



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 2015

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,

January has certainly dealt us plenty of cold, ice, and snow. Except for the Ice Storm on January 18, 2015, all of you have made wonderful attempts to get to church in good numbers. I will try to e-mail you, as I did that day, if ever I think it is dangerous to come to church. I will also put a message on the parish answering machine, so you could call in and check on the status of services. Remember that the safety of you and your loved ones should always come first.

I am especially grateful to the more than eighty 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 and Fran Osborne's Hospitality Committee and other helpers produced a fabulous feast. Special thanks to Gary Ford who cooked some wonderful specialties for us at the American Legion kitchen.

Lent starts fairly early this year. We will have our traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday evening, February 17, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Then Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2015 and we will have the Ash Wednesday Liturgy with the Imposition of Ashes at 6:45 am and 12 Noon here at St. Mark's. I will be the Celebrant and Preacher at a jointly sponsored Ash Wednesday Liturgy at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Chappaqua at 7:00 p.m. that evening (191 S. Greeley St. in downtown Chappaqua.)

We are also co-sponsoring two Lenten Programs with the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Chappaqua to which members of other nearby Episcopal churches also will be invited:

1. "Prepare Ye the Way of Lent: A Quiet Day" on Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 10 am to 3 p.m., will take place here at St. Mark's and will be led by the Rev. Gwyneth Murphy, the Interim Rector at St. Mary's. (More details elsewhere in this issue of Markings.)
2. An Adult Class: "A Lenten Journey to Easter." Five Sunday afternoons in Lent, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., to be co-led by the Rev. Gwyneth Murphy and myself, and with the location of the class alternating between St. Mark's and St. Mary's. The class will explore Praying, Healing, Forgiving, Grieving, and Easter on successive Sunday afternoon. (More details elsewhere in this issue of Markings.)

The Parish Treasurer and the Vestry are continuing to refine our Budget for 2015. Delayed pledge payments are always gratefully received. If you have not yet pledged for 2015, but plan to do so, that would greatly assist our ongoing budget process. If you need a pledge card, you may pick one up outside the parish office, or we would be glad to mail one to you.

I pray that God will grant us all a safe winter and a holy and blessed Lenten Season.

Faithfully yours, Bill Doubleday, Priest in Charge

2015 VESTRY MEMBERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS OF THE 2015 ST. MARK'S VESTRY

Vestry member, Class of 2016, One Year Term: Lisa (Fleck) Dondiego

Vestry member, Class of 2017, Two Year Term: Ann Bakis

Vestry members, Class of 2018, Three Term: Grace Gibbons, Vincent Tuccillo, Rosemary Valenti

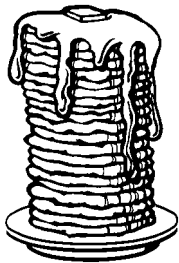
Warden, Class of 2016, One Year Term: Fran Osborne

Warden, Class of 2017, Two Year Term: Karen Kelley

Continuing Members:

Vestry Class of 2016: Kedrick Carr, Robert Niedzweidz

Vestry Class of 2017: Elizabeth Schreiner, Annette Steiner



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER –

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME – FREE WILL OFFERING

Ash Wednesday



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

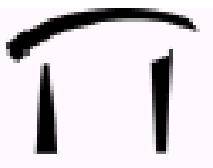
*You are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

GENESIS 3:19

6:45 am - Imposition of Ashes, Homily, and Ash Wednesday Liturgy

12 noon - Imposition of Ashes and Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

7:00 pm – Imposition of Ashes and Ash Wednesday Liturgy at **St. Mary The Virgin Chappaqua, NY**



EMERGENCY SHELTER PARTNERSHIP

February 9 – February 16, 2015

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 9 – February 16, 2015.

Details

Candidates for the Shelter Program are screened by local police and then dropped off at the church at 10 p.m. each night. A simple supper is provided by the congregation. Guests typically are in bed by 11:00 p.m. A bi-lingual, paid staff person will be present for the duration of each night. A sleeping bag is provided for each guest.

In the morning, simple breakfast foods are provided by the congregation. The guests are typically up by 6 am, eat breakfast, and are responsible for cleanup of food and bedding. We will also provide food for lunches that no guests can pack and take out. The program ends at 7 am each morning. Guests typically number 15-20 people each night, though the numbers may run higher during the colder nights.

How can you help?

- **Donations** of toothbrushes, travel sized toothpaste, razors and shaving cream, small soaps, wash cloths and bath, towels, tube socks, men's underwear

- **Volunteers** are needed to provide a hot evening meal for the guests. Some food suggestions are: chili, chicken casserole, shepherd's pie, fried or baked chicken, pot roast, rice and beans, ham and scalloped potatoes, tamale pie, chicken cacciatore w/noodles, soups with meat & vegetables.

