# Announcements - April 30, 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

### *Outreach*

**1. Good Neighbors of Capitol Hill Has an Exciting New Website!** [4/16]

**www.goodneighborscapitolhill.org**

During the past year of the Covid pandemic, refugees continued to arrive and the Good Neighbors have continued to prepare apartments for newly arriving families. We followed the CDC guidelines, maintaining strict protocols and relied almost exclusively on younger volunteers for the actual set-up. During lockdown, we created a new web-site telling about our work.

**Do you have questions about immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees?** Who are they, and why have they come? What help do they need to be successful? Our new website clarifies this along with stories of new arrivals. Take a look at how our mission is organized and implemented, with your donations of **Gifts in Kind (GIK)**. Learn how you could help with **furnishing operations**, or **donations**. The families we serve come here with nothing but what they can carry, and their hope and faith in the possibility of new lives ahead. Visit www.goodneighborscapitolhill.org, and learn how you can help refugees achieve their dreams. The Biden/Harris Administration has raised the quota for refugees. This means the work of resettlement agencies will increase significantly, creating an even greater need for volunteers and donations. **Take a look at our website for ways you might participate.**

**2. Thank You: Advent Palestinian Covid Relief** [4/16]

A big thank you from the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) to all those who purchased olive oil during Advent and who gave to the Archbishop's Covid Relief and Recovery Fund. John Lent, the Executive Director of AFEDJ writes: "Of course it's a challenge to establish personal relationships with the people you're helping in Palestine. Please know this – **the people you support know who you are and are deeply grateful for your help and the help of all of their American friends.**

When I visit the Middle East, the leaders and staff of these institutions tell me that they hold you in their prayers and send their warmest thanks and best wishes. Thank you St. Mark's. We are grateful for your friendship." Our Mid East Working Group reports **we sent AFEDJ $2,000 from olive oil sales** and **you can still donate** for Covid relief at AFEDJ by going to afedj.org/give/give-online. Contact: Maureen Shea

### ***Parish Life & Diocesan Events***

**3. St. Mark's Dance Studio Classes** [4/23]

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

## Ongoing Announcements

### ***From Parish Leadership & Staff***

**4. 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.

### ***Christian Education***

**5. 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.

**6. 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.

**7. 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.

**8. 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.

**9. 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.

## ***Music & Arts***

**10. 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!

**11. 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***

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

**13. 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.

**14. Growing with God**

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

**15. Culture Club: Love**

Middle and high school students join us May 8th for a dive into pop culture!
We will gather and share videos, songs, poems, tik toks, or pieces of art. This month we talk about love. Sign up here.