



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 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 8, 2012

9:00AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

10:00AM SERMON SEMINAR

11:15AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider and Preacher

The Reverend Justi Schunior, Assistant Rector

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. 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.

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).

The Holy Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Word

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

Prelude Christ, Unser Herr, Zum Jordan Kam, BuxWV 180
(Christ, our Lord, came to the Jordan)

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Opening Hymn 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

Caithness

Opening Sentences Psalm 29:1-3

Presider Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,

People ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Presider Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;

People worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Presider The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

People the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

Collect

Presider Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The people sit.

The Hebrew Scripture Genesis 1:1-5

*Read by Sam Sherman (9:00),
Jim Steed (11:15)*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

People Thanks be to God.

✠ **A Scene** from the play, "Arcadia" *acted by Calder Stembel and Caroline Schreiber*
(The winter production of The Players, St. Mark's residential community theatre group)

The Gospel Mark 1:4-11

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark.

✠People

Nancy Karpeles



Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ. _____

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

✠People

Nancy Karpeles



Praise to you, Lord Christ. _____

Children's Reflection (9:00)

The Assistant Rector

✠Sermon

The Assistant Rector

The Prayers of the People for Epiphany

Written by Loretta Veney, *revised*

Led by Meredith Sherman (9:00), Andrew Stafford (11:15)

Leader With whole hearts, open minds and undying love for our communities, let us pray, saying, "God, grant us grace."

We pray for our community as family that we may treat others as we want to be treated, be they family by blood of kinship or by bond of friendship.

Let us pray, saying,

People God, grant us grace.

Leader We pray for our community as love that we may strive for charity unconditional at all times, toward all people, especially the "others" in our midst. Let us pray, saying,

People God, grant us grace.

Leader We pray for our community as order that those who lead – here, in the nation, and the world – will decide wisely and act faithfully for the benefit of all. Let us pray, saying,

People God, grant us grace.

Leader We pray for our community as prophet that we may share both our beliefs and our doubts with love and with care. Let us pray, saying,

People God, grant us grace.

Leader We pray for our community as redemption that we, in this new year, open to the ministrations one of another, may continue to become who, in Christ, we already are. Let us pray, saying,

People God, grant us grace.

Leader We pray for our community as transformation that we, in humility, may share in and with the world all that we are and all that we have. Let us pray, saying,

People God, grant us grace.

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 Let us pray.

All In this season of Epiphany, we ask for enlightenment that we may transform faithful intentions into fruitful actions that glorify you, O God, and edify your people. We pray to you as holy and eternal community, Creator, Son, and Spirit. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be with you.

People And also with you.

Vestry Greeting

Assistant Rector's Greeting

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem O For a Closer Walk

Chancel Choir

Words by William Cowper

Music by C.V. Stanford

*O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!*

*Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.*

*So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.*

Presentation Hymn 119 v. 3

Dix

As they offered gifts most rare at the manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.

The Great Thanksgiving

from Prayers for an Inclusive Church

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

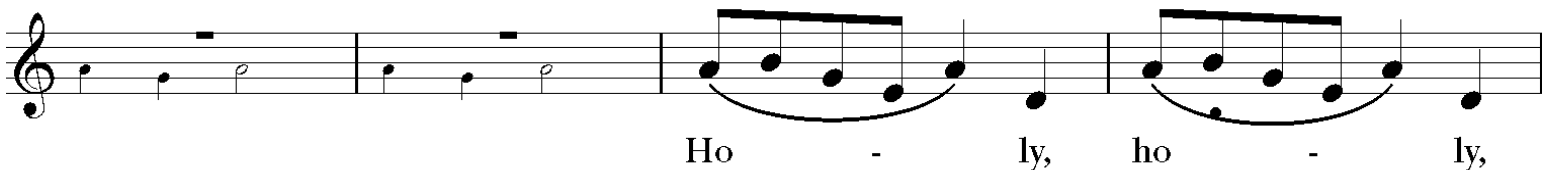
Presider Let us give thanks to our God.

