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

MARCH 5, 2017

5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST

Homilist

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Children's Chapel

Caroline McReynolds-Adams

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.



FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Attendance:	221
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$8,796.49



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

The Great Litany (adapted)

Book of Common Prayer

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts
and assaults of the devil.
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and
flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from
violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

That it may please you to illumine all bishops, priests, and
deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your
Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may
set it forth, and show it accordingly,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give us a heart to love you,
and diligently to live after your commandments.
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you so to rule the hearts of your servants,
the President of the United States, and all
others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy,
and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to make wars to cease in all the world;
to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to
bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to show your pity upon all prisoners
and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are
desolate and oppressed,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to inspire us, in our several callings,
to do the work which you give us to do with singleness of
heart as your servants, and for the common good,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to preserve all who are in danger by
reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to visit the lonely; to strengthen all
who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with your
presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive
us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue
us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives
according to your holy Word,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to grant to all the faithful departed
eternal life and peace,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to grant that in the fellowship of Mark and all the saints we may attain
to your heavenly kingdom

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

All may share prayers of petition, intercession, and thanksgiving silently, or if aloud, ending
by saying "God in your mercy" to which the community will respond "hear our Prayer."

The Collect

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

People Spirit of the desert, you drove Jesus to the edge of the world to find his truth and calling: scour our hearts and awaken our hunger that freed from empty clinging we might find ourselves in you; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the wilds. Amen

Children wishing to participate in Children's Chapel may follow the Children's Ministry Director to the Adams Room (undercroft) at this time.

The Hebrew Scripture Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

People

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus.
People

✦**The Homily**

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Music for Meditation

Please stand as able.

An Affirmation

Wee worship Iona community

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.

The Peace

Presider The peace of God is here....to stay.

People Thanks be to God.

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

Wee Worship Adapted

- Presider This is 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 here 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.

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 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

Presider Among friends gathered around table, Jesus took bread broke it and said, "This is my body, broken for you."

Presider 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."

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us your peace.**

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 **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.**

Closing Responses

Voice 1 The cross

People **We shall take it**

Voice 1 The bread

People **We shall break it**

Voice 2 The pain

People **We shall bear it**

Voice 2 The joy

People **We shall share it**

Voice 3 The Gospel
People **We shall live it**
Voice 3 The love
People **We shall give it**

Voice 4 The light
People **We shall cherish it**
Voice 4 The darkness
People **We shall perish it**

The Blessing

Presider On our hearts and our homes, the blessing of God
 In our coming and going, the peace of God
 In our life and believing, the love of God.
 At our end and new beginning,
 The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home.
People **Amen.**



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

The Great Litany, BCP adapted; Collect, Prayers for an Inclusive Church; Affirmation, Eucharistic Prayer, Post Communion Prayer, Blessing, Wee Worship Book from the Iona Community.

Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger, Jennifer Cate





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)
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 • Jane Miller • 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

James Trainor (Rosalie Ryan's husband) • Pfc. Brian. P. Odiorne, 21, Ware, MA (non-combat related)



CYCLE OF PRAYER

IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON:

Non-Parochial Clergy of the Diocese
Washington Episcopal Clergy Association (WECA)
Network of National Episcopal Clergy Associations (NNECA)

IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION:

Marathwada - (North India) **The Rt Revd Madhukar Kasab**



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 MARCH -- Please join us in the Adams Room!

2) THE ANNUAL MEETING IS 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 Eastern Standard Time. 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 nan-cy.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) 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.

7) 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.

8) 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.

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 (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

10) Introduction to Life at St. Mark's begins TODAY! The first of two sessions 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.

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) 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.

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

16) Tuesday Night Bible Study is exploring the Christian mystic tradition, starting with four medieval Eng-
lish 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 in-
quiry 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

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 Kempskie (jeff.kempskie@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 Sun-
days, 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 in-
strumental pieces year-round. Please contact jeff.kempskie@stmarks.net.

Outreach

19) TODAY! Discussing Race at St. Mark's: Lately you may have found yourself thinking more and more
about how to change the narrative on race and the treatment of the other in our culture. Talking about how
we experience and take action on racial issues internally at St. Mark's will allow us to become a healthi-
er, kinder, a more awake organization to the 'sameness' of our 'otherness,' thus making us stronger when
we reach out to address these issues in the broader culture. Please join us in **Baxter Hall at 11:00
am on March 5** to continue the discussion about race that the Diversity and Inclusion Group sparked at our
presentation last June. (A special thank you to 11:15 service regulars for considering attending
the 9:00 service on March 5 so you can come to our facilitated discussion.)

