



WELCOME TO
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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST + LAYING ON OF HANDS

11:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR

Presider

The Reverend Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector

Co-Presider

The Reverend Justi Schunior, Assistant Rector

Preachers

Penny Farley and Bobbi Smith, Christian Education Co-Directors

Organist

Mr. Jeff Kempeskie, Director of Music

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

Cell Phones – Please turn off your cell phone or other electronic devices at any time you are in the Nave.

Hearing – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.

VISITING OR NEW TO ST. MARK'S?

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. MARK'S! Wherever you are on your faith journey, we invite you to celebrate life with us. Worship is in the round, and you are invited to sit anywhere in the Nave. Bulletin boards, restrooms and a water fountain are located in the hallway, and the Parish Hall is just beyond. If you have questions, please introduce yourself to the Vestry Greeter at the end of the service.

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 AT ST. MARK'S

Today, there will be **10:00 am Eucharist** followed by an **11:00 am Sermon Seminar**.

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 join *St. Mark's Yahoo Group*. To subscribe, send a blank email to StMarks-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

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

Prelude Duetto (from Seven Sketches on Verses from the Psalms)

Percy Whitlock
(1903-1946)

Opening Hymn O Come, Come Away

South Harmony, 1835



1. O come, come away! the Sabbath morn is passing;
Let's hasten to the Sabbath school; O come, come away!
The Sabbath bells are ringing clear, their joyous peals salute my ear,
I love their voice to hear; O come, come away!
2. My comrades invite to join their happy number,
And gladly will I meet them there; O come, come away!
How there we meet to sing and pray, to read God's word on his glad day,
With joy let's haste away, O come, come away!
3. While others may seek for vain and foolish pleasures,
The Sabbath school shall be my choice; O come, come away!
How dear the plaintive strain, from youthful voices rise amain,
With sweetest tones again! O come, come away!
4. 'Tis there I may learn the ways of heavenly wisdom,
To guide my feeble steps on high; O come, come away!
The flowery paths of peace to tread, where rays of heavenly bliss are shed,
My wandering steps to lead: O come, come away!
5. I there hear the voice in heavenly accents speaking,
"Let little children come to me; O come, come away!
Forbid them not their hearts to give, let them on me in youth believe,
And I will them receive." O come, come away!
6. With joy I accept the gracious invitation;
My heart exults with rapturous hope, O come, come away!
My deathless spirit, when I die, shall, on the wings of angels, fly'
To mansions in the sky: O come, come away!

The Christian Education staff, walking in procession, gather around the central altar platform.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 105.1-4

Presider Give thanks to God and call upon God's Name;
People make known God's deeds among the peoples.
Presider Sing to God, sing praises to God,
People and speak of all God's marvelous works.
Presider Glory in God's holy Name;
People let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Presider Search for the Lord and his strength;
People continually seek his face.

The people sit.

Commissioning of Christian Education Teachers, Leaders and Supervisors

Co-Directors We are pleased to present to our Parish the Christian Education Leaders for the year 2011-2012. They have all said yes to contributing their time and talents to serve the St. Mark's Parish Family. Please join us in offering our and blessings for their service in the year to come.

Rector Will you create a safe place to explore the deepest concerns of your class and your co-leaders? Will you be open to questions and doubts and your own vulnerability? Will you draw on the symbols of our tradition to lead your class more deeply into the mystery of faith? Will you commit time and energy to creatively bring the Christian story to life?

CEd Leaders We will, with God's help.

The people stand.

Rector Will you, the St. Mark's community, uphold our sisters and brothers in their education ministry to our youth and adults?
All We will!

The Collect of the Day

by Harry Emerson Fosdick

Presider Let us pray.

O God of grace, O God of glory, by the bright flame of your Spirit continually lead us that we, though fear may enfold us, enlightened by knowledge and emboldened by courage may open our hearts to all the world and our hands to all peoples that reconciliation may abound and peace abide. Amen.