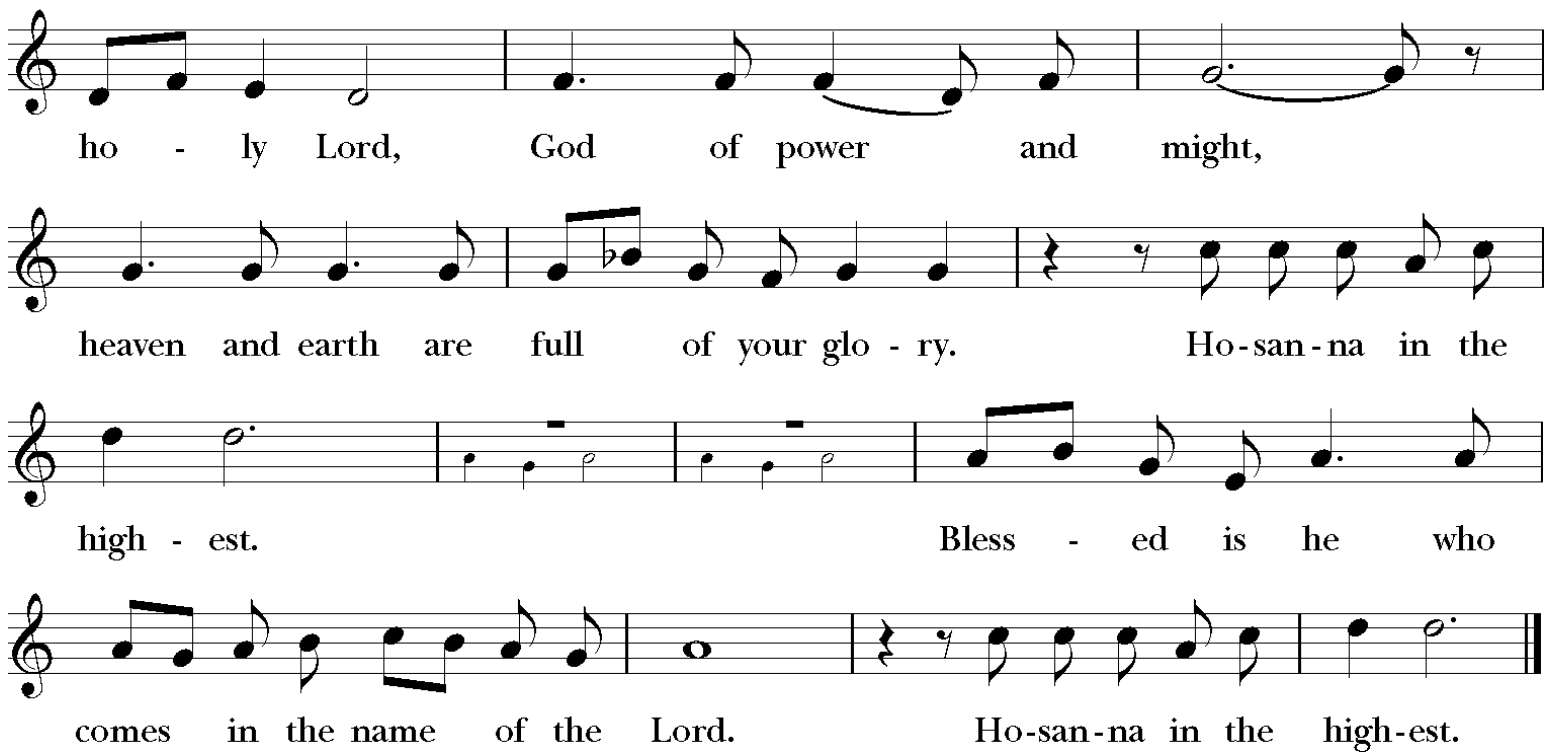
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider We praise you, God of many names, whose Spirit runs free through all the earth, whose image lies deep in every mortal soul. In your grace your Word is made known to every people, calling forth the best they have to offer; your Beloved is immersed in the waters of creation healing the chaos that floods our world; your son is the guest who offers new wine changing hearts grown withered and cold. Therefore we celebrate the rays of morning light that bathe the world in glory and kindle a new song:

Sanctus S 128

William Mathias





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." 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.

