of wine and said, “This is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take this – all of you.”

Presider So as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us your body, healing, forgiving and making us whole; loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

All Amen!

Presider And now, as Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray:
**People Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days —
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory
and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

Presider Let us pray.

People Jesus, You have put your life into our hands, now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us so we may go forth into the world, a people restored and enabled to do the work you have given us to do. In God’s name we pray. Amen.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Alishia Daugherty Bauman (Kristen Deutsch's cousin, Stephanie and David Deutsch's daughter-in-law)
Grace Aspinall • Pamela Blumgart • Janice Brown • Joya Cox
Sylvie Kalas Braddock (Barbara Nelson's granddaughter)
Gary White (Michael Stratmoen's stepfather) • Alisa Earnest (Lynda Bugge's grandchild)
Taylor Emerson (Randy Marks' niece) • Mr. and Mrs. David Glaze (of Boulder, CO)
Jan Hoffman • Dave Haglund • Celia Hahn • Rick Hayes
Alice Kistler (Kathryn Powers' sister) • Dennis Lewis • Elizabeth Long
Lina Marks (Randy Marks' mother) • Nat Marks • Lila Marks
Lilly March • Barbara Nelson • Rosalie Ryan
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 (grandson of Lynda Smith-Bugge)
Kurt Hansen (nephew of Brock and Penny Hansen)
Weston Zarek (son of Tom Zarek)



THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

G. Clark Thompson, Susan Thompson's father • Catherine Andreycak, Jane Byrne's sister



CYCLE OF PRAYER

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IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON:

Chapel of the Annunciation, Church House
Audit Committee

IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION:

Mbale - (Uganda) **The Rt Revd Patrick Gidudu**



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) FIRST SUNDAYS FOR NEWCOMERS If you're new to our community, an easy way to meet a few parishioners and our clergy is to join us the first Sunday of every month between our morning services from 10:45-11:15am. FOR APRIL 2 -- Please join us in Baxter Hall on the main level.

2) THE ANNUAL MEETING IS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26 following a 10am-only morning service. Every year at our annual meeting we elect new leadership that helps Clergy and Staff attend to the day to day business of St. Mark's. All church members are encouraged to attend to elect two wardens, three Vestry members, and two Diocesan delegates as well as consider an amendment to the bylaws changing the term of office for wardens from one to two years with an option to run for one additional year.

*The voter list for this year's annual meeting (Sunday, March 26) has been posted in the foyer. We have tried over the years to make it easier to become a member, but the record keeping is challenging and can be confusing. To be a voting member at St. Mark's you need to be **1) over 15 years old** **2) have made a financial contribution since the last annual meeting, March 13, 2016;** and **3) made some kind of statement of commitment to St. Mark's 2017 Pledge OR been baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church at St. Mark's OR requested that your membership be transferred from another Episcopal Church.***

If you do not find your name on the list but feel like you're a member here (you show up on a regular basis, are involved in a ministry, etc.), please contact me at [202.543.0053 ext. 302](tel:202.543.0053) or Justi@stmarks.net. We can probably work it out!

From the Office

3) Your 2016 Contribution Statement should have arrived via e-mail and for a select few, a paper copy in your mailbox. If you have not yet received your statement, please e-mail Patricia at patricia@stmarks.net or call the office at [202-543-0053 x305](tel:202-543-0053). All stock donations should appear on your 2016 Contribution Statement and you should also have received a stock specific acknowledgement in the mail.

4) St. Mark's Photo Directory SIGNUP! Schedule your session now for date and time most convenient for you. Photos are done at no charge and all who participate will receive a complementary 8x10 photo. Photo sessions will be held in the Elders Room.

You can signup online: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/9qvcemse/>

March 30 & March 31 and April 6 & 7--1:30 pm - 9 pm

April 8 from 9:30 am - 5 pm

April 9 from 9:30 am to 4 pm.

