



WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CAPITOL HILL

“THE CHURCH OF THE OPEN COMMUNION”

St. Mark's Mission Statement

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

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(CHRIST THE KING)

NOVEMBER 20, 2011

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST + LAYING ON OF HANDS

9:00AM CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR

11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST + LAYING ON OF HANDS

Presider and Preacher

The Reverend Justi Schunior, Assistant Rector

Co-Presider and Children's Chapel Leader

The Reverend Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector

Organist

Mr. Jeff Kempkie, 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.

The Honduras Cross, above the central altar platform, symbolizes St. Mark's connection with the broader Anglican Communion and our obligations to our sisters and brothers around the world, particularly to the long connection to our friends in Honduras. Eileen Blumenthal and the 2000 Mission to Honduras designed the cross, and Eileen commissioned its construction in Honduras as a gift to St. Mark's community.

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:AM service*

Prelude O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee Heinrich Scheidemann
(*Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet*) (c. 1595-1663)

Opening Hymn 450 All hail the power of Jesus' Name! vv. 1-3, 6 *Coronation*

Opening Sentences Psalm 95:1-3

Presider Come, let us sing to the LORD;

People let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Presider Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

People and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Presider For the LORD is a great God,

People and a great King above all gods.

Collect

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things, you have given us a new vision of kingship in the life of Jesus Christ. May we, following him, be transformed into members of the Kingdom of God. Amen.

The people sit.

✠ **The Hebrew Scripture** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 *Read by Doris Burton (11:15)*

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed

them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)

Joel Martinson

Chancel Choir

*O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.*

Sequence Hymn 544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun vv. 1-3

Duke Street

The Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People



Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ. _____

Nancy Karpeles

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or

a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People



Praise to you, Lord Christ. _____

Nancy Karpeles

Sequence Hymn 544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun vv. 4-5

Duke Street

✦ Sermon

The Assistant Rector

Prayers of the People

from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Read by Nancy Lucas (9:00), John Terry (11:15)

Leader Loving God, you have promised to hear us when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the church: Holy Spirit, enliven the church for its mission

People **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Leader Breathe fresh life into your people

People **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Leader We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

People **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader Awaken us in a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Leader We pray for the community: God of truth, inspire your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

People **that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Leader Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

People **May we serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us.**

Leader We pray for those in need: God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

People **May they know the power of your healing love.**

Leader Make us willing agents of your compassion.

People **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

Leader We remember those who have died and those who mourn: We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

People **Spirit, into your hands we commend them.**

Leader Give comfort to those who mourn.
People **Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

Leader We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory
People **May their example encourage us.**

Leader We pray for ourselves and our ministries: God, you have called us to serve you.
Let us pray together:

Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ. Our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Presider May the peace of God's Spirit ever dwell within you.

People **And within you.**

Vestry Greeting

Marilu Sherer (9:00), Karlyn Stanley (11:15)

Capital Campaign Announcement

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

Rector's Greeting

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

(9:00) **Anthem** Come let us sing to the Lord

Deborah Holden-Holloway

Boys & Girls Choir; Nadine Hathaway, director

Come, let us sing to the Lord, bring to the Lord our adoration.

All hills and valleys rejoice, lift up your voice, sing to the Lord.

All that on earth can sing, praise your king, praise the Lord of all creation.

For the Lord, our God, creator, master, Savior, teacher, friend

is with us now and always; let us praise the Lord evermore,

Praise the Lord forevermore!

(11:15) **Hymn** 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Finnian

The people stand.

Presentation Hymn 397 verse 1

Nun danket alle Gott

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Eucharistic Prayer

Enriching our Worship - Eucharistic Prayer 1, adapted

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 our thanks and praise.