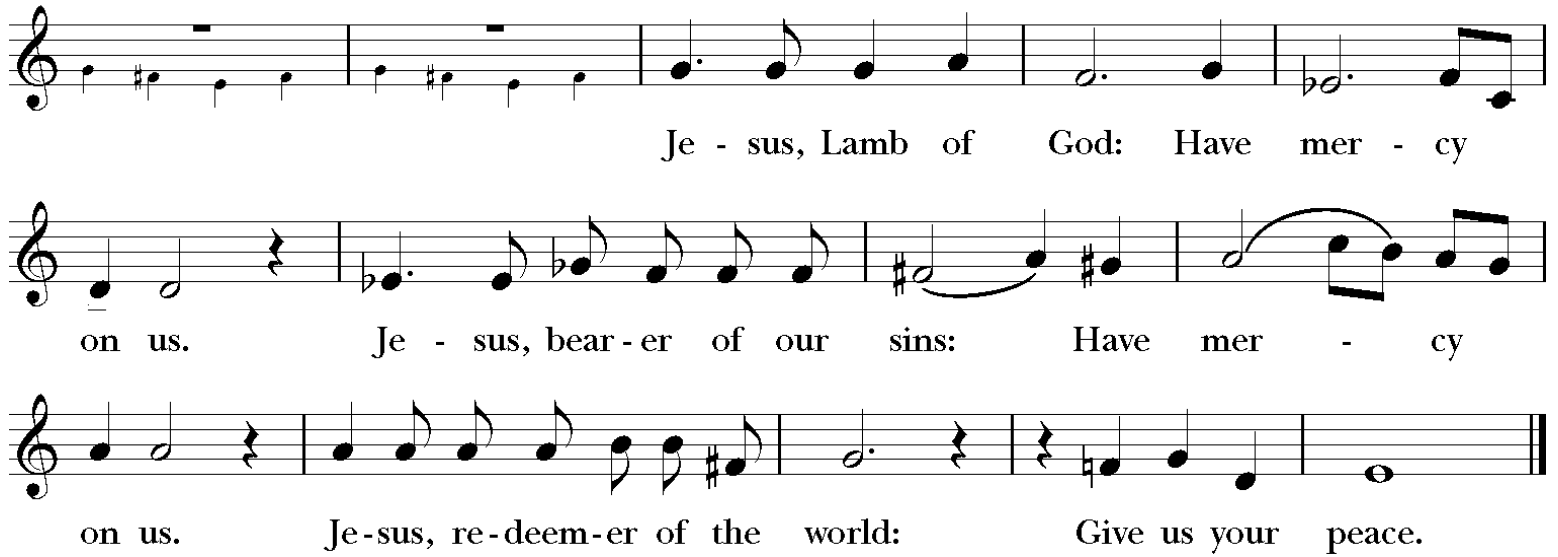
All **AMEN.**

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

O Light of Light, Love given birth

Elmhurst, Cary Ratcliff

Chancel Choir

*O Light of Light, Love given birth;
Jesus, Redeemer of the earth:
more bright than day your face did show,
your raiment whiter than the snow.*

*Two prophets, who had faith to see,
with your elect found company;
the heavens above your glory named,
your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.*

*May all who seek to praise aright
through purer lives show forth your light.
To you, the King of glory, now
all faithful hearts adoring bow .*

Hymn 139 When Jesus went to Jordan's stream

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam

Hymn 128 We three kings of Orient are

Three Kings of Orient

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 117 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

Morning Star

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 you now and forever. Amen.

The Dismissal

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

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude 'Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her
(From Heaven above I come)

Georg Böhm
(1661-1733)

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Sermon Seminar

10:00am Nave

Announcements

A Scene from the play, "Arcadia"

(The winter production of The Players, St. Mark's residential community theatre group)

Sermon

The Assistant Rector

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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.

