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**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**+**  
**CAPITOL HILL**

**ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**THE SUNDAY AFTER ALL SAINTS' DAY**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2011**

**5:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Presider and Preacher**

The Reverend Justi Schunior  
Assistant Rector

## 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 the gifts of God and community in our historic church. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this evening. If you would be interested in learning more about St. Mark's, please fill out a newcomer's card located on the table near the entrance and place it in the offering plate.

**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.

**Offerings** may be placed in the offering plate on the table near the entrance. With your donation you help contribute to the ministry of St. Mark's and we thank you for your generosity.

**Social Gathering** immediately after our service. All are invited to join us for sharing of food and fellowship as we get to know members of our community. You are most welcome to bring finger food and/or beverages to share and these items may be left on the entrance table.

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).

*Lights are minimized, and candles are unlit, prior to the service*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Opening Sentences

Psalm 90:1, 2, 12

Presider Lord, you have been our refuge

**People from one generation to another.**

Presider Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,

**People from age to age you are God.**

Presider So teach us to number our days

**People that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

### Collect

Presider Let us pray.

**Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence.*

### The Lesson Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*Silence.*

## **The Gospel** Matthew 25:14-30

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People** **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily**

The Rector

## **Music for Meditation**

### **Prayers of the People**

Leader On this Sunday following Veterans' Day, we offer these prayers of thanksgiving, forgiveness, and hope. Almighty God, we thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

**People** **Inspire us.**

Leader We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

**People** **Enlighten us.**

Leader Remind us that “all nations are nothing before you,” their governments but a shadow of passing age

**People Your kingdom come on earth.**

Leader Help us to protect and to provide for all who are hungry and homeless, especially those who are deprived of food and shelter, family and friends, by the tragedy of war.

**People Give us this day our daily bread.**

Leader Forgive us for neglecting to seek peace and pursue it, and finding ourselves in each new crisis, more ready to make war than to make peace.

**People Forgive our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

Leader Be present to all your children ravaged by war: Be present to those who are killing and to those who are being killed; Be present to the love ones of those who are killing and to the loved ones of those who are being killed.

**People Deliver us from evil.**

Leader We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

**People Renew us.**

**Leader** All now may offer prayers of petition, intercession, and thanksgiving, silently or, if aloud, ending with the words, “This is my prayer,” to which all will respond, “Amen.”

*A period of time is given for individual prayers.*

Leader Let us pray:

**O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. We pray that we remain faithful to our highest ideals, in choosing our elected and appointed officials, in governing the nation, and interacting in the international community. Yearning for the end of war, we pray to you in humility. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Presider The peace of Christ be always be within you.

**People And also with you.**

### **Assistant Rector’s Greeting**

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer

Enriching Our Worship—Eucharistic Prayer 3

Presider The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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

Presider Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**All Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

**All            AMEN!**

Presider    And now, as Jesus taught us, we pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Presider    We break this bread so we can share it with everyone.

**All            All are welcome to eat this bread.**

### **The Invitation to Communion**

Presider    This bread and this cup are God's gifts.

**All            Let us receive God's gifts with thanks!**

### **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 for Meditation**

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

Presider    Let us pray together.

**We give thanks for this bread of life and this cup of salvation. By the grace of God through the love of Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, may we be strengthened for loving service in the church and in the world, now and always. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

### **The Dismissal**

Written by The Rector

Presider    Let us, as Spirit-filled people, go forth into the world, empowered by grace, to be love and justice for all!

**People      Thanks be to God!**

# 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. **TRINIDAD CONSERVATION PROJECT (HONDURAS)** is a 3-way partnership among Washington, DC congregations, Sustainable Harvest International (U.S. NGO), and its affiliate, Sustainable Harvest-Honduras.

Our friend, **Roy Lara**, who arrived this week, was the founder of *TCP*. Mr. Lara is a Honduran agronomist and Director, Field Program Training for *SH-Honduras*.

