



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,

BUILDING ON OUR LIVING STONES
VISION 2020: STEPPING INTO THE FUTURE
SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST + LAYING ON OF HANDS

Presider

The Reverend Justi Schunior, Assistant Rector

Preachers

Mr. Kenn Allen and Mr. Mike Townsend

Organist

Mr. Jeff Kempskie

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 with Sermon**.

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 Verset-Choral

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Opening Hymn WLP 780 Lord, you give the great commission
(vv. 1-3)

Abbot's Leigh

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

Refrain

With the Spir - it's

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Opening Sentences

Based on 1 Cor 3:10,16; Ezra 5:11a

Presider Paul said to the Corinthians, "You are God's building. I am like a master-builder who by God's grace laid the foundation and someone else is putting up the building."

People **We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth and we are rebuilding a house which was built many years ago**

Presider Surely you know that you are God's temple, where the Spirit of God dwells.

People **May all of us take care how we build!**

Hymn WLP 780 Lord, you give the great commission (v.5)

Abbot's Leigh

Commissioning of the Vision 2020 Leadership Team

The people sit.

Presider With respect for yesterday, relishing today, and rejoicing in the possibilities of tomorrow, we launch our capital campaign: Vision 2020. Kenn Allen and Michael Townsend, you, on behalf of us all, have stepped forward to share leadership of this effort. Others among us have joined you. I invite you to introduce them to our community.

Kenn The members of our Steering Committee for whom we give thanks, who, with us, oversee the work, are Doris Burton, Ed Corr, Linda Ewald, Jane Rutherford, and John Sedgewick.

Mike Aspects of that work, which together accomplish our larger purpose of building for our future and that of our children and our children's children, are Communications, Marketing, and Special Events; Building Design; and Fundraising.

Kenn We recognize those professionals whose expertise and creative energies will make our dreams a reality – Bill Bonstra, Jeremy Arnold and John Edwards of Bonstra/Haresign Architects; Alex Berley of E&G Group project management; and our team from Monarc Construction

Mike We also recognize Andi Tillman of Episcopal Church Foundation, our consultant for the capital campaign.

The people stand.

Presider Unless God builds the house

All Their labor is in vain who build it.

Presider Let us pray.

All O God, sharpen our vision and strengthen our resolve that we, honoring our history, holding our present in our hands, and harboring hope for our future, commit ourselves with love and justice to this labor. Having granted us the will to do these things, by your grace, give us power to accomplish them. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Sisters and brothers, let us pray together, saying,

O God, help us draw near to Christ, the living stone, which people have rejected, though it is chosen and precious in your sight; and like living stones may we ourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, and to offer acceptable sacrifices through Jesus Christ.

The Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 58:12

Read by Doris Burton

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn Hymn 610 Lord, whose love through humble service

Blaenhafren

(vv. 1-3 before Gospel, v. 4 after)

The Gospel Mark 8:1-9

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

People



Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Nancy Karpeles

In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, 'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way—and some of them have come from a great distance.' His disciples replied, 'How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?' He asked them, 'How many loaves do you have?' They said, 'Seven.' Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. They had also a

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ abide within you.

People And also within you.

Vestry Greeting

Cecilia Monahan

Assistant Rector's Greeting

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (Blessed Jesus, we are here)

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

The people stand.

Presentation Hymn 288, v.3

Dix

As thy prospering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;
And by deeds of kindly love for thy mercies grateful prove;
Singing thus through all our days praise to God, immortal praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S 130

Schubert, arr. Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from his mother Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new

Covenant, which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All AMEN!

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

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread S164

Schubert, arr. Proulx

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

Presider Here at St. Mark's, we observe an open Communion. All of us, whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe are invited 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. Laying on of hands is available at the high altar.

Music During Communion

WLP 778 We all are one in mission

Nyland



1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:
the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Hymn 581 Where charity and love prevail
LEVAS 221 This Little Light of Mine

Cheshire
African American Spiritual

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray together.

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

Announcements

Closing Hymn 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

Blessing

Presider Let us commit ourselves to the labor of building a community of love and justice.

People May we begin this labor remembering that we are a people of hope and purpose.

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

The Dismissal

Presider May we go forth into the world with strength and vision to show the love of God.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude Magnificat II *from Fifteen Pieces*

Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

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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

2. RECTOR AWAY ON VACATION. Paul is away on annual vacation and will return to his office on Wednesday, **September 7**. Please feel free to contact Justi Schunior either at the office (ext. 302) or via email justi.schunior@stmarks.net with any pastoral concerns.