From the Staff

1. The Rector is away this Sunday at the Annual Christian Education Retreat. He will return to his office **Tuesday, January 10**

2. **TO ALL DONORS:** Please help us credit your donations accurately:
Please write separate checks for each different kind of donation and/or pledge payment. This is a huge help to the volunteers and staff who count and deposit your money and to those who keep the church books and records.

Please indicate the purpose of your donation in your check memo:

For donations to the building renovation fund, please write "Vision 2020" or "Capital Campaign" or "Building Fund" in your check memo line.

For payments towards your annual Every Member Canvass (aka Stewardship) pledge, please write "pledge 2011" or "pledge 2012" in your check memo line.

If you wish to donate cash, please put your cash in a sealed envelope – and write your name and the purpose of your donation on the envelope. (Donation Envelopes can be found in all Nave tract racks.)

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Block, Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership, susan.block@stmarks.net or 202-543-0053 ext. 305.

Annual Meeting

3. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** St. Mark's 2012 Annual Meeting will be held after a single worship service on **March 11**. Three Vestry members and a Diocesan Delegate will be elected to three-year terms. Be thinking about excellent candidates (maybe you!) and be on the lookout in the next couple of weeks for information from the Nominating Committee on the nomination process.

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

4. **INTRODUCTION TO LIFE AT ST. MARK'S** -- Please join our Assistant Rector, Justi Schunior, along with Loretta Veney in this one day "Intro" class that offers an overview of the St. Mark's community – our vision (who we are), our vocation (what we do), and our values (how we do what we do). Near the end of the class, parish leaders will join us to share a bit about opportunities for deeper engagement in our community life. **Sunday, January 22, 2012; 1:00 to 4:00pm**. Please sign-up on the bulletin board or directly to Justi at justi.schunior@stmarks.net.

5. **LIFE COMMUNITY & FAITH: Spring 2012** – Did you miss signing up for LCF last fall? Not to worry, a spring session is just around the corner! Designed for all parishioners who are looking to build a smaller community within the larger parish. LCF is a vibrant, experiential class that invites and encourages participants to identify and examine their life's concerns and questions within a class community. The course uses the lens of our Christian story, particularly Jesus' relationship with his disciples, to deepen our understanding of ourselves and our faith. Open to all, especially newcomers. Dates & Time: **January 31–April 3, 2012, Tuesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm** (10 sessions and 2 retreats). Weekends: February 10–12, 2012 at DuPont House, Rehoboth, DE and March 23–25, 2012 at Roslyn Center, Richmond, VA; Leaders: Susan Flanders, Justi Schunior, Charlie Rupp, and Joe Tarantolo. Fee: \$250 (covers costs of first retreat; second retreat funded by a private donation). Child Care support available upon request.

6. **WHAT'S AN EPISCOPALIAN? Tradition, Liturgy & Theology** -- This 4-week class, a preparation for the Rite of Confirmation in the Episcopal Church, is designed as a lens through which class members can examine the promises and commitments involved in being a confirmed communicant. The course focuses on the history and traditions of the Anglican/Episcopal Church and key elements of our worship experience. Dates & Times: **Winter 2012: February 5, 12, March 4, 11, Sundays 2-4 pm (4 sessions)**; Spring 2012: April 22, 29, May 6, 13, Sundays 2-4 pm (4 sessions). Location: Adams Room. Leader: Paul Abernathy. Fee: \$25 voluntary contribution to defray costs.

Adult Class Offerings – Winter 2012

7. **RACE AND RECONCILIATION: The Class** -- We at St. Mark's continue to work on making our community welcoming to people of all faiths and backgrounds. Facing into our issues about race, however, usually proves awkward and easy to avoid. Research has shown that insensitivity to social issues, based on very early training and experiences, can be deeply buried. As early as a few months of age, babies can tell differences among races and attach a point of view to their observations. Building on the work of St. Mark's Race and Reconciliation consultants, this class will provide a safe place to explore our feelings about people who look different from us. Dates & Time: **January 18–February 22** (6 sessions), Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm. Leaders: Peter Sherer, Leon Cover, and Loretta Veney. Fee \$50.