- We are also seeking **breakfast and lunch food donations** (milk, coffee, fruit, bagels, bread, sandwich meats and sliced cheese, so they can make a lunch to take with them and also packable lunch items such as bread, lunch meats, fruits, chips, baby carrots.

- **Volunteers** are needed to coordinate the stocking of breakfast and lunch and personal items. **Overnight volunteers** are needed from our congregation. Individuals are also needed to be on call to serve as back-ups.

For further information, please contact Eileen Marks at 914-471-0153 or bklyngirl1731@gmail.com. Thanks!

*March Markings deadline for articles is
Monday, February 23, 2015*



PRAYER CORNER.... from Verann England

Prayer on Behalf of the Sick
Refuah Sheleymah

Hope in the Lord;
Be strong and let your soul take courage;
Yea, hope in the Lord (Psalm 27:14)

O merciful God, we pray for the recovery of _____

Grant, (him) (her) renewed strength and vigor,
And the blessing of a confident spirit.

Give wisdom, skill and patience
To those who are helping to bring healing.

Help all of us who share the anxiety of this (any) illness
To be brave and hopeful.

Inspire us with courage and with faith;
And grant Your blessings and grace
To all who call upon You, in sincerity and in truth.

Praised are You, O Lord, Healer of the sick

Taken from the pamphlet "*Prayers for Healing*",
A collection of Jewish prayers
Distributed by the chaplain, Don Heringa, at NWHC.



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 February service is planned for Tuesday, February 24 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!



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2015

| | | FEBRUARY 1 | FEBRUARY 8 | FEBRUARY 15 | FEBRUARY 22 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Altar Guild | 8 am | Ruann England | Irene Linares Deb Lunn | Jill Finch | Irene Linares |
| | 10 am | Karen Kelley | Sue Hewitt | Annette Steiner | Celeste Lynn Elizabeth Schreiner |
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| Chalice Bearers | 8 am & 10 am | Zoher Saour | Ted Raymond | Zoher Saour | Ted Raymond |
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| Lectors | 8 am | Ruann England | Mary Ann Niedzwiedz | Robert Niedzwiedz | James Cottingham |
| | 10 am | Raimo Bakis | Jennifer Lewis | Alex Antes | Doug Catalanello |
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| Ushers | 8 am | Ruann England James Cottingham | Gary & Brendan Ford | Mary Ann & Robert Niedzwiedz | Gary & Brendan Ford |
| | 10 am | Raimo Bakis Eileen Marks | Jim Hewitt Zoher Saour | Shirley Russell Karen Kelley | Dale Schweizer Vincent Tuccillo |
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| Acolytes | 10 am | Turner Williams | Neil Steiner | Kathie Bannon | Luca Cuccia |
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| Flower Guild | | Shelagh Bosch Gloria Kissell Anna Stone | Grace Gibbons Rosemary Valenti | Nancy Weeks | Fran Osborne Joan Robinson Annette Steiner |
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| Hospitality | | Heather Baker-Sullivan Patricia Staunton Ivette Figueroa | Grace & Robert Gibbons Lakshanthi Galpotthawela Lisa Dondiego | Catalanello Family Lynthia Romney | Amanda Allen Helen Williams |
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| St. Ann's Drivers | | Charlie Williams | Joe Schuder | Annette Steiner | Ted Raymond |
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ADULT FORUMS PLANNED FOR 2015

During the 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. The Forum will begin with a short presentation, followed by discussion and questions:

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



CARPENTER'S KIDS 2015 Sponsorship

2015 will be the final year of our second five-year commitment sponsoring this mission for 60 AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in Ikowa village, Tanzania, our "linked" parish of St. John's. Your contribution of \$70 provides uniforms, shoes, socks, school supplies and daily meals for one child for a year so they can attend school .

Many thanks to those who have already contributed in the past. And again thanks to those who have made a 5-year commitment. This is a reminder that your 2015 payment is now due. We did not have 5-year commitments for all of our students, so we welcome new participants for our final year.

Please contact Karen Kelley at karenkelley4@verizon.net to find out the status of your participation or to learn more about this wonderful ministry. Additional ways to learn more are the **program websites**:

<http://www.carpenterskids.net/> is the Episcopal Diocese of NY Program website. EDNY parish yearly commitment due dates and link information is posted.

<http://www.thecarpenterskidstz.org/> is the website from the Diocese of Central Tanganika. Click on **photos** then look for Ikowa. You'll find pictures of the delivery of uniforms to our students!