Hymn Spirit of Life

Words & Music by Carolyn McDade

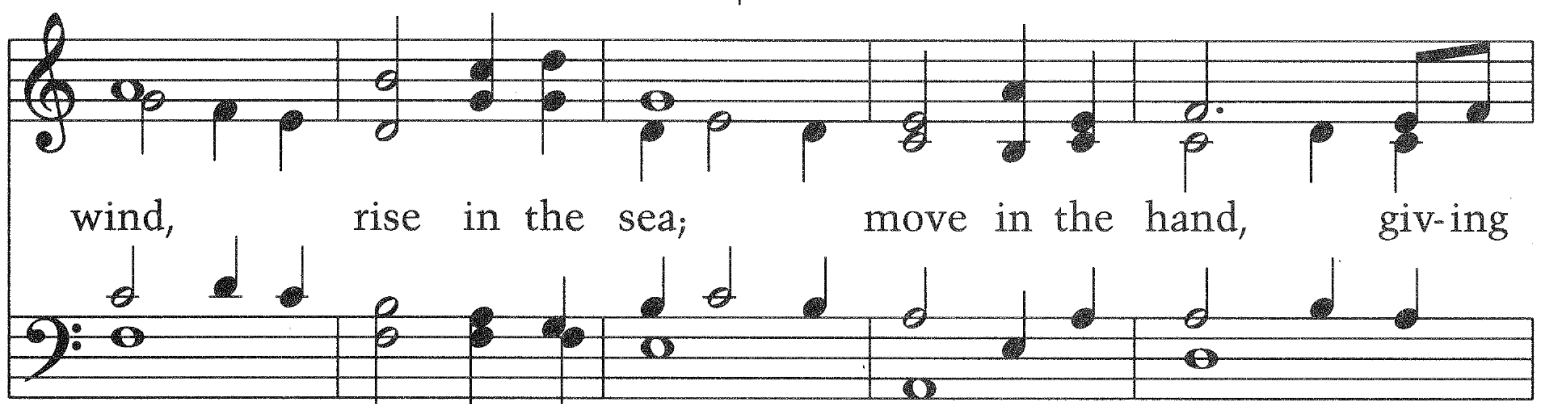
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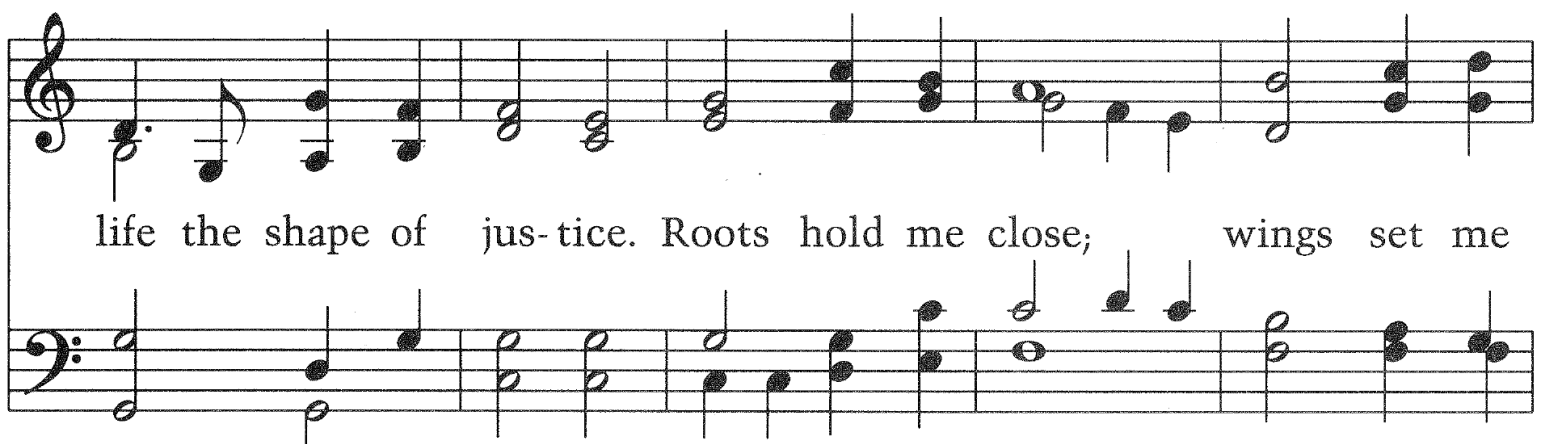
Spir - it of Life, come un-to me. Sing in my



heart all the stir-rings of com-pas-sion. Blow in the



wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giv-ing



life the shape of jus-tice. Roots hold me close; wings set me

free; Spir - it of Life, come to me, come to me.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

