

March 10, 2019 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

Music & Arts

1. Carmina & Illuminare Choral Concert: On **Saturday, March 16th at 8 pm**, two choirs will present music from the Eton Choirbook, a Latin church music collection, one of few such manuscripts to survive the English Reformation. Expressive dissonances and intricate polyphony are hallmarks of these compositions. The passionate Stabat Mater by John Browne is a cornerstone of the program, which also features secular music including William Cornysh's charming Ah, Robin, Gentle Robin and settings of bawdier texts by John Skelton, who served as poet at the court of King Henry VII. Suggested donation: \$20

2. Chiarina Chamber Players Concert: Titled Transcendence, this program of 20th Century music for violin, clarinet, cello, and piano will feature works by Bartok, Arvo Pärt, and Messiaen, including the stunning "Quartet for the End of Time." **Sunday, March 17th at 7:30 pm.** Tickets: \$10-20 with an online discount at Eventbrite using promo code STMARKS5. A pre-concert film screening will take place in Baxter Hall from 6:30-7:00 pm to provide some background on Messiaen's piece.

3. Arco Voce Concert: On **Saturday, March 23rd at 7:30 pm** this ensemble will perform an all-Brahms program featuring various songs as well as the great F minor Piano Quintet (op. 34a). General admission: \$20

4. Looking for Friends of Music! We are looking for a group of volunteers to support the continued activities of the St. Mark's Music Program. We need assistance with half a dozen or so events throughout the program year including special concerts, Advent Lessons & Carols, Carols & Cheer, Choral Evensong services, and Hymns & Hoopla. Some of the ways you can help include 1) providing food, drinks, or setup/cleanup help for receptions, 2) greeting and ushering at events, and 3) helping with advertise. **Please e-mail Penny Farley at p3farley@me.com if you can help.**

5. 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 Kempes at jeff@stmarks.net for more info.

6. 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.

7. St. Mark's Dance Studio Seeking Board Members. The Dance Studio has been an integral part of the St. Mark's community since 1963. The Studio's Advisory Board provides oversight and assistance to the Dance Company. The Board is seeking new volunteer members for a two-year commitment and is particularly interested in individuals with financial and marketing skills. If you are interested, please provide a brief statement that includes the types of activities you can support. Contact Fynnette Eaton (202) 203 8098 or flejem@gmail.com

Parish Life

8. Nave Decorating for Easter: The parish needs a volunteer coordinator to plan decorations for the nave at Easter. The plan need not be elaborate. A modest budget is available, but low cost and ingenuity will be appreciated. If interested please speak to either Scott Lipscomb scott@stmarks.net or Jim Steed steedj66@gmail.com, worship co-chairs.

9. Pantry Contributions: Thank you all for coffee cups over the past few years. However, our 'cups runneth over' and we have no room for more. Please take your next batch of throw-aways to Good Will instead! Also: please do not contribute any more flavored tea!! Again, we have an overabundance and limited space. Contact Doris Burton, dmburton21@gmail.com

10. Plastic/s Is/Are a No-No: The pantry is in overload with plastic cutlery left by renters, etc. We even have a load of compostable cutlery! If you are doing pub lunch or a social event, please do NOT bring cutlery...we have enough for 100+ lunches!! Also, remember that styrofoam is outlawed in DC and come July 1, so will plastic straws (hip, hip, hooray!!!). Contact Doris Burton, dmburton21@gmail.com

11. The 20's & 30's Faith Fellowship meets on the **last Sunday** of each month to discuss a short reading, talk about our month, and build friendships. We gather around **6pm**, just after the 5pm service, down in the **Dozier Library**. Our next meeting is **March 31st**. For more information: contact Emily McDuff at emily.a.mcduff@gmail.com.

12. The Way of Love Journal Group will be meeting on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings during Lent, for those who plan to journal their experience of practicing the Way of Love during this season. We will share our experiences of trying to live the Way of Love, talk about what spiritual practices are working and which aren't, and how our commitment to journaling is forming us. We will gather at **7pm on Wednesdays and 10am on Thursdays in the Dozier Library**. For more information, contact our Assistant Rector, Scott Lipscomb at scott@stmarks.net

13. Lenten Intentions Basket Weaving Project. On Lenten Sunday's beginning **TODAY**, come to Baxter Hall after each worship service to help create a St. Mark's Lenten basket of intentions. Everybody is welcome to prayerfully contribute their intention - either physically with a written statement or silently with your thoughts as you weave together one community basket of intentions for Lent. There will be hands-on instruction, guiding us in our goal to create a woven basket/bowl made of material, yarn, and paper together, representing our Lenten intentions. Questions: contact Cindy Dopp (cindy@stmarks.net) or Tracy Council (tracy@tracyskids.org).

