



What's Happening at St. Mark's Announcements - June 21, 2026

Worship

1. 9 am Vergers Needed!

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Does your soul rejoice in the midst of liturgy? Does organizing bring you peace? Are you good with people? Do you like being part of a team? If so, the 9 am verger team needs you. Training, checklists, and supportive colleagues provided. To learn more about the commitment, email Josie Jordan at [josiejordan52\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:josiejordan52[at]gmail.com) or speak to any verger at church.

2. Bread & Wine Donations Needed for 11:15 a.m. Service

[6/21]

Did you know that each week someone from this congregation brings the bread and wine used for the Eucharist? It's one of the more meaningful contributions that parishioners can make to the life of St. Mark's. And it's easy! Bread can be homemade or store bought (the braided challah loaf at the Whole Foods bakery is popular). And a bottle of any red table wine is appreciated. Your name is listed in the back of the service bulletin, and you can dedicate your contribution to a birthday, anniversary, or in memory of someone. There's usually a sign-up sheet in the foyer or just email me directly to get on the schedule. Questions or signups, contact Cheryl Smelson ([cbsmelson\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:cbsmelson[at]gmail.com)) for the 11:15 a.m. service.

Service and Social Justice

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

3. Visit the Museum of the Palestinian People and Tour with St. Mark's Justice in Palestine (SMJP) - Sunday, Jun 21, 2026

[6/21*]

In lieu of our usual meeting, St. Mark's Justice in Palestine group will be going on a group tour of the Museum of the Palestinian People on Sunday June 21st! We will **meet at the museum at 2:30pm**, and will join their 3:00pm tour (although, there is no set early limit for entry, so even if you can't make the tour, you can still go and explore earlier in the day)! The address is 1900 18th St NW, Washington, DC 20009. If you are planning to go or have any questions, please reach out to Giulia DeLuca ([giuliadeluca\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:giuliadeluca[at]gmail.com)) or Ginger Miller ([gshedaliamae\[at\]proton.me](mailto:gshedaliamae[at]proton.me)).

4. Justice in Palestine Book Discussion

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What book should we read next? **Respond by June 21.** Thanks to all who came to our May book discussion about Peter Beinart's new book, *Being Jewish After the Destruction of Gaza*. Our next book discussion will be in August - help us decide what to read! We're choosing from (1) Decolonizing Palestine: The Land, the People, the Bible (2023) by Mitri Raheb - 213 pages; (2) A very short history of the Palestine-Israeli conflict (2024) by Ilan Pappé - 160 pages; (3) Perfect Victims and the Politics of Appeal (2025) by Mohammed El Kurd - 256 pages; (4) A Moment of truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide: Kairos Palestine II Congregational Study Guide (2025). Let us know your preference here: <https://shorturl.at/sbOX4> or at the QR code. Email Lindsey Jones-Renaud [LJonesrenaud\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:LJonesrenaud[at]gmail.com) with questions.



5. Sustainable Villages Honduras Trip

[5/31]

Our relationship with mountain villages in Honduras began decades ago. SVH is planning an adult **trip to Honduras in mid-October** to provide St. Mark's members a first-hand witness to the amazing work that is being done to improve the life of residents in villages where SVH works. The trip will also include sight-seeing and will take an estimated 10-days (with an optional week-long Spanish school pre-trip). There are **2-3 remaining spaces** on the trip. If you are interested to learn more, please contact Peter Hawley ([phawleydc\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:phawleydc[at]gmail.com)) or Leslie Allen ([lacaphill\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:lacaphill[at]gmail.com)), ideally by **the end of June**.

6. Public Witness at Immigration Court

[5/31]

While news surrounding immigration has slowed down, immigrants continue to be deported at a rapid rate in the DMV and beyond. In solidarity, faith communities are now leading public witness within and outside the Hyattsville Immigration Court in Prince Georges County. Observers meet, converse, and pray for our friends as they endure hardship, danger and injustice. Observers circulate written reports to immigrant advocacy groups including AMICA Center for Immigrant Rights, CASA, International Rescue Committee and the Maryland Immigrant Legal Assistance Program. These reports help advocates prepare to represent their immigrant clients and alert them to ongoing developments within the immigration court system.