Presider It is truly right to give you thanks, holy God. By your love, you fill us and all creation with life. Through Jesus Christ, you redeem us. In your Spirit, you restore us to walk faithfully in your life and love. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with every voice in heaven and on earth, to you we sing our praise:

Sanctus

Peter Crisafulli



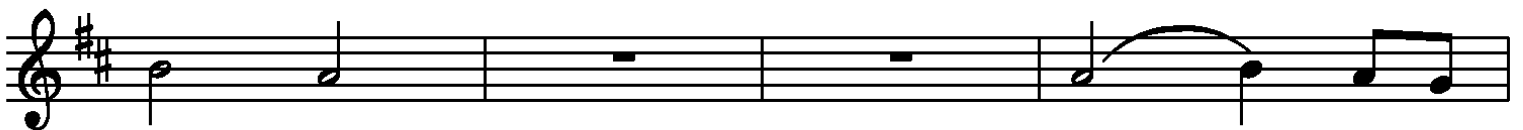
Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly Lord, _____ God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the



high - est.

Blessed _____ is the



one who comes _____ in the name of the



Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Co-President Blessed are you, holy God, creator of all. You form us in your image and call us to dwell in your love. You give the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards. But we fail to honor your image in the world around us and in ourselves. We violate your creation, abuse one another, and reject your love. Yet, never ceasing to care for us, you prepare the way for our healing. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you, delivering us from slavery, sustaining us in the wilderness, and raising up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, you sent the Eternal Word, made flesh in Jesus, born into the human family. Dwelling among us, he gave himself freely to death, conquering evil, and opening to us the way of freedom.

President On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take, eat: This is my Body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Co-President As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and offered it, saying: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, poured out for you and for all. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Peter Crisafulli



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President Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you, O God, this bread and this wine we have made. By your Spirit may they be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, spiritual food and drink for us. And grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with your Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into everlasting heritage with all your daughters and sons, that with Mark and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Amen

Peter Crisafulli



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The Lord's Prayer

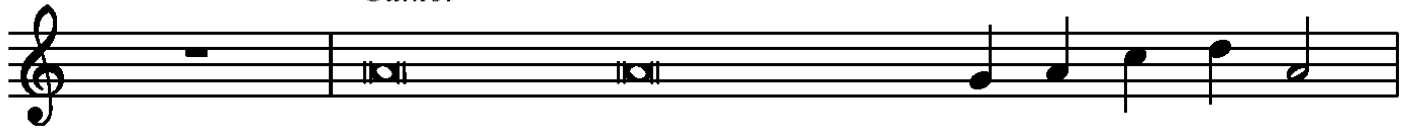
Presider And now, in the spirit of Christ's teaching, we pray:

All **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.**

Fraction Anthem

Peter Crisafulli

Cantor



Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us.

All



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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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. Laying-on-of-hands is available in the chapel to the right of the High Altar.

Music During Communion

Hymn 399 To God with gladness sing

Camano

LEVAS 96 He is King of kings, He is Lord of Lords

African American Spiritual,
arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935-2009)

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

Hyfrydol

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider As able, let us stand, and then may all pray, saying

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.

✦ Announcements

Closing Hymn 494 Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

The Blessing

Presider Let us commit together to live into a new life as children of God.

People May we, as God's children, find his love by humbly following Jesus and by loving and serving each other.

Presider May the blessing of God, Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer be on each of us forever. Alleluia.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Co-Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude What God ordains is always good
(*Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan*)

Johann Gottfried Walther
(1684-1748)

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Sermon Seminar

Announcements

The Hebrew Scripture Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Read by Nat White

Sermon

Assistant Rector

The Rector will be away beginning this afternoon, November 20 and returning Saturday, November 26.

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. **HAVING TROUBLE RECEIVING THE GOSPEL?**

Step 1 – Contact Susan Block at 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 and click on "Gospel" in the upper right hand corner. You can read all issues of the newsletter there.

2. **TO ALL DONORS:** Please help us 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 or 202-543-0053 ext. 305.

Vision 2020:Capital Campaign Update/Events

3. **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE** -- We are continuing to make excellent progress 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. Please review the packets of information sent to every pledging household. 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. If you did not receive a packet, or if you are pledging for the first time to St. Mark's and would like to receive one, please contact Mike Townsend, Vision 2020 Co-Chair, at 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!

