



WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 2011
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUNDAY

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR
11:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider and Preacher

The Reverend Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector

Co-Presider

The Reverend Justi Schunior, Assistant Rector

Organist

Mr. Jeff Kempskie, 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

The **9 am** is a **Holy Eucharist** without a sermon. At 9:45 am, children go to Sunday School classes while adults remain in the Nave for coffee, announcements and Sermon Seminar.

The **10 am Sermon Seminar**. After the sermon, anybody can feel free 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 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

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

Prelude Meditation

Gabriel Dupont (1878-1914)

Opening Hymn 410 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima

Opening Sentences

Presider O God, you give us eyes to see and minds to think.

People Open them and heighten our sense of perception.

Presider O God, you give us ears to hear and hearts to feel.

People Open them and deepen our soul of compassion.

Presider O God, you give us hands to have and to hold.

People Open them and broaden our spirit of inclusion.

All Make us evermore your community of concern.

Collect

Presider Sisters and brothers, praying together, let us say,

O God, by your design, you create us, though different one from another, alike as the daily beneficiaries of your abundant and abiding grace. May we, claiming our birthright as made in your image, always share one with another our compassion and care with the liberty of your unconditional love. Amen.

✠ **Hebrew Scripture** Deuteronomy 10.12-13, 17-19, adapted

Read by Holly Madsen (11:15)

What, O Israel, does the LORD require of you? Only that you fear the LORD, walking in all the ways of the LORD, loving and serving the LORD with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and decrees that I, Moses, command you today, for your own well-being. For the LORD is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 602 Jesu, Jesu (*vv. 1-2 before, 3-4 after Gospel*)

Ghanaian folk song;
adapt. Thomas Stevenson Colvin

The Gospel Luke 10.25-37, adapted

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People



Nancy Karpeles

A lawyer, testing Jesus, asked, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus answered, “What is written in the law?” He said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus said to him, “You answer rightly. Do this and you will live.” But wanting to justify himself, he asked, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and, departing, left him half dead. By chance a priest was going down that road and seeing him, passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him and was moved with pity, bandaging his wounds and pouring oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

People



Nancy Karpeles

✦The Sermon “We Are Neighbors”

The Rector

The Prayers of the People

Read by Gwen Dillard (9:00), Andrew Stafford (11:15)

Leader O God, in gracious kindness, you set us down in a world of natural treasures – earth and sky, land and sea, flora and fauna – giving all into our care that we may your faithful stewards be.

People **O God, we thank you.**

Leader Yet, we, O God, oft spurning your call, suffer not all to share in the world’s wealth of riches and resources and life’s blessings of opportunity and the benefits that come from them.

People **O God, we confess to you.**

Leader Still, O God, you have made us as you are, with hearts aflame with love. In your Spirit, spur us to reach out in fervent compassion not only to those near and dear, our families and friends, but also to our greater community of neighbors, yea, to all.

People **O God, we beseech you.**

Leader All of us are invited to offer our prayers of intercession, petition, or thanksgiving silently or, if aloud, concluding by saying, "This is my prayer," to which our community will respond, "Amen."

A time is allotted for the peoples' prayers.

Leader Let us pray.

All O God, creator and preserver of life, breath anew upon us, inspire us with your very being; make us your community of concern that your love for all your people may be manifest in us. Amen.

Mission Moment – Shelter Ministry

Stephanie Deutsch, Susan Sedgewick,
Ryan Velasco

The Peace

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

People And within you.

Vestry Greeting

Janet Vail (9:00), Jim Steed (11:15)

Rector's Greeting

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem Praise God with Heart and Voice
Chancel Choir

Cary Ratcliff

*Praise God with heart and voice, come before him with thanksgiving.
In him let us rejoice, to him grateful spirits bring;
His hand by faith is seen guiding all our days,
Praise God, his goodness sing.*

*Earth shouts the praise of God; heavens hum God's hidden wisdom;
Life sings his eye's detail, Distant oceans sound his power;
Stars storm the void with voice: speak creation's rhymes;
Times dances the plans of God.*

*Praise him whose universe bursts bright with quiet meaning,
Whose wounded world he gives light for its redeeming;
Whose Word has come to us, spoken in our flesh;
Whose mercies our lives refresh.*

*Hurl high our joy in him, sing deep our fresh-found gladness.
Wing words of grateful span, tell his loving kindness.
Thanksgiving we shall bring, hymns of beauty raise,
Praise God through all our days.*

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 O God, by your ever holy and mighty Spirit, you brought forth out of nothing all that is – light and darkness, sea and sky, earth and plant, moon and stars, creatures of sea, sky, and land, yea even humankind, made in your image.