*TCP* sees an inextricable link between environmental stewardship and poverty reduction. Teaching simple and inexpensive ways to protect the soil and forests, *SHI* empowers people to rise above poverty, improve nutrition, and live healthier lives. Now, families serve their children eggs, chicken, several types of vegetables, and soybeans – quite a difference from the almost exclusive diet of tortillas and beans of a few years ago! Moreover, nearby forests no longer are cut down for slash-and-burn agriculture. Instead, farmers are taught to enhance the soil fertility so to plant crops annually in the same place. Furthermore, by planting 1000s of trees each year, adults and schoolchildren are expanding forest cover to protect tropical forests, water sources, and habitat.

Since 2008, *TCP* has raised \$130,000+ for work in 6 farming communities located in the Honduran mountains. St Mark's has offered significant support through our biannual Wake Up the Earth Festivals and contributions through our Outreach Board and individual members. Also since 2008, St Mark's has sent 2 youth trips and participated in 3 adult groups to visit our partners in their remote communities. During our stays, living with the families, we build chicken coops in farmyards, plant pineapples on steep slopes, and make tree nurseries out of hillsides.

Expanded Efforts: One year, *TCP* provided funds to purchase 12 acres so that 8 families are now planting and harvesting land that will become theirs. Another year, since this land is in a coffee-growing region, these families were shown how to produce coffee in a way that provides a habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife. This year, *TCP* is in the initial stages of helping *SH-Honduras* offer farming families ways to understand how to market their produce through cooperatives or small businesses.

*In 2012, there will be an **adult trip** in March (for more information, contact Julie Murphy: [juliemurphy1@verizon.net](mailto:juliemurphy1@verizon.net) and a **youth trip** in June-July (contact Marcella Gillis: [marcella.gillis@stmarks.net](mailto:marcella.gillis@stmarks.net)).*

## **From the Staff**

### **2. HAVING TROUBLE RECEIVING THE GOSPEL?**

Step 1 – Contact Susan Block at [Susan.Block@stmarks.net](mailto:Susan.Block@stmarks.net) or at (202) 543-053 ext. 305 to make sure you are subscribed.

Step 2 – If you are subscribed but are still not getting the Gospel, check your spam filter and or junk mail folder and arrange settings so mail from St. Mark's is accepted.

Step 3 – If the email is not in the spam filter and you are subscribed, check with your internet service provider (ISP) to inquire about the problem.

Step 4 – If all else fails, go to [www.stmarks.net](http://www.stmarks.net) and click on "Gospel" in the upper right hand corner. You can read all issues of the newsletter there.

3. **TO ALL DONORS:** Please help me credit your donations the way you want them credited. If you make a donation or pledge payment to the Vision 2020 Capital Campaign, please write either "Vision 2020" or "Capital Campaign" in your check memo. If you make a payment against your regular annual pledge, please write "pledge 2011" or "pledge 2012" in your check memo to indicate whether you are paying a pledge made during last fall's annual Canvass for 2011 – or a pledge made this fall for 2012. Thank you! Questions? Contact Susan Block, Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership, [susan.block@stmarks.net](mailto:susan.block@stmarks.net) or 202-543-0053 ext. 305.

## **Vision 2020:Capital Campaign Update/Events**

4. **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE** -- To date, we have raised \$1.1 million toward our goal of \$1.5 million for the Vision 2020 capital campaign to renovate and expand the Parish Hall! We still have a long ways to go, and we need everyone at St. Mark's to support this effort to the best of their ability. Every pledging household should have received packets of information by now. They contain detailed information about both the 2012 Canvass, which funds our operating budget, and the capital campaign. Pledge cards for both efforts are included in the packet. Please make a contribution to the Canvass first, and then consider making a 3-to-5 year pledge to the capital campaign. All contributions are requested by December 1. The packets were mailed to all 2011 pledging households. If you did not receive one, or if you would like to make a pledge for the first time to St. Mark's, please contact Mike Townsend, Vision 2020 Co-Chair, at [stmarkscapitalcampaign@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkscapitalcampaign@gmail.com) to get a packet. Please make a pledge to both the Canvass and the capital campaign today. Thanks!