The Prayers of the People

Written by Penny Farley and Bobbi Smith
Read by Nancy Lucas

- Leader Let us pray for this parish, and for all those among us who serve and worship together in this beautiful, sacred space. Lord in your mercy,
- People hear our prayer.**
- Leader Let us pray for the community that surrounds this parish, and the still wider community in other lands that touch, and are touched by the work we do here together. Lord in your mercy,
- People hear our prayer.**
- Leader Help us to stay always mindful of the need of others, far-flung and close by, as to our own needs. Lord in your mercy,
- People hear our prayer.**
- Leader We are grateful, Lord, for the many among us, behind the scenes and visible, who enrich our community through their dedication of time and talent on behalf of us all, for they are the backbone and life blood of our parish. Lord in your mercy,
- People hear our prayer.**
- Leader Knowing, Lord, that our best selves flow from our need for one another, and our sharing with one another who we are in our deepest selves, grant us the trust, and courage, to step forward to openly engage one another. Lord in your mercy,
- People hear our prayer.**
- Leader As we embark upon a new year of our Christian Education program, bestow upon the many who have come forward in service of this program the strength to fulfill the promise of opening the hearts and minds of all who participate. Lord in your mercy,
- People hear our prayer.**
- Leader Bestow on your people your spirit-power and bring the story of your grace and mercy in us to flower. Lord in your mercy,
- People hear our prayer.**
- Leader Lift in us your gift of inspiration, grant us wisdom, grant us courage. Lord in your mercy,
- People hear our prayer.**

Leader I invite you to offer prayers of petition, intercession and thanksgiving silently or aloud, and if aloud, concluding with “God, in your mercy” to which your community will respond, “Hear our prayer.”

A time is reserved for individual prayers.

Leader Let us pray.

May God’s Spirit who breathes through us, granting us grace to give air to that which we desire also fire our hearts with zeal to do our part to fulfill the words we pray.

Amen.

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ’s Spirit ever abide within you.

People **And within you.**

Vestry Greeting

Charlotte Murray

Rector’s Greeting

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem Great Day African American Spiritual, arr. Brazeal W. Dennard
Marjorie Coombs Wellman, soloist; Chancel Choir

*Great day, the righteous marchin’, Oh, God’s gonna build up Zion’s walls.
Chariot rode the mountain top. My God spoke and the chariot stopped.
This is the day of jubilee. My God set His people free.*

The people stand.

Presentation Hymn

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heav’nly host,

Creator, Son and Holy Ghost.

O sing praises, O sing praises,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!


Eucharistic Prayer

Presider In the beginning, O Spirit of God, you swept o’er the face of the formless void, bringing light out of darkness, breathing life into all that buds and flowers, that swims in the sea, flies through the air, and stands on the earth, yea even humankind.

Co-President Throughout the ages, O Spirit of God, you spoke through prophets and sages, revealing the divine word and will. In the fullness of time, you took flesh as love and justice made incarnate in Jesus; who, in his preaching and teaching, and reaching out to all with words of hope and hands of healing, lived that the world might grow wise in the ways of God. Therefore, with all creation, we lift our voices in praise, singing:

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.

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Presider Jesus, faithfully following the path of his mission and ministry, stirred the anger of worldly principalities and powers that brought him to death. On that night before he died, he took, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to his friends, saying, "This, my body, I give to you. Eat and remember me."

Co-Presider Then Jesus took and blessed the cup, sharing it with his friends, saying, "This, my blood, I pour out for you and for all. Drink and remember me." Now, in our remembrance, let us declare the wonder of our faith:

All Jesus was crucified and buried. Jesus was raised from the dead. Jesus, through God's Spirit, lives in us now.

Presider O Spirit of God, even now, in our day, come, we pray, as holy breath upon this bread and wine, making them spiritual food for us. In our partaking, reconcile us with you and with all!

All Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

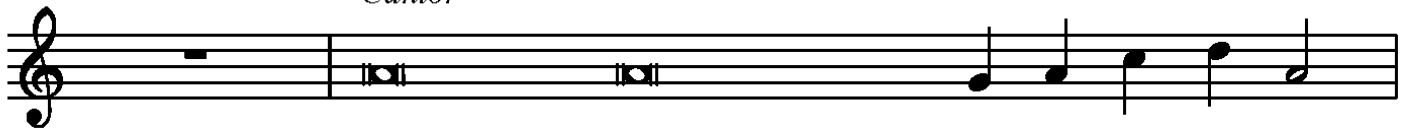
Presider And now, as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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.

