



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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JANUARY 2016

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,

Yesterday was January 6, 2016 – the Feast of the Epiphany – the 12th Day of Christmas – the day when our Orthodox Christian brothers and sisters actually observed Christmas. Here at St. Mark's, the holiday plants have been given away, the greens have come down, and slowly but surely the various decorations are being put away. On Monday the 11th of January, the Tree of Warmth will be dismantled and the various gifts will be saved for the Emergency Shelter Project or will be donated to the Free Clothing Store at the Community Center of Northern Westchester in Katonah. Special thanks to Shelagh Bosch, Rosemary Valenti, Grace Gibbons, Scott Cook, and our sexton, Misael Enamorado, and everyone else who played a role in making St. Mark's a place of special beauty during this holy season.

We had a wonderful Advent and Christmas Season at St. Mark's. The Advent Lessons and Carols service was beautiful, memorable, reasonably well attended, and recorded so that every parish member and visitor might have a CD to take home on Christmas Eve. The Parish Christmas Dinner and Bazaar saw the Parish Hall again transformed into a space of twinkling beauty by Rosemary Valenti, Grace Gibbons, and their wonderful team of helpers. The Cuccia Family prepared another memorable Christmastide meal. The Parish Children's Pageant on December 20, 2015 was directed by Thom Mitchell and Chris Meyer, with wonderful support from parents and children from six parish families. Three male members of the Choir kindly offered their services as the Magi.

The Community Carol Service at 5:30 p.m. was again well attended - this year we counted 291 people in a crowded church. The 11 p.m. Christmas Eucharist was slightly smaller than last year with 50 attendees and at 10 am on Christmas Day we saw 10 worshippers. On Christmas Eve, the St. Mark's Choir was in great form, and we were blessed with one of our members, Graham Ashton, on the trumpet.

I hope that many of you will attend church on Sunday, January 24, when we will have our Annual Parish Meeting and Brunch after the 10 a.m. Eucharist. In lieu of a sermon that day, I will give my annual report at both the 8 and 10 am services. We all are indebted to the parish leaders whose terms are drawing to a close, and to those who have agreed to offer their leadership gifts in the years ahead.

There is information about a number of up-coming adult education events elsewhere in this issue of Markings.

I would like to wish each of you every blessing in 2016. Remember that if I can be of service or assistance, my door is usually open, my e-mail is: billdoubeday@stmarksmtkisco.org and my cell phone is: 917-584-8601. I only know you are in the hospital or need prayers or pastoral care if you or someone tells me.

Bill Doubleday, Rector

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

10:00 am Parish Family Eucharist
11:15 am Annual Meeting including: Wardens' Reports, Election of Parish Officers, Rector's Address to the Parish, and Presentation of 2014 Budget

The Eucharist is also celebrated at 8:00 am.

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee of St. Mark's Church was formed in accordance with the parish by-laws. The Committee is responsible for presenting names for election as Vestry members and a Warden to the Parish Annual Meeting on January 24, 2016

Vestry and Warden Candidate:

A Vestry member must be baptized, a member of the parish for at least one year, 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.

ELECTORAL PROCEDURES

Candidates for Warden and Vestry members were announced on Sunday, January 3, 2016. **The Nominating Committee will continue to receive nominations until 9 am on Sunday, January 10, 2016, 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 Parish Annual meeting on January 24, 2016. There will be no nominations from the floor at the meeting.**

CONTINUING VESTRY MEMBERS

Vestry Class of 2017: Elizabeth Schreiner, Ann Bakis (will resign as Vestryperson if elected Warden)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE – January 2016

Vestry member, Class of 2017, One For 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

These nominees were selected unanimously by Nominating Committee. (When members of the nominating committee were themselves considered for nomination, they abstained from participating in their own nominations.)

Respectfully submitted: The Rev. William A. Doubleday, Karen Kelley, Lisa Dondiego, Alex Antes, Martin Swanson and Mary Ann Niedzwiedz.

LENT IS NOT FAR AWAY!

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

St. Mark's Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - From 5 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

ASH WEDNESDAY

Services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church will be as follows:

7 am Imposition of Ashes

12 Noon Imposition of Ashes, Homily, and Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

7:30 p.m. Imposition of Ashes, Homily, and Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

2016 ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

“Issues Related to the End of Life”

FOUR 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, January 17, 2016

Estate Planning

How to extend resources, protect assets, and provide support to heirs, charities and your church

Speaker: Ralph Penny, CFP

Sunday, February 21, 2016

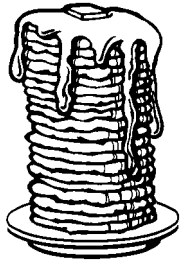
Care for the Dying and the Bereaved:

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



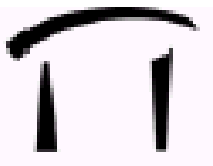
SAVE THE DATE:

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER –

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME – FREE WILL OFFERING



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 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!