Christian Education

14. TODAY: Wrestling with the Angel is a theology and ethics discussion group that meets each **second Sunday of the month** at **1:15** downstairs in the **Dozier Library**. We ponder a few passages of Scripture as a jumping-off point to ask questions about our most deeply-held values and beliefs. Our next meeting is **today, March 10**; we will be discussing the reality of responsibility and the possibility of forgiveness. For more information, email our Assistant Rector, Scott Lipscomb, at scott@stmarks.net.

15. Ongoing Christian Education. These groups 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 (lberbe@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
- * **The Wednesday Bible Class** is studying the Hebrew prophets using the classic work "The Prophets" by Rabbi Abraham Heschel. Class continues on **Wednesdays, 11:30 am - 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 an early Christian contemplative practice that places a strong emphasis on interior silence. Please contact Collie Agle if you are interested or curious, at (202) 255-2687 or charles.agle@gmail.com.

Youth & Family Ministries

16. POSTPONED - Middle School Service Trip Interest Meeting - Our rising 6th-8th grade will spend **4 days/3 nights together in service in DC this summer July 14-17**. We will serve with many important organizations in our neighborhood and community as well as spend some bonding time together as a group. **The interest meeting scheduled for February 24 is postponed- be on the lookout for a new meeting date and time in the coming weeks.**

17. Needed - Adult Chaperones for Summer Service Trips! Looking for ways to get involved at St. Mark's, give back to your community, and be inspired by some pretty cool youth? Consider signing up to be a service trip chaperone! We are looking for **3+ adults for the High School trip to Philadelphia June 16-22** and **2+ adults for the Middle School trip in D.C. July 14-17**. Email Caleb for more information.

Questions regarding these activities?

**Contact our new Interim Director of Youth and Family Ministries,
Caleb Nelson Amaker, at caleb@stmarks.net.**

Outreach

18. Samaritan Ministry's "Next Step" Breakfast takes place on **Thursday, March 14, 7:30-9:00 AM at the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW**. Listen to a participant's inspiring description of how the "Next Step" program helped him get a job—and changed his life. PBS News Hour correspondent Lisa Desjardins will be the emcee. Free (but contributions are encouraged at the end). Register at <http://bit.ly/SMGWNSB2019> or call (202) 722-2280, x 304. Contact Ellen Frost ellefrost@earthlink.net.

19. From the Green Lions: The DC Environmental Film Festival dceff.org runs for a week at local venues **beginning Mar 7**. Since films may sell out, you should purchase tickets online now: <https://dceff.org/festival/> You can screen some at home. Choose *Watch* on the banner at the top of the page. The controversial film *Cowspiracy* is available here. They do charge a fee, but it is cheaper than going to a theater. Most festival movie tickets are \$12. If a film is sold out online at National Geographic, you can try to purchase tix here: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/events/event/dceff/> Contact: Frances McKay sismckay@att.net

20. Building an Eco Teen Action Network connecting and empowering teens locally and globally to be change makers - Join Global Co Lab Network and teen environmental clubs from across the DC area at **National Landing in Crystal City (above metro) - Saturday evening, April 6th from 5:30-8:30** Heavy appetizers and drinks at a special event celebrating teens working to address global and local sustainability and work with Smithsonian in preparation for the 50th anniversary of Earth Day in 2020! Watch the documentary “StyrofoamMom” highlighting passion of local Arlingtonian Mom Miriam Ginnari who will be present to speak after the film. Hear from teens working on fighting climate change, plastics, hunger and other issues. Global Co Lab and its project Teens Dream was founded by St. Mark’s Linda Staheli with her daughter Jackie Abramowitz with Teddy Ammon supported by Julie Murphy, Don Gangloff and countless others at St. Mark’s and across the DMV. Register here soon:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/teen-eco-action-celebration-at-national-landing-tickets-56661847110> \$25 general admission -- teens and youth free. Contributions to support Global Co Lab Network’s work building a teen environmental network. Contact: Don Gangloff d_gangloff@outlook.com

21. Consider applying for the Episcopal Service Corps! If you are (or know) a young person deciding what to do after college, this program organized by the church is an excellent option. Move to a new city, live in an intentional community, work in a job helping others. There are more than 20 programs across the country, from Denver to New York City, Chapel Hill to Seattle. Applications are being considered now. Visit episcopalservicecorps.org to apply.

From the Office

22. LOST & FOUND There are a few unclaimed items remaining after our recent purge of the lost & found closet. Even if it’s not yours, feel free to put in a claim. We’ve got: thick plastic coat hangers, an electric sandwich maker, tools to change a tire, a mosaic “Dollywood” trivet, legal-size hanging file folders, a bag of “naturally earth mined” stones, and a gummy vitamin jar full of change. (Guess which one we actually don’t have...) Contact our Parish Administrator, James Rostron, at parishadmin@stmarks.net.