



## ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### JANUARY 2015

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,

As we begin a new secular calendar year, I am mindful that tomorrow, January 6, is the Feast of the Epiphany – the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas – the actual day of Christmas observances for our Orthodox Christian brothers and sister. Some of you may wonder why you are receiving Markings after the beginning of the month. The true answer is a pastorally busy and holiday weary priest, a wonderful parish secretary on a much deserved vacation, and a glitch with the parish's electronic address book.

We had a wonderful Advent and Christmas at St. Mark's. The Advent Lessons and Carols service was both beautiful and memorable. The Parish Christmas Dinner and Bazaar saw the parish hall transformed into a magical Christmas Wonderland by Charlie Williams and his helpers, and the Cuccia Family offered all of us a truly wonderful meal. Jennifer Lewis directed and coordinated the Children's Christmas Pageant on December 21. Children from at least six families participated with truly charming performances. On Christmas Eve at the 5:30 p.m. Community Carol Service, all of the music was glorious and 302 people packed the Church. As is the case in most Episcopal churches today, our other Christmas services have come to be smaller, only 68 at 11 p.m., and 15 at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day. At our 10 a.m. service on December 28, we enjoyed the opportunity to baptize two children from England whose family have ties to the parish in the past.

I am pleased to report that our 2015 Stewardship Campaign has so far reached approximately \$165,000. This represents a 30% increase over 2014 pledge levels. We hope that there are several more pledges for 2015 yet to come in. As a congregation, you have been generous in the way in which so many of you have endeavored to raise the amount of your annual pledges this year. Many of you have also been generously supporting the Heating Renovation Project. By the way, payments on 2014 Annual Pledges or Heating Renovation Pledges are still most welcome as we close out the 2014 fiscal year.

I hope that very many of you will attend church on January 25, 2015 when we will have our Annual Parish Meeting and Brunch after the 10 a.m. Eucharist. We all are indebted to the parish leaders whose terms are drawing to a close.

Looking ahead, I will shortly be announcing a Lenten Study Course. I am also pleased to say that I will offer a Confirmation Class for teenagers this spring. If your child is interested in being confirmed this year, I hope you or they will be in touch with me. The next Sunday Adult Forum will be on February 1, between the services. The topic will be: "Perspectives on Science and Religion." The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 5 p.m. Eucharist will continue to be offered on a monthly basis.

I would like to wish each of you every blessing in 2015. I hope that one of your New Year's Resolutions was to increase your presence at St. Mark's Church in 2015.

Bill Doubleday, Priest in Charge

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015

**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.*

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### 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 25, 2015**

**Nominating Committee Members this year are:** The Rev. Bill Doubleday, Priest in Charge; 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 parish members: Alex Antes, Jennifer Lewis, Susan West.

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 will be announced on Sunday, January 4, 2015. **The Nominating Committee will continue to receive nominations until 9 am on 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 Parish Annual meeting on January 25, 2015. There will be no nominations from the floor at the meeting.**

#### CONTINUING VESTRY MEMBERS

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

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

#### 2015 NOMINATIONS BY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**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, ELECT THREE:**

**Grace Gibbons, Vincent Tuccillo, Rosemary Valenti**

**Warden, Class of 2016, One Year Term:**

**Fran Osborne**

**Warden, Class of 2017, Two Year Term:**

**Karen Kelley**

**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, Vincent Tuccillo, Kedrick Carr, Fran Osborne, Alex Antes, Jennifer Lewis, and Susan West.**

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## **LENT IS NOT FAR AWAY!**

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

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

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

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

6:45 a.m. Imposition of Ashes, Homily, and Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

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

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

## **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.

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

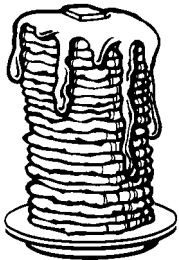
**February 1, 2015:** Perspectives on Science and Religion

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

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

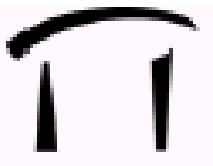
**May 3, 2015:** What is Happening in the Episcopal Church? 2015 is a General Convention Year!

**June 7, 2015:** Theological Reflections on Summer and Sabbath Time



**SAVE THE DATE:  
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER –  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015  
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME – FREE WILL OFFERING**



# 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!

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*February Markings deadline for articles is  
Tuesday, January 20, 2015*



## CARPENTER'S KIDS 2015 Sponsorship

The clock is ticking all too quickly toward our 2015 contribution deadline for the Carpenter's Kids Program. 2015 will be the final year of our second five-year commitment sponsoring this mission for AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in Ikowa village, Tanzania in our "linked" parish of St. John's. In 2015 we will begin our 10th year of support for 60 children with uniforms, shoes, socks, school supplies and daily meals so they can attend school.