Please contact the company, LifeTouch, if you are have trouble accessing their website to sign up. Their hours and contact information follow: phone-[866-756-0281](tel:866-756-0281); hours of operation 9 am to 5 pm. When you call, please tell them that your are with "256440 St. Mark's Episcopal Church." If you have any further issue when you sign-up, please let Nancy Yanish know ([202-722-0605](tel:202-722-0605) or nancy.yanish@gmail.com). If you can volunteer to help host during the photo sessions, please contact Raiford Gaffney (rgaffneydc@gmail.com). The host job is to verify the spelling of the names of each participant in the photos, and a correct mailing address for the complementary photo. If you have any issues or concerns, please give John Yanish a call at [202-722-0605](tel:202-722-0605).

Worship

5) Prayer Volunteers for Lenten Prayer Tree During the Lenten season (starting March 1), we will have a prayer tree on display where everyone can write prayer requests for anything on their heart or mind (requests can be anonymous). Each week, a group of parishioner volunteers will pray individually with 1-2 requests each throughout the week. If you're interested in helping with this effort, please contact Jessie Babcock for more details:Jessie.babcock@gmail.com

6) A Special Stations of the Cross This unique exhibition—held in 14 locations across Washington — uses works of art to tell the story of the Passion in a new way, for people of different faiths. The Stations weave through religious as well as secular spaces. In this pilgrimage for art lovers, viewers travel across the District, from the United Methodist Building adjacent to the Supreme Court, to the National Cathedral. Instead of easy answers, the Stations aim to provoke the passions: artistically, spiritually, and political-ly. 3/1-4/16 - <http://www.coexisthouse.org.uk/stations-2017.html>

7) Bread and Wine 11:15 Service I have posted the dates for Sundays in April on the Signup Genius site. Please consider bringing Bread and Wine for a service in April. Remember you can remember a special occasion with your participation. Also, please note the single service on 4/30. You can either use the signup address or talk to me or to Bill after service Sunday. Or email cecibill@mac.com. Thanks so much. Cecilie and Bill Jones . Sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0949acac29a6fe3-bread>

8) Altar Guild Announcement Jesus may have been able to set the table and produce bread and wine easily, but until he arrives again, we need help in setting the table. Learning how the Altar is set and what goes where and how to set up for Ash Wednesday, Baptismal, normal service, and funerals has been documented to assist those who volunteer their time. There are actually official names for those items you see on the table. Not the cover, the table cloth, the rag thingy, the cup, the wine jug - real names! Join and find out. This is an equal opportunity activity and is supervised by those who wish to share the learning experience with others. The more assistants in the Guild, the fewer times each person needs to set the table. Please consider this opportunity to serve St. Marks in setting the table for Communion. Contact Joan Schindel at jfschindel@yahoo.com.

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

10) 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.

11) 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 (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. More information at embracefestival.com, or talk to Susan Flanders, susanflanders@earthlink.net or Janice Gregory, janmaxgreg@gmail.com.

Christian Education

12) An Evening with Patricia Stenger: An Autobiography of God April 27th, 7:30-9:30 PM, Baxter Hall In this Christian Education Class, we will hear an "autobiography" of God. Conjured from the pages of Scripture, the imagination begins to recognize the primary figure known to most as the God of the Old Testament. Is he the voice of fire and brimstone, or a curious artist who doesn't know what he has created? A lover, a tyrant or a mass of contradictions? We will answer these questions for ourselves even as we explore the humans' reaction to this God. Listening to our own inner voice, we will be met by our own reactions to the Old Testament God – remembering our childhood images and noticing our current attitudes that may well be living in our very bones. We may even wonder how the God of the Old Testament is present in the attitudes and events occurring in the world today. Please email Susan at susanlynnthompson@gmail.com if you wish to attend..

13) Introduction to Life at St. Mark's ...will be offered from 12:30-2:00 in Dozier Library, **Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, and May 7, 14, 21.** Leader: The Rev. Justi Schunior.

14) 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 (kristenhumphrey@gmail.com) or Nora Howell (nora.howell.va@gmail.com) for more information.

15) 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).

16) 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

17) Marching Through The Bible: The Gospel of Mark meets weekly at **10 a.m. Sundays** in the Penniman Room. The course consists of class discussion of the Mark text assigned for that day. Regular attendance is encouraged. "Marching Through the Bible" is named in memory of our long-time convener, Francis "Buzz" March. Fee: \$25 per semester. Convener: Bob Ewald.

