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**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
CHRIST THE KING**

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

**5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST
+ LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Presider & Homilist
The Reverend Susan Flanders

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.

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

Attendance:	295
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$11,981.79



The Honduras Cross, above the central altar platform, symbolizes St. Mark's connection with the broader Anglican Communion and our obligations to our sisters and brothers around the world, particularly with our sister congregations in the San Marcos Cluster in Honduras. Eileen Blumenthal and the 2000 Mission to Honduras designed the cross, and Eileen commissioned its construction in Honduras as a gift to St. Mark's community .



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 We are bound together in a common life, one body in our struggles for justice and truth.

People **May we confront one another without hatred or bitterness and work together for mutual forbearance and respect.**

Presider May barriers which separate us crumble, suspicions disappear, and violence cease.

People **May our divisions be healed, and may we live in peace. And may these words be more than a dream.**

Silence is observed.

The Collect

Presider God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All **Universal, eternal God, we are one, unalterably one with all the human race. Grant that we who share Christ's body and blood may break down the walls that divide us, through your loving and unifying spirit. Amen.**

The First Reading from "All the True Vows" by David Whyte

There is only one life
.you can call our own and a thousand others
you can call by any name you want.

Hold to the truth that you make
every day with your own body,
don't turn your face away.

Hold to your own truth
at the center of the image
you were born with.

Reader Let us hear what the Spirit says to us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is observed.

The Holy Gospel John 6:35-40

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

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

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Everything that the Father gives me will come

to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

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

The Homily

The Reverend Susan Flanders

Music for Meditation

Laying on of Hands is available in the Chapel, to the right of the choir.

A period of silence is observed.

An Affirmation

Presider Let us affirm our faith together:
People **We believe in God the Creator,
 By whom every person in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
 who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
 who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader God, you do not create us to live alone and you have not made us all alike. We thank you for the varied societies into which we come, by which we are brought up, and through which we discover your purpose for our lives. In gratitude we pray for our fellows.
This is my commandment:

People Love one another, as I have loved you.

Leader We pray for our families, with whom we live day by day. May this most searching test of our character not find us broken and empty. By all that we do and say help us to build up the faith and confidence of those we love, and when we quarrel, help us to forgive quickly.
This is my commandment:

People Love one another, as I have loved you.

Leader We pray for the places where we work, that there we may be workers who have no need to be ashamed. We ask to be reliable rather than successful, worthy of trust rather than popular. Whether those we work with be many or few, may we help to give them the sense that they are personally wanted and cared for.

This is my commandment:

People Love one another, as I have loved you.

Leader We pray for the communities to which we belong, that we may be good citizens. Make us willing to accept responsibility when we are called to it; make us willing also to give place to others, that they too may have their opportunity. Grant that our influence may be good and not evil.

This is my commandment:

People Love one another, as I have loved you.

Leader We pray for the generation to which we belong, those with whom we share a common fund of memory, common standards of behavior, and a common attitude toward the world. Grant that the presence of Christ may be so real to us that we may be able to help our generation to see him also as our contemporary.

This is my commandment:

People Love one another, as I have loved you.

Leader God, into whose world we come and from whose world finally we must go: we thank you for all those people, great and humble, who have maintained the fabric of the world's life in the past and left us a great inheritance. May we take up and encourage what is good, and hand it on to those who come after, believing that our work in your name will not be wasted or in vain.

This is my commandment:

People Love one another, as I have loved you.

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 We offer our prayers in the faith that you, O God, love us, that Jesus our risen brother walks with us, and that the Holy Spirit strengthens us. Amen.

A Prayer of Confession

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

Silence is observed.

