



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 2016

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,

I am especially grateful to the more than sixty people who attended the Annual Meeting and Brunch this past Sunday. I believe that both your Lay Leaders and I delivered an honest, hopeful, and energetic picture of the state of our church in these challenging times. The food was great because Fran Osborne's Hospitality Committee and other helpers produced a fabulous feast. Copies of the Annual Report are available at the Church, and we would be glad to mail one to you at your request.

Lent is especially early this year. We will have our traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper next Tuesday evening, February 9, 2016 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The next day, February 10, 2016, is Ash Wednesday and we will have the Liturgy of that Day with the Imposition of Ashes and the Eucharist at 7 am, 12 Noon, and 7:30 pm here at St. Mark's Church. I know Wednesday is a workday, so I fully understand if you need to drop in just long enough to get your Ashes! Also if the three service times are not convenient for you, but you would like to receive Ashes, we will offer Ashes by Appointment all day – I can't quite promise I will be here every minute all day!

The Ash Wednesday Service is one of the linguistic and liturgical treasures in the Book of Common Prayer. After the sermon, the Priest bids everyone present to the holy observance of Lent in these words:

"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's holy word."

Our cars are inspected annually, our children get regular report cards, our dentists and our doctors usually want to see us at least once a year, but our emotional, spiritual, and religious health often can go unexamined for long stretches of time. The message of Lent is that the health of our souls, the well-being of our spirits, and the state of our relationships with God, our family, our neighbors, our enemies, and our very selves are really important, too. If I can be of help to you in reflecting on these matters, or help you find other kinds of resources for your spiritual pilgrimage and your life's journey, I would be glad to speak with you!

I want to especially thank Eileen Marks and all the other members and friends of the parish who are gearing up for hosting our week of hosting the Emergency Shelter Project, which begins Monday evening, February 15, 2016.

The Sawmill Deanery Clericus is sponsoring a special educational event here at St. Mark's at 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 28, 2016. Imam Adam Sulleiman of the Yonkers Islamic Center will speak on "Islam 101." I believe this will be an excellent opportunity to help us better understand our Moslem Neighbors.

I pray that God will grant us all a safe winter and a Holy Lent,

Bill Doubleday, Rector

2016 VESTRY MEMBERS

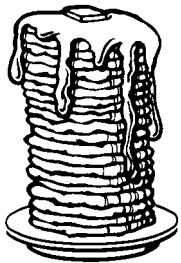
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS OF THE 2016 ST. MARK'S VESTRY

Vestry member, Class of 2017, One Year Term: Robert Niedzwiedz

Vestry members, Class of 2019, Three for Three Year Term: Candace LaVigne, Susan West, Stephen Barlow

Warden, Class of 2018, Two Year Term: Fran Osborne

Warden, Class of 2017, One Year Term: Ann Bakis



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER –

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME – FREE WILL OFFERING

Ash Wednesday



*You are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

GENESIS 3:19

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

7:00 am - Imposition of Ashes

12 noon - Imposition of Ashes and Ash
Wednesday Liturgy.

7:00 pm - Imposition of Ashes and As
Wednesday Liturgy

2016 ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

“Issues Related to the End of Life”

TWO THIRD SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH SESSIONS, 9:05 A.M. to 9:45 A.M.

In the Parish Hall, St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Led by Father Bill Doubleday

Assisted by a Number of Guest Speakers

Sunday, February 21, 2016

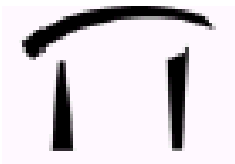
Care for the Dying and the Bereaved:

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

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Dealing with your stuff

Moving, Downsizing, Hoarding, Collecting and Sharing Your Bounty



EMERGENCY SHELTER PARTNERSHIP

February 15 – February 22, 2016

ST. MARK'S and EMERGENCY SHELTER PARTNERSHIP--WE NEED YOUR HELP!

St. Mark's is once again participating in the Emergency Shelter Partnership program. Together with other houses of worship in our area, we will offer overnight shelter for those in our community who are homeless. This year, St. Mark's is hosting from Monday, February 15 – February 22, 2016.

Details

Candidates for the Shelter Program are screened by local police and then dropped off at the church at 9pm-9:30pm each night. A simple supper is provided by the congregation. Guests are typically in bed by 11pm. A bi-lingual paid staff person will be present for the duration of each night. A sleeping bag is supplied for each guest. The guests sleep in the parish hall.

How can you help?

