



What's Happening at St. Mark's Announcements - June 28, 2026

Service and Social Justice

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

1. Incarceration Justice News:

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Our next event is the **Beauty Behind Bars Art Show**. We are installing art created by individuals who are or were incarcerated. Each one found ways to express meaning and passion through creative endeavors. The artwork goes up on June 27th. **On Sunday, July 26th**, the last weekend of the show, **we'll host a reception**, art walk and panel discussion with some of the artists who are home. Please take a look at these between or after church services, and plan to join us on July 26th, **right after the 11:15 am service**. Questions: [incarcerationjustice\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:incarcerationjustice[at]stmarks.net)

2. Sustainable Villages Honduras Trip

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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.

Parish Life & Diocesan Events

3. Welcome to Navajoland Youth visiting DC July 6-13

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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[at]tulsablue.com).



4. Join the Membership Committee

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The membership committee works to welcome folks into the St. Mark's community and build connections for new (or reconnecting) members. If this seems like something you're interested in, please consider joining us. The committee meets monthly via zoom. Commitment can vary from attending and providing your perspective, contributing to "bite size" tasks, or leading new initiatives. New and seasoned members are valued and invited to join. If you are interested, please reach out to Terri Poxon-Pearson at [terripoxonpearson\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:terripoxonpearson[at]gmail.com).

Music and the Arts

5. Friends of Music

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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[at]stmarks.net)

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

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

6. No Children's Programming on June 28 or July 5

[6/28]

There will be no Children's Chapel, Next Gen Reflection or Summer Sunday School on Sunday, June 28 (because of the parish retreat) or Sunday, July 5 (because it is a holiday weekend). The nursery will be open from 8:45am to 12:30pm on June 28 but the nursery will not be open on July 5.

Summer Sunday School will resume on July 12 from 10am to 11am with a special lesson from our guests from Navajoland. We still need classroom assistants - especially for August. You can sign up to help at <https://bit.ly/summeratstmarks>. Email Lisa at [YouthDirector\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:YouthDirector[at]stmarks.net) with questions.

7. 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[at]yahoo.com)

8. 2026-2027 Youth Confirmation Class

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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.

Worship

9. 9 am Vergers Needed! [6/7]

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.

10. 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.

(* 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.