8. **BEYOND THE FRAME / "Opening the Shutters"** at the Freer Gallery will take place **January 19, 2012, 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM**. We will view James Whistler's famed Peacock Room, heretofore seen in semi-darkness, in natural sunlight in which subtleties of color, texture and symbols emerge! In the setting of Whistler's lavish architectural designs, we can enjoy the recently installed collection of rare ceramics from China, Egypt, Japan and Syria as well as paintings and other decorative arts. Co-facilitators, Martha Connor-Donnelly (macd46@hotmail.com) and Betty Foster (bettywesfoster@earthlink.net); Fee: \$25.

9. **UNBURDENING OUR HEARTS: Choosing Forgiveness** -- Do you long to let go of past hurts and resentments and feel more peaceful? In this functional education class we will explore the spiritual meanings of forgiveness as well as what hinders us and what helps us in unburdening our hearts and forgiving ourselves and others. Dates & Time: **February 13–March 12 (5 sessions)**, Mondays in the Adams Room, 7:30–9:30 pm. Weekend Retreat, February 24–26 at Roslyn Center, Richmond, VA. Leaders: Elizabeth McCain, Don Lipscomb, Jack Burton, Linda Ewald. Fee \$250 (retreat cost).

Check this section of the bulletin each week for a preview of upcoming classes. Check the Christian Ed catalog on the St. Mark's website (<http://www.stmarks.net>) under Ministry & Programs / Course Catalog, for all descriptions. Hard copies of the catalog are also available at the back table and in the book racks (look for the orange covers). Please take a look and consider which classes you will take this year!

Outreach

10. **SOUP KITCHEN – YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ST. MARK'S!** Become one of the three Soup Kitchen Co-Managers! Primary monthly activity includes: making two brief oral announcements; submitting two or three original or preformatted computer announcements for publication; assisting with monthly purchase of food at Costco, in Arlington (a Saturday morning - 30 minutes, with a St. Mark's access card);

receiving (and, optionally, delivering) monthly casseroles to a nearby church (30 minutes); and assisting with making (and, optionally, delivering) 225 sandwiches to “a Outreach group in D.C. (Max: - 2 hours). *That’s all there is to it! Less than 3 hours, spread over three weeks, once a month!* Your active role in this important program will be most welcome by all concerned with Outreach sustenance for needy persons! Could you do this or become part of this effort? Please contact Jack Richards for more information!

11. **ALL SOUP KITCHEN ACTIVITIES ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED** - *Both casserole contributions and sandwich-making activities have been suspended for the month of January,* the former due to the tremendous generosity of the congregation, by providing **35** casseroles in December – which overwhelmed the **Capitol Hill United Methodist Church (CHUMC)** (Thanks again, for your generosity!). They now have enough for January! The cancellation of our sandwich-making for “Sunday Suppers” is due to a lack of available space to create sandwiches on the third Sunday of the month (the new, sandwich-making, scheduled date each month). Alternatives for sandwich-making have been explored but are not feasible. And “*Thank You!*” for your continuing support of these important programs for our needy neighbors in the areas of Capitol Hill! Questions? Please contact Program Manager Jack Richards (703) 751-1456.

12. **PROGRAM DIRECTOR:** Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington (a non-profit helping people who are homeless and others in need to help themselves to better lives with support and volunteers from partner parishes) seeks a Program Director to provide leadership for its *Next Step* program. Major responsibilities include program policy and planning, supervision of paid and unpaid staff, management of day-to-day operations and services (including computerized program data), monitoring and evaluation, initiating needed improvements, public relations/advocacy. Requires BA or equivalent work experience in related field (MA preferred); seven years experience in social services with minimum of 3 years management/supervisory experience; Microsoft Office & related computer program literacy; database management experience; excellent interpersonal, written and oral communications skills. Samaritan Ministry is an equal opportunity employer. Cover letter and resume to downdes@samaritanministry.org