➤ **Volunteer:**

- Serve the evening meal to the guests @ 9pm
- Pack lunches
- Supply a hot meal (some suggestions are: chili, chicken casserole, fried or baked chicken, pot roast, rice and beans, salad)
- Represent St. Mark's and stay overnight (in our library)

➤ **Donate:**

- Donations of food (or monetary donations) are very much appreciated
 - Cold cuts (packaged ham, cheese)
 - Protein bars
 - Loaves of bread
 - Small/portable containers of juice
 - Fresh fruit: oranges, tangerines, bananas

A sign up sheet will be posted in our lobby. For further information, please contact Eileen Marks at 914-471-0153 or bklyngirl1731@gmail.com. Thanks!

*March Markings deadline for articles is
Wednesday, February 17, 2016*



PRAYER CORNER.... from Verann England
Some Thoughts on Pearl Making

Pearls are produced when sand gets into and irritates an oyster.

We are called to be pearl makers by making something beautiful out of the irritations that come into our lives, by making the best out of the worst!

For example, an illness or hospitalization gives us the opportunity to look inward and assess ourselves. It gives us time to reflect on our priorities.

It provides the occasion to contemplate how we can improve the relationships that are important to us. It brings home the fact that we are not indispensable and helps us put our work or daily routines back into proper perspective.

Good luck in your pearl making!

Taken from "Looking Up ... While Lying Down"
published by Pilgrim Press

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BACH BIRTHDAY CONCERT
MONDAY MARCH 21, 2016, 7:30 PM

Music for organ, two trumpets, oboe, choir and harpsichord featuring Graham Ashton. Watch for exciting details.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2016

		FEBRUARY 7	FEBRUARY 14	FEBRUARY 21	FEBRUARY 28
Altar Guild	8 am	Ruann England	Deb Lunn	Jill Finch Ruann England	TBD
	10 am	Karen Kelley	Sue Hewitt	Elizabeth Schreiner Celeste Lynn	Sue West Celeste Lynn
Chalice Bearers	10 am	Zoher Saour	Susan West	Ted Raymond	Zoher Saour
Lectors	8 am	Mary Ann Niedzwiedz	Robert Niedzwiedz	James Cottingham	Ruann England
	10 am	Steve Karpanty	Alex Antes	Susan West	Asako Saour
Ushers	8 am	Ruann England James Cottingham	Gary & Brendan Ford	Mary Ann & Robert Niedzwiedz	James Cottingham Ruann England
	10 am	Karen Kelley Raimo Bakis	Zoher Saour Jim Hewitt	Karen Kelley Fran Osborne	Vinnie Tuccillo Dale Schweizer
Acolytes	10 am	Andrea Steiner	TBD	TBD	TBD
Flower Guild		Shelagh Bosch Anna Stone	Grace Gibbons Rosemary Valenti	Nancy Weeks	Fran Osborne Joan Robinson
Hospitality		Amanda Allen Helen Williams	Heather Baker-Sullivan Patricia Staunton Ivette Figueroa	Ann Bakis Eileen Marks	Kendle Arcidiacono Shelagh Bosch Fran Osborne
St. Ann's Drivers		Joe Schuder	Charlie Williams	Alex Antes	Sally Fay



THE SAWMILL DEANERY CLERICUS INVITES YOU TO A LECTURE: ISLAM 101

By: Iman Adam Sulleiman of the Yonkers Islamic Center
 Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 4 pm
 At. St. Mark's Episcopal Church
ALL ARE WELCOME!

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ FEBRUARY 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 7:00 -10:00 PM House of Prayer	6
7 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm House of Prayer	8	9 <i>5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Pancake Supper</i>	10 Ash Wednesday 7:00 am - Ashes 12:00 noon – Ashes 7:00 pm – Ashes	11	12 7:00 -10:00 PM House of Prayer	13
14 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm House of Prayer	15 ESP BEGINS	16 ESP	17 ESP	18 ESP	19 ESP 7:00 -10:00 PM House of Prayer	20 ESP
21 ESP 9:05 – 9:45 am Adult Forum 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm House of Prayer	22 ESP OVER	23	24	25	26 7:00 -10:00 PM House of Prayer	27
28 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm House of Prayer 4 pm – Islam 101 Lecture	29	30				

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27 7:00 am HEIL 9:00 am HEIL w/choir 11:00 am HEIL w/choir 12:30 - 3:30 pm House of Prayer	28	29	30			

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Reverend William A. Doubleday, Rector
Geoffrey Smith, Music Director Misael Enamorado, Sexton
Jeanne Goldberg, Parish Secretary Charlotte Avallone, Bookkeeper

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OUTSIDE GROUPS MEETING WEEKLY AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH

ESL Classes: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Al-Anon & Alateen: Thursdays: 7 pm

VESTRY MEMBERS

Ann Bakis, Churchwarden

Fran Osborne, Churchwarden
Vincent Tuccillo, Clerk of Vestry

Stephen Barlow
Candace LaVigne
Elizabeth Schreiner
Susan West

Grace Gibbons
Robert Niedzwiedz
Rosemary Valenti

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