



WELCOME TO  
**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CAPITOL HILL**

“THE CHURCH OF THE OPEN COMMUNION”

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 LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 19, 2012

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9:00AM HOLY EUCHARIST + LAYING-ON OF HANDS

9:00AM CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

10:00AM SERMON SEMINAR

11:15AM HOLY EUCHARIST + LAYING ON OF HANDS

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**Presider**

The Reverend Justi Schunior, Assistant Rector

**Co-Presider and Children's Chapel Leader**

The Reverend Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector

**Guest Preacher**

The Reverend Lionel Edmonds, Co-founder and President, Washington Interfaith Network

**Organist**

Mr. Jeff Kempeskie, Director of Music

*Hymnals* are on the book carts by each entrance to the Nave.

*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, restrooms 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.

**Wooden Cross** Hanging over the central altar, the wooden cross, constructed of rough pine boards joined with dowels and stained in dark mahogany with a polyurethane finish, this stark and simple "old rugged cross," dedicated on November 22, 1992, was intended for use on noon-festive occasions. It was designed and made by Bill Dannenmaier.

## WORSHIP SERVICES AND FELLOWSHIP AT ST. MARK'S

The **9 am Holy Eucharist** is without a sermon. At 9:45 am, children go to Sunday School classes.

The **9am Children's Chapel**, in the Adams Room, is a kid-friendly short service (20 minutes or so) of songs, prayers, and a confession ritual. At the Peace, the group rejoins the service in the Nave. (On the second Sunday of the month, when the 9am service is the Family Eucharist, Children's Chapel is not held.)

The **10 am Sermon Seminar**. After the sermon, all are invited 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.

**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](http://www.stmarks.net). To become more informed on the many parish life activities and events and be more engaged in our church community you may wish to subscribe to the Gospel According to St. Mark's – our weekly electronic newsletter. To subscribe, send an email requesting subscription to our parish administrator, Susan Block, at [Susan.Block@stmarks.net](mailto:Susan.Block@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 9:45 -11:45 pm in the Nursery (lower level).

**Washington Interfaith Network** (WIN), founded in 1996, is a city-wide, multi-racial, multi-faith, non-partisan citizens organization with 50+ congregations and community organizations representing 25,000 DC families. WIN has representatives in every section of the District and they reflect its theological, racial, geographic, and economic diversity.

**WIN** seeks to create long-term power: a broad and united front of organized institutions – organized people and organized money – acting consistently and persistently on multiple issues at the local and city-wide levels. WIN engages leaders across the divides of race, culture, income, faith, and/or neighborhood to initiate public action on their issues (e.g. affordable housing, public safety, youth, etc.) and to partner with and hold the government and corporate sectors accountable for addressing these issues.

## **The Holy Eucharist**

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

✠ *Portions of the liturgy omitted at the 9:00 AM service*

**Prelude** Sonata Per Organo

Giovanni Battista Bassani (1657-1716)

**Opening Hymn** 427 When morning gilds the skies

*Laudes Domini*

**Opening Sentences** Psalm 50:1-2

*St. Helena's Psalter*

**Presider** The God of gods has spoken;

**People** **God has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

**Presider** Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

**People** **God is revealed in glory.**

**Collect**

*from Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapted*

**Presider** Let us pray.

**Lord of the mountain peak, whose light reveals the earth a dwelling place for love;  
Lord of the overshadowing, whose darkness confounds the lie that we can possess  
you: transform our heart and mind that we might listen to him who bears the weight  
of glory in the lightness of our flesh; through Jesus Christ, the Chosen One. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

**The Hebrew Scripture** 2 Kings 2:1-12

*Read by Rick Rutherford (9:00)*

*Jack Burton (11:15)*

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives,

and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** 129 Christ upon the mountain peak vv. 1-2

*Mowsley*

**The Gospel** Mark 9:2-9

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People

Nancy Karpeles



Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ. \_\_\_\_\_

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People

Nancy Karpeles



Praise to you, Lord Christ. \_\_\_\_\_

**Sequence Hymn** 129 Christ upon the mountain peak vv. 3-4

*Mowsley*

**The Prayers of the People for Epiphany**

from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*  
*Led by Bruce Ritter (9:00), Doris Burton (11:15)*

Leader Let us be at peace within ourselves.

*Silence.*

Leader Let us accept that we are profoundly loved and need never be afraid.

*Silence.*

Leader Let us be aware of the source of being that is common to us all and to all living creatures.

*Silence.*

Leader Let us be filled with the presence of the great compassion toward ourselves and towards all living beings

*Silence.*

Leader Realizing that we are all nourished from the same source of life, may we so live that others be not deprived of air, food, water, shelter, or the chance to live.