We are late in getting reminders to those of you who have been such a great support to the program. Your contribution of \$70 provides the above items and meals for one child for a year. Many thanks to those who have already contributed in the past. And again thanks to those who have made a 5-year commitment. We hope this will be 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 [karenkelley@optonline.net](mailto:karenkelley@optonline.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!



## 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 January service is planned for Tuesday, January 27 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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## PRAYER CORNER... from Verann England

### *God of Joyful Surprises*

*They were amazed and filled with joy ... Luke 24:41 (NIRV)*

I used to hate the month of January. Christmas was over, spring so far away, nights so long. Then I began attending church and discovered a very different calendar. Christians call this darkest time of year the season when we see the light. They named it *EPIPHANY*, focusing on four different times when God “shows forth” who Jesus is: the coming of the wise men;

The baptism in the Jordan;

The wedding feast at Cana;

The Transfiguration on the mountaintop.

And each epiphany is a total surprise.

The wise men were certainly surprised to find the newborn “King of the Jews” housed in a stable in a backwater town. John the Baptist must have been amazed to discover that the Christ whose coming he’d been proclaiming so forcefully was none other than his own cousin Jesus, a carpenter from Nazareth.

The Messiah’s first miracle would surely be something spectacular, like feeding a multitude or raising the dead. Instead, it was an ordinary domestic crisis. The wine had run out at a party, and only the servants knew the best wine they were now pouring came from the water jar.

His three closest friends were with Jesus on the mountaintop when, radiant in light, He conversed with Moses and Elijah. Surely, the three disciples thought, this was the glorious climax to the story, but of course the story was only beginning. They had to take the journey step-by-step, and each January, I can join them on this surprising journey of faith. It’s a wonderful month!

*God of joyful surprises, show me Yourself  
as I walk step-by-step through this new year.  
Elizabeth Sherrill*

*Digging Deeper: John 10:9-10*



## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE – JANUARY 2015

		JANUARY 4	JANUARY 11	JANUARY 18	JANUARY 25
<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>	10 am	Zoher Saour	Zoher Saour	Ted Raymond	Ted Raymond
<b>Lectors</b>	8 am	Ruann England	Mary Ann Niedzwiedz	Ted Raymond	James Cottingham
	10 am	Doug Catalanello	Steve Karpanty	Jennifer Lewis	Alex Antes
<b>Ushers</b>	8 am	Ruann England Robert Niedzwiedz	Gary & Brendan Ford	Ted Raymond Robert Niedzwiedz	James Cottingham Ruann England
	10 am	Alex Antes & Shirley Russell	Jim Hewitt & Raimo Bakis	Zoher Saour & Jim Hewitt	Raimo Bakis & Jim Hewitt
<b>Acolytes</b>	10 am	Kathie Bannon	Neil Steiner	Sofia Cuccia	Turner Williams
<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>		Catalanello Family Lynthia Romney	Amanda Allen Helen Williams	Ann Bakis Eileen Marks Susan West	Kendle Arcidiacono Shelagh Bosch Fran Osborne
<b>St. Ann's Drivers</b>		Annette Steiner	Sally Fay	Robert & Ann Natale	Kedrick Carr

## 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 2014.

***Please note that contributions for 2014 can be submitted until Sunday, January 11. Contributions received after January 11 will be counted toward your 2015 Annual Pledge. Until that time, please designate checks intended for 2014 on the note line. This will help us accurately reflect your giving preferences. Thank you!***



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00-9:00 PM House of Prayer	<b>3</b> 9-1 Farmers Market
<b>4</b> 9:10 am Adult Forum 11:30 Special Vestry Meeting 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> 9-1 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> 9-1 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> 9-1 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> 9-1 Farmers Market

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ FEBRUARY 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> 9:10 Adult Forum  12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  7 - 9 pm House of Prayer	<b>7</b> 9 - 1 Farmers Market
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<b>15</b>  12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer  ESP	<b>16 ESP OVER</b>  Church office closed for President's Day  Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>17</b>  5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Pancake Supper	<b>18 Ash Wednesday</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am with Ashes 12:00 noon - Ashes 7:30 pm - Ashes	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  7 - 9 pm House of Prayer	<b>21</b> 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](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

Karen Kelley, Churchwarden  
Kedrick Carr, Treasurer  
Annette Steiner, Clerk of Vestry  
Chris Meyer  
Robert Niedzwiedz

Vincent Tuccillo, Churchwarden  
Fran Osborne  
Elizabeth Schreiner  
Frank Tortorello

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