4. **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) or Penny (p3farley@verizon.net). Fee: \$25.
5. **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 Kneeder, 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). If you still have questions, contact Barbara: *Note updated email address:* (barbarakerrblack@gmail.com)
6. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEKEND** -- Need a nice cozy place to recuperate and rejuvenate after the holidays? Please consider joining us at DuPont House, Rehoboth, DE for Christian Ed's Annual Weekend on **January 6-8, 2012** (starting at dinner on Friday through lunch on Sunday). 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". Come learn more about what make Christian Education such a vital and vibrant program at St. Mark's. Leaders: Don Ellison, Penny Farley, and Rita Ossolinski. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin or contact Winnie Mosher at winnie.mosher1@verizon.net or 202-547-6321. Fee: \$250 for room and board, Sunday School Teachers FREE.
7. **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). Fee: \$25.

CE Program Updates & Reminders

8. **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!
9. **SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES** – St. Mark's Sunday School includes three levels -- Catechesis, Middle School, and High School. For children ages 3 through 5th grades, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes are located downstairs in the Undercroft of the church. Middle School meets in the Adams Room. High school students meet in Baxter House at 118 3rd St., SE. If parents have any questions about enrolling throughout the year, contact Marcella Gillis, Director of Youth Ministry.

Outreach

10. **THE WELCOME TABLE** -- At this time of the year, we are all looking for ways to share our bounty and give thanks for our blessings. **December 11**, is St. Mark's day to volunteer at The Church of the Epiphany's Welcome Table. We need a dozen volunteers. Please join us to worship, participate in Bible Studies, Gospel Art, sing in the choir, and have breakfast with our less fortunate brothers and sisters. If you wish to volunteer, let Michael Knipe, haroldknipe@gmail.com, know and arrive at the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G Street, N.W., at 6:45 a.m. The program will end by 9:30 a.m. It is an enriching and humbling experience.

Worship

11. 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

12. **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 at 4:00 **today**, 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.

13. **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.

14. **ACOLYTE TRAINING** The nave has been reserved **today** 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 or Michele Rivard: michelemonique@yahoo.com or Margaret Wood: mwood@loc.gov if you are interested or have questions.

15. **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

16. **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

17. **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 28** at 7:30PM 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.

18. **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.

19. **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).

20. **20s & 30s.** The next Food For Thought Potluck Supper will be on **Sunday, December 4** at Baxter House following the 5 o'clock service. Please join us for an informal feast and discussion. Email Lau-rel2k@gmail.com with questions.

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*

21. **CAPITOL HILL GROUP MINISTRY THANKSGIVING BASKET DRIVE, Today! 10:45am - Parish Hall**We will be gathering in the Parish Hall after Sermon Seminar today to pack Thanksgiving baskets and enjoy each other's company! Cookies and hot cider will be available for helpers. This project is an Outreach & Youth/Family Ministries collaborative effort and ALL parishioners are encouraged to contribute and participate.
22. **WELCOME TABLE AT CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, 12/11** Our December outreach project will be volunteering at the Welcome Table at Church of the Epiphany, where we will prepare breakfast and join in communion with our brothers and sisters who are living in poverty in downtown DC. Please contact Marcella if you're interested in participating.
23. **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TEAM.** The baby Jesus needs your help! We're looking to build a small team of adults to help organize and facilitate the pageant this year, so we can spread out responsibilities in a more manageable way and allow for a larger group to. Please contact Marcella if you have an interest in assisting with registration & costume logistics, set decoration, working with our actors, or the post-pageant reception. Come help us create this magical and mysterious story for the whole community to enjoy!
24. **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 advent themes. 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 or Marcella Gillis.

