



What's Happening at St. Mark's Announcements - November 16, 2025

From Parish Leadership & Staff

1. Restoration work on our Chancel Columbarium

[11/9]

Over the next three weeks, work will be taking place on the Chancel Columbarium to preserve the strength and integrity of its brick wall. This space holds deep meaning for many of us, as it is the place that those who have gone before us in faith have been placed.

Please know that no cremains will be disturbed during this project. Out of reverence for the space and care for our instruments and sacred furnishings, and the organ has been gently wrapped and protected. We will continue to keep you informed as the work progresses, but wanted you to know ahead of Sunday so you are not caught off guard when you enter the church. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this project.

Michele Morgan 12th Rector [michele\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:michele[at]stmarks.net)

2. 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.

3. Intergenerational Advent Crafting

[11/9]

In place of Sermon Seminar on Sunday, Nov 30th, the whole church is invited to come together for our annual **Advent Crafting in Baxter Hall from 10 to 11am**. You can choose to make a wreath or decorate candles or both. (You can even order kits to go!) Place your order in advance at the QR code or <https://bit.ly/adventcraft>. If you are struggling to make ends meet or dealing with job loss/furlough, you can order at no cost at <https://bit.ly/nocostadvent>. Contact [Youthdirector\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:Youthdirector[at]stmarks.net) with questions.



4. Next Vestry Meeting

[11/16]

The Vestry will meet with the Finance Committee

on **November 18, at 7PM, via zoom**, with a focus on finances and the 2026 budget. 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. Please Submit Your Pledge for 2026!

[11/16*]

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 178 pledges, or 59% of our participation goal. Those pledges total \$685,289. 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)

Service and Social Justice

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

6. Justice in Palestine Meeting

[11/16]

Sunday November 16 from 12:30-2pm in Rector's Room. Join us to plan next steps following the Becoming an Apartheid Free Church workshop including actions and activities during the Advent season, the Christ in the Rubble installation, selling Palestinian olive oil and more. Email Lindsey or Giulia with questions at [SMJP\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:SMJP[at]stmarks.net)

7. Voices from the Holy Land Film Series and Salon

[11/16]

The Crisis of Amputation in Palestine - **Sunday November 16 at 3pm (online)**. The Gaza Strip has one of the highest rates of traumatic amputations in the world. Since Oct. 7, 2023, Israeli bullets and bombs have resulted in more than 4,800 limb amputations.

This online film and panel discussion is part of a monthly interfaith series featuring a different topic each month. Once you register, you will receive a link to a film to watch on your own time. Then you join a live, online “salon” discussion about the film and the monthly topic. Learn more and register at: <https://www.voicesfromtheholylnd.org/> Email Lindsey or Giulia with questions at [SMJP\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:SMJP[at]stmarks.net)

8. Towards Right Relationship with Native Peoples

[11/9]

Changing the way you think about the land you call home - join us on **Zoom on Sunday, November 16th, 4:00pm-6:00pm** and LEARN the real history of this country through the voices of Native Americans, Euro-American colonists, and historians. EXPERIENCE this history as you never have before. UNDERSTAND why this history matters to all Americans today. INTERACT with native and non-Native people to build relationships based on truth, respect, and justice. Registration is Required and a Donation is Welcome (\$20 suggested) Register Here: <https://friendspeaceteams.org/trr-workshop-nov-2025/> Please share with others who are interested! Contact: Jan Lipscomb [juanita.lipscomb\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:juanita.lipscomb[at]gmail.com)

9. Transgender Day of Remembrance Eve Vigil

[11/9]

Please join the Lambda Lions, St. Mark's LGBTQIA+ affinity group, for a vigil on the eve of Transgender Day of Remembrance, **Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 7:00 p.m in the Nave.** Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual day dedicated to commemorating and honoring the lives of transgender, non-binary, and gender-diverse individuals who passed over the previous year as a result of anti-transgender violence, discrimination, and abuse. The vigil will consist of a selection of short readings followed by the naming of those lost, with ample time for contemplation and reflection. For more information, contact Mattie Rose Clayton ([m.clayton97\[at\]outlook.com](mailto:m.clayton97[at]outlook.com)) or Kelly Dickinson ([kellymarie1848\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:kellymarie1848[at]gmail.com)). To learn more about Transgender Day of Remembrance, visit GLAAD's page online at www.glaad.org/tdor

10. Honduras Mission Update: Sustainable Villages Honduras (SVH)

[11/16]

in Baxter Hall December 2, from 4pm to 6pm . Come hear about the incredible progress made in SVH's remote mountain villages and plans for the coming year. Refreshments will be served. Tim Jenkins, a SVH Board member who has been traveling to the villages, will update us on progress in the villages where SHV is operating. (Tim has considerable agricultural and rural development experience in Central America.) Roy Lara, the Honduras-based Coordinator of SVH, will join us by zoom. He will greet us from Trinidad, Honduras to report to us about what has been accomplished and what they expect to accomplish in 2026. Questions?? Ask Mary Procter at [mprocter57\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:mprocter57[at]gmail.com).

