

## Announcements - November 22, 2020

*Submit announcements, not to exceed 150 words, to [bulletin@stmarks.net](mailto:bulletin@stmarks.net) by 5pm Tuesday to be included the following Sunday. Announcements will run for three weeks unless we hear from you.*

*To have your event included on the [parish calendar](#), send it to [parishadmin@stmarks.net](mailto:parishadmin@stmarks.net).*

*To have your event posted on the [parish website](#), send it to [website@stmarks.net](mailto:website@stmarks.net).*

### New Announcements

#### Outreach

##### 1. Palestinian Olive Oil Sale

[11/22]

Yes, it's happening – Covid-19 won't stop our annual Advent sale of Palestinian olive oil – always a perfect Christmas gift. Our Mid-East Working Group will be **selling it Saturdays November 21st & 28th and December 5th & 12th in the St. Mark's Courtyard, 12:00-3:00 (except 1:00-3:00 on 11/21), weather permitting.** Covid has surged in the Holy Land, and sale proceeds will go to the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem for the **health care needs of our sisters and brothers** there. You can either drop-by or order in advance through Karen Getman at [Karen.getman@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.getman@gmail.com). Bottles are \$25 each, and a case of 6 is a bargain at \$140. You can pay with cash or by check made out to St. Mark's Church with "olive oil" in the subject line.

**Important: Masks are Required and Social Distancing Protocols will be in place.**

We ask that you do not come if you are exhibiting any symptoms of illness including:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

More information can be found [here](#).

## 2. Be Santa to a family in need.

[11/22]

Help less fortunate families hear Santa's sleigh bells! Donate to Everyone Home DC's fund which will provide gift cards to their client families. Depending on family size they will give gift cards in amounts ranging from \$150 to \$500 for Marshall's, Target, Walmart, etc, . This Covid driven change impacts us too. We at St. Mark's cannot gather for our annual fun gift wrapping party that we have enjoyed in past years. (Everyone Home DC is the new name for Capitol Hill Group Ministry.).

Donate here at this weblink [Christmas Gift Donation](#). Be sure to scroll down to register your donation to a partner organization and use the pull down menu to register as being from St Mark's.

Or send your check to Everyone Home DC at:

Everyone Home DC Development Office  
415 2nd Street NE, 3rd Floor  
Washington DC 20002

## 3. Support our underhomed and homeless neighbors this winter.

[11/22]

We anticipate going through even more winter gear than we have in previous years. We could use either new or gently used:

- hand warmers
- waterproof gloves
- stretch gloves
- hats

If you think food is an easier and more desirable option, Shirley's Place has been distributing snacks to folks and could absolutely use individually packaged snack items, such as:

- sandwich crackers (peanut butter or cheese)
- protein bars
- individually packaged trail mix
- individually packaged bags of crackers, pretzels, etc.

Our [Amazon Wish List](#) is up to date and has most of these items listed if it's useful as a reference point.

## *Worship*

**4. The Thanksgiving service from Christ Church** will be posted on the [St. Mark's Facebook page](#) at 11:00 AM on November 26th (Thanksgiving Day).

## *Parish Life & Diocesan Events*

### **5. Advent Art Show Submissions** [11/15]

Please send submissions for a virtual art show – “Renewal” – **by Wednesday, Nov. 25.**

We are looking for JPEG image files of drawings, paintings, graphics, photographs, sculpture, and mixed media, up to three (3) works per artist. Each filename should be your name, title of the work, and media (for example: JJones\_Rebirth\_Watercolor.jpg). Each file should be one megabyte or less in size. Please send image files and a 100 word or less statement on how your work relates to the theme – Renewal – by November 25th to Elin Whitney-Smith ([elin@WatercolorDC.com](mailto:elin@WatercolorDC.com)).

Advent is a time when we beseech God for renewal in a time of pain and darkness. We call for renewal for ourselves, for our community, and for our country. For questions, contact Penny Farley ([p3farley@me.com](mailto:p3farley@me.com)) or Elin Whitney-Smith ([elin@WatercolorDC.com](mailto:elin@WatercolorDC.com)).

### **6. Book Survey Results Now Posted!** [11/22]

Many thanks to all those who expressed their preferences for books on racial justice issues that we should add to the Dozier Library. Go to the [“Which Books?”](#) page on the web site to see: 1) the final ranking of all 25 books, 2) great suggestions from respondents for additional books and films, and 3) how you can help us expand this important part of the collection. Please direct questions to Peter Hawley at [DozierLibrary@stmarks.net](mailto:DozierLibrary@stmarks.net).

### **7. 20s/30s Faith Fellowship: Sunday, November 29th at 6:00 pm online** [11/22]

Calling all young in age or at heart who are looking for fellowship and discussion. Join us virtually on the last Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm. For more information and the meeting link, email Emily McDuff at [emily.a.mcduff@gmail.com](mailto:emily.a.mcduff@gmail.com) or Jessica Royals at [jaroyals@gmail.com](mailto:jaroyals@gmail.com).

### **8. Advent Lessons & Carols Service: December 6th at 5:00 pm online**

Please join us for our beloved Advent Lessons & Carols service. Though it will be a little different this year, we hope that the special music offered by the Virtual Chancel Choir and soloists, coupled with Advent hymns, will help you to live into the season more deeply. The

service will be livestreamed on the St. Mark' Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/wearestmarks/videos](http://www.facebook.com/wearestmarks/videos)

### **9. Carols & Cheer Sing-along: Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 pm online**

Looking to get more into the holiday spirit by singing some of your favorite Christmas music? Join Jeff and a couple solo singers as we sing and play some holiday classics, both sacred and secular. We will take some requests! The event will be livestreamed on the St. Mark' Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/wearestmarks/videos](http://www.facebook.com/wearestmarks/videos)) and will be coupled with a Zoom call to allow participants to socialize during breaks.