**People Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Absolution

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

Mission Moment

Canvass Moment

The Peace

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

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

Welcome

Announcements

Clergy Greeting

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider This body knows what it is like to have a nice house and a good job
It knows what it is like to feel uneasy about being wealthy

People **And it knows what it is like to be lonely, a stranger
It knows what it is like to live under a bush in a city park
It knows what it is like to try to sleep in a rain-soaked sleeping bag**

Presider This body knows what it is like to sit politely in meetings
And it knows how to howl in protest at injustice
It knows what it is like to eat right and exercise often
And it knows what it is like to wake up in the morning after drinking a fifth of vodka

People **This body knows what it is like to do a triple flip on the bars of a jungle gym
And what it is like to lie paralyzed in a hospital bed for five years**

Presider This body knows what it is like to make love
People And to make war

Presider This body knows what it is like to be shunned because of the way it looks
And to be wanted because of the way it looks
**People This body knows what it is like to be afraid even of being afraid
And it knows what it is like to delight in taking crazy chances**

Presider This body knows what it is like to be treated like any body instead of like a somebody.

On the night before Jesus died, as he shared a meal with his friends, Jesus offered his own body as he took, blessed and broke bread and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take, eat; This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood, poured out for you and for everyone. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

May this bread and wine feed our souls and our bodies and move us to love and serve all people, as we are blessed and assaulted by life, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

All 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 Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant This bread and wine, given for all people.

People Be what you see, receive who you are.

The Communion

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please make your needs known to the minister.

Music for Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

**All Eternal, Loving God,
we thank you for this simple meal
that brings Christ into our hearts,
and brings us closer to you.
May your love touch others through us. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider Life is short, and we have but little time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Presider Go into the world and know how much a tired and hurting world needs your strength and gladness, for there are deeds of compassion and courage that will never be done unless you do them; and words of hope and healing that will never be spoken unless you speak them. And now let us go forth into the world in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

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, *Enriching Our Worship*; Collect, adapted from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* ; Prayers of the People, *The Wideness of God's Mercy: Litanies to Enlarge Our Prayer*; Eucharistic Prayer, "*This is my body*" written by Jim Burklo; Post-Communion Prayer, written by Bill Flanders ; Blessing, based on the words of Henri Frederic Amiel; Dismissal, *Episcopal Relief and Development*.

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Following the service please join us for Holy Happy Hour, at which we share conversation, food, & drink.

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Liturgical Leadership
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 •



THOSE OF OUR PARISH SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

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



CYCLE OF PRAYER

IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON:

Christ Church, Chaptico
Christ Church, Clinton Parish
Christ Church, Port Tobacco Parish
Christ Church, Prince George's Parish
Christ Church, Wayside Parish
Christ Episcopal School
The Daughters of the King
Pray for all travelers
Pray for our national life and all of God's blessings

IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION:

PRAY for Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)
Falkland Islands (Parish of) - (Canterbury, Falkland Islands) The Rt Revd Nigel William Stock



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements, **not to exceed 150 words**, are to be submitted to diana@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 many members for pledging! As of 17 November, we're close to 60% of the way towards our goal of \$870,000.

You'll notice that we're not at 100%, so we do need members to make your pledges so that we can get the 2017 operating budget finalized. 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.

If you have any questions, write to Nora Howell at nora.howell.va@gmail.com.

Worship

2) NECROLOGY On Monday December 5th at 7pm, we will be having a service of Loss and Remembrance. As part of that service we will be reading the names of the people we wish to remember. So if you would like family members names read please email me at Michele@stmarks.net.

3) ADVENT ART PROJECT This Advent we're turning the stuff we buy into a Christmas season bursting into the world! Please bring the ads and circulars from your newspapers, especially the ones right before Thanksgiving, to church the next few Sundays. Together we will shred the stuff that crowds out the space we need to fully welcome and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The more ads we have the better.

4) ARE YOU CALLED TO READ THE SCRIPTURE OR LEAD THE PRAYERS DURING ADVENT? Do you have an interest in reading a scripture or leading the Prayers of the People at a morning service? If so, please contact Raiford Gaffney at rgaffneydc@gmail.com or 2024605415. Please provide your name, email, most reliable phone number, which Sunday service (9 or 11:15 or both) you prefer and if you prefer scripture or prayers. The four Sundays in Advent are 11/27, 12/04, 12/11, 12/18. Raiford will consolidate all requests in order to meet as many requests as possible.

