



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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AUGUST 2015

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

I hope you all are having an enjoyable and restorative summer. I want to thank all who are helping to sustain Sunday attendance during an exceptionally hot and humid summer.

Sunday, August 2, 2015, immediately after the 10 am service, we will be having a Parish Barbecue and Picnic at the Rectory, at 31 Croton Avenue. Many of you are away, but I hope many others will be able to join us – do not be afraid to bring a friend, neighbor, or grandchild with you! If you are able to bring a side dish, a dessert, or something to drink, that will be appreciated, but is not necessary. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Chicken will be provided.

At this time, Jenny Lewis, our Coordinator of Children and Family Ministries, and I are working on plans for the coming year. We do not have the critical mass of children to sustain a Sunday School at this time, but like last year we plan to undertake special events aimed at children, including the Christmas Pageant, several Children's Eucharists, the reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* on Christmas Eve, and the Easter Egg Hunt. If you have needs, ideas, or suggestions, we would be very glad to talk with you.

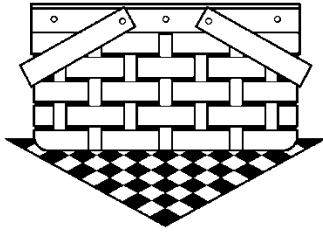
Several weeks ago, in my sermon, I indicated that I am praying about creating a weekly Saturday 5 p.m. Service this autumn. If we decide to proceed with this idea, initially it will be a rather informal Eucharist; without music, unless someone has musical gifts to share; and with a simple Bible discussion led by me instead of a sermon. I would envision this as an experiment which, if we undertake it, would begin on the first Sunday in October and run through the Fourth Sunday of Advent, just before Christmas. I can envision on two or three of these Saturdays, we might plan to have a pot luck supper or a pizza party after the service for those who wish to attend. My question is: Would this be of any significant interest to you or your loved ones? Please e-mail me your response: billdoubleday@stmarksmtkisco.org.

If you have pastoral needs or concerns, do not hesitate to call or come in to see me. Due to staff vacations, the church building will not be open as much on some weekdays in August – call ahead if you need to get in and you do not have a key. My cell phone is: 917-584-8601.

If you are having trouble getting to church this summer, I would be glad to schedule a time to bring Holy Communion to your home. Apart from a few scattered days between now and Labor Day, I expect to be reasonably close by for the rest of the summer.

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Bill Doubleday, Priest in Charge



PARISH PICNIC: SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015

You Are Invited to a Parish Picnic at the Rectory,
Sunday, August 2, 2015 – Right After Church

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HOSTS AND HOSTESSES AT SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

The Sunday coffee service is a wonderful time of fellowship for our parish community. We look forward to keeping it a vital part of the St. Mark's ministry.

Starting in July we have our coffee hour outside, weather permitting, and the coffee hosts are off duty. Beginning in the fall, our traditional coffee hour meets in the Parish Hall after the 10 am service.

If you would be interested to volunteer as a host (usually only once every five weeks, or so, as part of a team of parishioners) please call the church office; 914-666-8058 or contact Fran Osborne @914-238-4901 or pbofmo@aol.com.

Hosts coordinate with their team to bring an assortment of coffee cakes, danish, cut fruit, vegetables & dip, cheese and crackers, and/or cookies to supplement the basics provided by the church. They prepare the Parish Hall and welcome newcomers.

SAVE THESE DATES:

RUMMAGE SALE: Friday, October 2 from 9 am – 5 pm
Saturday, October 3 from 9 am – 3 pm

We accept clean, in good condition or new: Children's clothes, shoes, winter coats and outerwear, toys, housewares, athletic equipment and small furniture items.....so start cleaning out your closets!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Saturday, October 3 at 4 pm

Held in the circle in front of the Parish Hall, a truly Ecumenical and Interfaith event. Please invite your neighbors and friends!



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE AUGUST 2015

		AUGUST 2	AUGUST 9	AUGUST 16	AUGUST 23	AUGUST 30
Altar Guild	8 am	Ruann England	TBD	Jill Finch	TBD	TBD
	10 am	Karen Kelley	Sue Hewitt	Celeste Lynn Elizabeth Schreiner	Celeste Lynn Elizabeth Schreiner	Sue Hewitt
Chalice Bearers	10 am	Mary Lynn Windsor	Susan West	Zoher Saour	Ted Raymond	Mary Lynn Windsor
Lectors	8 am	Ruann England	James Cottingham	Mary Ann Niedzwiedz	Robert Niedzwiedz	James Cottingham
	10 am	Raimo Bakis	Doug Catalanello	Asako Saour	Susan West	Steve Karpanty
Ushers	8 am	Gary & Brendan Ford	James Cottingham Ruann England	Mary Ann & Robert Niedzwiedz	Gary & Brendan Ford	Mary Ann & Robert Niedzwiedz
	10 am	Alex Antes Karen Kelley	Zoher Saour Jim Hewitt	Vinnie Tuccillo & Dale Schweizer	Shirley Russell Raimo Bakis	Alex Antes Zoher Saour
				Raimo BAKis	Dale Schweizer	
Acolytes	10 am	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Flower Guild		Shelagh Bosch Gloria Kissell Anna Stone	Grace Gibbons Rosemary Valenti	Nancy Weeks	Fran Osborne Joan Robinson	Shelagh Bosch Gloria Kissell Anna Stone
St. Ann's Drivers		Joe Schuder	Charlie Williams	Andrea Steiner	Alex Antes	Sally Fay