*Silence.*

Leader Let us pray that we ourselves cease to be a cause of suffering to one another.

*Silence.*

Leader With humility let us pray for the establishment of peace in our hearts and on earth.

*Silence.*

Leader All may share prayers of petition, intercession, and thanksgiving silently or, if aloud, ending by saying, "God, in your mercy," to which the community will respond, "Hear our prayer."

*A period of time is observed for the people's prayers.*

Leader May God kindle in us the fire of love to bring us alive and give warmth to the world.

**All Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth; lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust; lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.**

**The Peace**

Presider God's peace be with you.

**People And also with you.**

**Vestry Greeting**

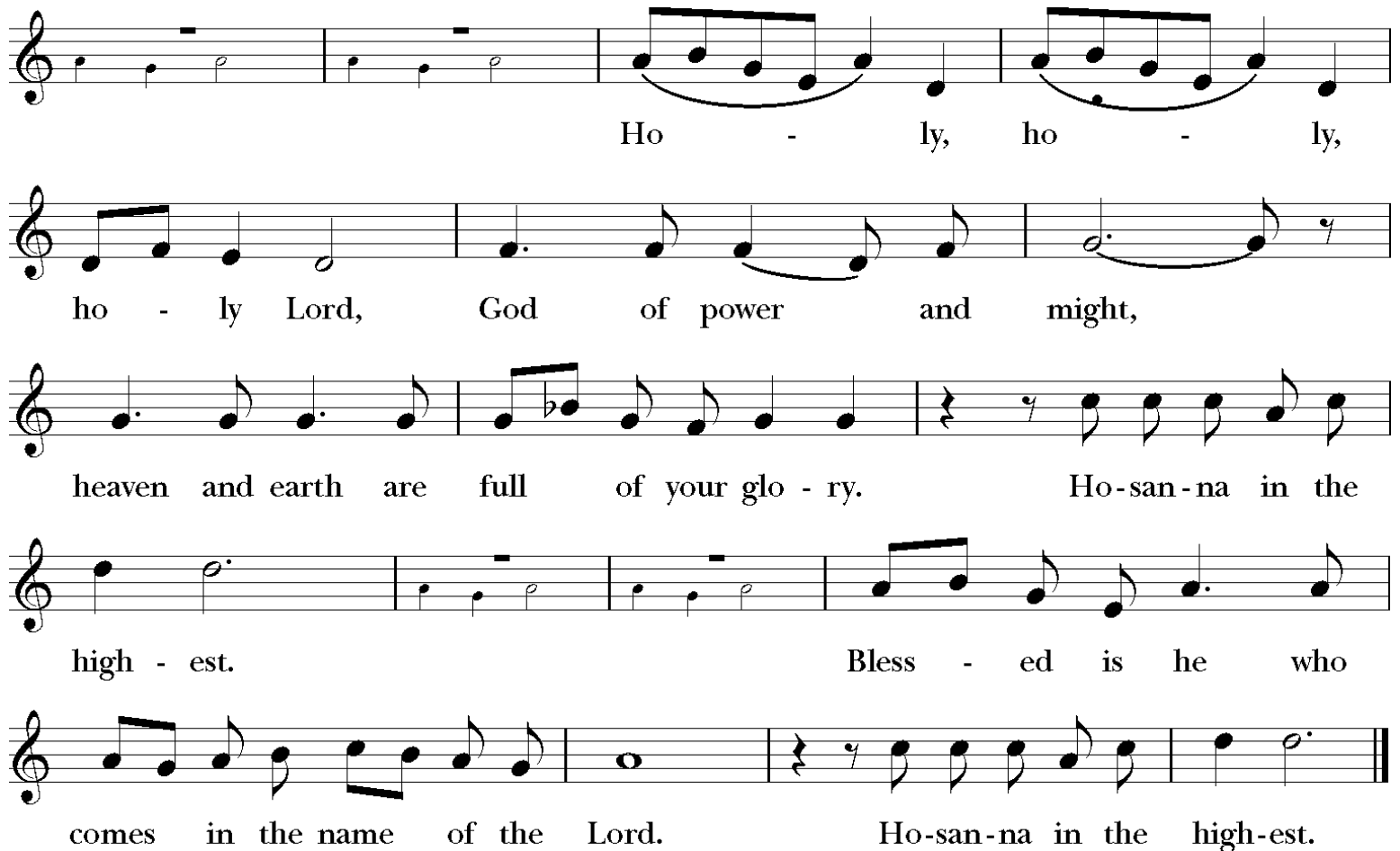
Cecilia Monahan (9:00), Janet Vail(11:15)

