

November 11, 2018 Announcements

*Announcements, **not to exceed 150 words**, are to be submitted to bulletin@stmarks.net by **5:00 pm on the Tuesday** proceeding the Sunday you wish the announcement to run.*

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

Music & Arts

1. St. Mark's Dance Studio presenting the annual Open House on Friday November 16, 2018 at 8:00 PM. "The Performing Arts - A Place for Diversity" featuring...the St. Mark's Dancers, the Hill Winds (music), Singer Charmian Crawford (choir member), the Great American Indian Dancers. Ticket donations...Regular \$20, Seniors \$15, Children under 12 years \$12. Great for the whole family.

2. 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 Kempskie at jeff@stmarks.net for more info.

3. 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

4. Thanksgiving Basket Collection November 18th for those needing help at Thanksgiving time: This year Thanksgiving Baskets will be collected on Sunday, November 18th for Capitol Hill Group Ministry to distribute to low income families. Bring the items on the grocery list at the end of the announcements in a reusable shopping bag. Please place the \$25 gift card for the meat in an envelope and place in the bag. **Bags will be collected the baptistry area at the back of the Nave.** Susan and John Sedgewick will deliver them to Shirley's Place later on Sunday. Any questions? Ask Susan at jssedgewick@gmail.com.

5. From the Green Lions: Pub Lunch on Nov 18 in Baxter Hall: Although the prognosis from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is grim, this fight is not over yet as long as we are determined to save our planet. Join the Green Lions for a delicious lunch, a presentation on switching to sustainable energy, and learn more about what needs to be done. If enough people work on saving the planet right now, we can do it. We just have to be absolutely determined. Do this for your children, for your friends, for your dreams, for all the people and places you most love! Contact Frances McKay sismckay@att.net.

6. Grate Patrol is looking for a person or family to join the team. Grate patrol provides 200 lunches for the Salvation Army to distribute the fourth Sunday of each month for those living on street 'grates'. We currently have 3 team members and would like to have 4 so that each of our commitments are just 3 months per year. This relatively easy outreach is a wonderful community service. Leading a given Sunday includes shopping for supplies (which are reimbursed), making an announcement the day of preparing the lunches, preparing with help and delivering them to the Salvation Army on New York Avenue. Whose hands do God's work? Our hands. Contact Edna Boone at ednaboon@gmail.com

7. Special New Year's 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.

8. 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

9. TODAY Poppies for Sale! Please buy a poppy (or 2 or 4) to raise funds for vets. While you're at it, do say thank you to Lucy Brown, Martha Connor-Donnelly, Mary Cooper, Charmian Crawford, Tracy Council, Kitty Donnelly, Anne Headley, Pamela Lacey, Michele Morgan, Doris Summey, Mitch Wood, and Doris Burton who created nearly 450 poppies for this project. Contact: Doris Burton dmburton21@gmail.com.

10. TODAY Bells on Nov. 11: On Sunday, Nov. 11 at **11 a.m.** several of our hand bell ringers will join thousands of other bells being rung at that moment to mark the centennial of the Armistice ending the Great War. You can go to the website (www.ww1centennial.org) then click on Bells of Peace) to see the list of states, cities, towns, schools, organizations and churches that will also ring. Our blue sign appears in the list of participants. Be ready on that morning to stand for one minute of silence to honor those veterans and to hear our bells join those at the Taft Carillon, the Old Post Office, National Cathedral, among others. Contact Doris Burton dmburton21@gmail.com.

11. Nov. 16 Film Club – “The Third Man” (1949) - Join us for this timeless noir classic, written by Graham Greene, directed by Carol Reed, and starring Orson Welles and Joseph Cotten, with Alida Valli and Trevor Howard. Filmed on location in post-WWII Vienna, in gloomy, mysterious black and white. An expressionistic masterpiece! **Friday Nov. 16th, 7:30 P.M., 1321 Geranium Street, NW, Washington, D.C.** Bring snacks/desserts/potent potables to share. For further info., contact Alicia Ruble, 202-420-9256, blurbologist@hotmail.com.

12. 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, llerbe@yahoo.com, 301-541-5133

13. Attention Baseball Fans: Back in 2005, a group of St. Mark's parishioners formed the Winged Lion Baseball Consortium, pooled their resources and purchased season tickets to our newly-arrived team, the Washington Nationals. That consortium continues to this day, with a mix of St. Mark's parishioners and non-St. Marksians. For 2019, we have openings for new members. We have four incredible seats directly behind the Nationals' dugout along the first-base line – an amazing view of the action and prime foul ball-catching territory as well. Interested parties purchase a “share” of our season ticket package, which gets you two tickets to eight different games of your choice during the season (or four tickets to four games, or any combination thereof). Interested in learning more? Send an email to Mike Townsend at orangemike@verizon.net. Go Nats!

14. Thanksgiving Service and Dinner, Thurs. Nov. 22, 11am: St. Mark's parishioners are invited to attend a service of gratitude at 11am on Thanksgiving followed by a wonderful community dinner at noon. This is a great time for fellowship with family, friends, and neighbors. Christ Church will provide the turkeys and the drinks – everyone else brings the sides and desserts. Please send an email to office@washingtonparish.org with the number of attendees and what you are bringing. There are typically have about 50 people at the dinner so think large servings. **If you are willing to assist with cleanup after the dinner, please include this in your email to Christ Church.**

Christian Education

15. 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 for our final meeting this **Wednesday at 7 pm** or **Thursday at 10 am** in the **Dozier Library**. We'll study Scripture, discuss it in depth, and ask how it can help us to face the ethical and political challenges we face today. All are welcome to join! For more information, contact Scott at scott@stmarks.net.

16. Wrestling with the Angel. Each second Sunday of the month (that's **TODAY!**) we meet to discuss theology and ethics. This month, we are focusing on the history of "the Atonement"--the ideas Christians have developed to make sense of the claim that Jesus somehow saves the world. We'll explore how some of the ideas we're familiar with raise serious questions and objections, and then plumb the depths of our tradition for some other options. All are welcome to join us at 1:15pm downstairs in the Verna Dozier Library!

17. 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 – Cease Meeting** The group will cease meeting due to illness. Co-Coordinator: 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

18. Be a Sunday School Hall Monitor! We still need parent volunteers to lend some extra support to Sunday School teachers during the months of November and December. Contact Caroline for more information: caroline@stmarks.net.

19. Nov. 18- Sunday Suppers + Pizza! Our next Sunday Suppers Outreach is Nov. 18. Sign up to bring casseroles, help drive youth, and serve a meal at Franklin Square. We will meet at 5:45pm for pizza and head to Franklin Square at 6pm. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours, hang out with friends, and give back to our community. Sign up today! <https://bit.ly/2Rd7lvh>.

20. Nov. 18, Family Friendsgiving Dinner- Families with young children are invited to spend an evening of food and fellowship together! We will meet at **4PM in Baxter Hall** to make sandwiches for Sunday Suppers. We will ask each family to **bring a box of protein bars** to give to Sunday Suppers. Then we will go to the **5 o'clock service. After the service we will share a potluck meal.** Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2JpZxn5> or email Lisa Ramish for more details: lisa.ramish@gmail.com.

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



Capitol Hill Group Ministry Thanksgiving Basket items needed:

- 2 14.5 oz cans green beans
- 2 15 oz cans yams or fresh equivalent
- 2 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 and can of frosting
- 1 \$25 gift card for meat (Safeway, HT, Giant–placed in an envelope)

Bring these to church on Nov. 18. Bags and gift cards will be delivered to CHGM on the 18th!
See Announcement #4 above for more details.