11. 12th Annual Newtown Action Alliance Vigil for Gun Violence Survivors

[11/16]

on 12/10. St. Mark's will host gun violence survivors for dinner at 5 pm prior to the Vigil at 7. **Volunteers are needed** beginning at 3:30 pm to help with the dinner as well as with the service. Donations of cookies, cans of seltzer/water are also needed and should be dropped off

by 12/7. Link to Sign Up Genius: <https://tinyurl.com/NAAVigil> Questions? please contact Kim Bayliss, [baylissdc\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:baylissdc[at]gmail.com)

12. Contribute Towards a Chili Lunch at Shirley's Place

[11/16]

Cooking on Sunday, December 7.

Help St Mark's provide a hot lunch of chili, coleslaw and cornbread for 50 clients/guests at Shirley's Place, Everyone Home DC's day center located at 1338 G St SE. Sign up to bring ingredients or donate towards other expenses via <https://tinyurl.com/ChiliDec8-2025> or the use QR code provided.



Bring ingredients to Baxter Hall on Sunday morning, Dec 7. The chili lunch will be served on Monday, Dec 8. Need more information?

Contact Susan Sedgewick [jssedgewick\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:jssedgewick[at]gmail.com).

13. Call to Action: Demand the release of an American child held by Israel

[11/16]

Mohammed Ibrahim is a 16-year-old Palestinian-American boy who has been detained by the Israeli military since February 2025. Help get him free by making calls and sending this letter to US leaders demanding his release.

Learn more here: <https://linktr.ee/freeMohammedIbrahim> or at the QR code.

Questions? Contact Lindsey or Giulia [SMJP\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:SMJP[at]stmarks.net)



14. Clothing Donations for Migrant Families

[11/9]

As winter approaches, donations of clothes are needed to support migrant families. The drop off details are: <https://bit.ly/migrantdonations>

Questions? Contact Holly Kreutter [hkreutts\[at\]hotmail.com](mailto:hkreutts[at]hotmail.com) for more information.

15. A Drive in Thanks-giving for the Life of Justine Novy

[11/9]

We were blessed to know Justine for what proved to be the last decade of her life. She and Mike joined St. Mark's in 2015. As an advocate and activist for social justice, Justine felt at home here. Sadly, leukemia took her from us in June. Now two of her friends have organized a drive to extend her compassion further in the world. They are seeking gifts of Metro and grocery store cards for Samaritan Ministry. It will provide them to men and women developing the skills to secure jobs and housing. Transit cards will help them get to training programs and job interviews. Grocery cards will enable them to get a hot lunch on a cold day.

Learn how you participate by picking up a flier from the windowsill in the foyer. Questions?

Contact Peter at [phawleydc\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:phawleydc[at]gmail.com).

16. Thanksgiving for Less Fortunate Families

[11/9]

This year, even more families are feeling the strain of rising costs and limited resources. Everyone Home DC (formerly Capitol Hill Group Ministry) is raising funds so client families can make their own choices for celebrating Thanksgiving. Your donation will support the goal of gift cards (\$50-\$100) for 100 families. Make a donation today: If you prefer you can **mail a check** to Everyone Home DC at 415 2nd St NE, Washington DC 20003, **or use this url:** <https://web.charityengine.net/givingseason25>. Need more information? Contact Susan Sedgewick at [jssedgewick\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:jssedgewick[at]gmail.com).

17. Collection for Capitol Hill Food Pantry

[11/2]

More families are facing food insecurity in the District: donate food for the Capitol Hill Food Pantry in the baskets under the altar during all services. Contact Michael Knipe [haroldknipe\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:haroldknipe[at]gmail.com)

18. 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)

19. DPR Communal Farm Weekly Veggie Giveaways

[11/16]

The DC Department of Parks and Recreation has free vegetable giveaways and three community farms three different times during the week. This goes through November 26th. See <https://dprveggies.splashthat.com/> for locations and times.

For more information about giveaways, available produce, volunteering on a farm, and weather updates, contact [joshua.singer\[at\]dc.gov](mailto:joshua.singer[at]dc.gov).