**Rector's Greeting**



# Sanctus S 128

William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

**Presider** We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

**Co-Presider** In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

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

**Presider** Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection make all things new. We offer this to you, asking you to smile upon the gifts we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ is the gift through which we live once and for all. Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of the God who fills all in all 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

Fraction Anthem S 165

William Mathias



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

## 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 glass goblet.*

## Music during Communion

(9:00) Come, Let Us Make a Joyful Noise G.F. Handel, arr. Carl Fredrickson  
Charmian Crawford & Marika Klein, soloists

(9:00) Hymn 133 O Light of Light, Love given birth *Elmhurst*

(11:15) I Will Not Leave You Comfortless Everett Titcomb  
Chancel Choir

*I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you again: Alleluia.  
And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.*

(11:15) How Can I Keep from Singing American Folksong  
Charmian Crawford & Marika Klein, soloists arr. Richard Walters

LEVAS 58 The Lord is my light and my salvation Lillian Bouknight

## The Post Communion Prayer

God revealed in human form, we thank you for sharing with us the abundance of your life: in the beauty of humility may we receive with joy the stranger's gift, the water's grace, the living wine of love's desire. Amen.

## ✠ Announcements

Closing Hymn 460 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! vv. 1, 3-4

*Hyfrydol*

## The Blessing

Presider May Christ, who draws the nations to himself, teach us to love our enemies; may Christ who enters the waters of baptism, lead us to die to all but love; may Christ, who gives new wine for the world, turn our bitterness into joy; and the blessing of God, Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer be with us now and forever. Amen.

## The Dismissal

Co-Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude Canon in C, Op. 56 No. 1

Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

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**Sermon Seminar**  
10:00am Nave

**Announcements**

**Sermon**

Rev. Lionel Edmonds

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**Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants**

The Reverend H. Lionel Edmonds has served as the Senior Pastor of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church since 1992. He has led the congregation in creating a national and local ministry addressing spiritual and social needs and concerns. By serving as the co-founder and President of the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) he has worked to help produce a \$100,000,000 Neighborhood Investment Fund for affordable housing, living wage jobs and educational opportunities. In 2003, he was asked to develop a national partnership between Fortune 500 Companies and the faith community.

Rev. Edmonds' preaching ministry has carried him into the pulpits of European cathedrals, to conventions, and to many churches across the U.S. He is an avid jazz listener as well as a musician, published poet and lover of Christ and the Church

Verger	Margaret Wood
Acolytes	Michael Knipe (11:15)
Lay Servers	Nat White, Rita Ossolinski, Josie Jordan, Bill Jordan (9:00) Vena Darling, Jim Steed, Jane and Crane Miller (11:15)
Altar Guild	Susan Ryerson and Marcia Knutson (9:00) Liz Layton, Barbara Harvey, and Sally Rogers (11:15)
Bread and Wine	Julie Murphy and Family (9:00) Sara Rau, in memory of my mother, Dorothy Caldwell (11:15)
Beadles	Charley Donnelly, Tim Veney (11:15)
Laying-On of Hands	John Barton and Suella Henn (9:00) Barbara Nelson (11:15)

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# Announcements

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

## 1. **PLEDGE PAYMENT ALERT! PLEDGE PAYMENT ALERT! PLEDGE PAYMENT ALERT!**

In previous years, when the Canvass was the only annual pledge fundraiser, those who record donations could assume that checks from pledgers were Canvass payments (unless there was an accompanying memo to the contrary). However, now that annual 2012 Canvass and the Vision 2020 Capital Campaign are running simultaneously, this is no longer the case. (Although highly likely that memo-less checks from pledgers are pledge payments, there is no way to guess which pledge is being paid!)

### ***Please help us accurately credit your checks by:***

Writing separate checks for each different kind of pledge payment.

Noting the pledge you are paying on the memo line of your check (Pledge 2012 or Vision 2020).

If you use an **online bill-payment service**, please keep your check memos as short as possible. When the checks are printed, online services typically cut the memo to a word or two. Thus, we suggest limiting your memos to "P2012" or "V2020".

For **cash donations**, please put your cash in a sealed envelope. Write your name and the pledge you are paying on the envelope. (Donation Envelopes can be found in all Nave tract racks.)

Thank you very much! Questions? Please contact Susan Block, Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership, [susan.block@stmarks.net](mailto:susan.block@stmarks.net) or 202-543-0053 ext. 305.

