



What's Happening at St. Mark's Announcements - July 5, 2026

Parish Life & Diocesan Events

1. Please Join Us! Dinner with Navajoland Youth

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The Navajoland Youth visiting DC this week (along with St. Mark's participants) will be hosting a dinner at St. Mark's this **Thursday, July 9th, at 6:30 pm**. 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, the beach, and a cultural/eco boat tour on the Patuxent offered by the Piscataway Tribe Nation. Please RSVP to Kit Arrington ([Kit\[at\]tulsablue.com](mailto:Kit[at]tulsablue.com)) if you plan to come to the dinner. Help to reach our fundraising goal (we're very close!) is also welcome! 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).

2. The Crab Feast is Coming!

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St. Mark's has long been a church that goes against the tide — not afraid to question assumptions, speak up and speak out, or poke and prod each other into living up to our own potential. In other words, we're a little crabby. And since 1976, we've celebrated that crustaceous spirit with a feast honoring the hard-shelled parishioners who relentlessly show up when they're needed, adamantly volunteer their time, and stubbornly insist on making our church a better place. Now, we want — no, need! — your help choosing who will wear the crabby crown next. Submit your nominations for Crab of the Year at <https://tinyurl.com/stmcrabnomination> or using the the QR code and join our **crab feast on August 2nd**. Ticket prices to come!



3. Newcomer Gatherings

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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)).

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).

5. Help Include Far Flung Parishioners & Friends in Worship

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Would you like to help include those in our community who need or prefer virtual access? You can volunteer to share Sunday morning worship via Facebook, Youtube, and Zoom!

The livestream team will train you to be a Tech Director. You don't need to know everything to start. Responsibilities: configure Facebook/Youtube/Zoom streams, set up the video laptop and peripherals, monitor the livestream-in-progress, move/connect our Nave cameras, monitor the audio, and troubleshoot all of the above. Streaming, video, or networking experience helpful.

Commitment: one Sunday morning every three to four weeks, plus special events (e.g. memorials, Holy Week) as available.

If you're interested, contact [christoph.berendes\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:christoph.berendes[at]gmail.com) to schedule a Sunday morning to sit with the tech team and see how it's done.

Music and the Arts

6. Please Pick Up Your Art

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The "Road to Emmaus / Road to Change" show art is in the Chapel. The Stained Glass is still up in Baxter Hall. If you can't pick up your art today, contact me. [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>

7. No Children's Programming on July 5

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There will be no Children's Chapel, Next Gen Reflection or Summer Sunday School on Sunday, July 5 (because it is a holiday weekend). The nursery will not be open.

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.

8. Gratitude from Nursery Staff

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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)

Worship

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

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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

10. Free Minds Write Night

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Free Minds is hosting an in-person Write Night on **July 14th at 7:00 pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Capitol Hill!** You're invited to connect with incarcerated poets through a mutual exchange of creativity, inspiration, and hope. At this special event, Free Minds members who are formerly incarcerated will join other Free Minds supporters and community members to share personal reflections before each participant reads and responds to poetry by our incarcerated writers. Responses will be collected and mailed to the poets following the event. PLEASE RSVP: <https://freemindsbookclub.org/event/write-night-july-14/>

11. 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)

Do you have an announcement for St. Mark's?

Submit announcements of 150 words or less to 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 for the calendar, website[at]stmarks.net for the website, or complete the form (shorturl.at/vaXgZ) by Tuesday night for a spoken announcement.