



## ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### AUGUST 2014

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

I hope you all are having an enjoyable and restorative summer.

This has been a surprisingly busy summer at St. Mark's. We have recently had a baptism, a wedding, and a funeral. Our heating/boiler renovation project is underway and the demolition phase is nearing its completion. We should have a building permit by mid-August and then the construction phase should move forward rapidly in anticipation of having the new system up and ready for the 2014-2015 heating season. We are all incredibly grateful to Frank Tortorello, the Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, who is very ably and generously heading up this project.

I want to thank all who are helping to sustain Sunday attendance during these summer months. It is heartening to look out from the pulpit or altar on a warm and humid Sunday and see a reasonably large and receptive congregation.

Many members of the parish have been hard at work on projects this summer. Jennifer Lewis, our new Sunday School Director, is busily contacting parents and families, as we continue to re-envision our Sunday School program. Both our Altar Guild and our Flower Guild sustain our worship with their faithful service. Karen Kelley, Vinnie Tuccillo, and Jeanne Goldberg, our Parish Secretary, are very close to the publication of a new Parish Directory – it is not too late if you have information that needs updating!

On Sunday, August 10, 2014, 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 have told me you will be away, but I hope many will be able to join us – do not be afraid to bring a friend or neighbor with you! It would be helpful to have a rough count of those who do plan to come. If you are able to bring some food or drink to share that is appreciated, BUT NOT NECESSARY! There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall lobby, or you may contact me, Fran Osborne, or Jeanne Goldberg, in the office. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Chicken will be provided.

If you have pastoral needs or concerns, do not hesitate to call or come in to see me. 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 August 4 and 5, and two or three other days between now and Labor Day, I expect to be on hand for the rest of the summer.

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Bill Doubleday  
Priest in Charge



## Music at St. Mark's

The mosquitos have already found me at 5:35 on this July morning, sitting on my deck with only the waking songs of birds and a single air conditioning droning in the distance. The air is cooler and drier after the tremendous electrical storms passed through last evening, and this day holds promise to be more comfortable than yesterday.

Last month I attended the annual conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians in Washington DC. These yearly gatherings are always an important time of refreshment and renewal for musicians from around the country, and indeed the globe (I spent considerable time getting to know Martin Neary, former organist of Winchester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey). We worshipped at St. Paul's K Street, St. Columba's, Episcopal High School, Virginia Theological Seminary, Washington Cathedral, at both St. John's and Christ Church in Georgetown and St. John's Lafayette Square—that's a lot of services packed into 4 days! We heard a sermon by Bishop Sutton of Maryland who spoke about his childhood in the inner city and how he was brought to the Episcopal Church through liturgy and music. In a panel discussion among several other bishops we cheered silently when a colleague refuted the bishop of Washington's assertion that "we need to make worship and music simpler and more accessible" by making the claim that "we are teaching the faith through music" when we expose children to the vast body of Anglican church music.

I, along with my colleague Neal Campbell from St. Luke's in Darien, am co-chair of the 2016 conference that will be held in Fairfield and Westchester counties. Dubbed "The Fairchester Conference," 2016 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> time that the association has gathered. The initial meeting was at the cathedral in Indianapolis, and was held to explore music in inner city churches. Now we are meeting to talk about worship and music in suburban churches and our theme is taken from the first line of the hymn "What does the Lord require for praise and offering" by Albert Bayly. We will come to St. Mark's on the last day of the conference because of the importance of the building as a house of worship, and because of the organ.

Geoffrey Smith  
Associate for Music

***September Markings Deadline for articles;  
Monday, August 18, 2014***



## PRAYER CORNER... from Verann England

*For if you forgive men their trespasses,  
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.  
Matthew 6:14 (NKJ)*

A nurse who was known to say the first thing that entered her mind made the most cutting remark: “*I met your mother yesterday, and she walked like this.*” She then proceeded to imitate my mother who was horribly crippled with osteoporosis. The shame and humiliation I felt were so great, it made me nauseated.

For two decades, I harbored a grudge. Every time I saw this woman, I told myself, I will never forget what she said to me. That hurt so bad.

Today, I was teaching a class at the hospital when that same nurse, a student in my class, admired the earrings I was wearing. “*Would you mind telling me where you purchased them?*” she asked. “*I would just love to buy a pair.*”

I’d bought the heart earrings at a resale shop some time back, so the likelihood of her finding another pair was slim to none. They cost only a couple of dollars, but there were one of my favorites.

When I returned to my office, I couldn’t stop thinking about that nurse. Give those earrings to her as a gift of love and forgiveness, an inner voice nudged. I cleansed the earrings with an alcohol towelette. Forgiveness followed the act of giving – joyful, freeing forgiveness.

*When I don’t feel like forgiving, Father, help me do it anyway.*

Roberta Messner  
Digging Deeper: Mt 18:21-35



## 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 August service is planned for Tuesday, August 26 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!

## PARENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

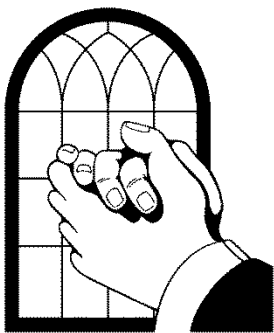
Jennifer Lewis, our new Sunday School Director, is in the process of reaching out to parents as she plans for the 2014-2015 Sunday School Year. She would also welcome hearing from you:

[jlewis@burke.org](mailto:jlewis@burke.org).



