



## What's Happening at St. Mark's Announcements - March 22, 2026

### *From Parish Leadership & Staff*

#### **1. Maundy Thursday Service April 2nd**

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We invite you to join us on **Thursday, April 2**, for Maundy Thursday. Our Agape potluck dinner begins at **7:00 p.m.**, followed by the **Holy Eucharist at 8:00 p.m.** Dinner will be served at tables of eight. Table captains will bring main dishes, and everyone else is welcome to bring sides, salads, bread, desserts, drinks, or wine. Please bring something you enjoy. The tables will be set in the nave. If your dish contains any allergens, please label it or let your table know. After dinner, we will move into worship with scripture, music, foot washing, Holy Communion, a sermon from Reverend Caitlin Frazier, and the solemn stripping of the altar. We will leave in silence as we prepare for Good Friday. If you would like to join the dinner, please sign up to bring a dish. If you are unable to bring something, we are happy to seat you at a table. If you have any questions, please contact Samantha White at [parishadmin\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:parishadmin[at]stmarks.net).



#### **2. St. Mark's All Parish Retreat This Summer, June 26th - June 28th**

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You're invited to St. Mark's annual parish retreat, from **Friday, June 26th to Sunday, the 28th**. At Claggett Episcopal Center, about an hour outside of DC, we'll gather to enjoy the best of summer and the best of St. Mark's: shared meals and music; deep discussions about faith and community; and connecting and reconnecting with the people who make our church so great.



We'll also enjoy the many activities Claggett has to offer: swimming in the community pool, taking a meditative walk through the labyrinth, roasting marshmallows over a campfire, worshipping at the wooded outdoor altar, and admiring the beautiful views on a hike through Sugarloaf Mountain.

There are about 100 spots available, so save yours today at this link. Reach out to Amber Macdonald ([amacdojo\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:amacdojo[at]gmail.com)) with any questions.

Short URL: <https://forms.gle/koQoWgSXUvTffYMV8>

#### **3. Want to Reserve a Space at St Mark's?**

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There are forms for space reservations on the [“Reserve Our Facilities”](#) page of the St. Mark's website! Please use a form, regardless of what you need the space for or for how long.

As parishioners, use the Parishioner Form for your request but if you are reserving for a music event, use the Music Form. And we have a Non-Parishioner Form for people outside of our church community to request space for an event. Questions: Feel free to reach out to Samantha White, our Parish Admin at [parishadmin\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:parishadmin@stmarks.net).

#### 4. An Announcement About Announcements

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Do you sometimes make spoken announcements? Please note that all announcements should now be submitted in advance. To keep the total time to about five minutes, each one should be clear, concise, and prepared ahead of time.



To request a spoken announcement, please complete the online form by the preceding Tuesday evening. Clergy and staff will review submissions and confirm later in the week. If your announcement isn't selected, it may still be briefly highlighted by the clergy. Scan the QR code or visit: [shorturl.at/vaXg7](https://shorturl.at/vaXg7)

### *Christian Education*

#### 5. Me and My Siblings: The Ties That Bind and Bedevil

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"Our relationships with siblings are the only ones with us for the entire ride, profoundly shaping who we become across decades." (Jeffrey Kluger). Sibling relationships can be fraught. They can be enriching. They can be both and much more, emanating from childhood jealousies, birth order tensions and intimate family histories. The questions we will ponder in this class include exploring our own experience as a brother or a sister, examining what Biblical sibling relationships from Cain and Abel to Martha and Mary can teach us, and identifying what spiritual realities we want to carry forward from the experiences of our original families.



Join Lea Crusey, Rob Hall and Julie Murphy for **three consecutive Sunday mornings (April 19 and 26 and May 3) from 10 am to 12 noon for this discussion**. Look for the sign-up sheet in the foyer or use the QR code or link <https://tinyurl.com/STMsiblingsclass>. Contact: Julie at [juliaabbotmurphy\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:juliaabbotmurphy@gmail.com).

#### 6. Belonging Class in April

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Are you new to St. Mark's, rejoining, or seeking a deeper connection? Wherever you are on your journey, we invite you to explore what "belonging" means in 2026. Newcomers considering making St. Mark's their church home are especially welcome. The classes will be held at St. Mark's on **Wednesdays, from 7-9 PM, April 22 and 29; May 6, 13, 20, and 27, with a retreat offsite (but on the Hill) on a TBD Saturday in June**. Childcare can be scheduled

upon request. Class fills quickly so email Jennifer ([jenniferacate\[at\]hotmail.com](mailto:jenniferacate@hotmail.com)) and Seth ([seth.a.ismail\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:seth.a.ismail@gmail.com)) (or sign up at this link: <https://bit.ly/3MBQwMX>).