### **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!*

#### Fall Adult Class

5. **NO WAY OUT: ROLES, RULES AND RELATIONSHIPS – Started last Tuesday, November 8; Last chance to join the group in progress on November 15.** Ever feel like you want to play by your own rules and yet you want to play well with others? This class will explore the balance among three aspects of community life: the rules of the group, the roles we take as we interact relative to the rules, and the relationships we build negotiating within this complex, three-part paradigm. In all arenas of our lives, from friendships, to courting, to family, school, work, neighborhood and community, this interaction exists. We will take time to reflect and consider the sense we make of our roles, the rules we create and follow, and our relationships – inherent and intrinsic. Stan Smith, Joe Tarantolo, and Heather Powers are leading the facilitation team. The six week class began on Tuesday, November 8, and will conclude December 13, with no weekend retreat. The fee will be \$50. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

#### Coming Up

6. **BEYOND THE FRAME WORKSHOPS: NEWS ALERT!** -- We will launch our 2011/12 season with a timely program, "Hope in the Face of Adversity". Three shows at the Corcoran Gallery feature some of America's most distinguished and provocative African American painters, photographers and video artists, including Hank Willis Thomas and Gordon Parks. These artists invite and challenge us to confront through their eyes and artistry issues of racial, sexual and historical identity and demonstrate the role of art in leading social change. Facilitators Greg Gay and Penny Farley will lead a discussion and hands-on workshop following the visit to the Gallery. Sunday **December 4** from 1 to 5 pm. Questions, please contact Greg ([ggay634@aol.com](mailto:ggay634@aol.com)) or Penny ([p3farley@verizon.net](mailto:p3farley@verizon.net)). Fee: \$25.

7. **AN ADVENT EVENING** -- Thursday, **December 15**: Members of Washington DC's Home Guild will lead St. Mark's parishioners in an Advent exploration. Come, listen to the Nativity story and experience the mystery in new and synchronous ways. Leaders: Barbara Black, Lynn Kneedler, and Susan Thompson. Location, Adams Room; Fee \$25. For more information about the Guild approach to Bible study, see page 11 of the CE catalog (also on line). Questions, contact Barbara ([barbarablack@hotmail.com](mailto:barbarablack@hotmail.com))

8. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEKEND** -- Open to all, an opportunity to engage with the Christian Ed community of Sunday School and Adult Program leaders and supervisors. The focus this year is "The Promise of Engaging One Another". **January 6-8, 2012**; Leaders: Don Ellison, Penny Farley, and Rita Ossolinski. Location: Dupont House, Rehoboth, DE

9. **BEYOND THE FRAME'S** "Opening the Shutters" at the Freer Gallery will take place Thursday, **January 19, 2012**. Heretofore seen in semi-darkness, we will view James Whistler's famed Peacock Room 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. Facilitator, Martha Conner-Donnelly ([macd46@hotmail.com](mailto:macd46@hotmail.com)). Fee: \$25

## CE Program Updates & Reminders

10. **CHRISTIAN ED CATALOG** – The 2011-2012 Christian Education Catalog is available in hard copy at the back table and in the book racks (look for the orange covers) or as a PDF file on St. Mark's website <http://www.stmarks.net> where it can be found under the Ministry & Programs tab. Please take a look and consider which classes you will take this year!

11. **SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES IN FINE FORM** – This includes all three levels of Catechesis, Middle School, and High School. For children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grades, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes are located downstairs in the Undercroft of the church. Middle School meets in the Adams Room and high school students meet in Baxter House at 118 3<sup>rd</sup> St., SE. If parents have any questions about enrolling throughout the year, contact Marcella Gillis, Director of Youth Ministry.

## Outreach

12. **SOUP KITCHEN- SPECIAL NOTE:** Our monthly second-Sunday sandwich-making has been suspended for today, due to a lack of available space in both our Parish Hall and at the Washington City Church of the Brethren (WCCoB). The WCCoB Executive Council/Board of Directors is considering its future plans.

13. **CASSEROLES FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN!** - Thank You!, for today's casserole donations, towards our monthly goal of 20 casseroles! **SPECIAL NOTE:** Any casseroles brought to St. Mark's after the morning services today must be placed in our church freezer. They will be delivered later this month to the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church.