PRAYER CORNER.....from RUANN ENGLAND

Dear Lord, the decision I have to make will affect my entire life profoundly, and that makes me tense. Calm my mind. Show me what to do and how to do it. Help me listen for Your answer and know the answer when it comes. Above all, help me know that it will come. In Jesus' Name, AMEN

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1)
taken from A Prayer for Every Need, published by Guideposts*

***September Markings Deadline is Monday,
August 24***



ALTAR GUILD WORKSHOP PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Elizabeth Schreiner and Bill Doubleday will lead an Altar Guild Workshop on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All current members of the Altar Guild are urged to attend. The Altar Guild needs some additional members and this would be an ideal time for women, men or teenagers of the parish to learn more about the duties and ministries of the Altar Guild and then discern whether they would enjoy becoming involved in the Altar Guild's work on Sundays, during the week, or for special Holiday Services.



CHOIR NEWS.....

Over the next several months we will be posting news about choir members in "Markings." Two of our original Choral Scholars, **Rider Foster** and **Paige Porter** were married in Bristol Chapel at Westminster Choir College on June 21st. Other members of the choir and I were present for this wonderful occasion. We wish them every blessing on their life together. (Both of them are graduates of the Choir College. Rider's father and I had overlapping times as students there.)

Geoffrey Smith



FALL ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

SIX SUNDAY MORNINGS, 11:30 AM TO 12:45 p.m

Led by Father Bill Doubleday

Guest Speakers to Be Announced in September Markings

Sunday, September 27:

Advanced Healthcare Planning and Directives:

Medical Proxies, Living Wills, DNRs, and Making Care Choices

Sunday, October 4:

Estate Planning:

How to Extend Resources, Protect Assets, and Provide Support for Heirs, Charities, and Your Church

Sunday, October 11:

Dealing With Your Stuff:

Moving, Downsizing, Hoarding, Collecting and Sharing Your Bounty

Sunday, October 18:

Coping With Serious Illness:

In Oneself, in a Partner, or in Frail Elderly Parents or Relatives

Sunday, September 25:

Care for the Dying and the Bereaved:

Treatment Choices, Hospice and Palliative Care, and Praying for Miracles

Sunday, November 1:

Pastoral and Ritual Resources for the End of Life:

Last Rites, Funeral Planning, Cremation, Memorial Services, Burials, Bereavement Care



NEWS FROM THE FLOWER GUILD

Nancy Weeks, a member of the Flower Guild for more than twenty years is taking a temporary leave of absence for medical reasons. Nancy is well known as an extraordinary flower arranger. Pastor Bill Doubleday speaks of her arrangements as works of beauty and works of prayer. Nancy would be willing to train one or two people in flower arranging before she takes her break. Speak to Shelagh Bosch, the Director of the Flower Guild, or to Bill Doubleday if you might be interested in this wonderful opportunity.



FIRST MEETING OF PARISH BOOK GROUP

11:30 am TO 12:45 pm, SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016

A number of parishioners have been reading Primary Speech: A Psychology of Prayer by Ann and Barry Ulanov. I have decided to gather as many of us as possible for a discussion after the 10 am Eucharist on Sunday, August 16, 2015. If you are willing and able to attend at that time, please let me know as soon as possible. Depending on your response, I may schedule a second discussion on this book in early September, or simply reschedule. I realize that many people have competing summer enjoyments and obligations.

Any suggestions for what we might read next? I am all ears!

-Bill Doubleday

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PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ August 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	1
2 CHURCH PICNIC AT RECTORY 11:00 AM 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	3 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	4	5	6	7 7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	8
9 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	10	11	12	13	14 7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	15
16 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	17	18	19	20	21 7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	22
23 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	24	25	26	27	28 7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	29
30 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	31					

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6 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	7 Office closed for Labor Day	8	9	10	11 7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	12
13 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	14	15	16	17	18 7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	19
20 Choir Returns Welcome back Brunch 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of	21	22	23	24	25 7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	26
27 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	28 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	29	30			

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, Coordinator of Children and
Family Ministries

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The Parish Secretary may be contacted at stmarkschurch@optimum.net
The Director of Music may be contacted at geoffsmith@stmarksmtkisco.org
The Director of the Sunday School may be contacted at jlewis@burke.org

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
Ann Bakis
Lisa (Fleck)Dondiego
Grace Gibbons

Fran Osborne, Churchwarden
Vincent Tuccillo, Clerk of Vestry
Robert Niedzwiedz
Elizabeth Schreiner
Rosemary Valenti

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