



## ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### DECEMBER 2014

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,

I write this on Tuesday of Thanksgiving week, as the church is abuzz with activity. Workmen are in the Parish Hall basement doing some fine tuning on our new heating system. The Parish Hall is already set up for the St. Mark's Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, and supplies nearly fill the Kitchen, the Library, and parts of the Garage. I cannot adequately express our appreciation to Heather Baker Sullivan, who is heading up the event for a second year in a row. She is blessed by the efforts of many volunteers from both within and beyond the parish. I should mention there will be a Service of Holy Eucharist in the Church at 10 am on Thursday, and the free Community Lunch with Turkey or Pork, will be served from Noon to 3 p.m.

This coming Sunday, November 30, we will observe the first of four Advent Sundays. Though almost totally unfamiliar to our secular culture, the Season of Advent is deeply rooted in the Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox traditions. Each week your preacher will stress that the Advent which we celebrate in this Holy Season is not only the First Advent embodied in the Birth of the Christ, but likewise the Second Advent of Christ the King, who will one day break into Human History and judge all the peoples of the earth with God's justice and truth.

Our tradition invites each of us to examine our minds, bodies, spirits, and relationships as a part of our observance of the Advent Season, because we are in fact getting ready not only to meet the Christ Child anew, but also getting ready to meet our Maker, whether that time is today, tomorrow, or sometime in the as yet uncertain future. Thus in Advent, week in and week out, we are reminded not only of the innocent and vulnerable one who is made Incarnate at Christmas, but also of the Divine Power which in its way and time will usher in justice and peace which surpasses our imaginations.

I look forward to seeing many of you often in the weeks ahead. Do not miss our very special Advent Lessons and Carols Service this coming Sunday afternoon, November 30. An Organ Recital by our own Geoffrey Smith begins at 3:15 p.m. The Service begins at 4 p.m. Bring relatives, friends, and neighbors to what will be a memorable service.

Have you made a reservation for the Christmas Bazaar and Dinner on Saturday, December 6? It is not too late! The Christmas Pageant with the Church School will be part of the 10 a.m. service on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21. If your child or grandchild would like to be in the pageant please be in touch with Jennifer Lewis or me as soon as possible!

We will have our Christmas services at the traditional hours:  
Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m. - Community Carol Service  
Christmas Eve at 11 p.m. - Festal Eucharist  
Christmas Day at 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with Carols.

There are further details about most of these events in this issue of Markings.

My prayer is that we all might have a meaningful Advent and a Blessed Christmas,

Bill Doubleday

# **Advent Sunday – November 30, 2014**

***Advent Chorale Preludes of J. S. Bach at 3:15 pm***

***Advent Lessons and Carols at 4 pm***



**Prophetic readings from the old and new testaments**

**The great hymns of Advent for congregation, choir  
and organ**

**Carols of the Advent by Vaughan Williams,  
Goldschmidt, Rubbra, Willcocks & Rutter sung by  
St. Mark's Choir**

***A reception will follow in the Parish Hall***

## **ADULT FORUMS PLANNED FOR 2014-2015**

During the **2014-2015** program year, we will experiment with a monthly Adult Education Forum in the Parish Library between the two Sunday services on the First Sunday of Each Month. We will begin at 9:10 a.m (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.

At this time we project the following series of events, which will generally begin with a short presentation, followed by discussion and questions:

**December 7, 2014:** The Infancy Narratives of Jesus: How Do They Speak to Us Today?

**January 4, 2015:** The Worldwide Anglican Communion: What it Is and What it Does

**February 1, 2015:** Perspectives on Science and Religion

**March 1, 2015:** What Do Anglicans Believe about Forgiveness?

**April 5, 2015:** NO FORUM – EASTER SUNDAY

**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

# Christmas Dinner and Bazaar

The Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 6th at 6:30. This year we are encouraging parishioners to bring a friend! Once again we are most grateful for the ongoing generosity of the Cuccia family in providing the amazing dinner. Don't forget to donate something homemade from your own kitchen for the Gourmet Booth. Don't forget to get your RSVP in!!!!



## PRAYER CORNER... from Verann England

***Their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.***

*Jeremiah 31:12*

My cousin Pam and I had coffee together this morning, and we both ended up crying. She asked about my eye, and I told her I could see only the big "E" on the eye chart, though it had been three weeks since my surgery. Pam's eyes started to water in empathy. Then I asked about her niece Shelley, who has stage four cancer and is worried about her six-year-old daughter, "***I'd gladly give up my life if Shelley could have hers, Pam said, "and if Skylar could have her mother."*** That was when I had to get out my tissues. We looked across the table at each other and realized we were crying in grief for the other. That was when we started laughing.

We both knew these were not laughing matters, but we'd held in our feelings for too long. We just needed someone to cry with and someone to laugh with too. Then Pam said, "***I've been through so many painful times in my life, but right now I feel as though I'm in a state of grace.***"

How could that be, I wondered, with all she has to bear?

