



What's Happening at St. Mark's Announcements - October 26, 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. Evening Prayer on Wednesdays in November [10/26]

This November, St. Mark's will hold Evening Prayer each Wednesday at 6pm (Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, and Nov. 26).

Evening Prayer is a daily prayer liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer. It consists of prayers and several readings from scripture. If you've attended choral evensong at St. Mark's, this spoken liturgy will be familiar to you.

Services will be held in the chapel and last 20-30 minutes. Families with children are especially invited. Evening Prayer may continue in 2026 depending on interest. Email [caitlin\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:caitlin[at]stmarks.net) or [joycdecerce\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:joycdecerce[at]gmail.com) with questions.

4. 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 91 pledges, or 33% of the total pledges we had last year. Those pledges total \$454,022. 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)

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>

Children, Youth and Family Ministries

6. 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

7. Workshop: New Reality – My Life Post-Covid (Now Nov 8)

[10/26*]

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 from 9:30am - 3:30pm**. 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.

8. 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.

Join Steve Roberts and Edna Boone **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 - [ednaboone\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:ednaboone[at]gmail.com) or sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer

9. 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\[at\]verison.net](mailto:jordans4[at]verison.net)

Service and Social Justice

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

10. No Kings, Now what? Debrief today! [10/26]

Christoph Berendes will be in **Baxter Hall after sermon seminar on Sunday 10/26** to hear your comments on parish participation (33 and counting!) in the October 18 No Kings protest: (a) what worked? (b) what could have gone better? (c) what next? Let me know if you'd prefer to debrief after the 5pm service or one-on-one sometime (zoom or in person). Contact [christoph.berendes\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:christoph.berendes[at]gmail.com) or 202-683-7782. See parishioners protesting: <http://stmarks.net/nokings> (link up through October).

11. 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))

12. Late-Breaking News: Samaritan Ministry Gala & Auction To Be Online Only [10/26]

St. Paul's Rock Creek Church has discovered mold in its meeting facility, St. Paul's Center, and, as a precaution, has canceled all upcoming events there, including the Gala scheduled for November 8. Samaritan's Board and staff have decided to proceed with an online Gala. The Silent Auction will now take place **online Nov. 5-8**. The Gala's **Live Auction and Awards Program will be online from 3 to 6 pm on Nov. 8**. We are exploring the possibility of holding a "watch party" at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, as no space at St. Mark's is available that day. Many thanks to the parishioners who have donated 17 "theme baskets" and other items for the two auctions. For more details, see www.samaritanministry.org and the Announcements on Nov. 2. Questions? Contact Sydney Register at [liveonwater99\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:liveonwater99[at]gmail.com) or Peter Hawley at [phawleydc\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:phawleydc[at]gmail.com)

13. 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>

14. 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[at]stmarks.net with questions.



15. 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)

16. 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

Music and the Arts

17. St Mark's Fiber Arts Show. Please HELP! [10/26]

Fiber Arts is the last Pentecost art show. We are **putting it up today, October 26th, after the 11:15 (12:30)**. I need volunteers to hang art. The more the merrier. We have a layout so it should go quickly. (If you are reading this before Sunday let me know if you're free to help – [elin\[at\]WatercolorDC.com](mailto:elin[at]WatercolorDC.com))

There will be a **Fiber Arts Art Walk & Potluck Reception in the Nave – November 2nd 12:45PM.**

18. St Mark's Multi-Generational Fiber Arts Workshop [10/26]

Preparing for Advent (Theme: Nativity: Birth, Rebirth, and Renewal) November 16th, after the 11:15 (12:45PM) Adams Room. Supplies and cookies provided.

We will upcycle used fabric and wire to make fabric figures of the Nativity: Wise People, Shepherds, Mary, Joseph, Jesus, and animals. See examples at:

<https://WatercolorDC.com/FabricArtsNativity>

Interested in helping? Suggestions, Volunteering, Questions: [elin\[at\]WatercolorDC.com](mailto:elin[at]WatercolorDC.com)

Parish Life & Diocesan Events

19. Saints & Sinners Halloween Event

[10/24]

Thank you for a wonderful event! Our volunteers are amazing!

20 A Proper English Sunday Lunch Today, Oct. 26th

[10/26]

With Entertainment from the Choir! - for Free!

Please join us TODAY October 26th around 12:30 p.m. 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 recordings of our music! 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@gmail.com) and Laura Gladstone [le.gladstone\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:le.gladstone[at]gmail.com)

21. 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@stmarks.net)

22. 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@gmail.com)).

23. 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)

24. 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 third and final 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.)

(* 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 for the website,*

or complete the form (shorturl.at/vaXg7) by Tuesday night for a spoken announcement.