### ***Children, Youth and Family Ministries***

#### **7. Today! Grownups' Intro to Sunday School** [3/22\*]

Are you curious about what happens in our Sunday School classrooms? Perhaps you are familiar but you'd like to hear how we are evolving? Please come to our Grownups' Intro to Sunday School on **Sunday, March 22nd from 10 to 10:50am in Baxter Hall**. Lisa will explain our unique approach to children's formation, the structure of our program, and the vision behind what we do each week. Whether you simply want to understand what we do or you are wondering if you might be called to serve, all adults are invited to explore, ask questions, and discover ways to get involved. Send questions to [youthdirector\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:youthdirector@stmarks.net).

#### **8. Parents' Night Out** [3/1]

St. Mark's parishioners know how important (and how intense) the work of a parent is. So they have volunteered to give an evening of fun to children under 12 so their parents and caregivers can get a well deserved break! From **5:30pm to 8pm on Saturday March 28th**, there will be art, games and food in **Baxter Hall!** Sign up at <https://bit.ly/stmarksparents>! Contact [rossolinski\[at\]yahoo.com](mailto:rossolinski@yahoo.com) with questions.

#### **9. Walking After Jesus** [3/1]

"Walking after Jesus" is a telling of the last week of Jesus' life that uses creative storytelling to bring the events to life. Led by our wonderful clergy and some very animated parishioners, this will be a great way for kids, families and adults to experience the story of Holy Week on **Sat, April 4th at 10AM**, starting in the **nave!** Questions? Email Stephanie Deutsch at [scd\[at\]his.com](mailto:scd@his.com) to volunteer or ask questions.

#### **10. Easter Egg Hunt** [3/1]

The St. Mark's Easter Egg Hunt is coming! Because this involves so many eggs, we are going back to our tradition of asking parents to bring 10 pre-filled plastic eggs per child (eg. if you have 3 kids participating, bring 30 filled eggs). Then CYFM will hide all the eggs and guide a hunt at **10:30am on April 5th** in the **courtyard**. Egg should be filled with individually wrapped, nut-free candy or other small treat such as a coin or sticker. (Also, check out announcement #22 about a potluck!) Email [emily.j.johannsen\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:emily.j.johannsen@gmail.com) with questions.

**11. The HS Pilgrims can provide your eggs!** [3/22]

If you don't want to worry about bringing your own stuffed eggs for the Easter Egg hunt, the High School Pilgrims will bring eggs for \$15 per child. Ten eggs per child will be stuffed with wrapped, peanut-free candy or a small toy and then added to the collection that will be used for the hunt on Easter Sunday. Proceeds will go toward the Summer 2027 High School Pilgrimage. Place an order at [bitly.com/eggsbypilgrims](https://bitly.com/eggsbypilgrims). Email [Youthdirector\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:Youthdirector@stmarks.net) with questions.

***Music and the Arts***

**12. Request for 2024 Icons to Display at Easter** [3/15]

It is 2 weeks to Easter. For Easter we are having a double barreled art show - Stained Glass in the Parish Hall and Foyer and Icons in the Nave. So, participants in the Icon workshop held in 2024 please let me know if your Icon will be available. I'll be hanging both shows Saturday the 4th of April. Contact: Elin Whitney-Smith - [elin\[at\]WatercolorDC.com](mailto:elin@WatercolorDC.com)

**13. Volunteers to Hang Artwork April 4th** [3/15]

I'm looking for volunteers to hang art for the Easter shows in the Nave and in Baxter Hall. I'll be hanging both shows **Saturday, April 4th**. They are both shows with fairly small pieces, so little weight but lots of pieces. Contact: Elin Whitney-Smith - [elin\[at\]WatercolorDC.com](mailto:elin@WatercolorDC.com)

***Service and Social Justice***

*Step into SSJ. View our volunteer opportunities page [www.stmarks.net/socialjustice](http://www.stmarks.net/socialjustice)*

**14. SSJ Activities during Lent** [2/22]

Join us each Sunday for intergenerational service opportunities after sermon seminar and **before the 11:15 service in Baxter Hall**. Questions? Contact: [socialjustice\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:socialjustice@stmarks.net)

**March 22** - Grate Patrol, WIN Listening

**March 29** - Easter cards for shut-ins or Gardens clean up if rain March 29th, WIN Listening

**16. Sign-Making March 22** [3/15]

**On Sunday morning, March 22**, make a sign for the upcoming No Kings III rally to "be there in spirit": Want to be represented at this protest but can't make it yourself? Come to the **Parish Hall** Sunday, March 22, between the morning services (**1040am to 1115am**). We'll have sign-making supplies and someone to help you make a sign. Then, on Sat, March 28, the parishioners joining the DC protest will make sure your sign is seen. To help, find out more, or be one of the sign carriers (or walkers) on March 28, contact Christoph Berendes, [sharetheburden\[at\]proton.me](mailto:sharetheburden@proton.me).

