

October 21, 2018 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.

The Official Parish Calendar is online at: ***stmarks.net/connect/calendar***

Christian Education

1. Reclaiming Jesus. Do you want to know more about Jesus's teachings and how we might live as Jesus's disciples, and yet at the same time feel worried, uncomfortable, and concerned about how Jesus is talked about in public and invoked in politics? If so, this is the class for you! Join us either **Wednesday nights at 7 pm** or **Thursday mornings at 10 am** in the **Dozier Library**. We'll study Scripture, discuss it at depth, and ask how it can help us to face the ethical and political challenges we face today. All are welcome to join on a drop-in basis. For more information, contact Scott at scott@stmarks.net.

2. TODAY - Wrestling with the Angel. In worship, we frequently touch on important, difficult, and interesting ideas, but don't always have the time to dig into them more deeply. If you are looking for a chance to talk about theology and ethics in greater depth, then you are invited to join us in a new discussion group Scott is starting. We will meet every second Sunday at 1 pm in the Dozier Library. Our first meeting will be **TODAY**, October 14. For more information, email Scott at scott@stmarks.net.

3. Drop-ins Welcome to Catechesis Level I Adult Formation Class: "Help me get closer to God by myself." That's a quote from a young child who expressed very concisely the underlying principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. We, adults, prepare the room, arrange materials, tell the stories, ask questions, and give children the opportunity to enter into the stories in a deep and profound way – by themselves. Come join us **from 10:00 to 11:00 on Sundays: Oct. 14, 21, & 28 in the Abernathy Conference Room, then in the Dozier Library starting Nov. 4.** We'll meet every Sunday that Sunday School is in session **through May**, plus **all day Saturday, February 2nd**. Nora Howell, certified by CGSUSA (cgsusa.org), is teaching this class; if you have questions, please send them to Nora at nora.howell.va@gmail.com. Or just show up!

4. Ongoing Christian Education. These groups meet weekly and are open to newcomers:

- * **Sunday Morning Bible Class, 10-11 am, through May 19, 2019, Penniman Room Studying First Samuel (Hebrew Scriptures)**
Convener: Bob Ewald (llerbe@yahoo.com; (301) 541-5133)
First Samuel is the story of Israel's (rocky) transition in leadership from Priest (Samuel) to King (Saul, David). The course consists of class discussion of the text assigned for that day.
- * **SMMC Meditation, Mondays 7:30-9:00pm, in the Adams Room.**
Contact: Collie Agle, (202) 255-2687 or charles.agle@gmail.com
- * **Tuesday Evening Religious Discussion Group – 7:00pm in the Library. The next meeting will be October 16th.** We will begin the new season discussing religious fundamentalism. Co-Coordinators: Bill Jones (billclough@icloud.com) Kathleen Grant (queenmommy17@gmail.com)
- * **The Wednesday Bible Class** will study the Hebrew prophets. Who were they, what impact did they have, and what do they offer us today? As a resource & guide we will use the classic work "The Prophets" by Rabbi Abraham Heschel. Class continues on **Wednesdays at 11:30 am (note time change) until 12:45 pm**. Brown bag lunch follows. Location: **Elders Room in the undercroft**. Coordinator: Raiford Gaffney, rgaffneydc@gmail.com.

- * **Centering Prayer, Thursdays 7:30-8:30 am, in the Nave.** Centering Prayer is rooted in the contemplative practices of the Desert Fathers. It is an early Christian contemplative practice that places a strong emphasis on interior silence. Our gathering is for individuals who would like to begin their workday in silence and non-busyness. Please contact Collie Agle if you are interested or curious, at (202) 255-2687 or charles.agle@gmail.com.

Youth & Family Ministries

5. TODAY Oct. 21, Fall Family Coffee Hour + Team Henry Bake Sale: Join us **right after Sunday School from 10:45am-11:15am in Baxter Hall** for snacks, pumpkin decorating, Halloween gingerbread house making, and a chance to donate to Team Henry Burneson and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk by purchasing yummy baked goods from our High School youth. Bring your own pumpkin and cash for the bake sale.