***"Isn't it miraculous?" Pam continued. "When life gets hard, the spirit grows strong. Again and again I realize that the Holy Spirit has eyes that can see through all kinds of darkness!"***

I always feel better after spending time with my cousin.

*Thank You, Lord, for good friends who pass on the state of grace You've given them. May I be graced with the ability to see with the eyes of the spirit and with ways to pass on that vision.*

*Marilyn Morgan King*

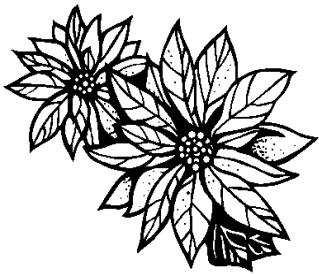


# SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Participants with developmental challenges and their care-givers from throughout Northern Westchester communities attend this service. Parishioners are needed to assist. The December service is planned for Tuesday, December 23 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. If you could assist with music – guitar or keyboard – at one of these monthly services – please speak to Bill Doubleday.

You receive a lot of blessing for an hour's time! Hope to see you there!

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## *Christmas Memorial Flowers*

Christmas will soon be with us – a time of joy, inspiration and renewal. A time filled with memories of childhood and loved ones. We invite you to make a memorial donation toward the decoration of our beautiful church in remembrance of all those Christmases past. In order for the memorial names to be published in the Christmas programs, your check and information must be in the church office on or before **Tuesday, December 9** at Noon.

**Checks for Christmas Memorial Flowers are made out to: St. Mark's Flower Guild**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Special Music at Christmas*

Special music is offered at our Christmas services and you are invited to make a gift to the parish to help make this possible. It may be a memorial gift in the name of one departed this life, or a gift in thanksgiving for some aspect of one's life. Please send or bring this form to the parish office on or before **Tuesday, December 9** so that the names may be included in the Christmas bulletins.

**Checks for should be written to: St. Mark's Church with "Christmas Music" indicated on the memo line**

To Commemorate \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

## ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The Rev. William A. Doubleday has appointed a Nominating Committee for St. Mark's Church in accordance with parish by-laws, with the responsibility for selecting a slate of names to be presented for election as Vestry members and Warden to the Annual Parish Meeting (January 25, 2015), beginning after the 10 am service. The members of the Nominating Committee are:

**Priest in Charge:** The Rev. William A. Doubleday

**Church Warden in the seat which would not have expired:** Vincent Tuccillo

**Vestry Who Does Not Expire:** Kedrick Carr

**Vestry Who Does Expire:** Fran Osborne

**Three Other Members of Parish:** Alex Antes; Jennifer Lewis; Susan West

Please use the form below to suggest names of parishioners you wish the committee to consider. Place the completed form in the box in the parish office or mail to the church. **Nominations are due by 9 a.m. on Sunday, December 14, 2014.**

A Vestry member must be a baptized member of the parish for at least one year, be a frequent attendee at worship, and a regular financial contributor. A Warden must also have been confirmed in or received by the Episcopal Church. Vestry members are expected to attend all meetings and serve on at least one committee. Names of current Wardens and Vestry members are listed below for your convenience.

### NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES

The slate of Candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee for Wardens and Vestry members will be announced on Sunday, January 4, 2015. The Nominating Committee will continue to receive nominations by petition until Sunday, January 11, 2015, provided such additional nominations are made in writing, signed by at least ten members of the parish eligible to vote, and accompanied by the written permission of the nominee. The names of such nominees will appear on the ballot at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Sunday, January 25, 2015. There will be no nominations from the floor at the meeting.

### OUTGOING VESTRY MEMBERS

**Vestry Class of 2015:** Chris Meyer, Fran Osborne, Frank Tortorello

**Vestry Class of 2016:** Vacant (Was Karen Kelley Before Elections as Interim Warden).

**Vestry Class of 2017:** Vacant (Was Vincent Tuccillo Before Election as Interim Warden).

**Outgoing Warden:** Interim Warden Karen Kelley – (the new two year term will expire 2017).

**Outgoing Warden:** Interim Warden Vincent Tuccillo – (the new one year term will expire 2016).

### CONTINUING VESTRY MEMBERS

**Vestry Class of 2016:** Kedrick Carr, Robert Niedzwiedz

**Vestry Class of 2017:** Elizabeth Schreiner, Annette Steiner

**I suggest the following for consideration as Vestry members, Class of 2016 – Nominate ONE: (Please Print)**

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**I suggest the following for consideration as Vestry members, Class of 2017 – Nominate ONE: (Please Print)**

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**I suggest the following for consideration as Vestry members, Class of 2018 – Nominate THREE: (Please Print)**

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**I suggest the following for consideration as Warden, Class of 2016: (Please Print)**

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**I suggest the following for consideration as Warden, Class of 2017: (Please Print)**