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*February Markings deadline for articles is
Tuesday, January 19, 2016*



PRAYER CORNER... from Verann England

***For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of ourselves;
it is the gift of God Ephesians 2:8***

When I was nine years old, I accepted Christ as my Savior and requested membership in the Seventh Avenue Baptist Church. Halfway down the aisle, my legs wouldn't carry me and that's when the pastor's wife, Anna Lee, met me and walked the remaining distance by my side.

Fast-forward four and half decades; Anna Lee was dying of pancreatic cancer at the local hospice. I went to visit and pray with her. "You walked with me all those years ago," I told her, "so I'm here to help you make your heavenly journey."

When they had Anna Lee's estate sale, I purchased her Victorian cameo, so I would have something to remember her. But on the day I took the brooch to the jeweler to have it made into a slide, it dropped into the heater vent of my car. The cost to retrieve it was prohibitive. "Now I don't have anything to remember my friend by," I told the jeweler. I was inconsolable.

"We sell lots of pretty things here," the jeweler told me, "but I always tell people, it's the memories, not the mementos, that are the real treasures."

Thank You, Lord, for friendship in all its blessed forms.
Digging Deeper: Proverbs 27:9; Eccl. 4:9-12

Roberta Messner, Daily Guideposts, 2014

ADULT EDUCATION EVENT: TALK ON "JESUS AND THE VIRGIN MARY IN ISLAM"

Mrs. Ola Nosseir, a Muslim woman who is active in interfaith dialogue, will give a presentation on "Jesus and the Virgin Mary in Islam" on Sunday, January 17, 2016 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Parish Library. All are welcome.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE – JANUARY 2016

		JANUARY 3	JANUARY 10	JANUARY 17	JANUARY 24	JANUARY 31
Altar Guild	8 am	Ruann England	Deb Lunn	Jill Finch Ruann England	TBD	TBD
	10 am	Karen Kelley	Sue Hewitt	Elizabeth Schreiner Celeste Lynn	Sue West Celeste Lynn	Elizabeth Schreiner Celeste Lynn
Chalice Bearers	10 am	Zoher Saour	Ted Raymond	Susan West	Zoher Saour	Ted Raymond
Lectors	8 am	Ruann England	Mary Ann Niedzwiedz	Robert Niedzwiedz	James Cottingham	Ruann England
	10 am	Susan West	Alex Antes	Kendle Atterbury	Doug Catalanello	Asako Saour
Ushers	8 am	Ruann England James Cottingham	Mary Ann & Robert Niedzwiedz	Gary & Brendan Ford	Ruann England James Cottingham	Mary Ann & Robert Niedzwiedz
	10 am	Candace LaVigne Martin Swanson	Alex Antes Jim Hewitt'	Vinnie Tuccillo Dale Schweizer	Karen Kelley Fran Osborne	Jim Hewitt Raimo Bakis
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
Hospitality		Amanda Allen Helen Williams	Heather Baker- Sullivan Patricia Staunton Ivette Figueroa	Ann Bakis Eileen Marks	Kendle Arcidiacono Shelagh Bosch Fran Osborne	Grace & Robert Gibbons Lakshanthi Galpotthawela Lisa Dondiego
St. Ann's Drivers		Sally Fay	Ann & Raimo Bakis	Alan Guthrie	Vinnie Tuccillo Dale Schweizer	Robert & Ann Natale

END OF YEAR GIVING

It's that time of year when we sort out our finances and get ready for tax time. We also check on whether or not we have fulfilled our Annual Pledge to St. Mark's Church for 2015.

Please note that contributions for 2015 can be submitted until Sunday, January 10. Contributions received after January 11 will be counted toward your 2016 Annual Pledge. Until that time, please designate checks intended for 2015 on the note line. This will help us accurately reflect your giving preferences. Thank you!

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:00 -10:00 PM House of Prayer	
3 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm House of Prayer	4	5	6	7	8 7:00 -10:00 PM House of Prayer	9
10 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm House of Prayer	11 7:30 pm Vestry meeting	12	13	14	15 7:00 -10:00 PM House of Prayer	16
17 9:05-9:45 Adult Forum- 11:30-12:30 program in Parish Hall 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm House of Prayer	18 Church office Closed for Martin Luther King day.	19 Annual Meeting Reports Due	20	21	22 7:00 -10:00 PM House of Prayer	23
24 Annual Meeting & Parish Brunch Brief Vestry Meeting 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm House of Prayer	25	26	27	28	29 7:00 -10:00 PM House of Prayer	30
31 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm House of Prayer						

**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
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28 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm House of Prayer	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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Our parish Facebook Page is: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mt. Kisco, NY
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The Director of Music may be contacted at geoffsmith@stmarksmtkisco.org
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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

Karen Kelley, Churchwarden

Fran Osborne, Churchwarden
Vincent Tuccillo, Clerk of Vestry

Ann Bakis
Lisa (Fleck)Dondiego
Grace Gibbons

Robert Niedzwiedz
Elizabeth Schreiner
Rosemary Valenti

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