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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Invitation to Communion

Presider Here at St. Mark's, we observe an open Communion. In the holy might of the Spirit of God who strengthens us to be as the One we follow, we, like Jesus,

invite everyone, whomever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe into the fellowship of this table.

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 at the high altar.

Music During Communion

Creator Spirit, Come We Pray

David Hurd

Chancel Choir

*Creator Spirit, come we pray, and visit every mind today;
May hearts you made to be your own be filled with heavenly grace alone.
From God on high you are the gift: O Fount of Life, your Name we lift,
O Paraclete, our Charity, O Fire, blessed Unction flowing free.
Enkindle us, set us aglow, pour out your love till hearts o'erflow;
To be made whole we sorely long; O heal us, Spirit ever strong.
Defend us always from the foe; on those who fear, your peace bestow;
Protect our journey, be our guide, that we in safety may abide.*

Hymn 659 O Master, let me walk with thee

de Tar

LEVAS 70 I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

African American Spiritual,
arr. Carl Haywood

Jesu, Jesu

Ghanaian folk song; adapt. Thomas Stevenson Colvin
Boys & Girls Choir

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Together, let us pray.

O Spirit of God, strengthened by this food, this bread and this wine of heaven, may we, now, here on earth and down to the depths of our souls, become what we eat. Make us like Jesus: people who respect the dignity of all, embrace equality for all, and labor for the liberty of all. Amen.

Closing Hymn 541 Come, labor on, Who dares stand idle

Ora Labora

The Blessing

Dismissal

Co-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!**

Postlude Fanfare

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Sermon Seminar

Announcements

The Hebrew Scripture Jonah 3:10-4:11

Read by Martha Connor-Donnelly

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Reader O God, grant us ears to listen.
People **That we may hear and heed.**

Sermon *The Promise of Openly Engaging One Another in Our Life Experiences*

Penny Farley and Bobbi Smith

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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. WHO ARE THE “OTHERS” THAT OUR MISSION CALLS US TO CARE FOR “WITH LOVE, JUSTICE AND COMPASSION”? The community engagement work that began with the capital campaign discernment process has led to many discoveries about the community within 1.5 miles of our church. On Sunday September 25, the sermon will reflect on those discoveries and during sermon seminar and pub lunch, we will have an opportunity to discuss what they mean and how our discoveries call us, as a community, to act. Some of what we learned may surprise you:

Poverty is St. Marks' Neighbor						
Census Tract	Location	% Kids in poverty	% Families in poverty	% Unemployment	Families w/ food stamps	Total population
66	St Marks	0	5.1	2.1	17	1909
47	Mass, NY NW and N Cap behind Gonzaga	71	48	31	1,822	4,990
64	Southwest – M St., South Cap; River	68	37	20	1,396	2,051
71	Area Near Potomac Gardens at 12 and G Streets, SE	47	38	20	1,003	3,088
7901	Benning Rd; 19th St. NE, MD. Ave.	57	32	14	1,439	3,926

Capital Campaign Update

2. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE -- For the latest information on the plans for our renovation and expansion of the Parish Hall, visit our updated page on the St. Mark's web site: <http://www.stmarks.net/who-we-are/vision2020>. The site includes an updated "frequently asked questions" document and other timely information. And don't forget -- hold the evening of Saturday, October 29, for the campaign kick-off celebration in the Nave. More details soon!

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!

Facilitator Training

CE Program Updates

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3. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY is TODAY -- September 18th and will include the commissioning of all of the Christian Ed teachers, facilitators and supervisors along with sermons by Bobbi Smith and Penny Farley, two of the Co-Directors of Christian Education. The new 2011-12 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!

4. **THANK YOU!!** – The Christian Ed Co-Directors would like to extend a warm and heartfelt THANK YOU to more than **100** volunteers who've agreed to teach or supervise classes or support the CE program this year! Please refer to the insert in today's bulletin for a complete listing of their names. We are especially grateful to Sunday School leaders who have stepped up for a full year commitment. We would also like to thank Karen Falk for her unending commitment, creativity and design expertise in creating our catalog.

