Announcements - April 2, 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. HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 3	1 PM **Signs of Love+** (Courtyard)
Sunday, April 4	**Easter** 10 AM Festival Eucharist (Facebook live stream) 11 AM Coffee Hour (Zoom) 12 PM Sermon Seminar (Zoom) 5 PM Holy Eucharist (Zoom)

+One morning last week, we found a symbol of racialized hatred in our courtyard. A noose was hung from one of the trees in the yard. That symbol of hatred has no place in our churchyard, in our city, or our country. Our commitment to seeing everyone as a beloved child of God remains.

Join us this Saturday as we gather together, masked and socially distanced in the courtyard to make signs proclaiming and affirming God's love. Our goal is to surround our courtyard with love.

2. St. Mark's 2021 Lenten Mite Box Project: Incarceration Justice Issues [3/26]

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. (Hebrews 13-3)

As the Lenten Mite Box Project draws to a close, the very important, last step is to donate the money you have put into your box! All the money we collect will be donated to "Free Minds Book Club and Writing Workshop." You can make your donation in one of three ways:

1. mail a check to St. Mark's, OR
2. make an online contribution (use this special link so that mite box donations are kept separate from other donations), OR
3. send a text "stmarks20003 mitebox" to 73256.

Please have your donations to St. Mark's **by April 12th.** Contact Patricia Braley if you have any questions.

Outreach

3. Good Friday Offering [3/19]

It's not too late! Our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land are suffering greatly from Coronavirus and the absence of tourism. As we enter the joy of Easter, we can show our support for those who maintain our faith traditions in the land where Christ lived and died by **supporting the Diocese of Jerusalem through the Archbishop's COVID Relief and Recovery Fund** of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ). https://afedj.org/give/give-online/ or mailed to AFEDJ at 25 Old King's Highway North, #13, Darien, CT 06820.

Please be sure to tell them you are from St. Mark's, Washington, DC either in the "Your Details" field on-line or in a written note with your check. AFEDJ will provide a charitable donation receipt. Maureen Shea - mtshea@aol.com

Youth and Family Ministries

4. Culture Club: Transform Saturday April 10th from 3:00-4:00 via ZOOM [3/26]

Middle and High School students join us for a dive into pop culture! We'll gather on Zoom and share videos, songs, poems, tik toks, or pieces of art with a transformation theme! Bring a bit of culture that you like, or come and see ours! Sign up here. Contact Caleb if you have any questions.

Ongoing Announcements

Parish Life & Diocesan Events

5. Zoom Yoga Classes from St. Mark's Yoga Center

Our experienced teachers are guiding classes via Zoom in service to our congregation and community. Schedule is at stmarks.net/yoga. Accessible Yoga class for chair or mat on Thursdays. Yoga Nidra (Deep Relaxation) meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Music & Arts

6. Do You or Your Child Love to Sing?

The Chancel Choir is seeking new adult singers! Previous experience is helpful. Contact Jeff Kempskie. For the Boys & Girls Choir, please email Kerry Court if you are interested or have questions. Some studies have shown that great singers love asparagus!

7. Virtual Music Lessons...

...are available through the St. Mark's Music Studio. Diane Atherton offers voice lessons, and Stephanie Ng teaches piano lessons. Students of all ages and experience are welcome. Learn more about our teachers at stmarks.net/music.

Youth and Family Ministries

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

9. 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.

10. Growing with God Michele and Caleb are discussing Roller Coasters and Monuments. You can watch this week's episode here.

Christian Education

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.