Announcements - May 14, 2021

Submit announcements, not to exceed 150 words, to the Bulletin Coordinator by 5 pm Tuesday to be included the following Friday. Announcements run for three weeks unless we hear from you.
To have your event included on the parish calendar, send it to the Parish Administrator.
To have your event posted on the parish website, send it to the Website Team.

New Announcements

From Parish Leadership & Staff

1. Become a Regathering Volunteer [5/14]

The Reopening & Regathering Committee (ROAG) is planning the details for reopening. We are recruiting volunteers to serve as registrars and special ushers on Sundays and will have Zoom and in-person orientations before our first Sunday open. If you are interested in volunteering for a Sunday job, please email regatheringvolunteers@stmarks.net.

2. St. Mark's Compline Team is Off for the Summer

After a year of offering St. Mark's Compline services, we will be on hiatus for the summer season. Thank you to everyone who has joined us for these evening gatherings for worship, who welcomed us into your homes, and who prayed with us and for us. Special thanks to our service leaders: Ryan Baugh, Caitlin Frazier, Joe Hubbard, Caleb Nelson Amaker, Loretta Veney and Karen Wiedemann. Extra thank you to Caitlin Frazier, Rev. Michele Morgan, and James Rostron for keeping us organized. Join us for our final service of the spring May 28th at 8:30 on the St. Mark's Facebook page.

Outreach

3. A WIN Call to Action: Reservation 13 Public Meeting [5/14]

Let's keep up the pressure on developers! We will meet with them **Thur. 5/20 at 6pm.** The amazing turnout (300+ people online & in-person: 33 from St. Mark's!) at WIN's 4/24 Action at Reservation 13 forced developers to meet with Washington Interfaith Network to hear our demands for more Affordable Housing and Equity Home Ownership Opportunities! We need to show up again on May 20th, to demonstrate that we remain committed to holding them and now the City accountable. This is the City's Disposition Hearing ONLINE, at which developers will make public presentations of their final proposals.

Let WIN know that you plan to be there by filling out this Google form, and WIN will send you the Webex link (similar to Zoom.) **We are asking you to register here even though the**

link is publicly available, so that WIN knows how many WIN supporters are committing to attend.

4. Good Neighbors of Capitol Hill Is Holding a Toiletry & Diaper Drive [5/7]

We will have an opportunity for all of you to help our neighbors by participating in our first toiletries and diaper drive, to be held in the church parking lot on **Saturday, June 5, 1-3 PM**. It will benefit Good Neighbors (toiletries) and the Greater DC Diaper Bank. Contact Karen Getman. Click here for a list of desired toiletries.

5. St Mark's Gift Towards an Ultrasound St. Luke's [5/7]

The Mid East Working group and the clergy Discretionary fund supported the purchase of an Ultrasound for St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus. This five minute video features the newly received ultrasound machine which our parishes so generously helped support. Please watch this video and know that you had a direct hand in making this life-giving gift happen.

If you would like to know more about the Mid East Working Group, contact Maureen Shea; if you would like to make a donation to support the Diocese of Jerusalem, please go to afedj.org/give/give-online.

Parish Life & Diocesan Events

6. Jan Hoffman will be 100! [5/14]

As you may know, our amazing Jan Hoffman will turn 100 on May 23rd! Were it not for the pandemic, we would of course plan a fabulous celebration at St. Mark's. Instead, we are planning a more modest but no less loving event **in the garden courtyard from 3:30 – 5:00 on the 23rd**. All are invited. If you are not able to join the celebration on the 23rd, she would love to hear from you. Her address is 3050 Military Road, NW, Building #1 and her phone is 202-920-7074. If you have a favorite Jan story and would like to share it, we will collect them in a book to give to her. Jan has been a blessing to the St. Mark's community, and we hope you will join us in her centennial celebration. Please let us know if you are able to come so that we can gauge numbers and have plenty of cake and drinks. If you have not been fully vaccinated, i.e. two doses, two weeks passed, wear a mask. We will have hand sanitizer, a sign-in book, and masks available. **Please RSVP to Raiford Gaffney or Maureen Shea.**

Youth and Family Ministries

7. Art in the Garden: Pentecost [5/14]

Children, youth and families are invited to join us in person for art projects this summer! Each month we will meet in the church courtyard for a variety of themed projects. All participants

must wear a protective face mask, adhere to social distance guidelines and agree to our regathering covenant. Our first session will be May 23rd with spaces open at 12:00pm and 1:30pm. Sign up here.

Ongoing Announcements

From Parish Leadership & Staff

8. Sunday Morning Tech Support

Tech support will be available on Sundays between 10am and 1pm by email or by calling 202-543-0053 and choosing option 7. Parish volunteers will be watching that email inbox and standing by for your calls.

Parish Life & Diocesan Events

9. St. Mark's Dance Studio Classes

Ballet, Pilates, Chair Exercise and Children's Dance classes continue through Zoom. For additional information and our schedule, contact Rosetta "Rosie" Brooks.

Youth and Family Ministries

10. Check out this week's Youth E-News for activities to do this week.

11. Bible Storytime Podcast

Join Caleb and the St. Mark's Sunday School team for a 5-minute daily podcast! We'll have some music, read a bible story, and say a prayer. Email Caleb to sign up.

12. Growing with God

Michele and Caleb are discussing Figs and Vines. You can watch this week's episode here.

Christian Education

13. Visual/Virtual Level 1 Sunday School Library

Parents, you have access to a video library of our lessons and songs to be watched together as a family or independently by your child. (This is not another Zoom class.) Registering is easy, at forms.gle/4g8VvrmUPibnvVcH6. Questions, please feel free to contact Christy Rumpf.

14. Sunday Morning Bible Class

The Sunday Morning Bible Class is taking a journey through the complex **Book of Genesis**, from the creation of the world to the death of Joseph the Patriarch.
The class consists of a discussion of the assigned reading for that day. Regular attendance is encouraged. Additional outside readings are not expected.

Date & Time: **Sundays, 9a.m.-10a.m., through May 16, 2021** (except holidays)
Leaders: Bob Ewald (Leader); Andrew Stafford (Zoom Administrator)
If you are interested in taking this class, please send an email to Bob Ewald with "Subscribe to Sunday Morning Bible Class" in the subject line.

15. Wednesday Bible Class

Date & Time: Wednesdays from noon to 1:15 pm, September 2, 2020-May 29, 2021
Leaders: Peter Mosley (Leader); Raiford Gaffney (Administrator)
Location: Zoom http://stmarks.net/bibleclass/

Please send an email to Raiford if you would like to participate in this class. We will continue to study Paul's Letter to the Romans and try to get this juicy Pauline perspective on Jesus more clearly understood.

We aim to do our Bible study collaboratively and lovingly. As we grow our understanding, we return again and again to ask: How has our study affected what is meaningful to us about our tradition? In this class we hope to deepen our beliefs and grow ever more trusting of our connection with God. New members are welcome and appreciated.

16. Centering Prayer. Every day on Zoom at 8:00 am.

Centering Prayer is an early Christian contemplative practice that places a strong emphasis on interior silence. For more information or to join the group, contact The Rev. Patricia Catalano.

17. St. Mark's Meditation Center: Meditation, Mondays 7:30-9:00 pm

Contact Michele Rivard for more information. Sign up for the weekly program email to receive info on weekly online meetings.