3. TROUBLE RECEIVING THE GOSPEL? a number of parishioners have said they are no longer receiving The Gospel weekly news email. However, when checked, the parishioners' email addresses were on The Gospel email list – and in most cases, The Gospel had been caught in a spam filter – either the ones the parishioner maintained on their computer, or the one that their ISP maintained. If you don't receive The Gospel and wish to, please first check your spam filters. But if that doesn't work, please contact Susan Block, Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership, susan.block@stmarks.net or 202-543-0053 ext. 305.

Capital Campaign Update

4. Following today's service, please take a look at the latest drawings and plans for the proposed renovation/expansion project, which will be displayed in the Parish Hall. Steering Committee members will be available to answer your questions. In addition, we urge everyone to visit the Vision 2020 section of the St. Mark's web site (look under the "Who We Are" tab), where we have posted updated answers to FAQs ("frequently asked questions") about the project, as well as a quick look at the history of construction projects at St. Mark's. We will begin fundraising for the project this fall and everyone is invited to the celebratory kick-off event on the evening of Saturday, October 29, at St. Mark's. Please save the date for what should be a fantastic evening of great food, entertainment and fellowship!

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

5. **NUTS AND BOLTS OF FUNCTIONAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** -- To be held on Tuesday nights starting **September 6th**, with 3 sessions continuing on the 13th and 20th. This class explores the fundamentals of the Penniman Method of Christian Education as framed by Charles Penniman. This includes techniques for identifying a focus, planning the overall program and developing individual lesson plans. This is open to all who are interested in this topic and also will be an excellent bonding experience for new teams of facilitators as they prepare for the upcoming year. Please join Marilu Sherer and Bruce Sherman in the Adams room from 7:30-9:30pm

Gateway Classes

6. **THE INTRODUCTION TO LIFE AT ST. MARK'S** class will be held on **Sunday, September 25th**, 1:00-4.00 PM, in the Parish Hall. 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. Also, we'll finish in time to join the fellowship hour following the 5.00 PM service. Please let Paul know of your plans to attend (paul.abernathy@stmarks.net).

7. **LIFE, COMMUNITY AND FAITH (LCF) CLASS** coming this FALL! Please mark your calendars and plan on joining our Rector, Paul Abernathy, together with Grady Hedgespath, 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**. More information will follow, but mark your calendars now!

Bible Study

8. **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPTEMBER 7TH AT 11:00 AM 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. Can be ordered in class for \$21 or via Polebridge Press for \$27 + shipping. Class is open to everyone and drop-ins are welcome. We meet every Wednesday from 11 am – 12:15 pm. 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.

Fall Class

9. **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 don't feel like I belong or can 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**.

10. **CURIOUS ABOUT THE LORD'S PRAYER YOU RECITE EVERY SUNDAY?** The Thursday night bible group, starting 9/29, 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 repeatedly recite, but with little understanding of what it means in the context of our biblical traditions. We'll meet weekly at 7:00 on Thursday nights. The book costs \$10.95. Sign up in vestibule or contact Michael Knipe, haroldknipe@gmail.com, or Andrew Stafford, andrew611@earthlink.net.

Sunday School Updates

11. **SUNDAY SCHOOL**- continues to take a break as August comes to a close. Please note that our one service 'summer' format will continue through **September 18th**. The new Sunday School year will begin on **September 11th** for Catechesis (ages 3-Grade 5) and on **September 25th**, for Middle and Senior High so that the older children can listen to the sermons on the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 and Christian Ed Sunday on September 18th.

12. **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18TH!** - Please note that our one service 'summer' format will continue through September 18th. Middle and Senior High classes will attend services on the 11th and 18th because of the importance of the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and because Christian Ed Sunday will be moved to 9/18. We want our teens and almost teens to share sermon seminar with us on these important occasions.

13. **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR FOR CATECHESIS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11TH** -- The new Sunday School year will begin on September 11th for Catechesis (ages 3-Grade 5). Teachers will be prepared to respond to any concerns about 9/11 if they come up. Please contact your child's teacher if you want to have a further discussion about these issues.

