



## What's Happening at St. Mark's Announcements - March 29, 2026

### *From Parish Leadership & Staff*

#### **1. 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).

#### **2. 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 using the QR code or at [tinyurl.com/STMMaundyThurs](https://tinyurl.com/STMMaundyThurs). If you are unable to bring something, we are happy to seat you at a table. If you have questions, contact Samantha White [parishadmin\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:parishadmin@stmarks.net).



#### **3. Confirmation, Reception, and Adult Baptism / Reaffirmation of Baptism**

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**On May 10**, Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde will join 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.** Email Caitlin [caitlin\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:caitlin@stmarks.net) to sign up for the class and get on the list for the bishop's visit

#### **4. 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@gmail.com)) with any questions.

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

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

#### **5. Walking After Jesus**

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"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[at]his.com) to volunteer or ask questions.

#### **6. SSJ Club - Easter Eggs for Friendship Place**

[3/29]

The 4th/5th grade SSJ Club (Service and Social Justice) invites the congregation to join us on **Saturday, April 4 at 2pm**: We will gather on the lawn of the National Cathedral to fill 500 Easter eggs that we're donating to Friendship Place, a shelter that houses families with children. Please contact Denise Oliveira if you plan to join, so she can share the exact meeting spot (646-715-8547 or [deniseroliveira\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:deniseroliveira@gmail.com)).

#### **7. Easter Egg Hunt**

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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. Eggs should be filled with individually wrapped, nut-free candy or other small treat such as a coin or sticker. (Also, check out announcement #25 about a potluck!) Email [emily.j.johannsen\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:emily.j.johannsen@gmail.com) with questions.

**8. 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 HS Pilgrimage. Order at [bit.ly/eggspilgrims](http://bit.ly/eggspilgrims). Email [Youthdirector\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:Youthdirector[at]stmarks.net) with questions.

***Music and the Arts***

**9. Request for 2024 Icons to Display at Easter, Volunteer to Hang Art** [3/29\*]

For Easter we are having a double barreled art show - Stained Glass in the Parish Hall and Foyer and Icons in the Nave. If you participated 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 and am seeking volunteers to assist. 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[at]WatercolorDC.com)

**10. Come and Join Our Community Choir** [3/29]

We rehearse every first Monday of the month 7:30 – 9:30 PM here at St. Mark's. Next rehearsal on **April 6th**. The choir is open to all who are interested, no prior experience necessary. There is no cost to join. For more information reach out to Judith: [comchoir\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:comchoir[at]stmarks.net) or learn more about the project.

**11. Upcoming Concerts** [3/29]

Chiarina Chamber Players and a guest violinist present “Fire and Brilliance” with music by Prokofiev, Mendelssohn, and others. **Sat. April 11 at 7:30 pm**. Visit [chiarina.org](http://chiarina.org). | St. Mark's parishioners Mike Dillman & Jilian McGreen, alongside Jeff Kempkie and a bassist, perform “Beauty in Chaos: A Voice and Marimba Recital.” Free-will offering. **Sun April 19 7:00 pm**.

***Worship***

**12. Seeking New 11:15 AM Greeters** [3/29]

Help us provide a warm welcome to St. Mark's by serving as a greeter for the 11:15 AM service! It's also a great way for you to meet more members of our congregation! Greeters are scheduled to serve roughly once/month. Duties include: greeting people at the door; handing out bulletins and encouraging the use of name tags; assisting with the offering plates; and helping orient newcomers in the building and introducing them to the Assistant Rector. Email Mary Tarnowka if you are interested ([M.Tarnowka\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:M.Tarnowka[at]gmail.com))

## *Service and Social Justice*

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

### **13. 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[at]stmarks.net)

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

### **14. 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)

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

Join us on March 29 **in the Dozier Library at 12:30pm** (after the 11:15 service) 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. Questions? 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).

### **16. Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Collection: We Feed Gaza** [3/29]

This Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, we will continue our parish's focus on food insecurity by collecting funds for We Feed Gaza, an independent Catholic movement dedicated to feeding and aiding starving families in Gaza. Since April 14, 2024, We Feed Gaza has distributed over 290,000 liters of fresh water and thousands of meals, serving more than 133,000 people — including tens of thousands of children. Even amid severe hunger, instability, and ongoing hardship, their team has worked tirelessly to provide daily nourishment and hope. According to the latest IPC Report and the United Nations, Gaza remains in Stage 4 – Emergency Acute Food Insecurity, with approximately 1.6 million people facing crisis-level hunger and critical malnutrition risks. As we remember Christ's sacrifice and His command to love the least among us, let us continue to support the beloved community in Gaza and the call to feed the hungry. Contact Melissa Cahill at [mseely57\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:mseely57[at]gmail.com) with questions. Donate using the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/StMarksGFO>



### **17. Incarceration Justice - Community Art Workshop!** [3/29]

Our April meeting will be a change of pace, including a Community Art Workshop. Rather than a Tuesday time slot, we will gather **Saturday, April 11th, from 12 noon until 3:30**.

All artists are welcome. Returned Citizen artists will be showcased and demonstrate their work “live” at tables in **Baxter Hall**.