13. **THANK YOU, ST. MARK’S!** This year’s **MEWG Advent Sale** of olivewood creches, ornaments and olive oil from Palestine generated a total of \$4,209. Of that amount, \$2,947 supports farmers and craftspeople in the West Bank while \$1,262 will aid the work of the **Princess Basma Centre for Disabled Children** in Jerusalem. An additional \$206 in donations was given by individuals for the Centre. Serving an interfaith population in both urban and rural areas, Princess Basma is one of four institutions for the disabled owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The generous gift to the Centre from St. Mark’s is being sent through the **American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem**. Read more about the Centre and the AFEDJ on the bulletin board. – **St. Mark’s Mid-East Working Group**

Worship

14. WEEK-DAY SERVICE AND MEDITATION OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Mondays 7:30 to 9:00pm</u>	Insight Meditation in the Nave
<u>Thursdays 7:00 to 8:30am</u>	Insight Meditation in the Nave
<u>Thursdays Noon to 12:45pm</u>	Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

15. **VOLUNTEERS FOR READERS GUILD NEEDED:** If you would like to read the scriptures, Prayers of the People or other selected readings during either early or late church services, please contact Susan Witek at slwitek@gmail.com. You can select the date, service and reading (scriptures or Prayers of the People) that works for you.

Parish Life

16. **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 23, 2012**, 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.

17. **ST MARK'S READING GROUP:** On **February 6**, we will discuss *Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver. On **March 5**, we will read *All Our Worldly Goods* by Irene Nemirovsky. *In the Garden of Beasts* will probably be our June book since it comes out in paperback in May. All are welcome! Questions should be directed to Linda Ewald at llerbe@yahoo.com.

18. **THIRD AGERS EVENT.** The second gathering of 3rd Agers (those of us who are 60 or 60+) for 2011-2012 will be held on Saturday, **January 28** from 10:30 to 2:30. Our theme for the day is ***Keeping Active and Healthy***. We'll do just that after a short business meeting and pot luck lunch. The Jammers will be back to play tunes we all remember and enjoy! 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.

19. **ST MARK'S WOMAN TO WOMAN - SAVE THE DATE! Friday, February 3** 6:30pm - Pot Luck & Margaret Hollister discussion on her book: *INHERITING CHINA: A MEMOIR*. Margaret is a treasure among us, 90+ yrs old -- living on Capitol Hill a few blocks from St. Mark's. She has already met with one small St. Mark's book group, and is very much looking forward to meeting more St. Mark's women. If you would like to read the book beforehand write a check for \$20 to Margaret Hollister & contact Janice Gregory @ janmaxgreg@msn.com or (202)544-8177. More information to follow.

Youth and Family Ministries

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

20. **There will be no Sunday School today. Classes resume January 15th.**

21. **The nursery will reopen today.**

22. **FAMILY SKI TRIP – SIGN UP NOW!**The annual family ski trip is planned for MLK weekend this year (**Jan. 14-16**). We will be staying at Windwood Resort in Canaan Valley, WV. Cost is \$95/adult and \$80/child for lodging and meals. This trip is open to **all** who would like to come! Please contact Marcella to reserve your space.

Music

23. **PIANO LESSONS** Jeff Kempskie and Nadine Hathaway are offering piano lessons for both children and adults through the Music Studio. Rates are very reasonable. Contact Jeff Kempskie 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) • Gabrielle Giffords • Julio Gomez •
 Celia Hahn • Morgan Hamlin (Goddaughter of Pamela and Robert Schmidle) • Anne Headley •
 Dennis Lewis • Randell Prothro • John Rick (friend of Raiford Gaffney) • 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

Spc. Mikayla A. Bragg, 21, of Longview, WA

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington:

Church of the Epiphany, Washington
 Downtown Street Ministries, sponsored by the Church of the Epiphany, Washington
 Epiphany Church, Forestville

In the Anglican Communion:

