Announcements - May 7, 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. Reopening & Regathering Committee Seeking Volunteers [5/7]

Now that our Regathering Plan has been approved by the diocese, the Reopening & Regathering Committee (ROAG) is planning all the details. Though a specific date for our first Sunday together is still in the works, we want to start recruiting volunteers to serve as registrars and special ushers on Sundays. If you are interested in volunteering for a Sunday job, please email regatheringvolunteers@stmarks.net.

Parish Life & Diocesan Events

2. 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.

Outreach

3. 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.

4. 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.

Ongoing Announcements

From Parish Leadership & Staff

5. 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.

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 Figs and Vines. You can watch this week's episode here.

11. Culture Club: June 12

Middle and high school students join us June 12th 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.

Christian Education

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.