2. **PLEDGE PAYMENT BY AUTO-BANK-DEBIT:** If you have authorized St. Mark's to automatically debit your personal checking account to pay your Annual 2012 Canvass pledge and/or the Capital Campaign pledge, please check your bank statements to make sure all is proceeding as you wish. Please note that the January debits for the 2012 Canvass payments were processed on January 25 and the January debits for the Capital Campaign were processed on February 3. Please expect the February debits for both the Canvass and the Capital Campaign to be processed in late February. Questions or concerns? Please contact Warren O'Hearn, the Bookkeeper, at [wohearn@hotmail.com](mailto:wohearn@hotmail.com).

## **Vision 2020**

3. **VISION 2020 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE** -- As the community knows, the Vision 2020 Steering Committee asked the Vestry in December for more time to pursue cost-saving options on our planned renovation and expansion of the Parish Hall. The Vestry asked that the Steering Committee work with its architect, project manager and contractors to look at alternatives that would bring down the cost of the project, and asked that the Steering Committee report back with its recommendation in February. We are pleased to report that we have been able to meet the deadline and will make a recommendation to the Vestry at its February 26th meeting. As with all Vestry meetings, members of the community are welcome to attend to hear the details. We believe the community will share in the Steering Committee's renewed excitement and energy about the project, as we believe we have found a way to reduce the cost of the project while getting the maximum possible new and improved space. A full presentation will be made to the community at the Annual Meeting on March 11. -- Mike Townsend, Vision 2020 Co-Chair

## **Annual Meeting**

4. **BE THERE!** On Sunday **March 11**, St. Mark's will hold its Annual Parish Meeting immediately following a combined 10:00 AM worship service. In addition to electing three Vestry members and a Diocesan Delegate (all three year terms), the meeting will include a town hall gathering regarding the Vision 2020 Campaign. All members of the parish are urged to attend. All members over the age of 15 who have a 2012 pledge on record as of February 10, 2012 may vote. There are no absentee or proxy ballots. Lunch will be provided, and child care and youth activities will be available. Please also note the snow date for the meeting, March 25. Contact Vicki Street, [vstreet@earthlink.net](mailto:vstreet@earthlink.net) or 301-270-1613, if you have any questions.

## Running for Vestry or Diocesan Delegate

5. **ELECTIONS.** St. Mark's will elect three parish members to three-year terms on the Vestry, St. Mark's policy-making body, at our Annual Meeting on Sunday March 11. We also will elect a Diocesan Delegate to represent St. Mark's for three years. Senior Warden Cecilia Monahan and Junior Warden Phil Guire are each standing for election to their second one-year term. See the "Running for Office at St. Mark's" hand-out in the tract racks and on the table in front of the organ pipes for more information on duties and candidacy requirements. **NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN until February 22.** Please complete a Nomination Petition, obtaining 10 signatures endorsing your candidacy, and place it in the Nomination box on the table, give it to a member of the Nominating Committee (names are on the back of the form), or scan and email it to Vicki Street, [vstreet@earthlink.net](mailto:vstreet@earthlink.net). Candidates must provide a 350-word statement no later than February 25 (email to Vicki), and must present a three-minute speech at the Annual Meeting. Questions? Contact Vicki, [vstreet@earthlink.net](mailto:vstreet@earthlink.net) or 301-270-1613, or any member of the Nominating Committee.

## Annual Parish Retreat

6. **IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for St. Mark's **Annual Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont**, the Diocese of Virginia's bucolic retreat center in Orkney Springs, Virginia. The dates are **Friday, June 8 through Sunday, June 10**. All are invited to join the fun. There are woods to hike in, a pool to swim in, time for fellowship, conversation and relaxation and special activities for youth. Please stay tuned for details.

## 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!*

### Gateway Classes

7. **SPRING 2012 BAPTISM COURSE:** -- This class, designed for parents who plan to present their child for Baptism on either April 15 or May 27, explores parenting issues that are posed by our Liturgy of Baptism. Dates: **Sunday, March 18, 25, and April 1, (3 sessions)** from **10am to 12noon**. Rehearsals are on April 14 for April 15 Baptism and May 26 for May 27 Baptism. If you have questions, please call the class teachers, Brock and Penny Hansen at 202-362-3150 before February 5 and after March 1. During February, Doug Ammon is available with information at 202-544-8399. Fee: \$25 voluntary contribution per couple to defray costs.