20) Capitol Hill Group Ministry is seeking compassionate and energetic volunteers to join our Homeless
Assistance Response Team (HART). HART volunteers are made up of concerned community members,
who are trained to offer basic outreach and emergency services to our unsheltered neighbors throughout the
year. Our volunteers canvass the Eastern Market neighborhood and Union Station. In the past, we have had
great success recruiting volunteers through our clergy support. The training will be held on Tuesday, March
14th at our new offices located at 415 2nd st NW from 6:30-8:00 PM. To sign up for the training you can
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/capitol-hill-group-ministry-hart-training-tickets-24514585786> HART is a won-
derful program that gives concerned community members the ability to support our neighbors who are expe-
riencing homelessness with meaningful engagement and supplies.

21) 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 church-
es. 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 Pro-
ject. 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 re-
settlement support. **Signs are available after 9am, 11:15am and 5pm Sunday services at St. Mark's.**

- 22) 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. If you're at all interested, please email Lisa.ramish@gmail.com.
- 23) 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 ablazevich@gmail.com
- 24) Soup Kitchen: 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.
- 25) 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. **Date March 8th, 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.
- 26) Be an Advocate for Refugees** The Episcopal Public Policy Network is launching a nationwide advocacy campaign in support of refugees. Over the next two months, they're challenging Episcopalians to call their national, state, and local elected officials at least four times. Now, more than ever, people of faith must make their voices heard. They have created a 2x4 Fight for Refugees Campaign page with numbers to dial and a sample script <http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/RefugeeAdvocacy> If you live in DC, encourage your friends in other states to be your voice! From the Mid East Working Group.
- 27) 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.
- 29) 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 consider giving it to St. Mark's. For more information, email Lisa.ramish@gmail.com
- 30) Curious about the October 2017 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land?** All are invited to join us for overview of the itinerary, a look at maps as well as a film featuring some of the sights and people we will be visiting and highlights from previous travellers. There will be books and films available to borrow and specific date for deposit to confirm your space. **Sunday, March 12 from 2:00 – 4:00 in the Adams Room.**

Parish Life

30) Reading Group meets the **first Monday of every month** in the Dozier library at 7:30 p.m. For March 6th we will read *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. If you have read the book, please join us for the discussion. **Contact:** Linda Ewald (lherbe@yahoo.com, 301 541-5133).

31) The Winged Lion Review March Issue - Call for Articles. We need your articles now for the March issue of the WL Review! We welcome articles that may state your views on community issues, parish-related activities, opinion pieces, reflections on your own life, or perhaps a showcase for your creative talents - short stories, poems, graphic arts and photography are welcome. Submissions can be of any length, but as a general rule should be no more than 750 words. Please submit submissions to:

harhath@gmail.com and karen@karenfalk.net.

32) 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.

33) 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. If you think such a group might be helpful to you, please contact Pamela Blumgart (202-631-4936) (pjblumgart@mail.com)

34) 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

37) Today, Children's Chapel at 5pm Service: Beginning this Sunday, March 5 we will be offering a Children's Chapel for kids of all ages on the first Sunday of the month during the 5pm Service. We will gather in Nave for the first part of the service and then head up to the dance studio for a special time of creative worship before returning to the Nave for Eucharist. Email Caroline (caroline@stmarks.net) for more information.

March 12, Acolyte Training: Are you interested in becoming an acolyte? Don't miss the March 12 acolyte training from 12:45pm-1:45pm! The role of youth acolyte is an important rite of passage in our community and is a ton of fun. All are welcome! Email David Deutsch for more information: dsd@his.com.

March 19, Middle + High School Youth at Sunday Suppers: On Sunday, March 19 Middle and High School Youth have the opportunity to participate in our monthly Sunday Supper outreach initiative! We will gather at St. Mark's at 3:30pm to prepare dinner before heading to two spots in downtown DC from 6pm-8:30pm to serve and eat with our homeless neighbors! For more information or to sign up, please contact Caroline at caroline@stmarks.net.

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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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.



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 remove this page and place in the offering plate or give to a greeter.

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)

Join us! For Newcomer Sunday March 5 in the Adams room on the lower level from 10:45 to 11:15.

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