



WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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CAPITOL HILL
St. Mark's Mission Statement

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 26, 2010

10:00 AM CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider and Preacher

The Reverend Paul Roberts Abernathy
Rector

Co-Presider

The Reverend Susan B. Pinkerton
Associate Rector

Music Director

Mr. Jeff Kempskie

Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) Hymnals are located & stored in the rack under the **front** of your chair.
Cell Phones – Please turn off your cell phone or other electronic devices at any time you are in the Nave.
Hearing – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.

VISITING OR NEW TO ST. MARK'S?

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. MARK'S! Wherever you are on your faith journey, we invite you to celebrate life with us. Worship is in the round, and you are invited to sit anywhere in the Nave. Bulletin boards, rest-rooms and a water fountain are located in the hallway, and the Parish Hall is just beyond. If you have questions, please introduce yourself to the Vestry Greeter at the end of the service.

WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST. MARK'S

The **9 am** is a **family Eucharist** without a sermon. At 9:45 am, children go to Sunday School classes while adults remain in the Nave for coffee, announcements and Sermon Seminar.

The **10 am Sermon Seminar**. After the sermon, anybody can feel free to comment on what or how the sermon "spoke" personally. Sermon Seminar concludes by 10:45 am and is often followed by a **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall.

The **11:15 am Eucharist and Sermon** is a more traditional format. It is often followed by a **Pub Lunch** at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall, to which all visitors are invited as our guests.

The **5 pm Eucharist** is a contemplative service with a homily and meditative music held every Sunday. An informal social hour follows the service where food and beverages are shared.

In the spirit of inclusion we offer both a "teleloop" system and infrared headsets for those who are hard of hearing. To access the signal, switch your own hearing aid to the "T" position. Headsets are available by the doors from the beadles (ushers).

CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

Open Communion is our invitation to *everyone* to gather around the altar for spiritual and communal nourishment. We believe this meal is a manifestation of God's love for each of us, regardless of our religion, beliefs or questions.

Announcements of church activities are often made by parishioners during the service. You can find more details in the Sunday Bulletin as well as on our website, www.stmarks.net.

Childcare - St. Mark's Nursery provides care for children up to 3 1/2 yrs old during the Sunday morning worship services. Caregivers are available from 8:45 -12:45 pm in the Nursery (lower level).

Holy Communion

Prelude He is Born, the Divine Christ Child

18th Century French Carol /
arr. Dennis Alexander

Processional Hymn 107 Good Christian friends, rejoice

In dulci jubilo

Opening Sentences

Presider Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy: a Savior is born to you.
Alleluia.

People **Unto us a child is born. Alleluia.**

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Bidding Prayer *adapted from* Christmas Eve 2007, Washington National Cathedral

Presider Dear People of the Incarnate God: as we hear again the story of God's loving purposes from the beginning of creation, may we find that peace is born among us, embodied in frail flesh like our own. With hope in the power of that miracle, we pray that this child whose birth we celebrate awakens in us a longing and a will to heal our broken and hurting world. We pray that the peace proclaimed by angels to the shepherds in the field will be realized in every place of war and on every violent street.

People **Come now, O God of love. Reconcile your people and make us one body.**

Co-Presider We pray that the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor will bring wholeness and healing to all who are afflicted with disease and despair. We pray that our lives may be offerings of hope to those who are lost, alone, or grieving. As you, O Christ, entered this world in the poverty and separateness of the stable, we pray you instill in us the courage to dismantle the barriers that separate rich and poor and that together we build the just world you intend. Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us. Fill us with your light, that we may walk in the paths of love and justice.

People **Come now, O God of love. Reconcile your people and make us one body.**

Presider Let us now add our own prayers, either silently or, if aloud, ending with "God, in your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer."

A time is allowed for the people's prayers.