Co-Presider O God, we thank you for the gift of life and the grace of your commission that we, granted dominion over the earth, serve as stewards of your creation. For this and your countless bountiful blessings, we, now, 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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Co-President But in only the twinkling of an eye, O God, our joy and gladness turned to sorrow, for we, in our living, swiftly forsook your call, the greed of our self-care leaving unfulfilled your will that all share in the blessings of this life.

Presider Yet in your never-failing care for us, you, through the ages, summoned us to return to you, through prophets and sages, your call to Israel and all nations, finally, sending Jesus, your son, our brother, to show us, in his living and his dying, your way and your will.

On the night before he died, he gathered his friends, taking, blessing, breaking, and offering the bread, saying, “This, my body, I give to you. Eat and remember me.”

Co-President Jesus then took and blessed the cup, offering it to them, saying, “This, my blood, I pour out for you and for all. Drink and remember me.” Now, in our remembrance, we proclaim the wonder of our faith:

All **Jesus died and was buried. Jesus was raised from the grave. Jesus is alive within us now.**

Co-President O God, in your continual grace, bestow your Spirit-breath upon this bread and wine, making them spiritual food and drink for us that we may be strengthened for service.

All **AMEN!**

A Version of the Lord’s Prayer (from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*), adapted

Presider As Jesus taught us, we now pray,

All **Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker.
 Source of all that is and that shall be.**

**Mother and Father of all,
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:
 The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

The way of your justice be followed by all peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come
on earth.

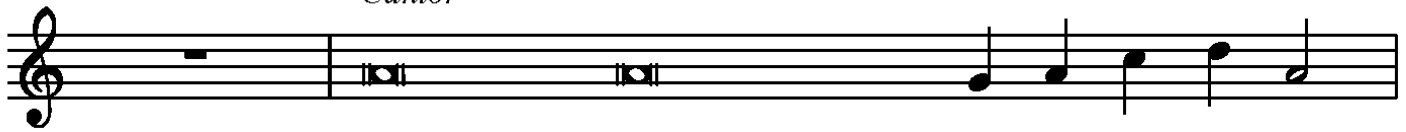
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
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 As God creates all, God calls all to share in the riches of heavenly grace, yea,
too, this bread and this wine.

Co-Presider And we, made in God's image, bid that all, whomever we are, from wherever
we have come, and whatever we believe invite all to receive.

The Communion

Everyone is invited to God's Table. Gather, one group at a time, around the altar platform. Remain until everyone has received the bread and wine and has been dismissed by the Presider, saying, "Go in peace." You may consume the bread, then receive the wine by taking a sip from the chalice or goblet OR you may hold the bread, which will signal that you wish to intinct (dip it) into the chalice or the goblet. A non-alcoholic alternative to wine is offered in the plain goblet, and gluten-free crackers are available upon request.

Music During Communion

Hymn 337 And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Unde et memores

LEVAS 58 The Lord Is My Light

Words & Music by Lillian Bouknight

LEVAS 193 I Will Trust in the Lord

African American Spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray

All O God, by your Spirit, you create us, calling us to be a community of concern. By that same Spirit, you feed us, strengthening us for service. In that same Spirit, you send us into your world that through us all may know of your love and justice. Amen.

✠ Announcements

Closing Hymn 477 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Engelberg

Blessing

Presider Beyond these walls, there are many in need who await word of God's care through our service in deed. With open eyes and minds, open ears and hearts, and open hands, may God's blessing be upon us to bear *and to be* God's love and justice in the world.

People Amen!

Dismissal

Co-Presider Let us, an empowered community of concern, go forth. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Toccata (from Twelve Pieces)

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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Sermon Seminar

Announcements

The Hebrew Scripture Deuteronomy 10.12-13, 17-19, adapted *Read by* Janice Gregory
Sermon “We Are Neighbors” The Rector

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** -- At its meeting on Sunday, September 18, the Vestry approved a Vision 2020 Steering Committee request to move forward with a revised design for the renovation and expansion of our Parish Hall. After working for many weeks with our consultants, including the architects, our project manager and a general contractor on pricing the project, the Steering Committee concluded that the cost of the project (more than \$4 million) exceeded the parish's ability to pay for it. Therefore, the revised design would add a second floor to the Parish Hall, renovate and expand the Foyer, build two new meeting/classrooms in an expanded Undercroft beneath the new Foyer, and build -- but not finish -- the space beneath the Parish Hall. The space below the Parish Hall would be dug out, but left unfinished, with a concrete floor and basic electricity. There were several key reasons why the Steering Committee recommended this change. First, by not finishing this space, we achieve savings that will bring the total cost of the project to a more manageable \$3.5 million. Second, we will have the ability at any time to finish the space. Third, we gain two additional classrooms in the Undercroft. And, finally, we preserve the core elements of the project, including the construction of the new second floor and the renovation of the Parish Hall, Foyer and Kitchen. Further details about the decision can be found on the Vision 2020 web page: <http://www.stmarks.net/who-we-are/vision2020>.