If you are interested in joining this effort, there is an **orientation Zoom call on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 from 7-8pm**. Please contact Holly Kreutter at hkreutts@hotmail.com or Julie Murphy at [juliaabbottmurphy\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:juliaabbottmurphy[at]gmail.com) to find out more and learn how to sign up for the call."

Parish Life & Diocesan Events

7. LGBTQ/Capitol Pride Interfaith Service, Monday, June 22 [6/14]

This year's Pride Interfaith Service—themed “In Faith We Exist. Resist. Persist”—will be held at **St. Mark's, Capitol Hill, Monday, June 22, 7:00-8:30 pm**. It will include prayers, singing, and three reflections, including one from Bishop Mariann Budde. No RSVP required. Send questions to [centerfaith\[at\]thedccenter.org](mailto:centerfaith@thedccenter.org).

8. Welcome to Navajoland Youth visiting DC July 6-13 [5/31*]

Six youth ages 13-15 from the Episcopal Church of Navajoland are excited to be visiting DC **July 6th-13th**. For some this will be their first big trip away from home. Trip planning with youth from St. Mark's includes visiting the Capitol, the Cathedral, museums and the beach. Can you help? **Support our "Activities Fundraiser"** - This visit offers a wonderful opportunity of relationship building.



Please join us at morning services Sunday, July 12th to meet our guests! To donate, scan the QR code or visit <https://onrealm.org/StMarksDC/-/form/give/NavajolandVisitors> - and Thank You! Contact Kit Arrington with questions: [kit\[at\]tulsablue.com](mailto:kit@tulsablue.com).

Music and the Arts

9. Friends of Music [5/24]

The music program is in need of volunteers to help put together receptions after special services and concerts a few times each year. Please contact Jeff if you are willing and able to help: [jeff\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:jeff@stmarks.net)

10. Art Walk [6/21*]

This Sunday 6/21 after the 11:15 service. Find out how the artist relates their work to the theme – The Road to Emmaus/ The Road to Change. Gather by the Foyer Door. Questions email: [elin\[at\]watercolor.com](mailto:elin@watercolor.com)

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Learn more about all our different programs at <https://bit.ly/CYFMHandbook>

11. Gratitude from Nursery Staff [6/21]

The Nursery Staff would like to thank the parents and families for the thoughtful gifts and cards, Deborah Cunningham [dcwaterlover\[at\]yahoo.com](mailto:dcwaterlover@yahoo.com)

12. Please share your thoughts! [6/7]

As the school year draws to a close, the CYFM board will start planning for the next school year. To do this best, we want to know what you think! Please take 5-10 minutes to give us your thoughts on the survey at this QR code or <https://bit.ly/feedbackforcyfm>. We know your time is precious, and we would not ask if it were not important. This is the last day to respond.



13. Add Some Flavor to Father's Day

[6/21*]

For Father's Day, look for our youth selling homemade spice rubs and loads of baked goods for sale at **11am on June 21st in Baxter Hall**. Funds go to support the High School Pilgrimage program. Contact [MarySMiller\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:MarySMiller[at]gmail.com) with questions.

14. '26-27 Confirmation Class

[5/31]

The next confirmation service at the National Cathedral is scheduled for May 9, 2027, and all St. Mark's youth rising to grade 8 and up are invited to join the 2026-2027 Confirmation Class co-taught by Lisa Ramish and Annie Rorem. Confirmation class at St. Mark's is not a commitment to confirmation! Instead, it is an opportunity for young adults in the congregation to reflect on the vows their families and sponsors made for them at their baptism, discuss what faith means to them, and imagine their future relationship with the church. Classes will be held **once or twice a month, typically from 11-12:30 on Sundays**. Contact [Annie.Rorem\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:Annie.Rorem[at]gmail.com) to sign up or ask questions. We would like to have a class list by **June 30** so that we have time to arrange mentors, which is a component of the class.

(* 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.