### Adult Class Offerings – Winter 2012

8. **LIFE CHANGES: WHAT DO I DO NEXT?:** Change happens to us by choice, or suddenly and unexpectedly. I can put my head in the sand or fall backward, or I can choose to respond faithfully. But what upholds me when I hold inside myself 'a community of opposites'? This class explores major decision points in our lives and how we identify our fears and our faith. Whether it's losing or finding a new job, retiring, getting married or divorced, having a child, facing serious illness or losing a loved one, it's time to hit the reset button. The class is partially inspired by Fr. Richard Rohr's book "Falling Upwards: Spirituality in the Two Halves of Life". Dates & Time: **February 29–April 4 (6 sessions), Wednesdays**, 7:30–9:30 pm in the Adams Room. **Weekend Retreat: March 16–18 at Roslyn Center**, Richmond, VA. Leaders: Pete Eveleth, Matthew Black, Nadine Hathaway, Louise Walsh. Fee for weekend: \$250.

9. **THE BOOK OF JOB: JOB'S CHALLENGE TO GOD: ARE YOU, OUR CREATOR, THE SOURCE OF UNMERITED SUFFERING?** All of us know that life entails pain as well as joy—innocent children are afflicted with disabilities, saints as well as sinners are swept away in natural disasters, the path toward death is often agonizing. Yet we are told repeatedly in worship that the Creator is good. The class will be held during Lent and will use close textual study of Job as well as experiential work to explore the implications of a more complex perception of God and examine how best to respond to a possibly altered vision of the Divine/Holy One. The class leaders are Nat White and Susan Thompson. We welcome any questions and can be reached most Sundays in church, at home at (703) 281-1966 and (703) 329-9797, or by e-mail at

whitent@con.net and susanthompsonhoffman@yahoo.com. Cost: \$25. Dates and Time: **Tuesday evenings—March 6, 13, 20, and 27—7:30-9:30** in the Gregory Room at Baxter House (**4 sessions / no retreat**).

### Bible Study

10. **THE SOCIAL WORLD OF CHRISTIANITY**: Joanna Dewey, professor emerita of Biblical studies at the Episcopal Divinity School (Cambridge MA) and Bernard Brandon Scott, professor of New Testament at Phillips Theological Seminary, (Tulsa, Oklahoma), lead 2012's **Jesus Seminar On The Road**, a tour of Christianity's formative period. **Friday / Saturday, March 9 and 10 --**

Friday 7:30-9pm **"FROM JESUS TO CONSTANTINE: From Disunity to Unity"**: Dr. Scott will lead us through Christianity's emergence in conflict, controversy, and diversity to how Constantine imposed Christian "unity". Saturday 9:30am-12:00: **"WOMEN ON THE WAY: A Feminist Retelling of the Gospel Of Mark"**: Dr. Dewey tells the Gospel of Mark in the person of Artemesia of Ephesus, a story teller visiting an early Christian community. She will be "telling the story" of Mark's gospel as it would have been done in that time. We'll witness the role of woman leaders, villagers and slaves in the early church. Saturday 1:30-4:00pm: **"Imperial Images in Stone and Song"**: Dr. Scott reveals the Christian hymn embedded in Paul's letter to Phillipians amidst Roman Imperial dominance, and **"Implications for Contemporary Christianity"**: Drs Dewey and Scott demonstrate how lessons from early Christianity can guide us in today's "empire". Location: Parish Hall. Full event: \$75; pre-registration \$60. Additional family members \$50. Individual sessions: Friday pm \$20; Saturday am and pm \$30 each. Find further information and register at [www.westarinstitute.org](http://www.westarinstitute.org), or call Raiford Gaffney by phone at 202-460-5415 or email [rgaffneydc@gmail.com](mailto:rgaffneydc@gmail.com) or Penny Farley at 301-439-4473.

11. **SOUL WORK: THE JOURNEY CONTINUES** -- Bill Dols, Episcopal priest and teacher for the Guild for Psychological Studies and the Jung Society of Washington, leads this class examining selected episodes in the life and teachings of Jesus and other wisdom sources as a tool for learning about ourselves and how to live fully in the world. Using the Guild's unique approach, he will use meditation, expressive arts, movement, journaling and music to aid our "soul work". Class size will be limited to 15 participants. Date and Time: **Friday, March 23**, 7:30–9:30 pm; **Saturday, March 24**, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. (2 sessions) Leader: Bill Dols. Coordinator: Matthew Black. Location: Parish Hall. Fee: \$100

### Looking Ahead

12. **BANNER SUNDAY**: Mark your calendars now for Sunday, June 3. One service at 10am. **SHRINE MONT 2012**: And it's never too early to start thinking about our summer Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs, Virginia. Mark your calendar now for a fun-filled weekend, **June 8-10, 2012**.