All **Come now, O God of love. Reconcile your people and make us one body. Amen.**

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Lessons & Carols

Lesson I Genesis 3:1 – 23

Read by Jim Steed

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

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. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.' To the woman he said, 'I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.' And to the man he said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it", cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.' The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all who live. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, 'See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever'— therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

Hymn 82 Of the Father's love begotten

Divinum mysterium

(v. 1 all; v. 2 women; v. 3 men; v. 4 all)

Lesson II Isaiah 7:10-15

Read by Kathy Tatko

Isaiah prophesizes the birth of a chosen child

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Hymn 81 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming (vv.1 & 2)

Es ist ein Ros

Lesson III Luke 2:1-20

Read by Stephanie Deutsch

Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshipped by angels and shepherds

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn 92 On this day earth shall ring

Personent hodie

The Word was made flesh and we have seen his glory.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Hymn 114 'Twas in the moon of wintertime

Une jeune pucelle

The Homily

The Rector

Exchange of the Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please exchange with strangers and friends a sign of the Peace of Christ.

Vestry Greeting

Announcements

Rector's Greeting

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem Long Ago in Bethlehem
Ad Hoc Choir

Moravian Carol
arr. Phyllis Tate

(The people stand)

Presentation Hymn 115 What child is this (vv. 1 & 3)

Greensleeves

The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Co-Presider

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Presider

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Co-Presider

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Co-Presider

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All

AMEN.

Presider

And now, as Jesus taught us, we are bold to say,

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Everyone is invited to God's Table. Gather, one group at a time, around the altar platform. Remain until everyone has received the bread and wine and has been dismissed by the Presider, saying, "Go in peace." You may consume the bread, then receive the wine by taking a sip from the chalice or goblet OR you may hold the bread, which will signal that you wish to intinct (dip it) into the chalice or the goblet. A non-alcoholic alternative to wine is offered in the plain goblet, and gluten-free crackers are available upon request.

Music during Communion

Anthem: The Holly and the Ivy Traditional English/arr. Richard Shephard

Ad Hoc Choir

Solo: O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

Paul Bugge, soloist

LEVAS 27 Away in a manger

James R. Murray

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us the strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ Announcements

Recessional Hymn 87 Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

The Benediction

Presider May the power that spins the stars, that gives breath to every living thing enkindle in us zeal and empower us with strength and courage that we, through our words and deeds of love and justice, become living blessings for the world.

All **Amen!**

Postlude Noël Suisse (Swiss Noel)

Michael Corrette (1707-1795)

Announcements

Announcements should not exceed 125 words and should be submitted to Rebecca Richards by 5:00pm on Tuesday preceding the Sunday announcement is to run.

From the Staff

If you plan to make an end-of-year donation to St. Mark's and would like to receive credit for it as a donation made in 2010 for your personal tax purposes, please make sure your donation is either *received* by the church office no later than December 31, 2010, or is *postmarked* no later than December 31, 2010. Questions? Please contact Susan Block the Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership, at 202-543-0053 ext 305, or susan.block@stmarks.net.

Fall contribution statements have been sent to all pledging members. NOTE that the statements only cover donations and pledge payments received and deposited *before October 31*. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions, or if you think you should have received a statement but have not. Thank you very much, Susan Block, Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership, 202-543-0053 ext 305 or susan.block@stmarks.net.

Christian Ed

We welcome your participation and your interest in Christian Education classes offered at St. Mark's. Let us know where your interests lie in becoming more involved in the life of the parish!

1. **SUNDAY SCHOOL** – There will be no Sunday School **December 26th**, **January 2nd** or **January 9th** as everyone takes a well deserved break. Be sure to give your child's Sunday School teachers a special thank you during this Holiday Season as their dedication to our children is truly a gift to us all.

