



What's Happening at St. Mark's Announcements - October 19, 2025

From Parish Leadership & Staff

1. Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died This Year [10/5]

On All Saints' Day, we honor those who have gone before us and rejoice that we remain bound together in God's love. This year, we will celebrate on **Sunday, November 2**.

As part of our tradition, we will read aloud the Necrology—the names of those who have died since last All Saints' Day (November 1, 2024 – October 31, 2025). These may include members of our parish family or your own beloved friends and relatives.

To add a name, please email Michele [michele\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:michele[at]stmarks.net) by October 30th. Together we proclaim that, in Christ, love is stronger than death.

2. Contemplative Service of Remembrance [10/19]

Have you lost a loved one in the past year, or 2 or 3? Are you in the midst of grief and healing over this or another loss you have had in the past? In honor of All Souls' Day, we will be gathering on **Sunday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m.** for a contemplative Service of Remembrance. You will be invited to talk briefly about the person who is no longer with us, or the situation for which you're grieving, if you wish. You may bring a photo or something that reminds you of the dear ones missing. Recognizing the many members of our community who have died in the past year we will also read their names aloud. All are welcome to join us in a circle around the altar. Questions? Contact Patricia Catalano ([adjunct\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:adjunct[at]stmarks.net))

3. Please Submit Your Pledge for 2026! [10/19]

This year our theme is Peace Through the Storm. You can submit a paper pledge card in the offering plate or fill out a pledge form online at <https://bit.ly/4oJ00n1>. If you are struggling this year, please submit a pledge of \$20.26 to let us know that you are still committed to this place. Currently we have 53 pledges, or 19% of the total pledges we had last year. Those pledges total \$263,221. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Caitlin at [caitlin\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:caitlin[at]stmarks.net) or Annick Milde, the Parish Finance Administrator, at [pfa\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:pfa[at]stmarks.net)

4. Vestry Notes from Randy Marks, Vestry Clerk

[10/5]

At its Sept 23 meeting, the Vestry discussed the annual stewardship campaign, which will be launched on Oct 12. ✧ Learned that Michele Morgan will be assisting, on behalf of the Diocese, in the transition process of various Churches. ✧ Appointed Randy Marks as a fourth Diocesan Delegate (which the Parish obtained because of its growth). ✧ Heard a report on the hiring of our new Children's, Youth, and Family Ministries Director, Lisa Ramish. ✧ Heard an update on the Strategic Planning process. ✧ Approved budget adjustments and use of money from the Building Reserve Fund for improving Nave lighting.

The Vestry will meet on October 28, at 7 PM, in person and via Zoom. Contact me at [clerk\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:clerk[at]stmarks.net) with questions or to attend a meeting. Visit the website for information on Vestry members and meeting minutes.

<https://www.stmarks.net/who-we-are/leadership-and-governance/the-vestry/>

5. From The Vestry - Lichfield Choir Trip Report

[10/12]

A special thanks to Doris Burton for her excellent trip report, which can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/STMLichfield>

Parish Life & Diocesan Events

6. Saints & Sinners Halloween Event

[10/12]

We are having a DJed dance and costume party on **Saturday, October, 25th from 6:30 to 10 pm.** There will be a haunted house, a Children's Fun Zone and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets can be purchased at <https://shorturl.at/ly4JO> or with the QR code. Contact [aaryn.kopp\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:aaryn.kopp[at]gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer to help.



7. A Proper English Sunday Lunch Oct. 26th

[10/19]

With Entertainment from the Choir! - for Free!

Please mark your calendar to join us on **Sunday October 26th around 12:30 p.m.** (after the 11:15 am service) in **Baxter Hall** for a Proper English Sunday Lunch hosted by the choir. Come to have fun, enjoy the food and conversation, make connections, and spread joy! And **enjoy hearing about the choir trip to England this summer** - along with a photographic slide show and stories from our trip! The trip included almost 50 travelers from the wider St. Mark's community traveling to St. Albans and Lichfield, England for 11 days and performing almost every day. Lunch Menu: Roast Beef, Vegetarian Shepherd's Pie, mashed potatoes, peas, and other sides and desserts provided by the choir. No contributions requested. The pub window will also be open. Come! Contact: Pam Lacey [placey914\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:placey914[at]gmail.com) and Laura Gladstone [le.gladstone\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:le.gladstone[at]gmail.com)

8. 20s/30s Fall Schedule - Mark Your Calendars!