20. A Season for Giving Thanks

[11/16]

On behalf of Samaritan Ministry and the many men and women who will benefit from the assistance it provides, we would like to thank all the members of St. Mark's who supported the recent online Gala and auction by donating items, bidding on and winning them, or attending the "watch party" we co-hosted with the Lutheran Church of the Reformation. Special thanks to the following individuals who provided enticing "theme baskets," works of art, concert tickets, and other items: Edna Boone, Karen Brown, Lea Crusey & Jeb Ory, Efi Hackmey & Carrie Bean Stute, Peter Hawley, Pam Lacey, Carolina Hidalgo McCabe, Mary Neznec, Hester Ohbi, Lisa & Dan Ramish, and Maureen Shea. They say it takes a village, but a big-hearted congregation also makes a lasting difference in people's lives. Thank you all! – Your Partner Reps: Peter Hawley and Sydney Register ([liveonwater99\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:liveonwater99[at]gmail.com))

Music and the Arts

21. 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

22. Sunday Lunch Today! Asian Wraps & Salad

[11/16]

After today's 11:15 am service, come back to **Baxter Hall** to enjoy conversation, connection, and yummy wrap sandwiches and salad (including a vegan option). Pam Lacey is hosting. [Placey914\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:Placey914[at]gmail.com)

23. Monthly Third Agers Lunch

[11/16]

St. Mark's will host a monthly lunch for the reconvened Third Agers on the **third Monday of the month from 12:30 P.M.-2:30 P.M.** This will be an opportunity for fellowship, a short program, and a shared meal. Remaining dates will be **November 17 and December 15.**

Who's this for? If you feel like you are in the third act of your life (retirement could be a good marker), then you're invited. The lunch is potluck, but please come even if you can't bring anything. Questions? Contact [Caitlin\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:Caitlin[at]stmarks.net)

Children, Youth and Family Ministries

24. Catechesis II Lego Family Fellowship

[11/9]

All Catechesis II parents, kids and siblings are invited to a Lego Pizza Party **this Sunday November 16th in the Adams Room from 11:00 to 12:30pm**. This is a chance to get to know each other and have fun! (Choir kids can come and go for rehearsal as necessary. And kids can get involved with the pageant on Nov 23.) Email [dmcollins23\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:dmcollins23[at]gmail.com) with questions.

25. Christmas Eve Pageant is Coming

[11/16]

From animal parades to service readings, there are many ways to be involved in our Christmas Eve service. Children interested in a role in the nativity play are invited to an interest meeting this **Sunday, November 16th at 11am**. Or if they are going to the Catechesis II Lego Party then they are invited to an interest meeting the **following Sunday, November 23rd at 11am**. If you are interested in participating in any way, please sign up using the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/STMpageant>. Email Amber at [amacdojo\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:amacdojo[at]gmail.com) with questions.



26. Youth Group This Sunday - Service Project

[11/16]

A subset of teens are running a project known as Bridging Hearts which seeks to foster intergenerational relationships between young people and seniors at St. Mark's and in the larger community. With a grant from SSJ, they are organizing a series of activities. Their second activity will be today (11/16) with more to come. Youth will **meet at 12:30pm for pizza then head over to Capitol Hill Village** to rake leaves for neighbors in that community. Contact Mary Miller with questions. Mary Miller [marysmiller\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:marysmiller[at]gmail.com)

27. Please Donate Your Candy!

[11/9]

If you are looking for a way to get rid of your extra Halloween candy, please consider bringing it to church for CYFM, and we will store it safely to hand out on Easter. There is a box labeled "Easter donations" on the table in the foyer. Email [Youthdirector\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:Youthdirector[at]stmarks.net) with questions.

28. Native American Heritage Month Resources

[11/2]

To facilitate conversation about the history of Thanksgiving and to build awareness during this Native American Heritage Month, we will have a lending library set up between services in Baxter Hall, as well as a handout for parents and information about St. Mark's work to support Indigenous communities. Contact [Youthdirector\[at\]StMarks.net](mailto:Youthdirector[at]StMarks.net) with questions.

29. Seeking Children's Chapel Leaders

[11/2]

As we work together to support Children, Youth, and Family Ministries and grow it into a robust program that fosters strong relationships not only among our youth, but also across the full St. Mark's community, we are particularly looking for volunteers to lead Children's Chapel on a rotating basis. The more folks who step up, the less frequent the commitment! If you would like to support our children and families by giving **20 minutes of your time during the 9AM Service one Sunday every month or two**, please contact Annie Rorem at [annie.rorem\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:annie.rorem[at]gmail.com) to learn more.

Christian Education

30. 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)

(* 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/vaXg7) by Tuesday night for a spoken announcement.