Sunday School Updates

5. **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CATECHESIS** – All three levels of Catechesis continue today **September 18th**. Catechesis I for ages 3-5 will meet in Room 6, Catechesis II for Grades 1-3 will meet in Rooms 1 and 3 and Catechesis III for Grades 4 and 5 will meet in Room 4. Please be sure to fill out your registration forms and take your children to the undercroft to introduce them to their teachers.

6. **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR FOR MIDDLE AND SENIOR HIGH BEGINS SEPTEMBER 25TH** – All Middle and Senior High students are invited to listen to the Christian Ed sermon today. Starting next week, Middle School will meet in the Adams Room and Senior High will meet in Baxter House. Parents, please be sure to get in your registration forms to Marcella Gillis.

Gateway Classes

7. **THE INTRODUCTION TO LIFE AT ST. MARK'S** class will be held on **Sunday, September 25th**, 1:00-4:00 PM, in the Adams Room. Facilitated by Paul, our rector, "Intro" offers an overview, a "thumbnail" sketch of St. Mark's communal - our vision (who we are), our vocation (what we do), and our values (how we do what we do). Near the end of the class, parish leaders will join us to share a bit about opportunities for deeper engagement in our community life. Please let Paul know of your plans to attend (paul.abernathy@stmarks.net).

8. **LIFE, COMMUNITY AND FAITH (LCF) CLASS** coming this FALL! Please mark your calendars and plan on joining our Rector, Paul Abernathy, together with Grady Hedgespeth, Bill Jordan and Marlane Liddell. This course is a vibrant, experiential class that invites and encourages participants to identify and examine their life's concerns and questions within the community of other class participants using the lens of our Christian story, especially the relationship of Jesus and his disciples. The Fall class begins on **Wednesday, October 3rd** and will run for 10 Wednesdays from 7:30-9:30 (except for November 23) – and includes two **weekend retreats on Oct. 21-23 and Dec. 2-4**. *Fee: \$250 covers the cost of the first retreat. Second retreat is funded by a private donation.*

9. **THE BAPTISM CLASS** – Considering having your child baptized at St. Mark's this year? Please join Penny and Brock Hansen for this 4-session class starting on Sunday, **October 9th**, from 10:00 am -12:00 pm, in the Library. The class explores parenting issues that are posed by our Liturgy of Baptism. Classes will be held on **October 9, 16, 23 and 30**. Rehearsals will be held from 10-11 on Saturday, November 5th and Saturday, January 14th for November 6th and January 15th Baptisms. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or contact Penny at pennyhansn@aol.com or Brock at brockhansn@aol.com to register. *Fee: \$25 voluntary contribution to defray costs.*

Fall Class

10. **TELLING OUR TRUTH IN THE FAMILY** - An intergenerational functional class to look at how authentic we can be with the people we are closest to. How close are we if we do not tell the truth? Our parents, siblings, children think they know us, but do they? How risky is it to be the real me to my family? At times, I am caught between being true to my values and keeping the family peace. Where can I find the strength to authentically live in this tension? Have I created a family with my friends and partner because I feel like I don't belong or can't fit into my family of origin? Please join Scilla Adams, George Meng and Caitie Whelan in this 6-week class starting **September 27th**. We will meet in the Adams Room on Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30, and the weekend retreat will be at Dupont House **October 14th-16th**. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. *Fee: \$250*