18) The Bible, The Birth of Christianity and Gender (Jesus Seminar On The Road): April 21-22 Cele 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/)

19) 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:** Tuesdays 7:30-9pm. **Where:** Dozier Library. **Fee:** \$25 contribution per semester. Questions? Contact Bill Jones (billclough@icloud.com) or Kathleen Grant (queenmommy17@gmail.com)

Music & Arts

20) CHIARINA CHAMBER PLAYERS CONCERT Chiarina's season ends in bravura with Dvořák's fantastic Piano Quintet coupled with Rebecca Clarke's beautiful Sonata for Viola and Piano. Sunday, April 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Domenic Salerni, Violin, Derek Powell, Violin, Arthur Dibble, Viola, Carrie Bean Stute, Cello, Efi Hackmey, Piano. Tickets: \$20 at the door, \$15 general/\$10 students at www.chiarina.org. \$5 online discount using promo code STMARKS5

21) CANTATE CHAMBER SINGERS CONCERT Cantate returns to St. Mark's for a concert pairing James MacMillan's intense, ethereal Seven Last Words from the Cross with "Seven First Hearings" – varied settings of the Pange Lingua chant by seven composers (including St. Mark's own Jeff Kempeskie). Saturday, April 8th at 5:00 p.m. Gisèle Becker, Music Director. Tickets: \$35, +\$10 for premium seating, \$15 full-time students 19 and above, Free for those 18 and under. You can be part of the group discount tickets by speaking with or e-mailing Jeff Kempeskie.

22) Don't Miss a Special Music Event this week! The Sewanee University Choir will be performing at Christ Church, Alexandria on March 22 at 7:30pm and at the national Cathedral for Choral Evensong on Friday March 24 at 5:15pm. They will be performing a selection of a cappella pieces and repertoire accompanied by organ.

23) 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.

24) 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.\

Outreach

25) REPAIRING THE BREACH The Role of the Faith Community, a forum about police-community relations. Speakers include the Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart (guest preacher on Feb 19). Saturday, April 1, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM, at 1607 Grace Church Rd, Silver Spring, MD. Information/Registration (by March 26) from Gayle, gfisher143@verizon.net.

26) Join Us! Planning is underway for a visible and memorable St. Mark's presence at the People's Climate March in Washington DC on Saturday, April 29th. Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 3 when there will be a session of posters and headgear making in Baxter Hall organized by the Green Lions (St. Mark's environmental committee). For more information email Green Lions members: Christina Herman (christina.herman55@gmail.com) or Betsy Agle (betsy@agle.net)

27) Welcome Immigrants and Refugees— Currently many immigrants and refugees are afraid and feel unwelcome in our country. Immanuel Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, VA wanted to let them know they were welcome and created a yard sign that says in Spanish, Arabic and English: “**No matter, where you are from, we are glad you're our neighbor.**” Use of the signs has spread rapidly to many other churches. St. Mark's Outreach Committee will be selling the signs after each Sunday service for \$15. Half of the price of the signs will be donated to the Lutheran Social Services' Capitol Hill Good Neighbor Refugee Project. St. Mark's is one of the seven Capitol Hill congregations participating in the Good Neighbor program which has already assisted in the housing of 3 Afghan families and continues to provide friendship and resettlement support. **Signs are available after 9am, 11:15am and 5pm Sunday services at St. Mark's.**

28) Stand with Immigrants Understanding Sanctuary: Bishop Mariann Budde will lead a diocesan forum on immigration issues on March 28 at 7 p. m. at Church of Our Saviour in the Hillandale section of Silver Spring. Lacy Broemel, refugee and immigration policy analyst for the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations, an immigration attorney, and representatives of the Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI) and Sanctuary DMV, the leading local sanctuary organization, are scheduled to speak.

29) MATH TUTOR NEEDED FOR FORMERLY HOMELESS YOUNG MAN There is a very sweet eighth grader who you might have met through some of our church events with Capitol Hill Group Ministries. He needs someone who will spend one hour on Saturday mornings, working through some math practice problems and reading a chapter book aloud with him. This is a critical time in his school career that will impact his ability to get into a good high school and college. Interested? Please email Lisa.ramish@gmail.com.