5) 11:15 Bread and Wine Rota: We are delighted to say that the Bread and Wine 11:15 for all Sunday's in November and December are spoken for - with one exception. Is someone willing to offer for Christmas Eve? An evening Service. Let us know at cecbill@mac.com. Thanks to all who have signed up.

6) 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 at @haroldknipe@gmail.com, or 202-487-3990.

7) 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.

Christian Education

8) Guild for Transformational Studies Approach Class #1 –An Advent Evening. Members of Washington DC's Home Guild for Transformational Studies lead seekers in an Advent exploration. Come, listen to the Nativity story and experience the mystery in new and synchronous ways. **Date & Time:** Monday, December 12, 2016; 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Leaders:** Susan Thompson, Lynn Kneeder, Betty Foster. **Coordinator:** Susan Thompson. **Location:** Baxter Hall. **Fee:** \$25 to Christian Education.

9) Christian Education Catalog: The 2016-17 Christian Education Catalog is now available on-line at <http://staging.stmarks.net/grow/classes/> and in the tract racks in the Nave. 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).

10) Thursday Night Bible Study Thursday night religious study will be 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 this may become an ongoing inquiry into religious mysticism, as it is experienced in Christianity and other faith traditions. **When:** Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:00 p.m. **Where:** Dozier Library. **Fee:** \$25 contribution per semester. **Questions:** Contact Bill Jones (billclough@icloud.com) and Kathleen Grant (queenmommy17@gmail.com).

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

SMMC Meditation, Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm, Nave

Marching Through the Bible: Gospel of Mark, Sundays, 10:00-11:00 am, Penniman Room

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

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

12) INTRODUCTION TO LIFE AT ST. MARK'S. Three sessions from 12:30-2:00, **Sundays**, every other month. Dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20; Jan. 8, 15, 22; March 5, 12, 19, May 7, 14, 21. Opportunities to formally join St. Mark's congregation during a liturgy are on Nov. 27, Jan. 29, March 26, and May 28. Leaders: The Rev. Michele Morgan and Youth and Family Director Caroline McReynolds-Adams. In the Dozier Library.

13) CATECHESIS: Have you ever wondered what goes on in the Catechesis classrooms? Wanted 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.

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

Music & Arts

15) Dance Studio Annual Open House A show for all age - Featuring: St. Mark's Dancers (with several St. Mark's members), Hill Winds, Charmian Crawford (St. Mark's Choir Member) and more. **When:** Friday December 2, 2016. Doors will open at 7:30. Performance will start at 8:00 PM. **Theme:** "Gospel, Modern & All That Jazz, etc." **Donations:** Regular \$20.00; Senior Citizens 65+ \$15.00; Children under 12 years \$12.00.

16) CHIARINA CHAMBER PLAYERS CONCERT .On Saturday, Dec. 3 at 4:00 pm the Chiarina Chamber Players will present a concert titled *Jewish Composers: From the Classical Tradition to the Café*. Music for Violin, Cello and Piano by Mendelssohn, Bloch and Schoenfield. Chiarina's artistic directors, pianist Efi Hackmey and cellist Carrie Bean Stute will be joined by violinist Alexandra Osborne, Acting Assistant Concertmaster of the National Symphony Orchestra.

17) ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS. Please join us for a lovely evening of readings, hymns, and special musical offerings from the Chancel Choir and Boys & Girls Choir. Sunday, Dec. 4 at 5:00 pm. A reception will follow the concert.

18) CAROLS & CHEER. Come join us **December 21** for a fun evening singing your favorite Christmas carols while enjoying some snacks and drinks. Social time starts at 6:30 and singing goes from about 7:00 to 9:30 pm. Drop in any time! Please bring a snack or beverage to share or \$5.

19) BOARD OPPORTUNITY: The St. Mark's Players has an opening on its Board of Directors. Help the magic of theater come alive here in the Nave! Contact SMP_Board@googlegroups.com to let us know of your interest.

20) 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.

