



What's Happening at St. Mark's Announcements - November 2, 2025

From Parish Leadership & Staff

1. 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 this **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))

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. Vestry Notes from Randy Marks, Vestry Clerk

[11/2]

The October 28 Vestry meeting:

- We discussed our Children's, Youth, and Family Ministries Program with new Director Lisa Ramish. The focus was on creating greater focus, alignment, and the costs and promises of the tremendous growth (103 registered in Sunday School).
- We discussed our Service and Service and Social Justice Program with Board Co-Chairs Holly Kreutter and Edna Boone. The program is facing new challenges because of federal government actions. It is looking to rationalize its programs, focusing on those with parishioner involvement.

-We heard an update on the Strategic Planning process and supported the distribution of a survey to members to launch it.

-Approved a special fundraising effort to support hunger programs. Michele will also be finding additional funds for such donations, *e.g.*, from the clergy discretionary fund.

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 the clerk@stmarks.net with questions or to attend a meeting. Visit the website for information on Vestry members and meeting minutes.

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

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)

Christian Education

5. 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 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.

6. 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@gmail.com) or sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer

7. 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

8. Samaritan Ministry Needs Your Help This Week! [11/2]

Due to the unexpected cancellation by the venue for its Fall Gala, the Ministry will now hold its **silent auction online Nov. 5-8** and livestream its **awards program and “live” auction from 3-4 pm on the 8th.** With the loss of ticket sales, the two auctions are critical to the Ministry's continuing work in 2026. **Please register before Nov. 5** for both auctions at <https://auctria.events/smgw2025>. A link on that page will take you to the array of items on offer. For a link to the livestream on the 8th, go to www.samaritanministry.org/gala-2025. Or consider coming to the **Watch Party** we are co-hosting with the **Lutheran Church of the Reformation at 212 E. Capitol Street.** Come at **2:45** for light refreshments, then watch the program (and bid!) at 3 pm. To help us plan, please RSVP at bit.ly/3LdGIra. For QR codes and more details, pick up a flier at the foyer window. 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)

9. Next Incarceration Justice Meeting

[11/2]

is scheduled for **November 11th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in Baxter Hall.**

It will be offered via Zoom link for those who wish to attend but cannot travel that evening. We'll view a film clip from *More than Our Crimes*, to hear about initiatives in DC to charge children as young as 14 yrs. old - as adults.

In addition to other planning, we will discuss pen pal letters. Please RSVP (or contact Jan Lipscomb) at [incarcerationjustice\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:incarcerationjustice[at]stmarks.net) if you require a zoom link.

10. 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>

11. 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)

12. 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)

Music and the Arts

13. St Mark's Fiber Arts Show Opening TODAY

[11/2]

Fiber Arts Art Walk & Potluck Reception in the nave – TODAY, November 2nd 12:45PM.

Contact: Elin Whitney-Smith [elin\[at\]WatercolorDC.com](mailto:elin[at]WatercolorDC.com)

14. 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)

15. Sandbox Concerts, Saturday, November 15th at 10:00 and 11:30 am

[11/2]

An interactive music experience for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

Performed by live musicians. \$5 per participant. singoncapitolhill.com. For questions contact Judith: [judith\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:judith[at]stmarks.net).

Please register using the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/SandboxConcert>



Parish Life & Diocesan Events

16. Opening of the African American Civil War Museum: New Permanent Location at 1925 Vermont Ave NW (Green Line)

November 10 - 11 AM Community Appreciation Day - Ribbon Cutting by Mayor Bowser and DC Council members

November 11 - 11 AM Veterans Day Reading of the names of the 209,145 men of color and their white officers who fought in the Civil War for their people's freedom. The reading of the names will take place at schools, cultural centers, churches, libraries, and private homes throughout the country. If you know of a group that would like to participate either on-site at the museum or remotely, contact Dr. Dawn Chitty at 202-667-2776.

The museum is primarily funded by DC economic development grants and small donations primarily from the black community, with no Federal assistance nor corporate grants. Therefore, it will be free, without political interference, to tell the heroic stories of black people who put their lives on the line in both combat and the struggle for civil rights.

Donations appreciated. Sponsorship of displays and galleries still remains. Visit AfroAmcivilwar.org. Questions - call Bill Dickinson at 703-403-8721

17. Sunday Lunch: Seeking Helpers for a "Very Simple Lunch" on Nov. 16th [11/2]
Also Seeking December Host

Please don't be intimidated by the choir's feast! — Sunday Lunch can also be very simple and easy! You don't need a big team or much effort to host a lunch. Just to prove it, Pam Lacey will pick up some yummy Asian chicken wrap sandwiches and salad with vegan protein at Costco and bring it to church on Sunday Nov. 16th. Maybe also pre-made soup that we can easily heat in the microwave. Pam just needs 2 helpers to set up the buffet table with plates and cutlery (around 12 pm), put pitchers of ice water on the round tables, help put the sandwich and salad platters out, and help clear up afterwards. Pam is also seeking a Sunday Lunch host to do something similar in December. Contact Pam Lacey, Sunday Lunch Coordinator, placey914@gmail.com.

18. Sunday Lunch: Thanks to the Helpers at our "Octoberfest Sunday Lunch" [11/2]
Oct. 12th. A hearty thanks for those who helped with set up and clean up for the "Octoberfest Sunday Lunch" on October 12th - Dick Bradshaw, Hannah Harkey, Kathryn Powers, and Isabella and James Mullholland. Hannah, Isabella and James lent their food service expertise, which was especially helpful! Contact Pam Lacey, Sunday Lunch Coordinator, [placey914\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:placey914[at]gmail.com).

19. Sunday Lunch: Thanks to the Choir for A "Proper English Sunday Lunch" [11/2]
Oct. 26th. Wow! The choir pulled off a veritable feast last Sunday with wonderful sides and desserts provided by the choir to a crowd of 67 people! About 18 choir members chipped in to cook, donate food, serve, share travel experiences, set-up and cleanup. Thanks go especially to choir president Laura Gladstone for her presentation on the choir's tour to England (Litchfield Cathedral etc.) and to chief chef and coordinator Karen Wiedemann who cooked the perfectly roasted beef plus mashed potatoes and Yorkshire Pudding. Thanks also go to Marge Ware for opening the pub window. The choir regrets not being able to share recordings of their Evensong music on the tour due to technical difficulties, but you can get a similar experience by coming to the Advent Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday Dec. 10th! (Mark your calendars) Contact Pam Lacey, Sunday Lunch Coordinator, [placey914\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:placey914[at]gmail.com).

20. Saints & Sinners Halloween Event [10/24]
Thank you for a wonderful event! Our volunteers are amazing!

21. 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. We will walk to **brunch on Nov. 9 after the 11:15 service.**

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)).

22. 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)

Children, Youth and Family Ministries

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. 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.

(* 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 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 for the calendar,
website[at]stmarks.net for the website,
or complete the form (shorturl.at/vaXgZ) by Tuesday night for a spoken announcement.*