30) 2017 Lenten Mite Box and Devotional - Supporting Planned Parenthood DC Need a daily, meditative way to prepare for Easter during Lent? Want to focus on simple acts of empathy and compassion during this challenging time of the year? Consider picking-up a 2017 Lenten Mite Box and Devotional Booklet (on the table, near the organ) and using it as a daily guide during your Lenten journey. Mite box offerings collected will be distributed to Planned Parenthood DC. Contact Ruth Ann Hess at rahess57@gmail.com or Liz Okeke-Von Batten at ebLazevich@gmail.com

31) Church of the Brethren Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed The Washington City Church of the Brethren (COB), located at the corner of N. Carolina Avenue and 4th Street, SE, needs volunteers to assist with their soup kitchen operations on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 P.M. Volunteers provide assistance with food preparation, service, and clean up, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 P.M. Volunteers may opt for the entire process or choose a specific activity (prepping, serving or clean-up). Interested persons must complete a volunteer application, available online at www.bnp@washingtoncitycob.org. Questions may be referred to newly hired Food Operations Manager, Faith Westdorp, Brethren Nutritional Program (BNP) at the above site, or call her at 202 546-8706. Questions may also be referred to Jack Richards.

32) DONATE YOUR VAN St Mark's Sunday Suppers ministry is in desperate need of a van in order to take tables and chairs to the sites where we serve food to the homeless. Our current van needs to be jump started in order to run and it has over 250,000 miles on it. If you are getting rid of your old van, please considering giving it to St. Mark's. For more information, email Lisa.ramish@gmail.com

Parish Life

33) St. Marks Reading Group meets on the **second Wednesday of every month** in the Dozier library at **12:30 p.m.** For April 12 we will read *The Lovesong of Miss Queenie Hennessy* by Rachel Joyce. If you have read the book, please join us for the discussion. Looking ahead, on May 10 we will discuss *The Long Way Home* by Louise Penny. **Contact:** Linda Ewald (lherbe@yahoo.com) or 301-541-5133.

34) Columbarium News Anyone considering the purchase of one or more niches is encouraged to contact Penny Hansen (pennyhansn@aol.com), the Columbarium Coordinator. Purchase of niches is limited to members of St. Mark's Church and their immediate family.

35) Caregivers Support Group for those caring for a seriously ill or otherwise incapacitated family member or friend. The group will be meeting **Monday March 20 from 6:30-7:30 pm** in the Dozier Library. If you think such a group might be helpful to you, please contact Pamela Blumgart (202-631-4936)

36) Looking for Help with Household Services? Help David Durant, (former contractor at St. Mark's) help you. Except for odd jobs, and contributions from a few parishioners, David 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

44) March 26, Kid's Activities at Annual Meeting While the adults are discussing important church-wide issues and voting on new leadership at the Annual Meeting, the kids will be having a ton of fun with lots of activities in the undercroft! Have lunch as a family after the 10am service on March 26 and then send your kids downstairs for a fun craft, a cool obstacle course, and other games while the meeting is going on. The nursery will be open as well. Questions? Email Caroline at caroline@stmarks.net.

45) April 2, Young Families Coffee Hour + Easter Greening Craft Calling all families of elementary age and under youth! Join us for a special coffee hour for you and your family after Sunday School in Baxter Hall at 11am. Take time to connect with one another while your children do a fun craft to help decorate the Nave for Easter.

46) April 8, Young Families Potluck Dinner On Saturday, April 8 from 5:30pm-7:30pm all families with children elementary age and under are invited to join us in the Elder's Room at St. Mark's for a potluck dinner! Parents will enjoy conversation about the trials and triumphs of parenting while children enjoy childcare, games, and a pizza dinner. Come and connect! Email Caroline for more information: caroline@stmarks.net.

47) Save the Date: Wake Up the Earth! Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, April 22 and join us for a special fundraising event called Wake Up the Earth! The High School youth are traveling to Nicaragua with the Fabretto Children's Foundation in June, and we need your help to make this happen! Wake Up the Earth is an event for the whole family with a silent auction, great food, and fun entertainment. It is an evening to celebrate our earth and our community- don't miss it!

Save the Dates:

Spring Middle School Lock In: **May 6-7**

Spring High School Retreat: **May 13-14**

Parish Retreat: **June 17-18**

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

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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)

Join us! For Newcomer Sunday April 2 in Baxter Hall on the main level from 10:45 to 11:15.