Bible Studies

11. **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Continues **September 21st** from 11:00 am 12:15 pm in the Adams Room. Join the Weekly Bible Discussion and Study Group in the Adams Room. We will be studying the Letters of Paul from The Authentic Letters of Paul by Arthur J. Dewey and others, 2010. The book can be ordered in class for \$21 or via Polebridge Press for \$27 + shipping. Class is open to everyone and drop-ins are welcome. *A brown bag lunch follows until 1:00 pm. The Leaders are Rector Paul Abernathy, Buzz March, and other Lay Leaders. Please direct any questions to Coordinator Raiford Gaffney at rgaffneydc@gmail.com or 202.543.8930. Fee: voluntary contribution of \$25 per semester + cost of book.*
12. **MARCHING THROUGH the BIBLE – “THE APOCRYPHA”** – Beginning **September 25th**, join Buzz March and Bob Ewald, in this Bible Study class that will cover a collection of 2nd and 3rd century BC writings in order to explore the theological concerns of the day. The course consists of assigned readings and class discussions and will demand attendance at all sessions and full participation in class. Other outside readings are not expected. We are trying to get more familiar with reading and discussing the scripture itself. The course will meet every Sunday through April 22nd from 10-11 am in the Library. *Fee: Voluntary contribution of \$25 per semester*
13. **CURIOUS ABOUT THE LORD’S PRAYER YOU RECITE EVERY SUNDAY?** -The Thursday night Bible Study begins again on **September 29th** and is going to read The Greatest Prayer, by Dominic Crossan. He analyzes every sentence of the prayer in the context of passages from the Hebrew and New Testaments, giving meaning to a prayer we all say by rote with little understanding of what it means in the context of our biblical traditions. We’ll meet weekly at 7:00 pm, in Baxter House on Thursday nights. The book costs \$10.95. Sign up sheet is in the vestibule or contact Michael Knipe, haroldknipe@gmail.com, or Andrew Stafford, andrew611@earthlink.net. *Fee: voluntary contribution of \$25 per semester + cost of book.*

Outreach

14. **SOUP KITCHEN.** *Thank You*, for the **18** casseroles received on Sunday, September 11, 15 of which were delivered to the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church (CHUMC) shortly after noon. The three casseroles which we received while making sandwiches will be delivered to CHUMC next Sunday. We also appreciate the support of our late-afternoon, sandwich-making volunteers: **Paul Orum; Ian Patzman-Rivard; Maureen Shea; and Peter Hawley**, who, together with Co-Manager Jack Richards, prepared 235 cheese and bologna sandwiches for the Church of the Brethren (COB). The sandwiches were delivered to COB on Sunday evening.
15. **CAPITOL HILL GROUP MINISTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT.** Interested in golfing in, or sponsoring Capitol Hill Group Ministry’s annual golf tournament? CHGM is a social service organization serving families in need and the homeless on Capitol Hill. Save the date - **September 26** - for CHGM’s 9th Annual "Hope for the Homeless" Golf Tournament. Information and registration are available at <http://www.chgm.net/>.
16. **HONDURAS CONVENING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:** All of those who have been involved in or would like to know more about all aspects of St. Mark’s work with the Trinidad Conservation Project in Honduras are invited to a meeting on **Sunday, September 25 from 11 am – 12 noon in the Adams Room.** We will review our historical engagement with the communities in that region, discuss our plans for the youth trip in the summer of 2012 and set a course for the coming year! For more information, call or email Julie Murphy at 703-893-6522 or julie.murphy@pointsoflight.org, Jane Sherman at 202-363-8138 or brucejane@rcn.com or Betsy and Collie Agle at 202-546-0269 or betsy@agle.net.

Youth and Family Ministry

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

17. **BACK TO SCHOOL BRUNCH TODAY!** Join us in the Parish Hall after Sermon Seminar for a late breakfast as we touch base and go over the 2011-2012 calendar. Whether you have children or not, this is a great opportunity to get connected and get involved in family and youth programming at St. Mark's!
18. **2011-2012 SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION** Thanks to all who have submitted these forms! If you still haven't had a chance, you can find it at <http://www.stmarks.net/youth> and also with Sunday School teachers, and it applies to all youth events through the whole year. Catechesis begins **September 11**, with High School and Middle School Sunday School beginning on **September 25**.
19. **HELP THE HOMELESS MINI WALK – October 16** We will be hosting a help-the-homeless mini-walk to benefit Samaritan Ministry on October 16 from 11:15-12:15. Registration forms will be available in the Parish Hall following Sermon Seminar, and can also be completed online through the St. Mark's website. For more information, contact Marcella or Gretchen Willson.
20. **SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING – FALL DATES.** The fall 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, 9/17/11 (9:30 am - 12:30pm) - St. Margaret's Church, DC
Saturday, 9/24/11 (9:30 am - 12:30pm) - Good Shepherd, Silver Spring
Saturday, 10/1/11 (9:30 am -12:30pm) - St. Luke's, Bethesda
Saturday, 10/15/11 (9:30 am - 12:30pm) - St. John's, Mt. Rainier
Saturday, 11/19/11 (9:30 am - 12:30pm) - All Faith, Charlotte Hall
Saturday, 12/10/11 (9:30 am - 12:30pm) - Calvary, DC
Register online at www.edow.org/prevention