14. **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR FOR MIDDLE AND SENIOR HIGH BEGINS SEPTEMBER 25TH** -- The new Sunday School year will begin on September 25th for Middle and Senior High so that the older children can listen to the sermons on the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 and Christian Ed Sunday on September 18th.

Outreach

15. **CASSEROLES FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN** - **Today**, please pick-up one or more casserole recipes and pans from the table near the High Altar. Bring your casserole(s) **next Sunday, September 11, to any church service**, and thereby help us feed needy Capitol Hill persons at the **Capitol Hill United Methodist Church!** Our monthly goal is **20 casseroles**. Questions? Contact Co-Managers Jack Richards or Mary Lee Watts.

16. **OTHER SOUP KITCHEN ACTIVITIES** - Next **Sunday, September 11, from 5:00-6:00 P.M.**, we will be making sandwiches for the Church of the Brethren **in our Parish Hall**. **We always need 4-5 volunteers** to help us finish on time! Please join us; **kids welcome!**

17. **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/>.

18. **SHORT VISIT TO HONDURAS COMMUNITIES IN DECEMBER (2011).** Have you wondered about what happens in the communities sponsored by the Trinidad Conservation Project (TCP) but not had the time for a 2-week trip? Collie Agle from St. Mark's will lead a 5-day trip that will include home stays with farming families, visits to projects carried out by youth and adults, and an overview of the Sustainable Harvest International (SHI) program for moving families from destructive to sustainable agricultural practices and greater level of economic self sufficiency. Dates: Saturday, **December 3** to Wednesday, **December 7**. Cost: \$900 (plus airfare). 50% deposit due **October 3**. For more details, email chagle@washpathfind.com or call 202-255-6287 (cell) as soon as possible.

19. **WANT TO EXPERIENCE RADICAL HOSPITALITY FOR "OTHERS?"** Come see what the Church of the Epiphany in downtown DC does every Sunday for homeless persons in terms of group activities, a religious service, and a breakfast. St. Mark's will be sponsoring 4 Sundays this year. The Rector at the Church of the Epiphany will host and guide about 15 people from St Mark's, allowing us to experience what another Episcopal church does every Sunday. It's an incredible experience. Sign up in vestibule or contact Michael Knipe, haroldknipe@gmail.com, or Susana Gomez, cubanasusana@yahoo.com.

Worship & Meditation

20. **CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST AT 5PM.** Please join us in the Nave at 5:00 PM this Sunday for our contemplative Eucharist service. Bring a beverage and/or snack to share during the social hour that follows our service.

21. WEEK-DAY SERVICE AND MEDITATION OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Mondays 7:30 to 9:00pm</u>	Insight Meditation in the Nave
<u>Thursdays 7:00 to 8:30am</u>	Insight Meditation in the Nave
<u>Thursdays Noon to 12:45pm</u>	Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

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*

22. **2011-2012 SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION.** Sunday School registration is now available! Forms have been mailed and can also be found on the website (<http://www.stmarks.net/youth>). The permission form applies to all youth events through the whole year, so please make an effort to submit it! Catechesis begins **September 11**, with High School and Middle School Sunday School beginning on **September 25**.

23. **BACK TO SCHOOL BRUNCH, SEPTEMBER 18** – Mark your calendars for the homecoming brunch & volunteer fair after service on **September 18**. We'll get to catch up after the summer break, hear about this year's youth activities, and volunteer to help facilitate events.

Parish Life

24. **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 12** 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.

25. **20S AND 30S GROUP.** The next Food For Thought Potluck Supper will be on **Sunday, September 11** at Baxter House following the 5 o'clock service. Please join us for dinner and discussion. Email Laurel2k@gmail.com with questions.

26. **ROOMS NEEDED.** Family and friends will be coming to DC on **September 17** to take part in a Memorial Service to our son, Dr. Thomas Taylor, who was killed in an automobile accident on the 31st of July in Carroll, NH. Some will need lodging. If any of our St. Mark's family has room for guests for Friday night, 9/16/11 and possibly the following night, please let us know. Arnold & Lilian Taylor at ahnoldt@aol.com or 202-547-7962. What kind of space is available? How far away is it from the church? Are stairs involved?

