

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 IN LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2011**

SEASONAL THEME: EXPLORING GOD'S COVENANT WITH US

**9:00AM THE GREAT LITANY IN PROCESSION +
HOLY EUCHARIST**

9:00AM CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

10:00AM SERMON SEMINAR

**11:15AM THE GREAT LITANY IN PROCESSION +
HOLY EUCHARIST**

Presider & Preacher

The Reverend Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector

Co-Presider & Children's Chapel Leader

The Reverend Justi Schunior, Assistant Rector

Director of Music and Organist

Mr. Jeff Kempkie

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, 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 non-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

Prelude Minuetto

Melchoir Chiesa (ca. 1770)

Chris Herman, cello

The Great Litany

Book of Common Prayer

Officiant  *People* 

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

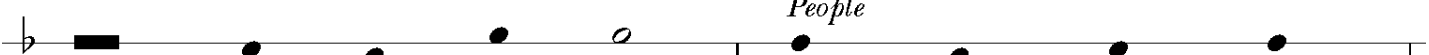
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant 

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People 

preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant 

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the



devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People 

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

Presider From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Presider From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Presider From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Presider From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Presider From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Presider By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Presider By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

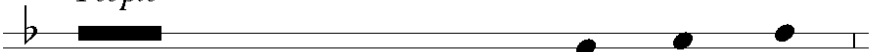
People Good Lord, deliver us.

Presider In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Presider We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

Presider That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Mark and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

Presider 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.

The Collect of The Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray,

O God, you establish a bow in the clouds as a sign of your everlasting covenant with all people. May we, duly mindful of your love for us and for all creation, give ourselves to the preservation of the earth for the sake of generations to come that all may know and enjoy the riches of your grace. Amen.

✠**The Hebrew Scripture** Genesis 9:8-17

Read by Martha Conner-Donnelly (11:15)

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Mark 1:9-15

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

✠ **Sermon** Never Again

The Rector

The Peace

Presider God's peace be with you.

People And also with you.

Vestry Greeting

Vicki Street (9:00), Rick Hayes (11:15)

Rector's Greeting

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem Prayer of St. Theresa

St. Theresa of Avila, tr. H. W. Longfellow

Chancel Choir

David Conte

*Let nothing disturb thee,
Nothing affright thee;
All things are passing;
God never changeth;
Patient endurance attaineth to all things;
Who God possesseth in nothing is wanting;
Alone, God sufficeth.*

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider God is with us.

People Always with us.

Presider Therefore, we lift our hearts

People With thanks and praise!

Presider For you, O God, in the beginning and through all time, create, bringing all things into being, yea, too, humankind.

Co-Presider Blessing us with the surpassing gifts of memory and reason, skill and freewill, you call us, as co-creators, to be stewards of your world.

Presider Rejoicing in so grand a privilege, we raise our voices in song,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Sanctus

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Hurd

David

Co-President Though soon did our praise, our “yes” to your grace, O God, die in our throats as we, in our freedom, rejected your call to us and claimed the earth as our own.

President Yet, O God, in manifest love, you would not forsake us, calling again and again to us through prophets and sages, and then in Jesus...

Co-President On whom your Spirit came and to whom you spoke at his Baptism, and who, by that same Spirit, you drove into the wilderness of trial and test that he might know truly who he was...

President Our brother, yea, our Savior, who calls us to follow him. In Baptism that we might know, too, that we are your beloved. And into wilderness that we, in the shadows, might face the darkness that is in us so that we, knowing ourselves truly, can stand fully in the light of our lives.

And for this journey, you strengthen us through this supper that Jesus offers to us; beginning on that night before he died, gathering with his friends when he took, blessed, broke, and shared the bread, saying, “This, my body, I give to you. Eat and remember me.”

Co-President Then, taking the cup, saying, “This, my blood, I pour out for you and for all. Drink and remember me.

O God, we pray now that you pour your Spirit upon this bread and this wine, making them spiritual food and drink to sustain us. We ask, too, that you pour your Spirit upon us, strengthening us for renewed service as faithful stewards of your world.

All AMEN!

President 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

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
have _____ mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have _____ mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: grant _____ us _____ peace.

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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

A Lenten Prayer

Gerald Near

Chancel Choir

*O Lord, we beseech Thee to mercifully hear us:
and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty
to be our defense against all things that may hurt us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

LEVAS 54 Nearer, My God, to Thee

Words: Sarah F. Adams,
Music: *Bethany*, Lowell Mason

Adagio

Georg Friedric Händel (1685-1759)

Chris Herman, cello

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

O Jesus, as you have called to follow you, so you have fed us to sustain us on our pilgrim journey. May we, in the strength and fire of your Spirit, be as your light in this world, bearing the gift of love to all and for all. Amen.