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**My name:** \_\_\_\_\_



## *Celebrate Christmas at St. Mark's*

*Wednesday, December 24 at 5:30 pm*

The Community Carol Service

The Christmas Story in word and song

Carols for Congregation, Choir and Organ

*At 11 pm*

Festal Eucharist, II

Carols for Congregation, Choir and Organ

Sermon by the Reverend William Doubleday

*Thursday, December 25 at 10 am*

Holy Eucharist, II

Carols for Congregation and Organ

Sermon by the Reverend William Doubleday

*Join with Saint Mark's parish family as we  
celebrate the great Christmas mystery and rejoice  
again in the birth of our Lord and Savior*

***Mark your calendars...Annual Meeting,***

***Sunday, January 25, 2015***



## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 2014

		DEC 7	DEC 14	DEC 21	DEC 28
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8 am	Ruann England	Irene Linares Deb Lunn	Jill Finch	Irene Linares
	10 am	Karen Kelley	Sue Hewitt	Annette Steiner	Celeste Lynn Elizabeth Schreiner
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	8 am & 10 am	Mary Lynn Windsor	Ted Raymond	Zoher Saour	Mary Lynn Windsor
<b>Lectors</b>	8 am	Ruann England	Kedrick Carr	Robert Niedzwiedz	Mary Ann Niedzwiedz
	10 am	Alex Antes	Raimo Bakis	Jennifer Lewis	Susan West
<b>Ushers</b>	8 am	Ruann England & Kedrick Carr	Ted Raymond & James Cottingham	Gary & Brendan Ford	Mary Ann & Robert Niedzwiedz
	10 am	Alex Antes & Shirley Russell	Jim Hewitt & Raimo Bakis	Zoher Saour & Shirley Russell	Raimo Bakis & Jim Hewitt
<b>Acolytes</b>	10 am	Kathie Bannon	Andrea Steiner	Turner Williams	Luca Cuccia
<b>Flower Guild</b>		Shelagh Bosch Gloria Kissell Anna Stone	Grace Gibbons Rosemary Valenti	Nancy Weeks	Fran Osborne Joan Robinson Annette Steiner
<b>Hospitality</b>		Ann Bakis Irene Watts Susan West	Heather Baker-Sullivan Patricia Staunton Ivette Figueroa	Grace & Robert Gibbons Lakshanthi Galpotthawela Lisa Dondiego	Catalanello Family Lynthia Romney
<b>St. Ann's Drivers</b>		Charlie Williams	Vinnie Tuccillo Dale Schweizer	Alan Guthrie	Annette Steiner

*Deadline for January 2015 Markings is  
Monday, December 15, 2014*



**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ DECEMBER 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>  <b>BAZAAR SET UP</b>	<b>2</b> Support Connection Group-Library 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  <b>BAZAAR SET UP</b>	<b>3</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am  <b>BAZAAR SET UP</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>BAZAAR SET UP</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer In Church  <b>BAZAAR SET UP</b>	<b>6</b>  Annual Christmas Dinner & Bazaar 6:30 pm
<b>7</b> 9:10 am Adult Forum  12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer In Church	<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>  9 am – 1 pm Farmers Market
<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>  9 am – 1 pm Farmers Market
<b>21</b>  12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Special Service 7:00 pm	<b>24 Christmas Eve Services</b>  5:30 pm Christmas Candle Light Community Service 11:00 pm Holy Eucharist	<b>25 Christmas Day Service</b>  10:00 am Holy Eucharist	<b>26</b>  7:00 -9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>27</b> 9 am – 1 pm Farmers Market  Fourth Saturday evening Eucharist 5 pm
<b>28</b> Baptism of Sophia & Amelia Cardarelli  12:30 pm – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am			

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

<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 for New Years Day	<b>2</b> 7:00-9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>3</b> 9 am – 1 pm Farmers Market
<b>4</b> 9:10 am Adult Forum  12:30 – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00-9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>10</b> 9 am – 1 pm Farmers Market
<b>11</b> 12:30 – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Annual Meeting Reports Due	<b>14</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00-9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>17</b> 9 am – 1 pm Farmers Market
<b>18</b>  12:30 – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>19</b> Church office closed for Martin Luther King Jr Day	<b>20</b>  7:00 Officers meeting	<b>21</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00-9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>24</b> 9 am – 1 pm Farmers Market  Fourth Saturday Evening Eucharist 5 pm
<b>25</b> Annual Meeting & Parish Brunch Brief Vestry Meeting 12:30 – 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>26</b>  7:30 Vestry Meeting	<b>27</b>  Special Service 7:00 pm	<b>28</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00-9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>31</b> 9 am – 1 pm Farmers Market

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

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

**AI-Anon:** Thursdays: 7 pm

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

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### VESTRY MEMBERS

Karen Kelley, Churchwarden	Vincent Tuccillo, Churchwarden
Kedrick Carr, Treasurer	Fran Osborne
Annette Steiner, Clerk of Vestry	Elizabeth Schreiner
Chris Meyer	Frank Tortorello
Robert Niedzwiedz	

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