### Outreach

13. **SOUP KITCHEN - THANK YOU!** for the **21** casseroles received by the Soup Kitchen Team on Sunday, February 12; all were delivered the same day to the **Capitol Hill United Methodist Church**. Your donations are greatly appreciated by both the church and the needy persons of our Capitol Hill neighborhood!

14. **SOUP KITCHEN SANDWICH-MAKING TODAY!** - **Please join us in the Parish Hall, from 4:30 – 5:30 P.M.**, as we prepare 225+ "assembly line sandwiches" for needy persons who receive an evening meal from "**Sunday Suppers**" - a private organization whose Executive Director is our own Rebecca Richards. We always need at least **4-5** sandwich-making volunteers. The sandwiches will be delivered at 5:45 P.M., to the Sunday Suppers' location at 4<sup>th</sup> & K Streets, NW.

15. **JUST WATER**. The St. Marks Mid East Working Group will host Friends of the Earth-Middle East (FOEME), a jointly-led Israeli-Palestinian-Jordanian environmental group, on **February 21** (7-9:00, Parish Hall) to learn about its work on environment and water in the region including the lower Jordan River. All are welcome. Organized in Egypt in 1994, FOEMA seeks sustainable development and peace in the region. With offices and directors in Tel Aviv, Bethlehem, and Amman, FOEME (<http://www.foeme.org>) supports project and advocacy work based on jointly-developed objectives to protect natural resources, especially water, on which people and wildlife alike depend. FOEME's Israeli co-director Gidon Bromberg will describe this interesting group's work. Light refreshments and a voluntary good-will offering. For more information, Christopher Herman, 544-1769, [herman.christopher1@verizon.net](mailto:herman.christopher1@verizon.net)

**16. WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION TO ST. MARK'S OUTREACH ACTIVITIES?** Then St. Mark's Outreach Board would love to have you as a member. Being on the Outreach Board is an important—but not overwhelming—commitment. As a member of the Outreach Board, you would attend one monthly meeting to explore St. Mark's role in new and existing Outreach projects and you would be the liaison to at least one of these projects. Board members include clergy and volunteers, all of whom are committed to the call of St. Mark's mission to ...”engage boldly in the struggles of life and care for others with love, justice and compassion. Please join us! For more information, contact Amanda Folsom. amanda\_folsom@yahoo.com..

**17. MAKE A DIFFERENCE** – Volunteer to be St. Mark's Representative to Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington (“SMGW”).

What does SMGW do? SMGW works with homeless people in setting and meeting their personal goals, such as finding a job or housing, recovering from medical or substance abuse issues, etc.

What is SMGW's connection to St. Marks? St. Mark's was one of 12 parishes that helped start SMGW over 25 years ago and has supported it ever since.

What does St. Mark's Representative to SMGW do?

•Keeps St. Mark's informed about SMGW programs and volunteer opportunities.

•Represents St. Mark's at SMGW Partner Parish Council meetings (usually a couple of hours) about 5 times a year.

•Helps support SMGW's fundraising efforts – past efforts have included working with St. Mark's Youth Director to have our youth join in SMGW's Help-the-Homeless Mini-Walk, and inviting St. Mark's members to attend an annual breakfast to learn more about SMGW.

Contact: Sally Garr Brodhead. sgbrodhead@yahoo.com

### Worship

#### **18. WEEK-DAY SERVICE AND MEDITATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Mondays 7:30 to 9:00pm Insight Meditation in the Nave

Thursdays 7:00 to 8:30am Insight Meditation in the Nave

Thursdays Noon to 12:45pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

**19. NAME TAGS!!** - We need to wear them for new folks and name-challenged old timers! Thanks to Steve Schindel, who magically cranks out the tags. Just sign up on the clip board next to the name tag board. If you want to change your current name tag, sign up or e-mail me. linda\_huntington@yahoo.com

**20. HEARTY EUCHARIST AT 5 PM CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST TODAY!!!** You are invited to come partake in a Hearty Eucharist, much like the 1st century Christians practiced in their communities. We are celebrating the 2nd anniversary of this service with an abundance of Middle Eastern food and fellowship in theNave. Please bring a simple dish and/or beverage to share. Contact Justi Schunior at justi.schunior@stmarks.net for questions.

**21. BECOME A LAY SERVER AND ENTER THE INNER CIRCLE!** As a newcomer, I thought the pillars of the church selected readers, lay servers, acolytes, and beadles for their duties. I held back from volunteering until someone asked me. Consider this your invitation! :o) Call Linda Dickinson, 9:00 coordinator, 703-370-3089 or Linda Huntington, 11:15 coordinator, 301-279-2248.