21) 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

22) GUNS AND THE SUPREME COURT. St. Marks will once again be hosting the Newtown Alliance Vigil on December 14. To increase our understanding of what state and local actions to control guns may or may not be acceptable to the Supreme Court after the *Heller* decision, **please join us for a lecture and discussion session on Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 in Baxter Hall.** Penny Hansen, who teaches an eight week course on the Supreme Court at OLLI/American University, will walk us through the cases, decisions and non-decisions that the Court has made over the last few years on this important subject. All are welcome.

23) Capitol Hill Group Ministries: Volunteer at St Mark's annual Holiday party for Capitol Hill Group Ministry's shelter families on Monday, December 19 @ 6PM. Dinner volunteers are needed for this wonderful joyful event which includes cookie decorating and carol singing. Santa will come to distribute the gifts the St Mark's teens will be purchasing for the kids. Come help host and/or bring something for the dinner, Let Dinner Coordinator Diane Hoover (roadbikedc@gmail.com) or Susan Sedgewick (jssedgewick@gmail.com) know if you would like to contribute chicken, ham, sides or beverages for the dinner.

24) Advent Sale! The Annual MEWG Advent Sale of Christmas Gifts from Bethlehem and the West Bank will begin Sunday, November 27 – December 19 after all worship services. Our exceptional olive wood crèches, small nativity ornaments, and Fair Trade olive oil, za'atar and tapenade will be available. These items from farm and artisan cooperatives provide economic support to communities. Limited selection of some items, so shop early. If you anticipate needing quantities of olive oil for gifts, please contact karen.getman@gmail.com for advance orders and special delivery. A 20% donation from the sale will be contributed to refugee assistance project. The Middle East Working Group manages the sale (with assistance Pilgrimage Groups) Give a gift that gives twice!

25) A Special Advent Service: December 17th – National Cathedral: Join Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop Mariann Budde, and the Evangelical Lutheran Bishop of Washington, Richard Graham, at a special service Saturday at 10:00 a.m. This is the 10th Annual Simulcast service where we celebrate with Christians in the Holy Land as they gather at the Christmas Church in Bethlehem. Together we will sing and pray as we await the Prince of Peace and commit to doing our part to heal a hurting world. The service is free and no reservations are necessary. For further information, contact Karen or Tom Getman or Maureen Shea (karen.getman@gmail.com, tom.getman@gmail.com, mtshea@aol.com) for the Mid-East Working Group.

26) SOUP KITCHEN SANDWICH MAKING RESCHEDULED. Our Soup Kitchen Team's monthly sandwich making, in support of Sunday Suppers, is now rescheduled for 4:00-4:45 P.M Sunday, November 27, in Baxter Hall. This is a temporary measure to accommodate recent changes in the leadership of Sunday Suppers, a DC organization feeding needy persons in DC, every Sunday evening. Two members of St. Mark's, Lisa and Dan Ramish, with the support of the St. Mark's Outreach Board, have volunteered to direct the program for the next six months. Details concerning the St. Mark's Sunday Suppers November 27 event are announced separately. Please plan to lend a helping hand, whether for making sandwiches or joining us to distribute food and friendship in DC!

27) 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!

28) Household goods needed for our shelter family moving to their own apartment. Great news! Damente and his grandmother, Ms Reid, will be moving from the shelter to their own apartment, but it is unfurnished. They need some pots and pans, dressers, a dinette or small dining room table, lamps, love seat-sized sofa, and a TV. If you have any of these things in good condition, email Susan Sedgewick at jssedgewick@gmail.com or call her at 202-546-0160.

29) GIVE THE HOMELESS FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP - Every Sunday, a group of volunteers provides food and friendship to the homeless in our city. It is a ministry that focuses as much on the social/emotional needs of DC's most vulnerable citizens as it does their physical needs. For years St. Mark's has provided sandwiches for guests to take with them after sharing a hot meal. Now we are also looking for volunteers to help provide the hot meals, or to serve the meals, or both. Our most pressing need is for 6-9pm on Sunday, Nov. 27th. We also need help on Dec 4, Dec 18 and Dec 25. If you are interested, please email Lisa.ramish@gmail.com.