Music

25. **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). 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 Kempskie, Director of Music, for more information.
26. **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.
27. **ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE DEC 4** Please join us for an Advent Lessons & Carols service on Sunday December 4th at 4pm. The service will feature readings, hymns, and anthems sung by the Chancel Choir and Girls & Boys Choir. Bill Flanders will preside.
28. **CHORAL CONCERT DEC 11** The Cantate Chamber Singers will present "Holiday in Venice" on Sunday December 11th 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 Kempskie, 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 • 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 • 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 • 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

Pfc. Theodore B. Rushing, 25, of Longwood, FL
 Pfc. Cody R. Norris, 20, of Houston, TX

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington:

Christ Church, LaPlata (Port Tobacco Parish)
 All Church Musicians and Choirs
 The Daughters of the King
 All Travelers

Pray for our National Life and all the Blessings of God's Hand

In the Anglican Communion:

We pray for Virginia and West Virginia

This Week at St. Mark's as of 11/2/11 at 9:30am

Sunday, November 20

8:45am - 12:30pm 9:00am –10:00am	Nursery Care (Nursery) Holy Eucharist (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)
10:45am - 11:30am	Youth/CHGM Thanksgiving Basket Outreach (Parish Hall)
11:00am - 11:45am	Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Rooms 1)
11:15am –12:30pm	Holy Eucharist (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)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Contemplative Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding and Preaching
5:00pm - 6:00pm	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

Monday, November 21	
10:00am – 8:00pm 4:15pm - 5:00pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm 7:30pm - 9:00pm 7:30pm - 9:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Musikgarten (Dance Studio) Yoga Class (Adams Room) Insight Meditation (Nave) Players Rehearsal: Arcadia (Parish Hall)
Tuesday, November 22	
12:15pm - 1:15pm 4:00pm - 9:00pm 5:00pm - 7:00pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm 7:00pm - 9:00pm 7:30pm - 9:00pm 7:30pm - 9:30pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio) Dance Classes (Dance Class) Vision 2020 (Gregory Room) Yoga Class (Adams Room) Outreach Board (Gregory Room) Cancer Support Group (Library) No Way Out: Roles, Rules and Relationships (Adams Room)
Wednesday, November 23	
11:30am - 8:00pm 6:00pm - 7:05pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Yoga Class (Adams Room)
Thursday, November 24	
10:00am – 12:00pm	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed Thanksgiving Day Eucharist
Friday, November 25	
	Thanksgiving Break – Office Closed
Saturday, November 26	
8:30am - 6:30pm 10:00am - 12:00pm 6:00pm - 9:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio) Yoga Class (Adams Room) AA Meeting (Adams Room)
Sunday, November 27	
8:45am - 12:30pm 9:00am – 10:00am 9:00am – 10:00pm 10:00am – 11:00am 10:00am - 11:00am 10:45am – 11:45am 11:00am - 11:45am 11:15am – 12:30pm 12:30pm – 2:00pm 4:30pm - 6:00pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm	Nursery Care (Nursery) Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding; Rev. Justi Schunior, Co-Presiding Children’s Chapel (Adams Room) Sermon Seminar (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Preaching Marching Through the Bible (Library) Youth Christmas Card Project (Adams Room) Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Rooms 1) Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding and Preaching; Rev. Justi Schunior, Co-Presiding Pub Lunch (Parish Hall) Yoga Class (Dance Studio) Contemplative Eucharist (Penniman Room) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding and Preaching ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

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Class of '13

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Class of '14

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Diocesan Delegates

David Deutsch

Rick Rutherford

Maureen Shea

Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger

Burton Reist

Acolytes

Luke Burneson, Alyssa Stanford and Henry Burneson (9:00)

Michael Knipe (11:15)

Lay Servers

(9:00)

Vena Darling, Tiiu Kera, Karlyn Stanley and Chuck Divine (11:15)

Altar Guild

Susan Ryerson and Gretchen Willson (9:00)

Sara & Bill Rau and Sally Rogers (11:14)

Bread and Wine

Maureen Shea and Kenn Allen (9:00)

Jack Burton (11:15)

Beadles

Mary Cooper, Bob Ewald and Vena Darling (11:15)

Laying on of Hands

John Barton and Suella Henn (9:00)

Lilly March & Barbara Nelson (11:15)