Winter Adult Classes

2. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEKEND BECKONS YOU** – As you think about life in the coming year where do your New Year's resolutions intersect with saying 'yes!' A new job, a new love, a new venture? What are the issues for us when we are wrestling with getting to yes? How can we embrace opportunity beyond our comfort zone? Please join us for a great tradition at St. Marks - the Christian Ed Week-end, **January 7-9, 2011**, at DuPont House in Rehoboth Beach, DE. It is a time of rest, relaxation and recreation with lots of opportunities to reflect on the transformational nature of saying 'yes' as many of you all have so generously done this year and for many years. *A very generous benefactor allows us to provide a free weekend for all Sunday School Leaders and Christian Ed is offering an additional ½ discount for those under 35 years of age. Cost: \$275.*

3. **WOMEN IN TRANSITION: FINDING YOUR CENTER IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE** – Living at the speed of light in this evolving 21st century doesn't leave much time for stepping back to assess how changes, gradual or sudden, are affecting us. Every age brings milestones that stand out as particularly challenging moments of adjustment – coming of age, entering committed relationships, choosing to raise children, relating to adult children and entering the third age. The class will run for five Tuesdays, **January 11th-February 8th**, 7:30-9:30 pm, in the Adams Room with a weekend retreat at Shepherd's Spring, Sharpsburg, MD, **February 4th-6th**. Your leaders - Rita Ossolinski rossolinski@yahoo.com; Susan Cunningham, Susan_Cunningham@gensler.com; and Kathryn Chefetz k.j.chefetz@psychsense.net - welcome any questions. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. *Cost: \$275.*

4. **FORGIVENESS** - *What is our wound? What binds us? How do we set ourselves free?* Join fellow seekers in exploring the theme of forgiveness through the life and teachings of the historic Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels. Based on the unique approach of the Guild for Psychological Studies (www.guildsf.org), we will also use meditation, expressive arts, movement, journaling and music to deepen our explorations. This one session class will be held in Baxter House on **Saturday, January 29** from 10 am-5 pm (*note new date!*) The facilitators - Julie Gaebe jgaebe@gmail.com and Pete Eveleth 202-543-6948 welcome your questions. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. *** This is the second of 3 classes this year at St. Mark's that explore different themes using the Guild approach to Bible study, a powerful tool for*

learning about ourselves and how to live fully in the world. Classes may be taken individually or in any combination. ** Bring your own bag lunch. Cost: \$30 includes materials.

5. **WINTER/SPRING LIFE, COMMUNITY & FAITH (LCF) CLASS** - When did you last give yourself the gift of time to think, to ponder, to question? The LCF class affords you that opportunity. By taking the class, you become part of a smaller community within St. Mark's and often create lasting friendships, while learning a lot about yourself along the way! The class is scheduled for Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:30, **Feb. 2-April 6**. The two weekend retreats will be **Feb. 25-27** and **March 25-27**. Please join the teaching team of Susan Flanders (adjunct clergy), Rob Hall, Ray Hahn and Heather Burneson. The sign up sheet is in the hall or you can contact Heather Burneson at 703-534-5699 or hburneson@msn.com with questions.

Arts

6. **ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE** – Thank you for the beautiful pieces of artwork placed throughout the Nave for our Advent season. We are enlightened by your contributions and the generous sharing of your time and talents.

Outreach

7. **HELP THE AFGHANS AND MARINES SERVING THERE:** Spirit of America, a 501c3 nonprofit, is helping American Soldiers and Marines provide warm clothing and blankets to Afghan families and children. The items are sent to our troops in Afghanistan who will give them to local people. This helps our troops build better relations which makes them safer and more successful and helps people in need. **Most needed items:**· **Winter Coats and Jackets:** All sizes and styles are accepted, especially children's coats.· **Shoes:** All sizes are needed - especially infants and children. Boots and slip-ons or sneakers are preferred.· **Scarves, Gloves, Winter Hats:** All sizes and styles are needed.· **Blankets-** **Important Note:** Donated items may be new or used provided the items are clean and in good condition. We cannot accept articles with religious themes, western logos such as flags or that portray images of pigs (i.e., Porky Pig, Miss Piggy, Piglet, etc.). Please do not include crayons or liquid items. Also, for security reasons, we cannot accept battery-powered shoes, toys, and stuffed animals, or other articles that are battery-operated, or that contain electronic devices of any type. Go to www.spiritofamerica.net for more information. OPERATION CARE, 1424 EASTON RD STE 700, ATTN B43020, HORSHAM, PA 19044-1425. NB: No package can be longer than 72" or weigh more than 70 lbs.