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!

CE Program Updates

3. **THANK YOU RECEPTION** – As a special thank you to the more than **100** volunteers who've agreed to teach or supervise classes or support the CE program this year, the Christian Ed Co-Directors will hold reception at the home of Rita and Matt Ossolinski on **October 8th** starting at 5:00 pm. Everyone should have received an Evite by now, so mark your calendars and let us know if you can attend. We are grateful for the time, dedication and creativity of all of our volunteers and look forward to kicking off the new year with all of you!

4. **CHRISTIAN ED CATALOG** – The new 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!

Sunday School Updates

5. **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CATECHESIS** – All three levels of Catechesis continue today **September 25th**. 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 TODAY SEPTEMBER 25TH** – 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 **Today, September 25th**, 1:00-4.00 PM, in the Adam's 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 5th** 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 Gregory Room. 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. **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.*

12. **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

13. **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 **Today 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

14. **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**.
15. **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.
16. **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, 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

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, 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.
18. **ST MARK'S READING GROUP:** There will be NO MEETING IN OCTOBER. On **November 7** we will discuss *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe in the Penniman Room at Baxter House at 7:30 p.m. On December 5, we will discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. All are welcome! Questions? E-mail Linda Ewald at lherbe@yahoo.com.
19. **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 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.
20. **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.
21. **BAXTER HOUSE NEEDS YOU!** Additional volunteers are needed to support the Baxter House professional staff by answering the telephone, greeting visitors at the door, and offering other assistance as needed. You will be joining 24 fellow parishioners in providing an invaluable ministry to our community. For further information, please contact Bob Ewald at lherbe@yahoo.com

22. **COFFEE HOUR** following Sermon Seminar is pretty drab with only the coffee. We need a person-in-charge to coordinate volunteers who bring the pastries, bagels, etc. (Funds are available to reimburse for the costs). If you have the organizational skills and a willing heart call or write Jack Burton at 410-798-7417 jburton39@gmail.com.

Music

23. **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.

24. **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.

25. **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) • 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 • 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

We pray for the repose of the soul of Ray Lacey

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:

Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Adelphi Parish

In the Anglican Communion:

We pray for Southern Virginia - (Province III, USA)

This Week at St. Mark's as of 9/21/11 at 9:30am

Sunday, September 25

8:45am - 12:30pm 9:00am –10:00am	Nursery Care (Nursery) 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
10:00am - 11:00am	Marching Through the Bible (Library)
11:00am - 11:45am	Boys and Girls Choir Rehearsal (Music Studio)
11:00am – 12:00pm	Honduras Information Session (Adams Room)
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)

Monday, September 26

10:00am – 8:00pm	Dance Classes (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Players Rehearsal: Assassins (Parish Hall)
7:30pm - 10:00pm	Caregivers Support Group (Penniman Room)
7:30pm - 10:00pm	Insight Meditation (Nave)

Tuesday, September 27

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	Players Rehearsal (Nave)
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Cancer Support Group (Library)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Telling Our Truth in The Family (Adams Room)

Wednesday, September 28

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)

Thursday, September 29

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 30

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

Saturday, October 1

10:00am - 12:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
10:00am - 2:00pm	Players Rehearsal (Nave)
11:30am - 2:00pm	Third Agers (Parish Hall, Parish Hall Kitchen)
6:00pm - 9:00pm	AA Meeting (Adams Room)

Sunday, October 2

8:45am - 12:30pm	Nursery Care (Nursery)
9:00am – 10:00am	Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding; Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Co-Presiding
10:00am – 11:00am	Sermon Seminar (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Preaching
10:00am - 11:00am	Marching Through the Bible (Library)
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Class of '13	Bill Dickinson, Rick Hayes, Marilu Sherer	
Class of '14	Grady Hedgespath, Charlotte Murray, Janet Vail	
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Diocesan Delegates

David Deutsch

Rick Rutherford

Maureen Shea

Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	Burton Reist
Acolytes	Jackie Abramowitz, Sarah Baldwin, Alyssa Stanford and Kate Billings (9:00) Ryan Velasco (11:15)
Lay Servers	Randy Marks, Dick Rumpf, Donna Sabino, and Sarah Baldwin (9:00) Jackie Boddie, Pat Latin, Linda Cheatham and Elizabeth Becker (11:15)
Altar Guild	Susan Ryerson and Gretchen Willson (9:00) Tiiu Kera and Liz Layton (11:15)
Bread and Wine	Kenn Allen and Maureen Shea (9:00)
Beadles	Judy Smith, Michael Knipe and Rosemary Harold (11:15)