6. TODAY Oct. 21, Sunday Suppers: Youth and families are taking over the Sunday Suppers outreach! Sign up to bring a casserole, serve the meal, help drive the youth, and more. **We gather at St. Mark's to leave for Franklin Square at 5:30pm and will return by 8pm.** This is a great way to give back to our neighborhood, spend time together, and earn some service hours. We need everyone's help to make it work. Sign up to volunteer at <https://bit.ly/2A1i8CK> or email Caroline.

Questions regarding these activities? **Contact Director of Youth and Family Ministries Caroline McReynolds-Adams** caroline@stmarks.net

Music & Arts

7. Get Involved in Music. We're always looking for more people to participate in the music program! The **Chancel Choir** rehearses **Thursdays 7:30-9:30 pm**, the **Boys & Girls Choir** rehearses approx. **every other Sunday from 11-12:30 pm** and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 6:45-8 pm**. Let us know if you play an instrument and we can also find ways to get you involved. Contact Music Director Jeff Kempeskie at jeff@stmarks.net for more info.

8. Music Lessons are available through the St. Mark's Music Studio: Julia Morris (juliamorris23@gmail.com) teaches flute lessons; Diane Atherton (dianesvoicestudio@gmail.com) offers voice lessons, and Stephanie Ng (stephanien217@gmail.com) teaches piano lessons. Students of all ages and experience are welcome. Learn more about our teachers at stmarks.net/music.

Outreach

9. TODAY Film on Gun Violence Prevention: Please join St. Mark's Gun Violence Prevention group and Moms Demand Action on **Sunday, October 21 at 6:00 pm in Baxter Hall** for a screening of the powerful, locally-produced documentary, "Incompatible Allies," created by Black Lives Matter DC and Grassroots DC to showcase the voices of African-American students and their experiences with and perspectives on gun violence. Following the screening, there will be a panel discussion to include the film's creator. And snacks! Suggested donation \$10. Questions? Please contact Cecilia Monahan at cdcmohan@gmail.com

10. Talk on Christian Zionism Tuesday October 23: 6:30-8:30PM in Baxter Hall: U.K. Rev. Dr. Stephen Sizer will speak on Understanding the dangerous significance of "Christian Zionism's: Roadmap to Armageddon? The historical roots of Christian Zionism, its theological basis and political agenda." For more information on the speaker, please see www.stephensizer.com. Contact Tom Getman tom.getman@gmail.com of the Middle East Working Group.

11. Easy Way to Help Sunday Suppers - As you might have heard, Sunday Suppers has a gap in leadership for the 4th Sunday. We have jigsawed coverage for a hot meal over the next few months. But we could use help with the **To Go bags for October 28th**. We need 120 hardboiled eggs, 120 sandwiches, 60 granola bars and 60 clementines. Email Lisa.ramish@gmail.com if you can help with some small part of this.

12. Fourth Annual Diaper Drive: The Diaper Drive returns to St. Mark's! Last year we raised nearly \$2,500 for babies in need after Hurricane Harvey. This year, we'll be collecting for Greater DC Diaper Bank, so add baby supplies to your shopping list! Bring in diapers of any size (open packages are welcome!), menstrual hygiene products (tampons, pads, etc., as long as the products are individually wrapped), baby wipes, or baby shampoo at any time during the month of October! There will be **signs posted near the baptismal font for dropping off donations**. Financial donations can be made at: <https://greaterdcdiaperbank.org/give-dollars/>. Stay tuned during announcements all month long to hear how your donations help families in our area! Questions? Email Marika Klein at: marikaisabel@gmail.com.

13. Special New Years Supper: We have a gap in Sunday Suppers coverage for a rare 5th **Sunday, December 30th**. It is a tough time to get help because so many people are out of town for the holidays. If you are able to help in any way - cooking, serving or getting items for the To Go bags, we would be very grateful. Please email Lisa.ramish@gmail.com.

14. Help Sunday Suppers Connect to Another Church - Unfortunately the couple that covered the **4th Sunday of every month** is giving up this ministry after 12 years. If you have connections to a church or group that might be willing to take on serving supper every 4th or every other 4th Sunday, **we need help starting in 2019**. Email Lisa.ramish@gmail.com.