## **Ongoing Announcements**

### *Music & Arts*

#### **10. Do You or Your Child Love to Sing?**

The Chancel Choir is seeking new adult singers! Previous experience is helpful. Contact Jeff Kempskie ([jeff@stmarks.net](mailto:jeff@stmarks.net)). For the Boys & Girls Choir, please email Kerry Court ([bgcdirector@stmarks.net](mailto:bgcdirector@stmarks.net)) if you are interested or have questions.

#### **11. Virtual Music Lessons...**

...are available through the St. Mark's Music Studio: Diane Atherton ([dianesvoicestudio@gmail.com](mailto:dianesvoicestudio@gmail.com)) offers voice lessons, and Stephanie Ng ([stephanien217@gmail.com](mailto:stephanien217@gmail.com)) teaches piano lessons. Students of all ages and experience are welcome. Learn more about our teachers at [stmarks.net/music](http://stmarks.net/music).

### *Youth and Family Ministries*

12. [Check out this week's Youth E-News](#) for activities to do this week.

#### **13. Bible Storytime Podcast**

Join Caleb and the St. Mark's Sunday School team for a 5 minute daily podcast! We'll have some music, read a bible story, and say a prayer. [Sign up to receive the next episode!](#)

#### **14. Growing with God.**

Calling the young and young at heart! Join Michele and Caleb in [this weekly video series](#). Each week we will read the Sunday gospel lesson, talk about it and pray together.

Please contact our Youth and Family Ministries Director, [Caleb Nelson Amaker](#), if you have any questions.

### ***Christian Education***

#### **15. Calling All Parents of a 3 to 6 Year Old!**

Ever wondered what your child \*does\* in Sunday School? Peek in this year on our Virtual Level I Sunday School Class (No, it's not another Zoom class)! Your registration this year provides access to a video library of our lessons and songs to be watched together as a family or independently by your child. Along with our video lessons, we have also provided printable reinforcement materials that can be used with the videos or as part of independent exploration by your child. Our goal is that your home can become an extension of our atrium and you can enjoy the magic and mystery of your child's religious potential on your own time. Registering is easy! You can register online for Sunday School at <https://forms.gle/4g8VvrmUPibnvVcH6>. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at [cecatl1@stmarks.net](mailto:cecatl1@stmarks.net) or contact Christy Rumpf at [christy.rumpf@gmail.com](mailto:christy.rumpf@gmail.com).

#### **16. Sunday Morning Bible Class**

The Sunday Morning Bible Class is currently examining Chapters 18-24 of Second Samuel, which focus on the story of the final years in King David's life. On December 16, the class will begin the journey through the complex Book of Genesis, from the creation to the world to the death of Joseph the Patriarch. The class consists of class discussion of the assigned reading for that day. Regular attendance is encouraged. Additional outside readings are not expected.

**Date & Time: Sundays, 9a.m.-10a.m., Sept 20, 2020-May 16, 2021 (except holidays)**

**Leaders: Bob Ewald (Leader); Andrew Stafford (Zoom Administrator)**

**Location: Zoom**

If you are interested in taking this class, please send an email to Bob Ewald at [llerbe@yahoo.com](mailto:llerbe@yahoo.com) with "Subscribe to Sunday Morning Bible Class" in the subject line.

#### **17. Wednesday Bible Class**

**Date & Time: Wednesdays from noon to 1:15 pm, September 2, 2020-May 29, 2021**

**Leaders: Peter Mosley (Leader); Raiford Gaffney (Administrator)**

**Location: Zoom <http://stmarks.net/bibleclass/>**

**Note that the class will not meet November 25, the day before Thanksgiving.**

Please send an email to Raiford at [rgaffneydc@gmail.com](mailto:rgaffneydc@gmail.com) if you would like to participate in this class. We will continue to study Paul's Letter to the Romans and try to get this juicy Pauline perspective on Jesus more clearly understood.

We aim to do our Bible study collaboratively and lovingly. As we grow our understanding, we return again and again to ask: How has our study affected what is meaningful to us about our tradition? In this class we hope to deepen our beliefs and grow ever more trusting of our connection with God. New members are welcome and appreciated.

### **18. Centering Prayer. Every day on Zoom at 8:00am**

Centering Prayer is an early Christian contemplative practice that places a strong emphasis on interior silence. For more information or to join the group, contact The Rev. Patricia Catalano at [adjunct@stmarks.net](mailto:adjunct@stmarks.net)

### **19. St. Mark's Meditation Center: Meditation, Mondays 7:30-9:00pm**

Contact: Michele Rivard [Mmrivard@hotmail.com](mailto:Mmrivard@hotmail.com).

[Sign up for the weekly program email](#) to receive info on weekly online meetings.

### ***Parish Life & Diocesan Events***

### **20. Zoom Yoga Classes from St. Mark's Yoga Center**

Our experienced teachers are guiding classes via Zoom in service to our congregation and community. Schedule is at [stmarks.net/yoga](http://stmarks.net/yoga). Accessible Yoga class for chair or mat on Thursdays. Yoga Nidra (Deep Relaxation) meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month.