Parish Life

21. **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, September 26** 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.
22. **ST MARK'S READING GROUP:** On **September 19** we will discuss our 100th book, *Cloudstreet* by Tim Winton. If you plan to come to the meeting on September 19th, e-mail Linda Ewald at llerbe@yahoo.com because we have changed the venue and time for that evening. . On **November 7**, we will discuss *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe in the Penniman Room at Baxter House at 7:30.
23. **CALLING ALL WOMEN!! Please join us on September 20** as we welcome Justi. The evening begins with cocktails at 6:45, dinner at 7:30 followed by a brief program (and you're out by 9). This is a pot-luck so please sign up at the table in the Parish Hall. We also need help with clean up so consider being a part of that team (less than 1 hour). (NOTE: 9/20 is the correct date **NOT** Oct 7 as the calendar summary listed).
24. **UGANDAN BISHOP:** You may have heard of the horrific antigay legislation being considered in Uganda. You may not know that one of the leading figures fighting that legislation is retired Ugandan Episcopal Bishop Christopher Senyonjo. Despite condemnation and death threats, Bishop Christopher continues to fight for the rights of LGBTQ people. He is now on tour to educate Americans about the difficulties facing LGBTQ people in Uganda and in 75 other countries where homosexuality is criminalized. He will be

honored at a banquet **September 23** at 6:30 at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol. Proceeds will benefit his St. Paul Center for Reconciliation and Equality. Tickets are \$25 - \$40. For reservations call Philip Moeller at 202 543 1282.

25. **FILM SCREENING: It Takes a Village to Unite a Divided People. "BUDRUS"** The Mid-East Working Group of St. Mark's and The Corner Store are sponsoring this award winning documentary. **September 22** The Corner Store, (900 S.C. Ave. SE) and **September 30** St. Mark's, 6:30 PM Snacks and seating, 7:00 film followed by discussion. \$5 donation *Budrus* is the story of a Palestinian community organizer joined by Israeli supporters in an unarmed movement to save his village from destruction by Israel's Separation Barrier. One of the most moving parts of the film is when his 15-year-old daughter launches a women's contingent that quickly moves to the front lines. *Budrus* shines a light on people who choose nonviolence to confront a threat. We hope you'll join us.

26. **3RD AGERS POTLUCK.** The first gathering of 3rd Agers (those of us who are 60 or 60+) for 2011-2012 will be held on Saturday, **October 1** from 10:30 to 2:30. Our theme for the day is **Telling Some of Our Stories.** We'll do just that after a short business meeting and pot luck lunch. Sign up list is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Questions? Call or e-mail Jane Miller, Kathy Tatko, or Nancy Van Scoyoc. Contact information is in the Directory.

Music

27. **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 in the Music Studio 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 September rehearsals are "open," meaning anyone may attend without further obligation. So, if you have the slightest desire to sing, give it a try! All voice parts are needed. Contact Jeff Kempskie, Director of Music, for more information.

28. **PIANO LESSONS** Jeff Kempskie is now offering piano lessons for both children and adults through the Music Studio. Rates are reasonable, plus St. Mark's members receive an extra discount.

29. **NEW! MUSIKGARTEN CLASSES IN GERMAN!** Musikgarten's philosophy is steeped in the understanding that music and movement are a natural, joyous part of childhood. *Little germans musik* is now offering the Musikgarten curriculum in German. Combine the benefits of early childhood music with language immersion and enrich your family life with active music-making while nurturing language skills. Fall 2011 schedule at St Mark's, Dance Studio: *Toddlers 15 months – 3 years* plus caregiver: Mondays 3:30-4:00pm; *Children 3-5 years*, caregiver optional: Mondays 4:15-5:00pm. 10 week session starts 9/19/2011. For class description, more information and registration go to www.littlegermans.com.