## Worship

### 14. **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

15. **CAPITOL HILL GROUP MINISTRY THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE.** You're invited to attend an interfaith Thanksgiving celebration of the Capitol Hill community and congregations such as yours that support Capitol Hill Group Ministry on 4:00 Sunday, **November 20**, at the Lincoln Park United Methodist Church-1301 North Carolina Ave NE, across the street from Lincoln Park on Capitol Hill. This service is an opportunity to lift a prayerful voice of concern for those in our neighborhood still in need and to celebrate those who in faith are called to serve those in need.

16. **THANKSGIVING MORNING SERVICE AND RECEPTION.** One of our great St. Mark's traditions is the 10 AM service on Thanksgiving morning and the sherry and snacks reception that follows. It is a great way to prepare us for the day ahead. Everyone is invited to bring a favorite something to share. Sherry and cider is provided. No sign up needed – just join us for an intimate service and time with friends.

17. **ACOLYTE TRAINING** The nave has been reserved on **Sunday, November 20** from 12:30pm-2pm for acolyte training. This session is open to all from age 9 on up, and all positions will be covered---server, torch bearer, and crucifer. It will be taught by Margaret Wood and David Deutsch. Please note that all torch bearers who wish to be trained as crucifers should attend. Please contact David Deutsch: [dsd@his.com](mailto:dsd@his.com) or Michele Rivard: [michelemonique@yahoo.com](mailto:michelemonique@yahoo.com) or Margaret Wood: [mwood@loc.gov](mailto:mwood@loc.gov) if you are interested or have questions.

18. **FESTIVAL FUND DONATIONS. Sunday, December 11** deadline! Traditional festival greening and music cost approximately \$6500 each year. In an effort to raise sufficient funds to revel in the thrilling brass musical accompaniment and to make our church beautiful, we will include contributions received on or before, Friday, December 9th in both Christmas and Easter bulletins. Please use the form enclosed

19. **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](mailto:slwitek@gmail.com). You can select the date, service and reading (scriptures or Prayers of the People) that works for you.

## Parish Life

20. **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, November 14** at 7:30PM in the Penniman Room. Feel free to contact the group leaders: Suella Henn, [sw Henn@mac.com](mailto:sw Henn@mac.com), phone 202-544-0113, or Mary Welker, [marymwelker@aol.com](mailto:marymwelker@aol.com), 202-387-4083.

21. **ST MARK'S READING GROUP:** On **December 5** we will discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson in the Penniman Room at Baxter House at 7:30 p.m. On **January 2**, we will discuss *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson. On February 6, we will discuss *Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver. All are welcome! Questions should be directed to Linda Ewald at [lherbe@yahoo.com](mailto:lherbe@yahoo.com).

22. **FILM CLUB, November 18**, David Wellman will present Woody Allen's hilarious 1972 sketch comedy based (very loosely) on the non-fiction bestseller by Dr. David Reuben, featuring Gene Wilder, Burt Reynolds, Tony Randall, Lynn Redgrave, Louise Lasser, John Carradine, and Woody. Friday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., 1321 Geranium Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Bring snacks/desserts/potent potables to share. Contact Alicia Ruble, 202-420- 9256, [blurbologist@hotmail.com](mailto:blurbologist@hotmail.com)

23. **ANNUAL BLACKWATER BIRDWATCH.** Our annual Bob Hahn Memorial Blackwater Birdwatch will take place on Saturday, December 3. All invited. Please contact Crane Miller for details. 202-966-0686 (H); 202-669-2529 (C).

### 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*

24. **HIGH SCHOOL LOCK IN – November 19.** The new date for the HS Lock in is set! We'll be meeting at 5:30pm at Baxter House to make dinner together. Please contact Marcella if you would like to attend or help facilitate. It'll be a great night of quality time, games, projects, and treats!

25. **CAPITOL HILL GROUP MINISTRY THANKSGIVING BASKET DRIVE, November 20, 11am - Parish Hall.** Join us in collecting food items to build Thanksgiving Baskets for our neighbors in need. We'll be collecting food over the next few weeks (according to last name, see below) in a bin outside the Nave. We will gather in the Parish Hall after Sermon Seminar on November 20 to pack the baskets and enjoy each other's company! This project is an Outreach & Youth/Family Ministries collaborative effort and ALL parishioners are encouraged to contribute and participate.

