



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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APRIL 2015

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's Church,

As Lent draws to a close, we enter one of the holiest weeks in the life of faith. This Sunday, March 29th, is Palm Sunday, and at 8 and 10 a.m., we will celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with the distribution of palms, followed by the reading of the Passion Story and the Eucharist. At the 10 a.m. there also will be great Palm Sunday hymns and some beautiful anthems.

On Holy Wednesday, April 1st, we will have our usual simple Wednesday Eucharist at 6:45 a.m. in the Chapel, followed by breakfast at the Bedford Hills Diner. If you prefer a more meditative experience, there will be simple services at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 30th, Tuesday March 31st, and Wednesday, April 1st at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Chappaqua.

On Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, at 7 p.m., we will have the Holy Eucharist, followed by the Stripping of the Altars in preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Gwyneth Mackenzie Murphy, the Interim Rector of St. Mary the Virgin in Chappaqua. Maundy Thursday recalls the Last Supper, the Great Commandment "to love one another," and Christ's directive to be engaged in servant ministries.

On Good Friday, April 3rd we will observe the traditional three hours, from Noon to 3 p.m. We are trying something a little different this year. In each of the first two hours of our Good Friday service, there will be prayers and brief meditations, and the St. Mark's Choir will sing excerpts from some of the extraordinary music written for Good Friday, including J.S. Bach's *St. Matthew's Passion*, Handel's *Messiah*, and Heinrich Schutz's *Seven Last Words of Christ*.

Between 2 and 3 p.m., the last of the three hours, we will use the Good Friday Liturgy from the Prayer Book, including the Passion story, the Solemn Collects, the adoration of the Cross, and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament for those who wish it. You are invited to participate in all or part of these three hours and may quietly come or go as needed. If you are unable to attend in the afternoon, there is also an evening Good Friday service at St. Mary the Virgin in Chappaqua at 7 p.m. Also, Pastor Gwyneth and I will be available for the private Rite of Reconciliation at St. Mary the Virgin between 4 and 6 p.m. that afternoon.

On Saturday, April 4th at 7 p.m., we will observe the ancient liturgy of the Easter Vigil. We will light the new Easter fire and the Paschal Candle which celebrate the new light of the Resurrection. We will hear scripture readings which rehearse the history of salvation and a Gospel reading which recounts one of the first Resurrection stories. We will share the Eucharist and hear some glorious Eastertide music. This service is offered jointly with St. Mary's, Chappaqua.

On Easter Morning, the Day of Resurrection, St. Mark's will have the Eucharist at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m. The St. Mark's Choir will sing at both the 9 and 11 a.m. services, and there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children after those services as well. Easter is a wonderful celebration of Resurrection, New Beginnings, and the Hope of Heaven. With the help of the Altar Guild and the Flower Guild, I know our beautiful historic Church will look truly glorious!

Do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can offer you spiritual or pastoral assistance in the days ahead. My hope and prayer is that each of you will have a Blessed Holy Week and a Joyful Eastertide!

Bill Doubleday, Priest in Charge

HOLY WEEK

In addition to putting on a shared Lenten study program this year. St. Mark's and the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Chappaqua will be collaborating and sharing in our Holy Week Services. Given your schedules, you may find a service convenient at one or the other parish. The Rev. Gwyneth Murphy, the Interim Rector at St. Mary's, and the Rev. Bill Doubleday, the Priest in Charge at St. Mark's, will be working together on many of the services.

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015

St. Mark's

8 am Holy Eucharist and Distribution of Palms
10 am Holy Eucharist and Distribution of Palms with Choir

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015

St. Mary's

8 am Holy Eucharist and Distribution of Palms – Rite 1
10 am Holy Eucharist and Distribution of Palms – Rite 2

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2015

St. Mark's

7 pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Eucharist,
and Stripping of the Altar

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2015

St. Mary's

12:00 noon Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Eucharist,
and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 3, 2015

St. Mark's

12 Noon Prayers & Music for Good Friday
1 pm Prayers & Music for Good Friday
2 pm The Good Friday Liturgy, including Communion from
the Reserved Sacrament. Each hour is a Discrete Service
and Brief Drop-ins are also welcome.

Good Friday, April 3, 2015

St. Mary's

4pm – 6 pm Rite of Reconciliation – The Revs. Bill Doubleday
and Gwyneth Murphy available to hear confessions
7 pm Stations of the Cross, Communion from the Reserved
Sacrament, and Special Music

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2015

St. Mark's and St. Mary's AT ST.MARK'S

7 pm Easter Vigil with Holy Eucharist

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

St. Mark's

7 am Holy Eucharist with Hymns
9 am Festal Eucharist with Choir followed by Easter Egg Hunt
11 am Festal Eucharist with Choir followed by Easter Egg Hunt

St. Mary's

8 am Holy Eucharist – Rite 1
10 am Holy Eucharist – Rite 2

ADULT FORUMS PLANNED FOR 2015

During 2015, we are having an Adult Education Forum in the Parish Library once a month between the two Sunday services. We will begin at 9:10 am (SHARP) and we will adjourn for church-going no later than 9:50 a.m. Coffee and Tea will be available in the Parish Hall.