**22. MONDAY NIGHT MEDITATION** 7:30-9:00 Experience a pause in your busy schedule and learn something about a very powerful faith tradition and its application to how we live. The session is, like our communion, open to everyone regardless of background or where you are on your life path.

## Parish Life

23. **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, February 27, 2012**, at 7:30 PM in the Penniman Room. Feel free to contact the group leaders: Suella Henn, [swhenn@mac.com](mailto:swhenn@mac.com), phone 202-544-0113, or Mary Welker, [marymwelker@aol.com](mailto:marymwelker@aol.com), 202-387-4083.

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23. **HUNGRY? THIRSTY? JUST PLAIN BORED?** Come to Dinner and Board Game Night! On Sunday, February 26, 2012, after the 5:00 PM Service there will be a dinner for 20s, 30s, and young professionals at the Baxter House. Feel free to bring either a dish, dessert, or drink, but definitely bring your appetite! Some board games will be provided and you are welcome to bring your own. We will eat and play from 6-9 PM. New to St. Marks? This is a great way to meet folks! If you have questions or need directions, contact Jessica Sauer at [jasauer85@gmail.com](mailto:jasauer85@gmail.com), 202-228-0659

25. **ST. MARK'S READING GROUP:** On **March 5**, we will discuss *All Our Worldly Goods* by Irene Nemirovsky at 7:30 p.m. in the Penniman Room at Baxter House. On April 2, we will read *Freedom* by Jonathan Franzen. All are welcome! Questions should be directed to Linda Ewald at [llerbe@yahoo.com](mailto:llerbe@yahoo.com).

26. **3RD AGERS FIELD TRIP.** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Agers are sponsoring a “field trip” on Healthy Eating with nutritionist Lynda McIntyre on **February 23** at 2:00. Lynda will guide us on a tour of the Whole Foods store in the Kenwood Shopping Center on River Road in Bethesda while giving very helpful ideas about foods that provide the greatest nutritional value. Sign up list is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Questions? Call or e-mail Jane Miller, Kathy Tatko, or Nancy Van Scoyoc. Contact information is in the Directory.

## Youth and Family Ministries

*Marcella Gillis, St. Mark's Director of Youth Ministries can be reached at  
[Marcella.gillis@stmarks.net](mailto:Marcella.gillis@stmarks.net) or (202) 543-0053 x320*

27. **CAMP EDOW – AUGUST 5-10** The Diocese is RE-launching summer camp for rising 4-8<sup>th</sup> graders at Camp Maria in Southern Maryland. The theme is EpiscOlympics and the week will provide opportunities for swimming, canoeing, fellowship and Christian formation. More information can be found at [www.edow.org/camp](http://www.edow.org/camp), or ask Marcella (who served on the initial planning committee!) Registration is due **April 1, 2012**.

28. **SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN: SPRING SESSIONS** The spring schedule for classes in the Dioceses' required child abuse prevention training (for full time church employees and volunteers working with youth) has now been confirmed. Please sign up for one of these Saturday morning sessions and encourage others to participate so that we are able safely continue and enrich our youth and family ministries!

### **Dates and locations:**

Saturday, 2/25/12 (9:30 am - 12:30pm) - Atonement Church (Region 5)

Saturday, 3/24/12 (9:30 am - 12:30pm) - St. John's, Broad Creek (Region 6)

Saturday, 4/21/12 (9:30 am - 12:30pm) - St. Paul's, Rock Creek (Region 5)

Saturday, 5/19/12 (9:30 am - 12:30pm) - St. John's, Norwood (Region 3)

Saturday, 6/9/12 (9:30 am - 12:30pm) - Epiphany, DC (Region 1)

## Music

29. **MUSIC STUDIO** The St. Mark's Music Studio is excited to now offer voice lessons through teacher Kellie McHugh ([kellie.mchugh.81@gmail.com](mailto:kellie.mchugh.81@gmail.com)). Jeff Kempskie and Nadine Hathaway also continue to offer piano lessons for both children and adults at very reasonable rates. Contact the Director of Music at [jeff.kempskie@stmarks.net](mailto:jeff.kempskie@stmarks.net) for more information.