27. **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.
28. **SAVE THE DATE!** *Woman to Woman* will host a "Welcome to St. Mark's" dinner in honor of our new associate, Justi Schunior, on **Tuesday, September 20**. All women of the parish are invited and details will be available at the parish picnic on September 4.
29. **STAY CONNECTED!** St. Mark's has a Yahoo Group for members and friends of the church. Through this email group, information of interest to the St. Mark's community may be sent by any member to all members of the group. If you wish to join, please send an email explaining your connection to St. Mark's to: StMarks-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. If you have trouble joining, please contact the moderator, George Meng, at gem@menglaw.com, 301-855-7047 or 410-535-5500.

Music

30. **DO YOU LIKE TO SING?** Consider singing with the St. Mark's Chancel Choir. Rehearsals take place in the nave on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30pm with the season's first rehearsal starting on **September 8**. All rehearsals in the month of September are "open," meaning anyone may attend without further obligation. For more info on this and all other music announcements, contact Director of Music Jeff Kempskie at jeff.kempskie@stmarks.net or 202.543.0053 ext. 303.
31. **BOYS & GIRLS CHOIR RETREAT SEPTEMBER 10.** If you have a child in grades 1-8 that has an interest in singing or just music in general, we invite him/her to attend the Boys & Girls Choir Retreat at St. Mark's on Saturday September 10th from 10am-3pm. The day will include a variety of fun music-related activities including singing, games, watching a movie, and eating pizza and ice cream! The first regular Girls & Boys Choir rehearsal shall begin on Sunday September 11th from 11-11:45am in the Music Studio and will continue each week thereafter. Contact Jeff Kempskie or Nadine Hathaway (nadinehathaway@verizon.net) for more information.
32. **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.
33. **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

1st Lt. Timothy J. Steele, 25, of Duxbury, MA • Sgt. Andrew R. Tobin, 24, of Jacksonville, IL
Pfc. Brandon S. Mullins, 21, of Owensboro, KY, • Pfc. Jesse W. Dietrich, 20, of Venus, TX
Spc. Douglas J. Green, 23, of Sterling, VA

Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington:

The Canon for Academic Ministries, Preston Hannibal • The Howard University Chaplaincy
The Bowie State University Chaplaincy • The University of Maryland Chaplaincy
All students
All who are unemployed and seeking jobs

In the Anglican Communion:

We pray for the Anglican Church of Korea

This Week at St. Mark's as of 9/4/11 at 9:30am

Sunday, September 4

9:45am - 12:30pm	Nursery Care (Nursery)
10:00am –11:00am	Holy Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding; Kenn Allen and Mike Townsend, Preaching
12:15pm - 2:00pm	Parish Picnic (Parish Hall, Courtyard)
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Contemplative Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Justi Schunior, Presiding and Preaching
5:00pm - 6:00pm	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)

Monday, September 5

Labor Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

12:15pm - 11:15pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Vision 2020 Meeting (Gregory Room)
6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
6:00pm - 10:00pm	Players Rehearsal: Assassins
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Nuts and Bolts of Functional Education (Adams Room)

Wednesday, September 7

6:00pm - 7:05pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:00pm - 9:30pm	Executive Committee of MEWG (Library)

Thursday, September 8

7:00am - 8:30am	Insight Meditation Group (Nave)
12:00pm - 12:30pm	Noon Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30pm - 8:00pm	Yoga Class (Adams Room)
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

Friday, September 9

7:00am - 8:00am	Yoga Class
3:00pm - 6:00pm	Dance Studio Registration (Parish Hall)
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Women's AA Meeting (Adams Room)

Saturday, September 10

9:00am - 12:00pm	Dance Studio Registration (Parish Hall)
10:00am - 12:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
6:00pm - 9:00pm	AA Meeting (Adams Room)

Sunday, September 11

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 - 12:00pm	Sermon Seminar (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Preaching
12:00pm - 2:00pm	Pub Lunch (Parish Hall)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Yoga Class (Dance Studio)
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Contemplative Eucharist (Nave) Rev. Paul Roberts Abernathy, Presiding and Preaching
5:00pm - 6:00pm	ACoA Meeting (Room 6)
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Soup Kitchen Sandwich Prep (Parish Hall)
5:45pm - 9:30pm	Young Professionals (Baxter House)
6:00pm - 9:00pm	LCF Spring Teaching Team Meeting (Library)

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Verger

Loretta Veney

Acolytes

Ryan Velasco

Altar Guild

Bob and Anne Headley

Lay Servers

Bread & Wine

Mary Jo and Bill Detweiler

Laying on of Hands

Eleanor Whitman and Gene Kendall

Beadles

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