Parish Life

8. **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP-** The next meeting of the support group for those caring for a loved one or ones seriously ill or otherwise incapacitated, will be on Monday, January 10, 2010, at 7:30 PM in the Penniman Room. Feel free to contact the group leaders: Suella Henn, swhenn@mac.com, phone 202-544-0113, or Mary Welker, marymwelker@aol.com, 202-387-4083.

9. **FIRST FRIDAYS-** There will be no First Friday in January.

10. **ST. MARK'S READING GROUP:** On January 3 we will meet in the Penniman Room at Baxter House at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *The Solitude of Prime Numbers* by Paolo Giordano. That evening we will pick books for both February and March. For more information, contact Linda Ewald at llerbe@aol.com.

Worship & Meditation

11. **CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST AT 5PM-** Please join us in the Nave at 5:00 PM this Sunday for our contemplative Eucharist service. Feel free to bring a beverage and/or snack to share during the social hour that follows our service. Contact Susan Pinkerton at susan.pinkerton@stmarks.net for further information.

12. WEEK-DAY SERVICE AND MEDITATION OPPORTUNITIES

Mondays 7:30 to 9:00pm Insight Meditation in the Nave
Thursdays 7:00 to 8:00am Insight Meditation group in Adams Room
Thursdays Noon to 12:45pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

13. **NEXT WEEK** Sunday, Jan. 2 There will be one service at 10am followed by Pub Lunch hosted by Raiford Gaffney and the Contemplative Eucharist at 5pm

Youth and Family Ministry

*Megan Courtney, St. Mark's Director of Youth Ministries can be reached at
megan.courtney@stmarks.net or (202) 543-0053 x320*

14. **TODAY BRUNCH FOR RETURNING GRADUATES** – Following the one service (Lessons and Carols) there will be a brunch for graduates returning for the holidays. Plan to come out and welcome St Mark's recently (and not-so-recently) departed 18, 19, & 20-somethings.

15 **NURSERY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** The Nursery will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and December 26 for the nursery staff's holiday – Deborah Cunningham, nursery manager can be reached at dcwaterlover@yahoo.com.

16. **SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK** –Please note, that there will be **no Sunday school on December 26, January 2, and January 9**. We celebrate all teachers who have given their time this year to teach Sunday School as they take a holiday break; classes will resume on January 16. (December 26 – There is only one service at 10am; no formal activities are planned for children during the service. January 2 – Children and youth are invited to participate in an activity in the Adams room during Sermon Seminar. January 9 – Teachers & youth minister will be away on the annual Christian Education weekend, there will be no formal activities for children).

17. **FAMILY SKI TRIP, SIGN UP NOW** – Mark your calendars, the annual ski trip is planned for President's Day weekend, **February 19-21**. Traditionally, we have traveled to Cannan Valley, West Virginia for a snowy ski trip, lodging at the YMCA Camp Horseshoe. Unfortunately, Camp Horseshoe will be closed for renovations this year; however, we have found a bunk-house in Cannan Valley that offers similar accommodates: 2 nights, 4 meals at \$90 per adult / \$75 per child. Please sign up on the bulletin board today or send Megan an Email, with **deposits (\$100 per family/ \$50 per individual) due by January 16**.