✠ **Announcements** *please limit each announcement to 30 seconds.*

Closing Hymn 143 The glory of these forty days

Erhalt uns, Herr

The Blessing

Presider May our wilderness bear no terror for us; only truth. May our truth never break us, only make bold our strength. May we, in our strength seek not to sustain only our selves, but make swift our service to others. And may God's blessing upon us, beside us, and within us be ours, this day and always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Co-Presider Go in peace, to love and serve God.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Gavotte

Chris Herman, cello

Caix d' Herveoix (ca. 1670-1760)

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Sermon Seminar 10:00am Nave

Announcements

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 9:8-17

Read by Jessie Babcock

Sermon Never Again

The Rector

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Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	
Acolytes	Alyssa Sims, Andrew and Corey Loevinger (9:00) Liz Layton (11:15)
Lay Servers	Donna Sabino, Rick Rutherford, Belinda Sims, Bill Dickinson (9:00) Pat Latin, Bill Doolittle, Chuck Divine and Beryl Lillaston (11:15)
Altar Guild	Janice Lucas and Nancy Brown (9:00) Tiiu Kera and Jane Miller (11:15)
Bread and Wine	Julie Murphy and Family (9:00) Tiiu Kera and Norm Wolfe, in honor of Estonian and Lithuanian Independence Days (11:15)
Beadles	Pat Latin, Mary Cooper and Timothy M. Veney (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 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.

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. **IT'S SOON! SAME DAY AS EDT!** On Sunday March 11 – the morning that Daylight Savings Time starts -- 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 presentation from the Vision 2020 Campaign leadership. 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 12, 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 or 301-270-1613, if you have any questions.

Warden, Vestry and Diocesan Delegate Candidates:

5. **THESE ARE THIS YEAR'S NOMINEES** for elected office at St. Mark's: Senior Warden: Cecilia Monahan; Junior Warden: Phil Guire; Vestry: Kevin Billings, Geoffrey Brown, Jane Byrne, Eric Fiala, Deanna Garner, Amy Kovac-Ashley, Pam Lacey, Jim Steed and Caitie Whelan; Diocesan Delegate: Suella Henn. The Warden positions are one year terms, the Vestry and Diocesan Delegate positions three years terms. Candidate statements and photos will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway and on the website (www.stmarks.net) on February 26. Election will be at the Annual Meeting on Sunday March 11 (see announcement above). THANK YOU to all the candidates for your enthusiastic response to the call for parish leadership. -- Vicki Street for 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 Parish Hall (*please note room change*). **4 sessions / no retreat.**

10. ANTHROPOLOGY OF GENESIS: Learn how the stories in the Genesis can be true but not fact. This reading and discussion course draws upon readings from Genesis, theological commentary, anthropology and archaeology, where we will see parallels between the Bible stories and the life-ways of traditional peoples. We will discuss what this new reading means for us today. We will start in the Garden of Eden and move through the stories at the group's pace for four weeks. Led by Elin Whitney-Smith and Marika Klein. Cost: \$25. Dates and Time: **Sundays after Pub Lunch—March 25, April 1, 15, and 22 - 1:30-3:00pm** in the Adams Room, last class 4/22 in the Library. No class Easter Sunday April 8. **4 sessions / no retreat.**

11. 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.westar.institute.org, or call Raiford Gaffney by phone at 202-460-5415 or email rgaffneydc@gmail.com or Penny Farley at 301-439-4473.

12. **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

· **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**.

13. **BOOK DISCUSSION FOR LENT:** Join Bishop Mariann and others in the diocese for a study of **Finding Our Way Again** by Brian MacLaren. The book is about spiritual practices of the early church and ways we might recapture them for our own spiritual lives and those of our parish. Go to www.edow.org for more information (and a nice video) about what is being planned. If you are interested in a discussion group at St. Mark's, contact **Linda Ewald** at lherbe@yahoo.com or **Maureen Shea** at mtshea@aol.com. Bishop Mariann will participate in an on-line chat about the book on Wednesday, March 7 on the edow website.

Outreach

14. **THANK YOU!** to St. Mark's sandwich-making volunteers: **Chris D'Alessandro; Anne Fiala, Rev. Paul Abernathy; Megin and James Myers, Margaret Crenshaw, Mary Welker and Beryl Maloney-Lillaston**, who yesterday helped Co-Manager Jack Richards prepare and package 232 sandwiches for needy persons! The sandwiches were delivered later to "Sunday Suppers", a group feeding hungry persons each Sunday night in a downtown DC parking lot. Like the St. Mark's **Grate Patrol**, we, too, are reaching out with Outreach and touching kindred souls – the Other, in our midst.

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 the Nave. 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, phone 202-544-0113, or Mary Welker, marymwelker@aol.com, 202-387-4083.