### Parish Prayer List

Lolita Abernathy (Paul's mother) • Taylor Adams • Mimi Chesslin • Joya Cox •  
 Betty and Jack Davis (Beryl Maloney-Lillaston's Aunt and Uncle) • Taylor Emerson (Randy Marks' niece) •  
 Julio Gomez • Celia Hahn • Morgan Hamlin (Goddaughter of Pamela and Robert Schmidle) •  
 Dennis Lewis • Nat Marks • Lila Marks • Randell Prothro • Bruce Ritter • Al Rollins •  
 Carroll Russell Sherer (Peter's mom) • Doris Strange • Vicki Street • Bill Wachter •  
 Geneva Watkins (Pontheolla's mother) • Mary Welker • Elin Whitney-Smith •

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),  
 Christian Schmidle (son of Robert and Pamela Schmidle, husband of Jen Salerno)

### Military Service Deaths

Lance Cpl. Osbrany Montes De Oca, 20, of North Arlington, NJ  
 Pfc. Cesar Cortez, 24, of Oceanside, CA  
 Sgt. 1st Class Billy A. Sutton, 42, of Tupelo, MS

### Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington:

Christ Church, Accokeek (St. John's Parish) and St. John's Chapel  
 Pray for the leaders of all nations, especially Barack Hussein Obama, President of the United States

In the Anglican Communion:

We pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa

This Week at St. Mark's as of 2/9/12 at 9:30am

### Sunday, February 19

8:45am – 12:45pm <b>9:00am – 10:00am</b>	Child Care ( <b>Nursery</b> ) <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding; Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Co-Presiding
10:00am - 11:00am 10:00am - 11:00am 11:00am – 11:45am	Marching Through the Bible (Music Studio) Sermon Seminar (Nave) Rev. Lionel Edmonds, Preaching Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Room 1)
<b>11:15am - 12:30pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding; Rev. Lionel Edmonds, Preaching; Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Co-Presiding;
12:45pm – 2:00pm 2:00pm - 4:00pm 4:30pm - 6:00pm 4:30pm - 6:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall) What's an Episcopalian? (Adams Room) Sandwich Prep (Parish Hall) Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b> 5:00pm - 6:00pm	<b>Contemplative Eucharist</b> (Adams Room) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding and Preaching ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

<b>Monday, February 20</b>	
10:00am – 7:30pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm	Office Closed – President’s Day Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Yoga Class (Adams Room) Insight Meditation (Nave)
<b>Tuesday, February 21</b>	
12:15pm - 1:15pm 4:00pm - 9:00pm 5:00pm - 7:00pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm 6:30pm - 9:00pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm 7:30pm – 10:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio) Dance Classes (Dance Class) Vision 2020 (Gregory Room) Yoga Class (Adams Room) Middle East Working Group (Parish Hall) Life, Community and Faith Class (Adams Room, Classrooms) Players: The Secret Garden Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
<b>Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday</b>	
7:00am - 8:00am 11:00am - 1:00pm 11:30am - 8:00pm 12:00pm - 1:00pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm 7:00pm - 8:00pm 7:30pm - 10:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Nave) Wednesday Bible Study (Adams Room) Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Ash Wednesday Service (Nave) Yoga Class (Adams Room) Ash Wednesday Service (Nave) Players: The Secret Garden Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
<b>Thursday, February 23</b>	
7:00am - 8:00am 12:00pm – 12:30pm 4:00pm - 8:30pm 6:30pm - 8:00pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm	Insight Meditation Group (Nave) Thursday Noon Eucharist (Chapel) Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Yoga Class (Adams Room) Choir Rehearsal (Nave) The Players: The Secret Garden Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
<b>Friday, February 24</b>	
7:00am - 8:00am 11:45am – 7:30pm 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio) Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Women’s AA Meeting (Adams Room)
<b>Saturday, February 25</b>	
8:30am - 6:30pm 9:00am – 4:00pm 10:00am -12:00pm 6:00pm - 9:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Japanese Student Exchange Program (Parish Hall) Yoga Class (Adams Room) AA Meeting (Adams Room)
<b>Sunday, February 26</b>	
8:45am – 12:45pm <b>9:00am –10:00am</b>  10:00am -11:00am 10:00am - 11:00am 11:00am – 11:45am <b>11:15am -12:30pm</b>  1:15pm - 3:30pm 12:45pm – 2:00pm 4:30pm - 6:00pm <b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b>  5:00pm - 6:00pm	Child Care ( <b>Nursery</b> ) <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding; Rev. Justi Schunior, Co-Presiding Marching Through the Bible (Music Studio) Sermon Seminar (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Preaching Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Room 1) <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding and Preaching, Rev. Justi Schunior, Co-Presiding Vestry Meeting (Adams Room) Pub Lunch (Parish Hall) Yoga Class (Dance Studio) <b>Contemplative Eucharist</b> (Adams Room) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding and Preaching ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

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