Parish Prayer List

Taylor Adams • Anne Alden • Mimi Chesslin • Ann Child (Elizabeth Long’s sister) • Joya Cox • Betty and Jack Davis (Beryl Maloney-Lillaston’s Aunt and Uncle) • David Evelyn • Jan Hoffman • Ray Lacey • Dennis Lewis • Karen Linkletter (Jane Osborne’s sister-in-law) • Alexander Mahood (father of Beth Mahood Andrews)• Barbara Marks • Bruce Ritter • Al Rollins • Carroll Russell Sherer (Peter’s mom) • Elin Whitney-Smith • Vicki Street • Phoebe Thompson (grand niece Susan Thompson)

Those of our Parish serving in the military: Clint Billings (son of Kevin Billings and Mary Louise Wagner), George Brown (son of Margaret Brown), August Dannenmaier (son of Chris Dannenmaier and nephew of Bill & Molly Dannenmaier), Jason Earnest (son of Erika Bugge and grandson of Paul Bugge and Lynda Smith Bugge), Karen Gangloff (daughter of Don Gangloff and Linda Huntington), Christian Schmidle (son of Robert and Pamela Schmidle)

Military Service Deaths

LaStaff Sgt. **Justin E. Schmalstieg, 28**, of Pittsburgh, PA

Lance Cpl. **Jose A. Hernandez, 19**, of West Palm Beach, FL • Spc. **Sean R. Cutsforth, 22**, of Radford, VA

Lance. Cpl. **Jose L. Maldonado, 21**, of Mathis, TX • Cpl. **Sean A. Osterman, 21**, of Princeton, MN

Cpl. **Eric M. Torbert Jr., 25**, of Lancaster, PA

Circle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington:

For all prison and healthcare chaplains; the innocent who are incarcerated

The Fellowship of St. John

The retired clergy of the Diocese

St. John’s Church, Beltsville (Zion Parish)

St. John’s Church, Fort Washington (Broad Creek)

St. John’s Church, Georgetown

St. John’s Church, Washington (Lafayette Square)

St. John’s Church, Mt. Ranier

St. John’s Church, Norwood

St. John’s Church, Olney; St. John’s Episcopal School and Preschool, Olney

In the Anglican Communion:

The Church of the Province of South East Asia and The Most Reverend Dr. John Chew

We also pray for our sister congregations in Honduras and Lichfield, England.



This Week at St. Mark’s as of 12/8/10 at 9:30am

Sunday, December 26– First Sunday after Christmas

10:00am – 11:00am	HOLY EUCHARIST, Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presider, Susan B. Pinkerton; Co-Presider
11:30am –12:30pm	Welcome Back Brunch for College Students (Parish Hall)
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Contemplative Eucharist (Nave), Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presiding and Preaching
5:00pm – 6:00pm	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

Monday, December 27

7:30pm - 9:00pm	Insight Meditation Group (Nave)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Players Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, December 28

Wednesday, December 29

10:30am – 11:00am	Organ Rehearsal (Nave)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Players Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

Thursday, December 30

8:00am - 5:00pm	Greening (Nave, Parish Hall)
7:00pm - 8:00am	Insight Meditation Group (Adams Room)
12:00pm - 12:30pm	Noon Eucharist (Nave)

Friday, December 31

Saturday, January 1

6:00pm - 9:00pm	AA Meeting (Adams Room)
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Sunday, January 2- Second Sunday after Christmas

10:00am - 11:00am	HOLY EUCHARIST , Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presiding and Preaching
11:00am - 12:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall) Hosted by: Raiford Gaffney
12:00pm – 4:00pm	De-greening (Nave, Parish Hall)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Yoga (Dance Studio)
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Contemplative Eucharist (Nave), Paul Roberts Abernathy; Presiding and Preaching
5:00pm – 6:00pm	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

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Class of '13	Bill Dickinson, Rick Hayes, Marilu Sherer
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Diocesan Delegates

Mark Lindley David Deutsch Rick Rutherford Maureen Shea (alternate)

Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	Burton Reist
Acolytes	Sarah Baldwin, Neil Bayliss, Michael Bayliss (9:00)
Altar Guild	Susan Sedgewick
Lay Servers	Bill Dickinson, Linda Dickinson, Rita Ossolinski, Jim Steed
Bread & Wine	Maureen Shea and Kenn Allen (9:00)
Beadles	