[10/5]

We know people in their twenties and thirties are busy, because we are too. We invite you to drop by any of our events throughout the year to connect with others in a similar stage of life. This fall, we will walk to **brunch on Oct. 19 and Nov. 9 after the 11:15 service.**

On Oct. 26, after the 5pm service, we will discuss “What is Prayer and How to Begin” (from *On Being* with Krista Tippet). Then meet us on **Dec. 14 for an Advent party** and to discuss “The Gang Does a Christmas Pageant” (*And Also With You*)! To get connected and stay up to date, reach out to Jilian McGreen ([jmc1213\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:jmc1213[at]gmail.com)).

9. Want to Visit Sunday School?

[10/5]

One way to experience the Sunday School classes that make St. Mark's such a great place for families is to **volunteer as a substitute assistant**. For example, we are in need of a substitute assistant in Catechesis I on November 2nd from 10-10:50. If you are available, please email [Youthdirector\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:Youthdirector[at]stmarks.net).

10. New Paraments

[10/19]

The new paraments were made by London needle-artist, Jacquie Binns who also made our banner. Other examples of her work are displayed including a photo and information about the pall covering the casket of HRH Richard III (The Lost King) whose remains were discovered under a parking lot in Leicester. Contact: Doris Burton [dmburton21\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:dmburton21[at]gmail.com)

11. Banns of Marriage for Kelly Dickinson and Emily Cook

[10/12]

I publish the banns of marriage between Kelly Dickenson of Washington, DC, and Emily Cook of Washington, DC. This is the second time of asking. If any of you know any reason in law why they may not marry each other, you are to declare it.

(The banns of marriage, commonly known simply as the "banns" or "bans" /'bænz/ (from a Middle English word meaning "proclamation," are the public announcement in a Christian parish church, or in the town council, of an impending marriage between two specified persons.)

Children, Youth and Family Ministries

12 Catechesis I Family Meetup

[10/12]

Catechesis I families are invited to build friendships and get to know their Catechesis I teachers at **Garfield Park playground on Sunday, October 19th at 11:15 AM**. We will provide pizza, snacks, and more. Please RSVP using the link: <https://catechesisimeetup.rsvpify.com/>

Questions? Contact: Rachel Steele rachel.fsteele@gmail.com



13. Nov 8 - Caregivers' Night Out

[10/19]

Volunteers will provide an evening of fun for children under 12 so their caregivers can get a well deserved break! **From 5pm to 8pm on Saturday November 8th**, there will be art, games and food in **Baxter Hall**! Sign up at <http://bit.ly/3J9xCuS> or the QR code here.

Contact [Rossolinski\[at\]yahoo.com](mailto:Rossolinski[at]yahoo.com) with questions.

Christian Education

14. Wednesday Noon Bible Study - on Zoom 12-1 PM every Wednesday

[10/5]

What do we do in WNBS? We actually read the text, the whole genealogy, then study the text (what do you know, five women are listed in the genealogy of Jesus!); then remember the historical context of both the Gospel itself and its author; review their rhetorical approach; ask questions; seek to deepen the meaning we derive from our study; and, share in our loving community. This year, as the walls of our Constitution are breached, our government institutions are dismantled stone by stone, and our people are scattered from their jobs, can we remember solid ground and basic trust by studying our Biblical tradition and lore? Yes! In our conversations with one another and our biblical ancestry, we can find resilience, resistance, and renewable faith. Curious? Email Peter Mosley [Peter.Mosley\[at\]cox.net](mailto:Peter.Mosley[at]cox.net)

15. * New Date! * Workshop: New Reality – My Life Post-Covid (Now Nov 8)

[9/21*]

Since March of 2020, our world has moved into a “new reality” courtesy of the Global Pandemic. We were challenged as a Nation, a Community, and most importantly as Individuals. How do we function in this new world? How have our expectations of our lives and ourselves shifted? Where do we find ourselves, and each other, knowing that we have experienced a profound “shaking of the ground”? Please join us for a one-day Workshop co-led by Don Lipscomb and Annabelle Swift on Saturday, November 8. We will explore how we connect, work, and live in 2025 and how we sustain ourselves going forward.

Childcare will be available upon request. If you are interested in joining the class, please sign up in the foyer or email [annabelleswift31\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:annabelleswift31[at]gmail.com) with “New Reality” in the subject line. We will ask for a \$15 donation to offset the cost of lunch.

16. Judgement Class: Be Ready for your Family Meal at Thanksgiving

[10/12]

Part 1 – Understanding Judgement – Explore what judgment is, why we judge, what our faith tradition says about judgement and what it reveals about ourselves.

Part 2 – Moving Beyond Judgement – Learn practical tools to reduce harsh judgments and reframe them with empathy and discernment.

Dates: Wed Nov 12 and Nov 19

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Location: St Mark's – Elder's Room/Baxter Hall

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."