30) DIAPER DRIVE: DIAPER DRIVE SUCCESS: St. Mark's is full of baby-helping rockstars! The final tally of diapers and wipes (and a few other essentials!) will be released this week, and all of those things you donated will go to babies and families in need. WANT TO STAY INVOLVED? Here are two easy ways. If you want to come volunteer with us, indicate your availability here: <http://doodle.com/poll/zt47txbkiiqzrhph> and email marikaklein@gwu.edu. Also, DC Diaper Bank's Amazon wishlist makes donating the items they need most even easier at any time of year: [https://www.amazon.com/gp/](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/1G9IJMMO5V30U)

31) Many thanks to those who have or are providing lunch this Fall to Capitol Hill Group Ministry's parenting class. These lunches enhance the effectiveness of this important weekly class for CHGM participants. Watch for the announcement for signing up to provide lunch to the participants in the Winter/Spring 2017 session.

32) 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.

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

Parish Life

34) THANKSGIVING SERVICE & DINNER at Christ Church, 11/24, 11am: St. Mark's is invited to join Christ Church at 620 G Street SE for a service of gratitude at 11am on Thanksgiving followed by a wonderful community dinner at noon. It's a great time for fellowship with family, friends, and neighbors. Christ Church provides the turkeys and the drinks – everyone else brings the sides and desserts. There are typically about 60 people at the dinner so think large servings. St. Mark's is also needed for clean up duty. Please email the Christ Church parish administrator at office@washingtonparish.org OR Raiford Gaffney at rgaffneydc@gmail.com with the number of attendees, what you are bringing, and if you can help with cleanup.

35) Interfaith Potluck: On behalf of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and the Hill Havurah, we would like to invite our interfaith families for a potluck dinner and discussion. Between our two congregations, we have many interfaith families that are trying to navigate how to raise their children. Some have decided to raise their children in both traditions and some are still struggling to find the right balance for their family. We hope to gather together to learn from one another and to discuss how we may support each other. Please join us on Wednesday, November 30th at 7pm in Baxter Hall. Child Care will be provided. Please RSVP to Tricia Eisner at paganata@yahoo.com with the number of adults and children. We will share a program outline and a potluck sign-up sheet to those who RSVP. Beverages provided. Feel free to forward and share with families that you who believe may benefit from joining us.

36) St Marks Women to Women invites you to Save the Date for **Empowerment through Education** with Dr. Leslie Rickey on Monday, **November 28th, 7-8:30.** Join us for an dynamic, informative, and lively discussion with Dr Rickey, Associate Professor of Urology and of ObGyn, Fellowship Director and Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery at Yale New Haven. Dr Rickey is working with NIH and is committed to making advances in women's health and quality of life. Afraid to talk about pelvic floor issues even with your own physician? You are not alone. We are thrilled to have her join us and invite St. Mark's women to not only come out, but to bring along a friend, sister, cousin, mother and/or daughter. A-M Bring a beverage of your choosing; N-Z Bring a sweet or savory snack.

37) Bob Hahn and Crane Miller Memorial Birdwatching Expedition. In memory of Crane Miller and Bob Hahn, we birdwatchers propose an outing to Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge near Cambridge Maryland Saturday, December 3. Though Crane's expertise will not be there to guide and inform us, we will have the companionship of fellow travelers to enjoy the outdoors and remember special moments with Bob and Crane. Pack a lunch to eat out-of- doors, binoculars and your guide book. Logistics: We will meet at 8:30am at the McDonald's on Whitehall Road off Rtes. 50/301 after Annapolis just short of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. We will organize ride-sharing and have breakfast before crossing the bridge and regroup at the Community Center at the end of the Choptank River Bridge in Cambridge. After sunset, on our way home we may stop for dinner at The Narrows Restaurant. We'll need a count to make reservations. Please bring cash to cover the meal, tax, and tip. Need a ride? or have questions about the outing? Please contact: Don Gangloff, dgangloff@aol.com, 301-519- 2249; or Gretchen Willson, gretchenwillson943@gmail.com, 202-362- 4417.