We will generally begin with a short presentation, followed by discussion and questions:

April 5, 2015: No Forum Due to Three Easter Services

May 3, 2015: What is Happening in the Episcopal Church? 2015 is a General Convention Year!

June 7, 2015: Theological Reflections on Summer and Sabbath Time

The Adult Education Forum will resume on Sunday, September 13, 2015, the second Sunday of September, due to the Labor Day holiday. You are encouraged to suggest topics to Bill Doubleday.

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE AND PARENTS!

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TWELVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

BEGINS: Sunday, April 19, 2015 – 11:30 A.M. TO 12:45 P.M.

A Spring Confirmation Class for Young People who are 12 or older, will begin on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. There will be six sessions and each class session will be one hour and fifteen minutes.

The Schedule for the Confirmation Class is as follows:

April 19, 2015: "Why Belong to the Episcopal Church?"

May 3, 2015: "How Do We Read the Bible?"

May 17, 2015: "Making Sense Out of Prayer, Worship, and Spirituality."

May 31, 2015: "What Do We Believe About God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?"

June 14, 2015: "Values, Ethics, Decision Making, and Morality."

June 28, 2015: "Connecting Our Tradition to the 21st Century Mission and Ministry of the Church."

My experience is that it can be helpful for one or both parents to sit in on most of the classes so that questions and discussion can continue between sessions.

If you are, or might be, interested in participating, I would welcome an e-mail: billdoubleday@stmarksmtkisco.org or a call: 914-666-8058. If you are uncertain, I would be glad to speak with you in person.

Bill Doubleday, Priest in Charge

May Markings deadline is Monday, April 20



PRAYER CORNER.... from Verann England

Daily Guideposts 2015

*For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king
Isaiah 33:22*

When Jack and I got married in 2012, I was sixty-six years old and he was seventy-five. I didn't change my name, and we decided to keep both of our condos, which are just fifty-seven steps from each other. **What will my family and friends think of our living arrangement?** I worried.

We sleep and eat breakfast at Jack's condo but almost always have dinner at mine (I like my kitchen stuff better than his). I work in my office in my condo while he works on his volunteer projects in his. We put our guests in the bedroom in my place. After dinner, Jack sometimes watches sports on TV at his condo while I watch something else in mine. We're back and forth every day, all day.

While browsing through the New Testament, I began to wonder how Jesus felt walking the land, gathering hundreds of people at a time, trying to talk them into living their lives in a completely different way...His way. Jesus was a renegade marching to the sound of a different philosophy.

Thinking of how Jesus lived His life gave me courage to live my life in a different way from that of my neighbors, friends and family. I needn't have worried. Now that Jack and I have been living in both condos for a few years, many of our married friends wish they had two places to live in too!

*Father, thank You for the courage to live my
life the way it works best for me and
for the blessing of having two homes and one loving husband.*

Patricia Lorenz



SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Participants with developmental challenges and their care-givers from throughout Northern Westchester communities attend this service. Parishioners are needed to assist. The April service is planned for Tuesday, April 28 at 7 pm. Please arrive at 6:45 pm to assist our friends to get into the church, or to help set up the refreshments in the parish hall. The event is over and all volunteers are finished before 8 pm. You receive a lot of blessing for an hour's time! Hope to see you there!



**Spring Tag Sale at Saint Mark's Church
85 East Main Street Mt. Kisco
May 16th 9am-2pm,
Details to follow.....**

Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Ascension
Sunday, 17 May 2015 at 4 pm
Organ Recital at 3:15 pm



Music of
Thomas Attwood Walmisley
& Peter Philips.

*This will be the final choral service of the term.
A reception will follow to greet and thank the Choir.*



CARPENTER'S KIDS 2015 Sponsorship

Help needed! We are still short on our Carpenter's Kids contribution for 2015. If anyone can help by adding a second or third child to your current support - or if you would like to make a one time contribution - we would greatly appreciate it. As you know, each \$70 provides a child with a school uniform, shoes, socks, school supplies, and daily meals, so they can attend school.

This mission is for AIDS orphans and other vulnerable children who are part of our "linked" parish of St. John's in Ikowa Village, Tanzania. And this is the final year of our ten-year commitment.