RSVP - [ednaboona\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:ednaboona@gmail.com) or sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer

17. Whatever You Believe or Do Not Believe

[10/19]

St. Mark's Seminarian, Rebekah Taylor, and Bill Jordan will lead a one-day workshop on **Saturday, December 6, from 9:30 – 2:30 in Baxter Hall**. Together we will explore key pieces of our Christian faith and tradition: Jesus' miracles, the problem of evil in the world, and the sacrament of Baptism. Lunch and childcare will be provided. We will accept donations to cover costs. Sign up in the Entrance Hall. Contact Bill with questions at: [jordans4\[at\]verizon.net](mailto:jordans4[at]verizon.net)

Service and Social Justice

Step into SSJ. View our volunteer opportunities page www.stmarks.net/socialjustice

18. Updates on Samaritan Ministry's Gala and Auction

[10/19]

It's not too late to donate items for the silent and live auctions or become a Gala sponsor. Although the initial deadline for the silent auction was last Friday, they will be adding items to the web site this coming week. **October 24 is the deadline to become a sponsor or submit an item for the live auction** (those valued at \$500 and above). For details, pick up the flier that's on the windowsill in the Foyer. Tickets are also on sale for the Gala, which will take place **Saturday, November 8 from 3 to 6 pm at St. Paul's Center**, the attractive meeting facility operated by St. Paul's Rock Creek Parish in Northwest DC. Enjoy plentiful food drink, make final bids in both auctions, and celebrate the successes of the Ministry's "Next Step Program" participants. Find links at www.samaritanministry.org or contact Peter at [phawleydc\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:phawleydc[at]gmail.com)

19. Becoming an Apartheid-Free Church

[9/14*]

Workshop and Lunch. **Sunday, October 19, from 12:30-3 pm in Baxter Hall**.

Should St. Mark's become an Apartheid-free church? Join this discussion, workshop, and lunch with other churches in the DMV area about what is happening in Palestine/Israel and what our church communities should do about it. The program will include an interactive activity about why apartheid has become the reality in the Holy Land, an overview of what it means to commit to standing against apartheid, and a discussion about what our community can do. Food will be provided.



Learn about the Apartheid-free movement at apartheid-free.org. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/Apartheidfreechurch> or using the QR code. Email Lindsey Jones-Renaud at [ljonesrenaud\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:ljonesrenaud[at]gmail.com) if you have questions.

20. No Way But Forward Book Talk October 22 6:30-8pm [10/5]

Author and social psychologist Brian K. Barber, who has chronicled three large Palestinian families living in Gaza since 1995, will discuss what those families taught him at the Connie Morella Library. The title of his new book--No Way But Forward--suggests determination is a forte. Another is the selfless love of family. The library event, hosted by Bethesda Friends Meeting, will include book reading, signing, and selling along with light refreshments. Library address is **7400 Arlington Rd., Bethesda**. Library Parking is \$ 1 per hour until 7:00, free after that. From the Red Line's Bethesda Metro bus depot, the library is two blocks west. For further information, go to the event summary or contact Frank Greve, [frankjgreve\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:frankjgreve[at]gmail.com) or 202-365-0426. Any other questions, reach out to [Michele\[at\]stmarks.Net](mailto:Michele[at]stmarks.Net)

21. Prayer Witness for Immigrants [10/19]

A prayer witness organized by the St Camillus Immigrant Support and Advocacy Network is being held from **12:30-1:30pm outside the Hyattsville immigration courthouse on October 23, November 6, November 20, December 4 and December 18**. Prayers and songs will be offered as a sign of support for those attending hearings that day. For more information, email Holly Kreutter at [hkreutts\[at\]hotmail.com](mailto:hkreutts[at]hotmail.com). Or sign up at this link: <https://forms.gle/wpARCkYFbi5jdtG38>

22. Cider and Singalong at Water and Wilderness Church [10/19]

October 26th, 4 pm, Fletcher's Cove/Boathouse, 4940 Canal Rd NW. Water and Wilderness Church began as a dream of bringing the church out of its doors and into the the world. We seek to recover the ancient mystical tradition of Christianity by drawing closer to the God of the wilderness that dwells within all of us. WWC is a community rooted in nature, love, harmony, and relationship. Outdoor Worship Services (Meet in the lower parking lot) March-October: 5 pm November-March: 3 pm. Questions [Contact Michele\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:ContactMichele[at]stmarks.net)