We pray for The Anglican Church of Australia

This Week at St. Mark's as of 1/4/12 at 9:30am

Sunday, January 8

8:45am – 12:45pm	Christian Education Weekend Retreat
9:00am – 10:00am	Child Care (Nursery)
10:00am - 11:00am	Family Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding
11:15am -12:30pm	Sermon Seminar (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Preaching
12:45pm – 2:00pm	Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding and Preaching
1:00pm - 11:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Players Tech Week (Nave, Parish Hall)
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Contemplative Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding and Preaching
	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

<i>Monday, January 9</i>	
10:00am – 7:30pm 6:00pm - 11:00pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm 7:30pm – 9:00pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Players Tech Week (Nave, Parish Hall) Yoga Class (Adams Room) Caregivers Support Group (Penniman Room) Insight Meditation (Adams Room)
<i>Tuesday, January 10</i>	
12:15pm - 1:15pm 4:00pm - 9:00pm 5:00pm - 7:00pm 6:00pm - 11:00pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio) Dance Classes (Dance Class) Vision 2020 (Gregory Room) Players Tech Week (Nave, Parish Hall) Yoga Class (Adams Room)
<i>Wednesday, January 11</i>	
11:00am - 1:00pm 11:30am - 8:00pm 6:00pm - 11:00pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm	Wednesday Bible Study (Adams Room) Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Players Tech Week (Nave, Parish Hall) Yoga Class (Adams Room)
<i>Thursday, January 12</i>	
7:00am - 8:00am 12:00pm – 12:30pm 4:00pm - 8:30pm 6:30pm - 8:00pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm	Insight Meditation Group (Nave) Thursday Noon Eucharist (Chapel) Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Yoga Class (Adams Room) Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
<i>Friday, January 13</i>	
7:00am - 8:00am 11:45am – 7:30pm 6:00pm - 8:00pm 6:00pm - 11:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio) Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Women’s AA Meeting (Adams Room) Players Production (Nave, Parish Hall)
<i>Saturday, January 14</i>	
8:30am - 6:30pm 10:00am -12:00pm 10:00am -12:00pm 6:00pm - 9:00pm 6:00pm - 11:00pm	Youth and Family Ski Trip Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Baptism Rehearsal (Nave) Yoga Class (Adams Room) AA Meeting (Adams Room) Players Production (Nave, Parish Hall)
<i>Sunday, January 15</i>	
8:45am – 12:45pm 9:00am –10:00am 9:00am - 9:30am 10:00am -11:00am 10:00am - 11:00am 11:00am – 11:45am 11:15am -12:30pm 12:45pm – 2:00pm 1:00pm - 11:00pm 4:30pm - 6:00pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm	Youth and Family Ski Trip Child Care (Nursery) Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding; Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Co-Presiding Children’s Chapel (Adams Room) Marching Through the Bible (Music Studio) Sermon Seminar (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Preaching Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Room 1) Holy Eucharist and Baptism (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding; Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Co-Presiding Pub Lunch (Parish Hall) Players Production (Nave, Parish Hall) Yoga Class (Dance Studio) Contemplative Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding and Preaching ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

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Class of '13	Bill Dickinson, Rick Hayes, Marilu Sherer
Class of '14	Grady Hedgespath, Charlotte Murray, Janet Vail
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Diocesan Delegates

David Deutsch

Rick Rutherford

Maureen Shea

Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	Burton Reist
Acolytes	Avery Townsend, Emily Townsend and Kate Billings (9:00) Ryan Velasco (11:15)
Lay Servers	Sarah Baldwin, Chase Ammon, Teddy Ammon and Dylan Corr (9:00) Jackie Boddie, Liz Layton, Stephanie Deutsch and Bill Doolittle
Altar Guild	Marcia Knuston and Susan Ryerson (9:00) Bert and Mary Cooper and Mary Jo Detweiler (11:15)
Bread and Wine	The Sherman Family (9:00) Ann Alden and Beryl Maloney-Lillaston (11:15)
Beadles	Tim Veney, Rosemary Harold and Michael Knipe (11:15)