38) Thanksgiving dinner for everyone. As we prepare for Thanksgiving, many of us feel called to share our abundance with those in our community who lack the resources to provide their families with a special meal. Please join St. Mark's Outreach Board in partnering with Capitol Hill Group Ministry (CHGM) to provide Thanksgiving baskets to our community's low income families. All it takes is this: When you come to church on **November 20th**, bring a reusable shopping bag with the following: two 14.5 oz cans green beans; two 15 oz cans yams or fresh equivalent; two 14 oz cans cranberry sauce; 3 boxes mac & cheese; 2 boxes stuffing; 1 bag rice or mashed potatoes; 2 onions; 1 box muffin/biscuit mix; 1 box cake mix/frosting; one \$20 gift card for meat (Safeway, HT, Giant). For planning purposes we give CHGM the number of "baskets" we expect to provide, so please "RSVP" by emailing Jane Rutherford at janerutherford419@gmail.com.

39) COFFEE, TEA, AND A BITE AFTER 11:15? Will you offer modest nibbles after the 11:15 service on 11/6, 12/04, or 12/18? If you're willing, speak to or email Jim Steed (steedj66@gmail.com) for details.

40) 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.

41) The Winged Lion Review November Issue - Call for Articles. We need your articles now for the November 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.

42) READING GROUP meets the first Monday of every month in the Dozier library downstairs opposite the nursery at 7:30 p.m. For December 5, we will read *Tender is the Night* by F. Scott Fitzgerald . If you have read the book, please join us for the discussion. **Contact:** Linda Ewald (lherbe@yahoo.com, 301 541-5133).

43) 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. The next meeting is November 14 at 6:30 pm in the Dozier Library.

44) 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

45) Nursery News: Nursery parents, please bring in a picture of your child for our picture board. Also, please note that the nursery will be closed on Nov 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday

46) TODAY, YOUNG FAMILIES COFFEE HOUR: Is your child 10 years old or younger? Do you have a desire to connect with other St. Mark's parents and have meaningful conversation about what it means to raise a faith-centered family? Join us on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 10am in the Adams Room for coffee, a light breakfast, and community building while your children are in Sunday School!

47) NOV. 27 THROUGH DEC 18, CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UPS! Calling all 3-13 year-old youth! Come sign up to be a part of our fun, joy-filled Christmas Pageant as an angel, animal, wise person, shepherd, reader, or member of the holy family! The Pageant takes place during our 4pm service on Dec. 24th. Sign ups will begin on Sunday, Nov 27 and go through Sunday, Dec. 18. See the bulletin board downstairs for more information, or email Caroline at caroline@stmarks.net.

48) DEC. 11 + 18, TEENS AT CAPITOL HILL GROUP MINISTRIES FAMILY NIGHT: Middle and High School Youth- We will once again purchase, wrap, and help pass out gifts for the shelter families at Capitol Hill Group Ministries! Join us from 11am-1pm for the gift shopping and wrapping pizza party and again in Baxter Hall on Monday, Dec. 18 at 5:30pm for dinner and gift giving with our Capitol Hill neighbors. For more information, email Caroline (caroline@stmarks.net).

49) WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS IN THE NAVE! We are now offering worship activity bags for our youngest parishioners with coloring pages, dancing scarves for music, bookmarks for the hymns, and more! The bags are hanging on the rack near the lobby entrance. Please return bags and their contents at the end of each service.

50) SAFEGUARDING GODS CHILDREN FALL TRAINING: The Fall training dates Safeguarding God's Children, the required child abuse prevention training offered by the diocese, have been announced. **This training is required** for any volunteers working with children and youth (including Christian education leaders) who have not completed a child abuse and sexual misconduct prevention program in the last three years and is strongly encouraged for anyone who wishes to learn more about how their parish can protect children and youth. Please register for one of these Saturday sessions and encourage others to join us in ensuring the safety and well-being of our youth program! Contact Caroline to register:

December 7: St. Columba's, 6:30pm-9:30pm25.

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Welcome Guests!

We'd like to get to know you better!

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

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

Thank you for visiting St. Mark's today.

Go in peace and return often!

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

(please print)

I attended:

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

Name _____

Email _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

I am interested in learning more about:

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

Would you like to be contacted by a clergyperson?

- Yes No