23. Lambda Lions Planning Meeting [10/12]

The Lambda Lions, St. Mark's LGBTQIA+ affinity group, will be holding our October planning meeting on **Sunday, Oct. 26, at 12:30 pm in the Rector's Room, immediately following the 11:15 am service**. Any and all LGBTQIA+ parishioners are invited to join. Light snacks will be provided. For more information, contact Kelly Dickinson ([kellymarie1848\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:kellymarie1848[at]gmail.com)) or Mitch Wood ([mitchw7959\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:mitchw7959[at]gmail.com))

24. Cook for Unhoused People

[10/12]

Please help me (Nathaniel Ramish, 12 years old) feed 200 people who are unhoused at a shelter in Maryland on November 9th. I have a grant from the Service and Social Justice Board to buy all the food. I am looking for people who would **take home** a pork butt on **Nov 2nd**, cut it into chunks, and **cook** it in a crock pot or instant pot then **bring it back on Nov 9th**. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/stmarkscooks> before Oct 26. Email Lisa[[@stmarks.net](mailto:Lisa[at]stmarks.net)] with questions.



25. Order Palestinian Olive Oil

[10/19]

Will I be able to buy Palestinian Olive Oil again this year? YES! This year we have the two types which have been most popular.... Al-Ard (Organic, mild, smooth) & Canaan Rumi (& “zesty,” with more of a peppery finish). Order bottles individually for \$30 or a case of 6 bottles for \$180. The increase is because of tariffs and issues in the W. Bank, but is still quite competitive compared to the online price, yet a percentage still go to supports critical humanitarian work in Gaza and the W. Bank. The cooperatives produce extremely high quality and adhere to Palestine Fair Trade which requires oil from indigenous trees using traditional, natural cultivation methods. We are again using an online method for purchasing. Early orders can be picked up before Thanksgiving (**Sunday November 23rd**). If you miss the first order period, a second pick up date is (**Sunday, December 14th**). Ordering online allows you to pay for your order directly (with credit card or bank transfer) simplifying bookkeeping for you and St. Mark’s. Order early to ensure availability. <https://tinyurl.com/STMoliveoil> or use the QR Code on.



Questions: [Karen.getman\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:Karen.getman[at]gmail.com)

26. October is Good Neighbor Capitol Hill Toiletries Drive for Refugees

[10/5]

These supplies support personal hygiene/health for newly arriving families. We are especially in need of: Bath Soap ✧ Body Lotion ✧ Deodorant (men’s and women’s) Feminine hygiene products ✧ Shampoo/Conditioner ✧ Razors (for men and women) Shaving cream ✧ Dental supplies ✧ Toilet paper

Labeled containers are available in the Foyer at St. Mark’s for those who would like to make donations or contact Karen Getman, [karen.getman\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:karen.getman[at]gmail.com) or Kim Bayliss, [Baylissdc\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:Baylissdc[at]gmail.com). Good Neighbors Capitol Hill Refugee Ministry appreciates your generosity. www.goodneighborscapitolhill.org

27. Beyond Gas Faith Climate Initiative - Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) [10/5*]

Citizen science is a powerful tool. One such tool is the investigation of gas emissions from gas heating appliances. We invite you to get your home tested. The testing will be done on homes with gas heating equipment (furnaces, boilers, water heaters, dryers). We will be testing for two pollutants from gas, (nitrogen dioxide and carbon monoxide) in various locations inside and outside each home. **Testing throughout October.** Once results are in, we will compile them into a report for advocacy. You can sign up here <https://tinyurl.com/DCgastesting>
Contact: Barbara Briggs [barbarahbriggs\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:barbarahbriggs[at]gmail.com)

27. Mentoring at Washington School for Girls (WSG) [10/5]

The Service and Social Justice Board is exploring a potential new partnership with WSG, which provides free, high-quality education for girls from Wards 7 and 8 in grades 3-8. Our first effort is recruiting parishioners to participate in **WSG's essay writing workshops November 5th and 19th.** Volunteer mentors will provide feedback on essays so students can present themselves in the best light to high-school admissions officers and continue their academic journeys. Contact Steve Dalzell at [dalzellsr\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:dalzellsr[at]gmail.com) for more info about WSG and instructions for signing up as a mentor.

(* next to the date denotes that this announcement has been updated)

Do you have an announcement for St. Mark's?

Submit announcements of 150 words or less to [bulletin\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:bulletin[at]stmarks.net) by 5 pm Tuesday for inclusion that Friday. They run for three weeks unless we hear from you.

Each must include a parishioner's name and email.

If using a QR code, also provide the underlying link.

*To include your event: email [parishadmin\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:parishadmin[at]stmarks.net) for the calendar,
[website\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:website[at]stmarks.net) for the website,
or complete the form (shorturl.at/vaXgZ) by Tuesday night for a spoken announcement.*