



What's Happening at St. Mark's Announcements - June 7, 2026

Music and the Arts

1. 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[at]stmarks.net)

2. 18th Street Singers Concerts

[5/24]

A nation is not a single voice or a single story, but instead layered with contradiction, shaped by struggle, and sustained by hope. In the US, we carry both shadow and light: a history marked by injustice and a continuing promise of democracy. This spring's 18th Street Singers concert—Out of Many, One—we lean into that tension and ask what it means to belong to one another in a country still becoming itself. **Friday, June 12 at 7:30pm and Saturday, June 13 at 4:30pm.** Tickets and more info at www.18thstreetsingers.com

3. Art Walk

[6/7]

Have you looked at the current Art show? Would you like to know about how the work fits the theme from the artists themselves? If so, **stay after the 11:15 service on Sunday (6/21)** for our Art Walk. We'll be looking at the art here in the nave and the Stained Glass in Baxter Hall.

Artists, please be here (6/21) to talk about your work and how it fits the theme: The Road to Emmaus: The Road to Change. Questions: [elin\[at\]WatercolorDC.com](mailto:elin[at]WatercolorDC.com)

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

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

4. TODAY - Liturgy of the Light

[5/24]

On **Sunday, June 7 at 10 am in the Adams Room**, the three Catechesis classes will celebrate the Liturgy of the Light. This is a lovely service where each child receives a candle, “the light of Christ,” to hold and be part of. Parents are invited to come and be part of it. Email Stephanie at [scd\[at\]his.com](mailto:scd[at]his.com) with questions.

5. TODAY - Last Youth Group Meeting of the School Year!

[5/31]

The Youth Group will meet for **pizza at 12:30PM on Sunday, June 7th in the Lions' Den** before embarking on a neighborhood **Scavenger Hunt**. Send questions or RSVP to [JebOry\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:JebOry[at]gmail.com).

9. Ten minutes to give us valuable feedback

[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. The survey will close June 10th.



10. Add Some Flavor to Father's Day

[6/7]

Have you been looking for the perfect Father's Day gift? Our talented teens have been busy crafting homemade spice rubs just in time for grilling season! These rubs make a thoughtful, delicious gift for the dad, grandpa, father figure or really anyone in your life. Spices will come in glass jars and will be gift wrapped for easy presentation. The cost is \$6 for one or \$15 for three. Pre-orders are now open at this QR code or ! You can schedule pickup for June 14th or June 21st.



In addition to the spice rubs, there will be loads of baked goods for sale at **11am on June 21st in Baxter Hall**. So let the HS Pilgrims bake your Father's Day dessert! Funds go to support the High School Pilgrimage program. Contact [MarySMiller\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:MarySMiller[at]gmail.com) with questions.

6. NEXT SUNDAY - Banner Sunday & Rector's Forum

[5/17]

Banner Sunday is a celebration of the end of the Sunday School year that takes place during a 10AM worship service. Each Sunday School class participates in a procession with a banner that they made to represent what they learned. High school seniors are given the chance to speak to the congregation. And we take a moment to thank our Sunday School teachers.

Following the service, children are provided lunch and fun activities (Bingo!) in the undercroft while adults (with and without children) are invited to lunch and a Rector's Forum for the annual update from the CYFM board. It will be from **11:15am to 12:30pm on Sunday, June 14th in Baxter Hall**. Reach out to [Youthdirector\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:Youthdirector[at]stmarks.net) with questions.

8. 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.

Worship

10. 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.

Service and Social Justice

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

11. Join St. Mark's Incarceration Justice Ministry and Attorney Meghan Shapiro [5/31] Tuesday, June 9th, at 7:00 PM in Baxter Hall

We will continue discussing the legal system, and consequences for those with severe criminal charges, most often life sentences. Meghan Shapiro has been a trial, appellate, and habeas litigator for 17 years. She has had the honor of serving as Deputy Capital Defender for No. Virginia, staff attorney at the Louisiana Capital Assistance Center, Senior Appellate Attorney for the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, resource counsel with the Texas Habeas Assistance and Training Project (current), and sole practitioner of the Law Office of Meghan Shapiro (current) pursuing appellate and habeas litigation almost exclusively in court-appointed and pro bono cases. In these roles she has represented men and women facing the most-serious of criminal charges and penalties at trial, on appeal, and on death row. Contact for information: [incarcerationjustice\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:incarcerationjustice[at]stmarks.net)

12. Washington School for Girls Graduation June 13, 9:30-12:30 [5/24*]

The Washington School for Girls' most powerful testament to impact. Watching their 8th graders cross the stage is an emotional celebration of perseverance, academic excellence, and community support. This ceremony honors not just individual achievement but the village that surrounds each scholar. Guest seating is available for supporters who want to witness the culmination of our middle school journey. Email Naomi Slusser ([naomimreynolds\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:naomimreynolds@gmail.com)) if interested.