Parish Prayer List

Lolita Abernathy (Paul's mother) • Jim Adams (former Rector) • Taylor Adams • Jackie Boddie • Mimi Chesslin • Joya Cox • Betty and Jack Davis (Beryl Maloney-Lillaston's Aunt and Uncle) • Gabrielle Giffords • Julio Gomez • Amy Greyson (friend of Susan Block) • Celia Hahn • Ray Lacey • Dennis Lewis • Winnie Mosher • Randell Prothro • Bruce Ritter • Al Rollins • Carroll Russell Sherer (Peter's mom) • Lael Stegall • Vicki Street • Kathy Tatko • 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

Sgt. William B. GrossPaniagua, 28, of Daly City, CA • Pfc. Brice M. Scott, 22, of Columbus, GA
Staff Sgt. Leon H. Lucas Jr., 32, of Wilson, NC • Staff Sgt. Patrick R. Dolphin, 29, of Moscow, PA
Sgt. Dennis E. Kancler, 26, of Brecksville, OH • Sgt. Christopher M. Wrinkle, 29, of Dallastown, PA
Staff Sgt. Kirk A. Owen, 37, of Sapulpa, OK • Spc. Barun Rai, 24, of Silver Spring, MD
Pfc. Cody G. Baker, 19, of Holton, KS • Pfc. Gil I. Morales Del Valle, 21, of Jacksonville, FL
Capt. Waid C. Ramsey, 41, of Red Bay, AL • Sgt. Anthony Del Mar Peterson, 24, of Chelsea, OK
Sgt. Daniel D. Gurr, 21, of Vernal, UT • Spc. Jinsu Lee, 34, of Chatsworth, CA
Spc. Mark J. Downer, 23, of Warner Robins, GA • Sgt. Daniel J. Patron, 26, of Canton, OH
Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington:

St. Matthew's Church, Hyattsville
St. Matthew's Day School
All Native Americans and Native American Congregations
Pray for Peace and Benevolence Among all Nations
(International Day of Peace, September 21)

In the Anglican Communion:

We pray for Southeast and Southwest Florida

This Week at St. Mark's as of 9/7/11 at 9:30am

Sunday, September 18

9:45am - 12:30pm	Nursery Care (Nursery)
10:00am - 11:00am	Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding; Rev. Justi Schunior, Co-Presiding
11:00am - 11:45am	Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Music Studio)
11:00pm - 12:00pm	Sermon Seminar (Nave) Christian Ed Co-Directors, Preaching
12:00pm - 2:00pm	Back to School Brunch (Parish Hall)
1:15pm - 4:00pm	Vestry Meeting (Adams Room)
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Seminarian's Advisory Committee (Library)
4:00pm - 8:00pm	Player Rehearsal: Fall Fest (Parish Hall)
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, September 19

10:00am – 8:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Insight Meditation (Nave)
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Players Rehearsal: Assassins (Nave)
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Players Board Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, September 20

12:15pm - 11:15pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Vision 2020 Meeting (Gregory Room)
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Fall LCF Teaching Team (Library)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:00pm -10:00pm	Women's Dinner (Parish Hall, Nave)
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Outreach Board (Gregory Room)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Nuts and Bolts of Functional Education (Adams Room)

Wednesday, September 21

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)
6:30pm – 10:00pm	Women's Investment Network (Parish Hall)
7:00pm – 9:30pm	Players Rehearsal: Fall Fest (Nave)

Thursday, September 22

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 - 8:00pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

Friday, September 23

7:00am - 8:00am	Yoga Class
11:30am - 8:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Cromwell-Wallace Wedding Rehearsal (Nave)
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Women's AA Meeting (Adams Room)

Saturday, September 24

9:00am - 12:00pm	Capital Campaign Training (Parish Hall)
10:00am - 12:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
11:00am – 11:00pm	Cromwell-Wallace Wedding and Reception (Nave, Parish Hall)
6:00pm - 9:00pm	AA Meeting (Adams Room)

Sunday, September 25

8:45am - 12:30pm	Nursery Care (Nursery)
9:00am –10:00am	Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding; Rev. Justi Schunior, Co-Presiding
10:00am – 11:00am	Sermon Seminar (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Preaching
11:00am - 11:45am	Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Music Studio)
11:15am – 12:30pm	Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding and Preaching; Rev. Justi Schunior, Co-presiding
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Introduction to Life at St. Mark's (Adams Room)
1:15pm - 3:30pm	Pillar Council (Penniman Room)
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)

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Rick Rutherford

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Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	Margaret Wood
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Altar Guild	Gretchen Willson and Susan Ryerson
Bread and Wine	Beryl Maloney-Lillaston
Beadles	Tim Veney, Katherine Arrington, and Chuck Devine
Laying on of Hands	John Barton and Josie Jordan