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23. **HUNGRY? THIRSTY? JUST PLAIN BORED?** Come to Dinner and Board Game Night! Tonight, **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, 202-228-0659

24. **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 lherbe@yahoo.com.

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*

25. SHRINE MONT COFFEE HOUR: TODAY! Please join us in the Parish Hall after 9am worship to see a presentation and learn about what we're planning for Shrine Mont this year for families and children! Come hear why this a tradition that your kids and you will look forward to every year! All are welcome – with or without kids. This is the first of several low-key events we hope to hold to highlight the treasures of this very special place for everyone at St. Mark's. Questions? Call Leslie Allen (202-544-8399) or Linda Staheli (202-415-7175)

26. SUMMER TEEN SERVICE TRIP – SAVE THE DATE! Due to the unfortunate cancellation of our teen trip to Honduras this year, we're exploring options for a domestic service week for teens during that time. Please mark your calendars for June 27-July 1 and contact Marcella with your level of interest and availability as soon as possible to enable us to begin planning! There will be a meeting for parents and teens on **March 25th** after 9am worship to both discuss our long term plans for continued work in Honduras as well as to talk about our domestic service trip in June.

27. CAMP EDOW – August 5-10 The Diocese is RE-launching summer camp for rising 4-8th 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, 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, 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). 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 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:
 St. David's Church, Washington

In the Anglican Communion:
 We pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

This Week at St. Mark's as of 2/23/12	
Sunday, February 26	
8:45am – 12:45pm	Child Care (Nursery)
9:00am – 10:00am	Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding; Rev. Justi Schunior, Co-Presiding
10:00am - 11:00am	Marching Through the Bible (Music Studio)
10:00am - 11:00am	Sermon Seminar (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Preaching
11:00am – 11:45am	Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Room 1)
11:15am - 12:30pm	Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding and Preaching, Rev. Justi Schunior, Co-Presiding
1:15pm - 3:30pm	Vestry Meeting (Adams Room)
12:45pm – 2:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Contemplative Eucharist (Adams Room) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding and Preaching
5:00pm - 6:00pm	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Young Professionals (Baxter House)
6:30pm - 9:00pm	Players: Secret Garden Rehearsal (Nave)

Monday, February 27	
10:00am – 7:30pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm 7:30pm – 10:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Yoga Class (Adams Room) Insight Meditation (Nave) Caregivers Support Group (Penniman Room) Players: The Secret Garden Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
Tuesday, February 28	
12:15pm - 1:15pm 4:00pm - 9:00pm 5:00pm - 7:00pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm 7:30pm - 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) Cancer Support Group (Library) Life, Community and Faith Class (Adams Room, Classrooms) Players: The Secret Garden Rehearsal (Nave)
Wednesday, February 29	
11:00am - 1:00pm 11:30am - 8:00pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm 7:30pm - 9:00pm	Wednesday Bible Study (Adams Room) Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Yoga Class (Adams Room) Life Changes: What Do I Do Next? (Adams Room)
Thursday, March 1	
7:00am - 8:00am 12:00pm – 12:30pm 4:00pm - 8:30pm 6:30pm - 8:00pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm 8:00pm - 10:00pm	Insight Meditation Group (Nave) Thursday Noon Eucharist (Chapel) Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Yoga Class (Adams Room) Choir Rehearsal (Nave) Into to Imago (Parish Hall) Players: Secret Garden Rehearsal (Adams Room)
Friday, March 2	
7:00am - 8:00am 11:45am – 7:30pm 5:00pm - 10:00pm 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio) Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Music of 17 th Century France and Netherland (Nave) Women's AA Meeting (Adams Room)
Saturday, March 3	
8:30am - 6:30pm 10:00am – 2:00pm 10:00am -12:00pm 6:00pm - 9:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Players: The Secret Garden Rehearsal (Parish Hall) Yoga Class (Adams Room) AA Meeting (Adams Room)
Sunday, March 4	
8:45am – 12:45pm 9:00am –10:00am 10:00am -11:00am 10:00am - 11:00am 11:00am – 11:45am 11:15am -12:30pm 12:45pm – 2:00pm 2:00pm - 4:00pm 4:30pm - 6:00pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm 6:30pm - 9:30pm	Child Care (Nursery) Holy Eucharist (Nave) Bishop Mariann Budde, Presiding; Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Co-Presiding Marching Through the Bible (Music Studio) Sermon Seminar (Nave) Bishop Mariann Budde, Preaching Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Room 1) Holy Eucharist (Nave) Bishop Mariann Budde, Presiding and Preaching, Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Co-Presiding Pub Lunch (Parish Hall) What's an Episcopalian? (Adams Room) Yoga Class (Dance Studio) Contemplative Eucharist (Adams Room) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding and Preaching ACoA Meeting (Room 6) Players: The Secret Garden Rehearsal (Nave)

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