Parish Life

15. Intro to Imago: You many know of the Pastoral Counseling center that uses a room in our Undercroft. They are part of the Imago Center and will be hosting several events here in the coming months. The first is "Intro to Imago" this **Thursday, Oct 25, 7:00 pm-9:30 pm in Baxter Hall**. "Choose to be part of the positive energy in the world. Learn how to talk without criticism, listen without judgment and connect beyond our differences. This introduction to Imago offers a glimpse into what it is like to shift into a dialogical paradigm and be empathetic to others. This free event will give you a **basic understanding of what Imago Dialogue** is and how you can use it to improve your connection to your nearest and dearest family and friends, as well as your colleagues and even strangers you meet as you go through your day. Please join us." For more info, visit imagocenterdc.com or contact the lead counselor here, Hayley Hoffman, hayley.hoffman@imagocenterdc.com.

16. 20s/30s Faith Fellowship - Sunday, October 28th in the Dozier Library at 6:00 pm (following the 5:00 pm service) Calling all young in age or at heart who are looking for an opportunity for fellowship and reflection! Come join us immediately following the 5:00 pm service for a faith tea time. We will dwell on selected passages, offer time for meditation, and share community insight. Contact: Emily McDuff: emily.a.mcduff@gmail.com

17. Get Help With The St. Mark's Online Volunteer Calendar Sun, 10/28, 10:45AM, Baxter Hall: Worship volunteers - Running into trouble using the new online scheduling system (Ministry Scheduler Pro - MSP)? Have questions about signing up to volunteer for Sunday mornings between now and January 6? Josie Jordan and Chris Berendes will be at the **MSP table till 11:15**, longer if necessary, to answer your questions. Bring your internet-connected laptop, tablet, or smartphone if you like. Can't make it? Contact christoph.berendes@gmail.com for help.

18. Save the Date! St. Marks Annual Saints and Sinners Halloween Dance is on the Calendar!

Make your plans to attend the annual St. Mark's SAINTS AND SINNERS Halloween Dance on Friday, **October 26 from 6 pm to 10 pm in the Nave**. Come dressed as your favorite hero/heroine or your least favorite "devil." There will be dancing to the tunes of the Cheek to Cheek band, children's activities and babysitting, food, and drink, and, most importantly, fun for all. Ticket prices have gone down(!!) this year and are on sale now: tinyurl.com/StMarksDance

Questions? Email Julie Murphy at juliaabbotmurphy@gmail.com.

19. Armistice Day, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War, WWI. We will mark that day with a special service. Archives & Parish History invites you to **participate by sending photos or stories of your family member** who served and/or died in the war to be included in a **Baxter Hall display**. Please contact Doris Burton (dmburton21@gmail.com). If you have artifacts but are uncomfortable bringing those to an exhibit, you can photograph and send that instead. **Deadline is October 29**, please.

20. Poppy Sales. Nov 11th marks the centenary of the armistice ending the fighting in the Great War (1914-1918). We will be selling poppies as a fundraiser for two organizations: Objective Zero and The Wounded Warrior Project, both serving veterans. Please plan to buy a poppy 11/11 (made by fellow parishioners) for \$2 each to add to an anonymous gift of \$250! The Poppy Appeal dates to 1921 in the UK when it raised \$81,000 (\$1,007,552 in today's dollar). Think what that could do for our vets... Contact: Doris Burton dmburton21@gmail.com.

21. Owl Parliament against Sexual Harassment: Women- We've formed the Parliament of Owls to mark the instances of sexual harassment the women of St. Mark's have experienced over a lifetime. There's no need to come forward, tell your story, or attend a meeting. No names will be used. Just estimate how many instances of sexual harassment you've experienced, then tell one of the members of parliament at the end of this text. **Tell us in person, via email, or by phone.**

In November, women who want to learn how to fold origami owls to commemorate these experiences can meet. Early in 2019, we'll do an art installation to display the origami owls. Any woman is welcome to join the current Parliament of Owls: Amber MacDonald amacdojo@gmail.com, Elin Whitney-Smith elin@whitney-smith.net, Jan Lipscomb deljan26@cox.net, Marika Klein marikaisabel@gmail.com, Susanne Allen sallen_1949@hotmail.com, Raiford Gaffney rgaffneydc@gmail.com, Jan Hoffman, and Lil Taylor. Owls are watching.

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22. The St. Mark's Reading Group typically meets on the third Wednesday of every month in the **Dozier Library at 12:30 pm**. On **November 21st** we will discuss [A Farewell to Arms](#) by Ernest Hemingway. Contact: Linda Ewald, lherbe@yahoo.com, 301-541-5133