A&B: Nine boxes of mac and cheese / C&D: Three 16 oz cans of string beans

E&F: Six 16 oz cans of yams or fresh equivalent / G&H: Six boxes of stuffing

J-L: Six boxes of mashed potatoes or three bags of rice / M-O: Six 16 oz cans of cranberry sauce

P-R: 3 onions & 2 reusable grocery bags / S-T: Three boxes of bisquick or muffin mix

U-Z: Three boxes of cake mix & frosting mix / Anyone: 1 \$20 Safeway gift card to purchase meat of choice

26. **ADVENT ART DISPLAY.** The Arts group is planning a display of art for the Nave and undercroft. We would like the young artists in the parish to contribute works of art related to any of the following advent themes:

-Challenged by darkness, led into light and life

-What is my challenge? (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

-What kind of Jesus do I need? (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

-How am I called to change? (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

-Do I, too, give birth to light and life? (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

Work will be mounted on Saturday Nov. 26 between 9:30- 10:30 so they may be hung for Sunday, 27th. For more information, please contact David Evelyn at [artdave@verizon.net](mailto:artdave@verizon.net) or Marcella Gillis.

## Arts

27. **ST. MARKS' PLAYERS PRODUCTION.** Get your tickets now! The St. Mark's Players present "Assassins" by Stephen Sondheim. Box office is open and available at [www.stmarksplayers.org](http://www.stmarksplayers.org). Performance dates are Nov 4,5,6,11,12,13, 17 and 18. Friday and Saturdays at 8PM. Sundays at 4PM.

## Music

28. **DO YOU LIKE TO SING?** There are opportunities for both children and adults! The Boys & Girls Choir (children in grades 1-8) rehearses Sundays from 11-11:45am downstairs in room 1 with Nadine Hathaway ([nadinehathaway@verizon.net](mailto:nadinehathaway@verizon.net)). The Chancel Choir (open to high school students and adults) rehearses Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30pm in the nave. All voice parts are needed. Contact Jeff Kempeskie, Director of Music, for more information.

30. **PIANO LESSONS** Jeff Kempeskie and Nadine Hathaway are offering piano lessons for both children and adults through the Music Studio. Rates are very reasonable. Contact Jeff Kempeskie for more information.

31. **ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE DEC 4** Please join us for an Advent Lessons & Carols service on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The service will feature readings, hymns, and anthems sung by the Chancel Choir and Girls & Boys Choir. Bill Flanders will preside.

32. **CHORAL CONCERT DEC 11** The Cantate Chamber Singers will present "Holiday in Venice" on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The concert will feature seasonal works by Claudio Monteverdi, Andrea and Giovanni Gabriel, Adrian Willaert, and others – all musicians that worked in the famous Cathedral Basilica of San Marco in Venice. In addition to the choir, the concert will feature strings, the Continuum Brass Quintet, and two organ works performed by St. Mark's own Jeff Kempeskie, who will also sing in the concert. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for full-time students with ID.

### Parish Prayer List

Lolita Abernathy (Paul's mother) • Taylor Adams • Jackie Boddie •  
 Frances Chandlee (mother of Linda Chandlee) • Mimi Chesslin • Joya Cox •  
 Betty and Jack Davis (Beryl Maloney-Lillaston's Aunt and Uncle) • Gabrielle Giffords • Julio Gomez •  
 Celia Hahn • Anne Headley • Dennis Lewis • 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 • Ron Young

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, fiancé of Jen Salerno)

### Military Service Deaths

Lance Cpl. Nickolas A. Daniels, 25, of Elmwood Park, IL  
 1st Lt. Dustin D. Vincent, 25, of Mesquite, TX  
 Sgt. Ari R. Cullers, 28, of New London, CT  
 Sgt. Christopher D. Gailey, 26 of of Ochelata, OK  
 Pfc. Sarina N. Butcher, 19, of Checotah, OK

### Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington:

Pray for All Military Veterans (Veterans' Day – November 11th)  
 Pray for All Military Chaplains, Military Personnel, and their Families  
 Pray for the Bishop-Elect on the occasion of her Consecration (November 12)

In the Anglican Communion:

We pray for Ughelli - (Bendel, Nigeria)

This Week at St. Mark's as of 11/9/11 at 9:30am

### Sunday, November 13

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<b>Sunday, November 13</b>	
8:45am - 12:30pm <b>9:00am – 10:00am</b>  10:00am – 11:00am 10:00am - 11:00am 11:00am - 11:45am <b>11:15am – 12:30pm</b>  12:30pm – 2:00pm 2:00pm - 10:00pm 4:30pm - 6:00pm <b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b>  5:00pm - 6:00pm	Nursery Care (Nursery) <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding and Children's Reflection; Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Co-Presiding Sermon Seminar (Nave) Kristen Hawley, Preaching Marching Through the Bible (Library) Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Room 1) <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior Presiding and Preaching; Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Co-Presiding Pub Lunch (Parish Hall) Players Production: Assassins (Nave, Parish Hall) Yoga Class (Dance Studio) <b>Contemplative Eucharist</b> (Penniman Room) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding and Preaching ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

**Monday, November 14**

10:00am – 8:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
4:15pm - 5:00pm	Musikgarten (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Insight Meditation (Nave)
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Caregivers Support Group (Penniman Room)

**Tuesday, November 15**

12:15pm - 1:15pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
4:00pm - 9:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Class)
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Vision 2020 (Gregory Room)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Outreach Board (Gregory Room)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	No Way Out: Roles, Rules and Relationships (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 10:00pm	Players Auditions: Acadia (Parish Hall)

**Wednesday, November 16**

11:00am - 1:00pm	Wednesday Bible Study (Adams Room)
11:30am - 8:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
6:00pm – 10:00pm	Players Rehearsal: Assassins (Nave)
6:00pm - 9:30pm	Women's Investment Network (Parish Hall)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Life, Community and Faith Class (Adams Room, Rooms 3, 4, 5, 6)

**Thursday, November 17**

7:00am - 8:30am	Insight Meditation Group (Nave)
12:00pm - 12:30pm	Noon Eucharist (Chapel)
4:00pm - 8:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Thursday Bible Study (Penniman Room)
6:30pm - 8:00pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

**Friday, November 18**

7:00am - 8:00am	Vestry and Pillar Retreat
7:00am - 8:00am	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
11:30am - 8:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm – 11:00pm	Players Production: Assassins (Nave, Parish Hall)
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Women's AA Meeting (Adams Room)
8:00pm - 10:00pm	Players Performance (Nave, Parish Hall)

**Saturday, November 19**

8:30am - 6:30pm	Vestry and Pillar Retreat
8:30am - 6:30pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
9:00am - 12:00pm	Honduras Meeting (Parish Hall)
10:00am - 12:00pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
11:00am - 2:00pm	Players Rehearsal: Arcadia (Nave)
12:00pm - 3:00pm	Players: Know the Show (Adams Room)
5:00pm - 10:00am	High School Lock-in (Baxter House)
6:00pm - 9:00pm	AA Meeting (Adams Room)
6:00pm – 10:00pm	Players Production: Assassins (Nave, Parish Hall)
8:00pm – 10:00pm	Players Performance: Assassins (Nave, Parish Hall)

**Sunday, November 20**

8:45am - 12:30pm <b>9:00am –10:00am</b>	Nursery Care (Nursery) <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding; Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Co-Presiding
9:00am – 10:00pm	Children’s Chapel (Adams Room)
10:00am – 11:00am	Sermon Seminar (Nave) Justi Schunior, Preaching
10:00am - 11:00am	Marching Through the Bible (Library)
11:00am - 11:30am	Youth/CHGM Thanksgiving Basket Outreach (Parish Hall)
11:00am - 11:45am	Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Rooms 1)
<b>11:15am –12:30pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior Presiding and Preaching; Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Co-Presiding
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Acolyte Training (Nave)
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Seminarian’s Advisory Committee (Library)
2:00pm - 10:00pm	Players Production: Assassins (Nave, Parish Hall)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
<b>5:00pm – 6:00pm</b>	<b>Contemplative Eucharist</b> (Penniman Room) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding and Preaching
5:00pm - 6:00pm	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

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