13. Museum of the Palestinian People Museum Visit and Tour with St. Mark's Justice in Palestine (SMJP) - Sunday, Jun 21, 2026 [6/7]

We welcome all to participate with the St. Mark's Justice in Palestine to visit and tour the Museum of the Palestinian People (1900 18th St NW, Washington, DC 20009). We will plan to meet at the museum at 2:30pm, and will join their 3:00pm tour. If you plan to attend or would like more information, please RSVP by scanning the QR code or reach out to Giulia DeLuca ([giuliadeluca\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:giuliadeluca@gmail.com)) or Ginger Miller ([gshedaliamae\[at\]proton.me](mailto:gshedaliamae@proton.me)). Please note that this is in lieu of our usual monthly meeting.



14. Justice in Palestine Book Discussion [6/7]

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@gmail.com) with questions.



15. 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@gmail.com)) or Leslie Allen ([lacaphill\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:lacaphill[at]gmail.com)), ideally **by the end of June**.

16. 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 [juliaabbotmurphy\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:juliaabbotmurphy[at]gmail.com) to find out more and learn how to sign up for the call."

Parish Life & Diocesan Events

17. TODAY - St Marks Women to Women Garden Tea

[5/24]

Women of ALL ages please put on your best dress and hat and **join us in the garden on Sunday, June 7th. 12:30-2pm** for tea. (Baxter Hall if rain or extreme heat.) Signup: <https://tinyurl.com/STMgardentea> Contact Rita Ossolinski [rossolinski\[at\]yahoo.com](mailto:rossolinski[at]yahoo.com) or Edna Boone [ednaboone\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:ednaboone[at]gmail.com)



18. Dozier Library Book Giveaway – June 7

[5/24]

Come to **Baxter Hall** after **both morning services on June 7** and find a free book (or two or more!) to read over the summer. The annual giveaway features donated books that we already have in the collection or cannot use due to space constraints or other considerations. The range of topics is as wide as the ages and interests of our diverse congregation. Bags will be available for bibliophiles. Questions? Contact Peter Hawley at [phawleydc\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:phawleydc[at]gmail.com)

19. Calling All St. Mark's Mental Health Professionals

[6/7]

On **Saturday June 13th from 9 a.m.-4p.m.** local psychotherapists will gather for a program entitled "Pulling Out the Roots of Authoritarianism" as a response to the current crisis in government. The intent is to foster discussion, engage in controversy together, and generate greater understanding and creative effort. Speakers include Jessica Benjamin, PhD, Lynne Layton, PhD, Mauricio Cortina, MD, Richard Chefetz, MD, and Kate Woodsome, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist. The program includes both small group and large group experiences. This is an opportunity to talk about grieving the present and creating our future. For a full description of the program go to <https://www.richardchefetzmd.com/general-8>

A program of the same name will be held twice as part of Christian Education classes by Richard Chefetz, M.D., with fall dates to be announced. Contact: [r.a.chefetz\[at\]psychsense.net](mailto:r.a.chefetz[at]psychsense.net)

20. Newcomer Gatherings

[5/31]

Newcomer Gatherings are an opportunity for new and established members to share a meal, meet people whose paths don't often cross, and discuss what makes this community unique. If you are interested in attending one of these events this summer, please sign up here: <https://stmarkssignups.netlify.app/> Reach out to Terri Poxon-Pearson with any questions ([terripoxonpearson\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:terripoxonpearson[at]gmail.com)).

21. Lost & Found

[5/24]

Missing your favorite Pyrex baking dish? Wondering where your beloved sweater went to? Come to the great St. Mark's lost and found and see if it's there. **May 31 and June 7 we'll be displaying in Baxter Hall** the many items left in the kitchen and around the church over recent months. Please have a happy reunion with anything that's yours and take it home. Items remaining after June 7th will go to Good Neighbors Capitol Hill or Goodwill. Questions? Contact Samantha White - [parishadmin\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:parishadmin[at]stmarks.net) or Maureen Shea - [mtshea\[at\]aol.com](mailto:mtshea[at]aol.com)

22. 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 in one of two ways? **Support our "Activities Fundraiser"** - AND - **we're seeking 2 hosts to each host 2 youth and a chaperone during their visit!** (Hosts: you won't need to provide meals - and they will be at the beach for 2 days.) 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).



23. Connecting: for Newcomers and Those Who Want to Reconnect or Make a Deeper Connection - on June 17

[5/10*]

Are you a relative newcomer and interested in learning more about St. Mark's? Or perhaps you have been a member for a while and are looking for a way to reconnect or make a deeper connection with the St. Mark's community? St. Mark's has a wide variety of ministries and community groups, but it can be a bit overwhelming to figure out where you fit in. Join Associate Rector Caitlin Frazier and a representative of the Membership Committee on **Wednesday, June 17, from 4:30-5:30 PM in the Abernathy Conference Room** for a small-group discussion to help you figure out the best way to get more connected with the St. Mark's community. Light snacks will be provided. So we have an approximate headcount, please email Mary Tarnowka ([m.tarnowka\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:m.tarnowka[at]gmail.com)) if you plan to join.

(* 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/vaXgZ) by Tuesday night for a spoken announcement.