**17. RSVP Now for WIN'S Mayoral Candidates Forum** [3/22]

Please register today, as the the number of registered attendees will help determine which WIN member institution will host. RSVP here <https://tinyurl.com/WINCandidateForum>

**Date: Sunday, May 17 Time: 3:00–5:00 p.m.** Location: East of the River (TBD)

**18. Sugarcane Documentary Screening** [3/22\*]

On **March 27th at 6:30 PM**, St. Mark's will host a screening of the film, SugarCane. This powerful and profoundly moving documentary confronts the lasting wounds of church-run boarding schools for Indigenous children. We learn about the family whose lives were shaped by the violence endured by students at the boarding school. SugarCane reveals the devastating legacy of forced separation, cultural erasure, and abuse suffered by Indigenous people, and invites us to reckon with these truths and reflect on how we might participate in the work of healing. A panel discussion will follow, with Chief Mark Tayac of the Piscataway Nation, Professor David Silverman, from GWU, and the Rev. Michelle Dibblee as our moderator . Because the film will start promptly at 6:30, please arrive at 5:30 to register (free), have a light dinner, and find a seat. SugarCane is not suitable for children. Questions? Contact Michael Knipe at [haroldknipe\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:haroldknipe[at]gmail.com) Please Register at [kinema.com/events/Sugarcane-maklag](http://kinema.com/events/Sugarcane-maklag)



**19. Join 25 Parishioners on Sat, March 28 - No Thrones. No Crowns. No Kings III** [3/22]

Gather in the **St Mark's courtyard as 12:30 pm**, car pools leaving after 12:45 pm for 600 Howard Rd SE 20020, near the south end of the South Capitol Bridge. (The rally with speakers starts at 1:30 pm. Later, we'll head north across the South Capitol Bridge, past Fort McNair, ending up at Waterfront Metro.) There's a role for you, behind the scenes or up in front. Contact: Christoph Berendes, [sharetheburden\[at\]proton.me](mailto:sharetheburden[at]proton.me) If you can't make the Saturday afternoon timeslot, contact me about a morning No Kings III event that day in DC.

Event info: <http://stmarks.net/nokings3>

**20. St. Mark's Justice in Palestine (SMJP) Meeting - Sunday March 29** [3/15]

The St. Mark's Justice in Palestine group will meet on March 29, instead of our usual 3rd Sunday, at **12:30pm** (after the 11:15 service). Join us on March 29 in the **Dozier Library** to discuss our recent workshop on Ethical Investment and plan for future events, as well as how to join the apartheid-free movement . We will also pray for and provide updates about Marwan Ibrahim Maadi and all political prisoners and their families. Contact Giulia DeLuca at [giulialdeluca\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:giulialdeluca[at]gmail.com) or Lindsey Jones-Renaud at [ljonesrenaud\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:ljonesrenaud[at]gmail.com) with questions.

**21. Washington Interfaith Action Network** [3/22]

April Action Team Meeting Date: **Thursday, April 16** Time: **6:30–8:00 p.m.**

Location: **St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church | 320 21st St NE, Washington, DC**

**22. Anacostia Earth Day Cleanup! Saturday April 25th, 11 - 1, Kingman Park** [3/22]

Join St. Marks' Green Lions and lots of others in Anacostia Watershed Society's annual Earth Day cleanup. It's fun, rewarding, and easy. (Hardly any plastic bags or styrofoam now that they're banned!) All ages welcome. But you must register, and slots will fill up at this great location. <https://tinyurl.com/AWSCleanup> Questions, contact Leslie Allen, [lacaphill\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:lacaphill[at]gmail.com)

**23. Bishop Budde Honors St. Mark's** [3/22]

On Saturday, March 14, 23 members of St. Mark's joined several hundred people from other churches at Samaritan Ministry's annual "Next Step Breakfast." This year's event celebrated the organization's 40th Anniversary. Bishop Mariann Budde honored St. Mark's and the 11 other Episcopal churches in the District, Maryland, and Virginia that joined forces "across boundaries of state, city, and diocese" to create the Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington in 1986. She praised the founders' faith statement: To emulate the compassion of Jesus by doing everything possible...to move people out of crisis into stability and dignity in a manner that fosters their growth and independence and empowers them. In closing, she urged all of us "to do our part to take this vision forward and see where God will lead us next." Find the full video at [bit.ly/4uxJPwe](http://bit.ly/4uxJPwe), the Bishop at 59:45. Questions: contact Peter at [phawleydc\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:phawleydc[at]gmail.com)