If anyone has any questions, please email me at karenkelley4@verizon.net or call me at 914-739-5585 (h) or 914-645-1069 (c). And to all of you have contributed this year and in past years, a big thank you! If you are able to contribute, please make your check out to St. Mark's Church with Carpenters Kids in the memo line

Karen Kelley, Warden
Carpenter's Kids Coordinator



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE – APRIL 2015

		APRIL 5		APRIL 12	APRIL 19	APRIL 26
Altar Guild	7 am 9 am	Ruann England	8 am	Deb Lunn	Jill Finch	Ruann England
	11 am	Karen Kelley	10 am	Sue Hewitt	Elizabeth Schreiner	Celeste Lynn Elizabeth Schreiner
Chalice Bearers	7 am 9 am 11 am	Ted Raymond Zoher Saour	10 am	Zoher Saour	Ted Raymond	Zoher Saour
Lectors	7 am 9 am	TBD TBD	8 am	Ted Raymond	Mary Ann Niedzwiedz	Robert Niedzwiedz
	11 am	TBD	10 am	Jennifer Lewis	Doug Catalanello	Susan West
Ushers	7 am 9 am	Bob & Mary Ann Niedzwiedz	8 am	Ruann England James Cottingham	Gary & Brendan Ford	Mary Ann & Robert Niedzwiedz
	11 am	Jim Hewitt	10 am	Jim Hewitt Karen Kelley	Dale Schweizer Vinnie Tuccillo	Raimo Bakis Shirley Russell
Acolytes	9 am 11 am	Turner Williams Luca Cuccia	10 am	Kathie Bannon	Neil Steiner	Andrea Steiner
Flower Guild		Shelagh Bosch Gloria Kissell Anna Stone		Grace Gibbons Rosemary Valenti	Nancy Weeks	Fran Osborne Joan Robinson
Hospitality		Ann Bakis Eileen Marks		Kendle Arcidiacono Shelagh Bosch Fran Osborne	Grace & Robert Gibbons Lakshanthi Galpotthawela Lisa Dondiego	Catalanello Family Lynthia Romney
St. Ann's Drivers		Charlie Williams		Joe Schuder	Annette Steiner	Alan Guthrie

Holy Week assignments are being determined

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ April 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am HOLY WEEK	2 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist HOLY WEEK	3 Good Friday 12 pm Prayers & Music 1pm Prayers & Music 2pm Good Friday Liturgy	4 Holy Saturday Mt. Kisco Farmers Market 9am-1 pm 7:00 pm Great Vigil of Easter
5 EASTER 7:00 am HEIL 9:00 & 11:00 Festival Easter Eucharist Easter egg hunt after both services 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	6	7	8 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	9	10 7 - 9 pm House of Prayer	11 Mt. Kisco Farmers Market 9am-1 pm
12 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	13	14	15 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	16	17 7 - 9 pm House of Prayer	18 Mt. Kisco Farmers Market 9am-1 pm
19 11:30 - 12:45 Confirmation Class 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	20 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm	21	22 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	23	24 7 - 9 pm House of Prayer	25 Mt. Kisco Farmers Market 9am-1 pm
26 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	27	28 Special Service 7:00 pm	29 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	30	31 7 - 9 pm House of Prayer	

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PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ MAY 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer	
3 9:10 Adult Forum 11:30 – 12:45 pm Confirmation class 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	4	5	6 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	7	8 7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer	9 Mt. Kisco Farmers Market 9am-1pm
10 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	11	12	13 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	14	15 7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer	16 Mt. Kisco Farmers Market 9am-1pm Spring Tag Sale 9 am – 2 pm
17 11:30 – 12:45 pm Confirmation class 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer 3:15 Organ Recital 4:00 Choral Evensong	18 7:30 Vestry Meeting	19	20 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	21	22 7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer	23 Mt. Kisco Farmers Market 9am-1pm
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CLERGY AND STAFF

The Reverend William A. Doubleday, Priest in Charge
Geoffrey Smith, Music Director Misael Enamorado, Sexton
Jeanne Goldberg, Parish Secretary Jim Terhune, Financial Administrator
Jennifer Lewis, Director of the Sunday School

WEEKDAY SERVICES AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH

6:45 AM Wednesday - Holy Eucharist
Additional services and events as announced

Our Parish website is: stmarksmtkisco.org
Our parish Facebook Page is: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mt. Kisco, NY
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The Director of Music may be contacted at geoffsmith@stmarksmtkisco.org
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OUTSIDE GROUPS MEETING WEEKLY AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH

ESL Classes: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9 am to 12 Noon
Al-Anon & Alateen: Thursdays: 7 pm

VESTRY MEMBERS

Karen Kelley, Churchwarden
Kedrick Carr, Treasurer

Fran Osborne, Churchwarden
Vincent Tuccillo, Clerk of Vestry

Ann Bakis
Lisa (Fleck)Dondiego
Grace Gibbons

Robert Niedzwiedz
Elizabeth Schreiner
Rosemary Valenti

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