- Create a community art project led by formerly incarcerated artists
- Browse collections of Beauty Behind Bars artists’ prints, books, clothing & more
- Donate art supplies to recently released artists

Bring a project you’re working on. Bring your supplies. More information:  
[incarcerationjustice\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:incarcerationjustice@stmarks.net)

**18. 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**

**19. Connecting the Dots: Sustainable Agriculture in Honduras, Clean Water, and Migration** [3/29]

For 20 years, St. Mark’s and other DC churches have been supporting reforestation and sustainable agriculture projects in the highlands of Honduras, helping farmers adapt to a drying climate. The results have been impressive: crop diversity, better yields, improved housing, health, and income, and a reduced need to emigrate. **At 12:30 pm on Sunday, April 19**, come to the **Adams Room** to learn about these successes, how the program has expanded to additional villages, and how you can help. **Tim Jenkins from Sustainable Villages Honduras (SVH)** will be our presenter. A former Peace Corps volunteer, he holds a degree in international agriculture from Cornell and has also worked with ECO-City Farms in Prince George’s County. Light refreshments will be available. Sponsored by SVH and St. Mark’s Green Lions and Migrant Support programs. Questions: Contact Christina Herman ([christina.herman55\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:christina.herman55@gmail.com)) and Leslie Allen ([la.caphill\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:la.caphill@gmail.com)).

**20. 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://mobilize.us/s/3ixRY2/d> Questions, contact Leslie Allen, [lacaphill\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:lacaphill@gmail.com)

**21. Hot Lunches for Everyone Home DC’s Day Center, Shirley’s Place** [3/29]

Here is a service opportunity for you or your St Mark’s “small group”: **Prepare a hot lunch for 50 drop-in clients** to be served at Shirley’s Place. Currently St Mark’s is providing approximately 3 such lunches a year. (Our high school youth will be serving baked ziti in

April.) Everyone Home DC has asked if we can do more during the May through September time period. In the past, a lunch has been prepared on Sunday for serving on the following Monday. Food costs can be reimbursed by the Service and Social Justice Board. Want to know more about this and the specifics? Email Susan Sedgewick at [jssedgewick\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:jssedgewick[at]gmail.com).

**22. 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[at]gmail.com).

**23. 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)

**24. Bring Those Wrapped Utensils to Church** [3/29]

Take out and delivery sometimes involves getting plastic utensils and condiments that I don't need. Apps now sometimes allow me to omit them. You can do so as well or take them out of the bag if you pick up. It helps often small restaurants bottom line as well as the earth. When I do get them, I take them to Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring (8106 Georgia Avenue), which takes WRAPPED plastic utensils, wrapped straws, and sealed condiments (salt and pepper packets, ketchup, sugar packets, etc). **I'm happy to deliver them if you bring them to church;** please email [rmarksftc\[at\]yahoo.com](mailto:rmarksftc[at]yahoo.com) to arrange for me to get them. Thanks, Randy Marks

**25. 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@gmail.com](mailto:phawleydc@gmail.com)

### ***Parish Life & Diocesan Events***

#### **26. Easter Potluck - Baxter Hall 10:30 AM** [3/29]

Come together for an informal potluck on Easter Sunday in Baxter Hall, from 10:30–11:30 a.m. (between services)! This will be a relaxed, fellowship-focused gathering. Children, Youth and Family Ministry will provide a ham and dessert—please bring a side dish of your choice to share (salad, pasta, vegetable—dealer’s choice!) and come ready to meet someone new! No pre-registration needed. Volunteers are appreciated for setup and cleanup. Contact [BrittPereira1@gmail.com](mailto:BrittPereira1@gmail.com) with questions.

#### **27. Easter Reception 12:30 PM** [3/29]

The St Mark’s 20s/30s will be hosting a light reception **after the 11:15 a.m. Easter service**. Join us in **Baxter Hall** to continue the Easter festivities in community! All are welcome and invited. Sign up to bring snacks or drinks at this link: <http://bit.ly/3NE5TF6>. Send any questions to Annabelle ([annabelleswift31@gmail.com](mailto:annabelleswift31@gmail.com)). We look forward to celebrating with you!

#### **28. Please Join the 20s/30s Group for Our Upcoming Meetings!** [3/29\*]

**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@gmail.com](mailto:jmcg1213@gmail.com)) or Annabelle Swift ([annabelleswift31@gmail.com](mailto:annabelleswift31@gmail.com)) with questions or to join our Google group and WhatsApp. **April 12 12:15 - Brunch** **April 26 - For People** with Bishop Rob Wright Episode 278: **Spiritual Leadership** with Dr. Chip Roper

#### **29. 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@stmarks.net](mailto:aa@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.

### *Christian Education*

#### **30. 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 sibling, 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[at]gmail.com).



#### **31. 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[at]hotmail.com)) and Seth ([seth.a.ismail\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:seth.a.ismail[at]gmail.com)) (or sign up at this link: <https://bit.ly/3MBQwMX>).

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*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](https://shorturl.at/vaXgZ)) by Tuesday night for a spoken announcement.*