**24. Gratitude for Palestinian Olive Oil Purchases** [3/22\*]

Belated thanks to all who bought Palestinian Olive Oil during Advent. St. Mark's purchased **293 bottles of olive oil contributing \$8,790 to the fund for Humanitarian Support of Gaza**. Our supplies come from a group at Westmoreland Congregational Church who manage Palestinian olive oil sales to a network of 33 churches in the DMV. St. Mark's sold more than any of the other churches. The great news is that the Olive Oil Ministry grossed sales of \$90,000 worth of product this year which enables them to send \$36,000 to humanitarian work in Gaza. Contact: [Karen.getman\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:Karen.getman[at]gmail.com)

**25. Lenten Mite Box. Theme - Food Insecurity** [2/1]

During Lent, we invite you to reflect on the reality of hunger on our neighbors—both near and far. The Mite Box is a spiritual practice that encourages us to respond with compassion, offering a small monetary gift. Throughout Lent, a St. Mark's daily email will include a brief reflection on the effects of food insecurity or information about programs that serve people

experiencing hunger. Many of these reflections invite you to record a donation on a ledger or place in a physical container.

At Easter, total your gifts and donate that amount to support local organizations helping to fight hunger identified by the SSJ Board. Find details & Lenten ledger here:

<https://www.stmarks.net/mitebox2026/>

If you would like receive the Daily Email in Lent, sign up at the bottom on the Contact Us page: <https://www.stmarks.net/contact-us/> Questions? Email [socialjustice\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:socialjustice@stmarks.net).

## 26. Responsive Grant Proposals Due 5/17

[3/22]

SSJ is offering grants of up to \$1000 to jumpstart a new project you believe will benefit the larger community outside St. Mark's. All ages are encouraged to apply! **Proposals due by May 17th with decisions by early June.** Judging considerations include: whether the beneficiaries want the proposed project; whether others from St. Mark's can participate; and is it realistic for implementation? Your proposal should describe the project and include an implementation plan and budget/justification for the amount requested. Send your proposal or questions to Leslie Allen, [lacaphill\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:lacaphill@gmail.com).

### *Parish Life & Diocesan Events*

## 27. Please Join the 20s/30s Group for Our Upcoming Meetings!

[3/22]

**After the 5 PM**, we meet **downstairs in the Dozier Library** to discuss a new podcast episode every month. Listen ahead, or just show up to hear and discuss excerpts. We also have **brunch** (walking somewhere nearby or packing ahead to eat at St. Mark's) **once a month after the 11:15 service.** Contact Jilian McGreen ([jmcg1213\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:jmcg1213@gmail.com)) or Annabelle Swift ([annabelleswift31\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:annabelleswift31@gmail.com)) with questions or to join our Google group and WhatsApp. **March 22 6 PM - *And Also With You* Season 3 Episode 9: What is the Nicene Creed?**

**April 12 12:15 - Brunch**

**April 26 - *For People* with Bishop Rob Wright Episode 278: Spiritual. Leadership with Dr. Chip Roper**

## 28. Easter Potluck

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If you would like to share in Easter brunch, you only need to bring a side dish to share and a drink for yourself to **Baxter Hall** on Easter Sunday, **April 5 at 10:30am.** Children, Youth and Family Ministry will provide a spiral ham and a special dessert. (Check out the egg hunt announcement #9 if you have kids.) Contact [BrittPereira1\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:BrittPereira1@gmail.com) with questions.

**29. Confirmation, Reception, and Adult Baptism / Reaffirmation of Baptism** [3/22]

On May 10, Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde will be with us at all three services! We are excited for her to be with us, especially because it gives us an opportunity to welcome people into the church in the sacraments of confirmation, and reception. We will also have child baptisms that day and an opportunity for adult baptism and reaffirmation of baptism. **In preparation for all this, we will have a class on April 12, 19, and 26 from 1-2 pm at St. Mark's (room TBD).** Email Caitlin at [caitlin\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:caitlin[at]stmarks.net) to sign up for the class and get on the list for the bishop's visit

**30. Listing of Durable Medical Equipment** [3/15]

Are you recovering from surgery or have you recently needed extra equipment for safety? We have a list of people who have been there, and have equipment they are willing to loan. Send an email to [aa\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:aa[at]stmarks.net) if you have items you could make available or even give away to a parishioner in need. It is helpful to include a picture. Likewise, if you need or anticipate a need for a wheelchair, bedside commode, crutches etc., send an email to [aa\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:aa[at]stmarks.net). Please note: we do not have storage space at church for these items. We will put you in touch with the person(s) who might have what you need in order to arrange a mutually agreeable pick up.

**31. St. Mark's Yoga Center** [3/8]

Since 1978 SMYC has offered yoga at affordable prices, accessible to all. Classes are held 7 days a week and the first class is free! We now have two new teachers and a Friday class.

<https://www.stmarksyogadc.org/>

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(\* 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](http://shorturl.at/vaXg7)) by Tuesday night for a spoken announcement.*