Prepare Ye the Way of Lent: A Quiet Day

Saturday, February 7, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church

An opportunity to prayerfully reflect upon this year's Lenten journey. Our time together will include prayer and reflection as a group, as well as quiet time to journal, walk, meditate. Led by the Rev. Gwyneth MacKenzie Murphy, Interim Pastor, St. Mary the Virgin, Chappaqua. \$15 donation to cover lunch; to register, please e-mail Ms. Laurane Carnavale parish-office@smtv.org

Music at Saint Mark's

The Bells at Saint Mark's

If you attend the 10 o'clock service on Sundays and Saint Mark's you know that we have bells. On most Sundays, dedicated volunteers climb the tower stair to the loft where the ropes that make the bells ring are located. Towards the closing of the final hymn the bell-ringers begin pulling the ropes to set the bells swinging. If you stay long enough, you'll see that the ropes continue to move and the bells still ring-out their beautiful tone for several minutes after the ringers have left the loft.

To my dismay there is very little information in our archives about the bells. It is only by climbing the tower and entering the bell chamber to inspect them a few weeks ago, that I learned that Gillett and Johnston of Croydon, England made them. The company, though still in existence, now only maintains and rebuilds bells. Most of their company records prior to WWII were destroyed in the war, but they were able to tell me that ours were made in 1930. They continue to search for the tuning records, and that will tell us a bit more. (There are three bells by Gillett and Johnston, and one older, smaller bell by Menealy of Troy, NY. This bell has been disabled.)

In December, a bell specialist visited St. Mark's at our invitation. He was able to perform some much-needed basic maintenance on the bells and their mechanisms. Near the end of his maintenance report he wrote: "We encourage you to continue ringing your bells often."

My last expedition to the bell chamber was a solo flight with only my iPhone as a camera. My next venture will be with others, a good camera, a measuring tape and a shovel to begin removing the guano. Look for more about our wonderful bells in future issues.

Geoffrey Smith
Associate for Music



A Lenten Journey to Easter

Five Sunday Afternoons in Lent 4:00 - 5:30 pm, alternating between St. Mary's the Virgin, Chappaqua, and St. Mark's, Mt. Kisco. Led by the Rev. Bill Doubleday, Priest-in-Charge, St. Mark's, Mt. Kisco, and the Rev. Gwyneth Murphy, Interim Pastor, St. Mary the Virgin, Chappaqua.

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| Feb 22 | Praying | St. Mark's, Mt. Kisco* |
| March 1 | Healing | St. Mary the Virgin** |
| March 8 | Forgiving | St. Mark's, Mt. Kisco |
| March 15 | Grieving | St. Mary the Virgin, Chappaqua |
| March 22 | Resurrection | St. Mark's, Mt. Kisco Light refreshments will be served. |

**St. Mary the Virgin, 191 South Greeley Ave., Chappaqua. (Saw Mill River Parkway Exit 32; exit onto Rt. 120 North into Chappaqua; turn left on South Greeley, SMTV is on the left, just past Bell Middle School; additional parking in school's lot)

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PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ FEBRUARY 2015**

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| 1 9:10 Adult Forum 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer | 2 | 3 | 4 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am | 5 | 6 7 - 9 pm House of Prayer | 7 9 - 1 Farmers Market |
| 8 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer | 9 ESP BEGINS | 10 ESP | 11 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am ESP | 12 ESP | 13 7 - 9 pm House of Prayer to be held in the church ESP | 14 9 - 1 Farmers Market ESP |
| 15 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer ESP | 16 ESP OVER Church office closed for President's Day | 17 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Pancake Supper | 18 Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist 6:45 am with Ashes 12:00 noon - Ashes 7:00 pm - Ashes at St. Mary the Virgin | 19 | 20 7 - 9 pm House of Prayer | 21 9 - 1 Farmers Market |
| 22 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer 4:00 - 5:30 pm Adult Ed | 23 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm | 24 Special Service 7:00 pm | 25 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am | 26 | 27 7 - 9 pm House of Prayer | 28 9 - 1 Farmers Market |
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**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ MARCH 2015**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 9:10 Adult Forum 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer 4:00-5:30 pm Adult Ed | 2 | 3 | 4 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am | 5 | 6 7 – 9 pm House of Prayer | 7 9 – 1 Farmers Market |
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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
The Priest in Charge may be contacted at billdoubleday@stmarksmtkisco.org
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: Thursdays: 7 pm
Special Needs Yoga: Monday: 6 pm to 7 pm

VESTRY MEMBERS

Karen Kelley, Churchwarden
Kedrick Carr, Treasurer

Fran Osborne, Churchwarden
Annette Steiner, Clerk of Vestry

Ann Bakis
Lisa (Fleck)Dondiego
Grace Gibbons

Robert Niedzwiedz
Elizabeth Schreiner
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