# Thanks for VOLUNTEERING

		<b>AUGUST 3</b>	<b>AUGUST 10</b>	<b>AUGUST 17</b>	<b>AUGUST 24</b>	<b>AUGUST 31</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Ruann England	Irene Linares Deb Lunn	Jill Finch	Irene Linares	Irene Linares
	<b>10 am</b>	Karen Kelley	Sue Hewitt	Annette Steiner	Celeste Lynn Elizabeth Schreiner	Sue Hewitt
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	<b>8 am &amp; 10 am</b>	Mary Lynn Windsor	Ted Raymond	Zoher Saour	Ted Raymond	Mary Lynn Windsor
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Ruann England	James Cottingham	Mary Ann Niedzwiedz	Robert Niedzwiedz	Ted Raymond
	<b>10 am</b>	Raimo Bakiw	Stella Terhune	Jennifer Lewis	Steve Karpanty	Susan West
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Ruann England James Cottingham	Gary & Brendan Ford	Mary Ann & Robert Niedzwiedz	Kedrick Carr James Cottingham	Ruann England Ted Raymond
	<b>10 am</b>	Alex Antes Tim Ghriskey	Jim Hewitt Zoher Saour	Shirley Russell Raimo Bakis	Stella & Jim Terhune	Tim Ghriskey Zoher Saour
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>10 am</b>	Luca Cuccia	Kathie Bannon	Andrea Steiner	Turner Williams	Kathie Bannon
<b>Flower Guild</b>		Shelagh Bosch Gloria Kissell Anna Stone	Grace Gibbons Rosemary Valenti	Nancy Weeks	Fran Osborne Joan Robinson Annette Steiner	Shelagh Bosch Gloria Kissell Anna Stone
<b>St. Ann's Drivers</b>		Ted Raymond	Sally Fay	Robert & Ann Natale	Kedrick Carr	Vinny Tuccillo Dale Schweizer

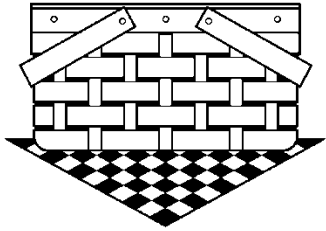


## A NEW ECUMENICAL BUILDING USE PARTNER

I am pleased to report that since the middle of July 2014, we have gained an ecumenical building use partner in the Parish Hall. The House of Prayer and Worship for All People, a relatively small, mainly Latino, mission-oriented, Pentecostal Congregation will be renting the Parish Hall on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons. This space sharing will generate a significant amount of income for St. Mark's Church. I am very impressed by the generous spirit of the leaders of this congregation and expect that they will be excellent colleagues

and neighbors. We are currently working on creating storage space for some of their worship and music equipment which is currently stored temporarily in the back of the Parish Hall.

Bill Doubleday



## **PARISH PICNIC: SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2014**

You Are Invited to a Parish Picnic at the Rectory,  
Sunday, August 10, 2014 – Right After Church

Please save the date! If you would like to help, please speak to Bill Doubleday. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby outside of the Parish Hall.



### **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.

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](mailto: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.

## **UPDATE ON THE HEATING RENOVATION PROJECT**

As of today, July 28, 2014, the demolition of the old equipment in the Boiler Room is nearly complete, including a limited amount of asbestos abatement and removal. Later this week, we will file for the Building Permit for the new Boiler and Renovated Heating System. We expect that new construction will begin sometime in mid-August.

We are very grateful to those who have made pledges towards this project, and to those who have been able to make initial payments towards those pledges. We still need some additional pledges to reach our estimated \$220,000 goal.

We are very grateful to Frank Tortorello, the Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, who has spear-headed this initiative and is overseeing the construction!

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns, or would like to make a pledge towards this project.

Bill Doubleday

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ AUGUST 2014**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
					<b>1</b>  7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer	
<b>3</b>  12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 11:00 am Rectory Picnic  12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>  12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>  12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  7:00 Special Worship	<b>27</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>  12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer						

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ SEPTEMBER 2014**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
	<b>1</b> Church office Closed in observance of Labor Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>  12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  7:00 Officer's Meeting	<b>10</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>15</b>  7:30 Vestry Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Welcome Back Sunday Brunch Choir Returns  12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Special Service 7:00 pm	<b>24</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

## 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](http://stmarksmtkisco.org)  
Our parish Facebook Page is: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mt. Kisco, NY  
The Priest in Charge may be contacted at [billdoubleday@stmarksmtkisco.org](mailto:billdoubleday@stmarksmtkisco.org)  
The Parish Secretary may be contacted at [stmarkschurch@optimum.net](mailto:stmarkschurch@optimum.net)  
The Director of Music may be contacted at [geoffsmith@stmarksmtkisco.org](mailto:geoffsmith@stmarksmtkisco.org)  
The Director of the Sunday School may be contacted at [jlewis@burke.org](mailto:jlewis@burke.org)

### OUTSIDE GROUPS MEETING WEEKLY AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH

**ESL Classes:** Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9 am to 12 Noon

**Al-Anon:** Thursdays: 7 pm

**Special Needs Yoga:** Monday: 6 pm to 7 pm

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### VESTRY MEMBERS

Stella Terhune, Churchwarden  
Kedrick Carr  
Karen Kelley, Clerk of Vestry  
Chris Meyer  
Robert Niedzwiedz

Eileen Marks, Churchwarden  
Fran Osborne  
Elizabeth Schreiner  
Annette Steiner  
Frank Tortorello  
Vinnie Tuccillo

Timothy Ghriskey, Treasurer

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