



## ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### JULY 2014

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

The calendar, as well as the temperature and humidity, make it clear that summer is upon us. Whatever our age may be, we need down time, quiet time, recreational time, vacation time, and even Sabbath time. All work and no play can make us all dull children of God. We need time to rest from our regular routines. We may need a break from demanding church duties. We need times to listen for the still small voice of God, or walk on a beach, take a hike, work in the garden, or visit a church or museum in a different community or country, and somehow allow the beauty, the peace, and even the challenges of God's creation to wash over us. I hope that each of you will find recreation, renewal, and refreshment in the months ahead.

If you are away this summer, consider taking the opportunity to visit an historic church, a lovely chapel at the seashore, a great Cathedral in some city, a beautiful place for outdoor worship, or the church where ones' relatives regularly attend. Such visits can refresh our souls and even give us helpful ideas to bring home to St. Mark's.

Our services here continue at 8 and 10 am throughout the summer. We are aiming for engaging sermons, singable hymns, occasional soloists, briefer services, and cooling drinks on the lawn afterwards. Often it is a little cooler at 8 am. Come as often as you are able and consider bringing along a friend or an out of town visitor. Needless to say, bills and payroll do not go away during the summer, so pledge payments and contributions are always especially appreciated in July and August.

Elsewhere in this issue of Markings, you will find an update on our Heating/Boiler Renovation Project, which is now moving forward rapidly.

I do not plan any long vacations this summer, but I will be out of the office July 7-12 and July 28 – August 2, 2014. In my absence, the parish office and the Church Wardens will know how to contact me or how to call upon the services of neighboring clergy if you have pastoral needs.

I hope that you will join me in praying for our nation on the Fourth of July, and I hope each of you has a splendid holiday weekend.

Bill Doubleday

Priest in Charge



# PRAYER CORNER... from Verann England

## JUMP!

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your path.”  
Proverbs 3:5*

A story told by Pastor Donner Atwood after WWII  
followed by a reflection by Pastor Don Heringa,  
Chaplain at NWHC, to his pastoral care volunteers.

During the terrible days of the Blitz, a father, holding his small son by the hand, ran from a building that had been struck by a bomb. In the front yard was a shell hole. Seeking shelter as quickly as possible, the father jumped into the hole, found it a good place to hide and held up his arms for his son to jump into them. Terrified, yet hearing his father’s voice telling him to jump, the boy replied, **“I can’t jump – I can’t see you!”**

The father looking up against the sky tinted red by the burning buildings, called to the silhouette of his son, **“But I can see you. Jump!”** The boy jumped blind, only because he trusted his father to catch him, and so was given the protection which saved him.

This story is very like the situation of people in the pain and uncertainty of illness. All can seem dark and hopeless as they wait anxiously for test results or cope with negative prognoses. Yet the anxiety itself is a deterrent to health and wholeness.

How can people keep hope alive in dark times and so aid their physical and spiritual health? Only by leaping into the invisible arms of the healing Creator can we find there the rescue and protection which can save. Only there can the relief be found which is so essential. As pastoral care workers\*\*, we, through listening and loving words are communicating the pastoral reminders that God catches the sufferer when they JUMP!! By our caring listening we seek to remind the patient that such a leap of faith is the beginning of health.

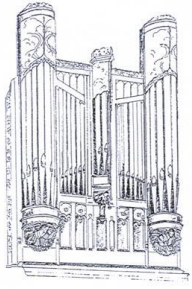
*\*\* or family, friend, caring neighbor, follower of Jesus (not included in original article by Pastor Heringa)*



## 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 July service is planned for Tuesday, July 22 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.

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



## **The Organists are coming! The Organists are coming!**

The Association of Anglican Musicians first met in Indianapolis in 1966 to address the issues of music in inner city Episcopal Churches. In 48 years it has grown from 14 at that initial gathering to nearly 1000 members who just completed their annual conference in Washington DC. Although it is much smaller and not as well known as the American Guild of Organists, AAM membership includes many of the best, most astute, and pastoral church musicians in this country. It is an organization that I am proud to be a member of.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference (for which I am co-chair) will be headquartered in Stamford, CT. So-called the Fairchester Conference because we will visit churches in Fairfield and Westchester counties, the theme is “What does the Lord require for praise and offering?” I first knew this hymn text by Albert F. Bayly as a student at Trinity Church, Princeton in the early 1970’s. It is poignant that one of the founders of AAM, my mentor and friend Jim Litton, who was the Director of Music at Trinity, will be a central personality in the conference. St. Mark’s will be featured on the final day, as will Christ Church Bronxville. There are important ties between these parishes, not the least of which is that they are both the work of Bertram Goodhue, and both have/had very significant and forward-looking organs built in the early 50’s by Aeolian-Skinner of Boston.

Noted architect Terry Byrd Eason will be on hand in 2016 to speak about architecture in each of the churches we visit, and how it affects the way we worship. He’ll also reflect on liturgical, musical and acoustical considerations of the present day.

The Aeolian-Skinner in Bronxville is long-gone (it had been altered a number of times before it was replaced), but St. Mark’s is virtually in tact. With three exceptions, all of the pipework in our instrument is in situ as it was 1952. We have all of the original parts, but these three stops were either 1) replaced with new pipes, 2) left in place, but shut-off and replaced with an electronic substitute, or 3) had their speech altered. Great organs like St. Mark’s are conceived and built as a whole—to change individual characteristics is akin to re-varnishing a Stradivarius violin. I will propose that we set a goal to have the pieces of the organ that have been altered or replaced restored over the next two years. That will put St. Mark’s at the head of the line of extant instruments built by the foremost shop of the 20<sup>th</sup> century!

Geoff Smith

## **St. Ann’s Picnic:**

Many thanks indeed to all who helped make the St. Ann’s picnic a great success on Saturday, June 21, 2014. Nearly sixty members of our partner parish journeyed up to Mt. Kisco from the South Bronx for the day. Particular thanks go to Charlie Williams who oversaw the event and ran the grill and the entertainment; Alex Antes who worked the grill; Kedrick Carr who helped with set-up; Fran Osborne and all of the hospitality team who brought or served food; Irene Linares who did the altar guild work for the Eucharist; Ann Natale who arranged the transportation; Sophia West who made the take-home treat bags; India and Helen Williams who did face and hand painting at the park; and so many others.



## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE – JULY 2014

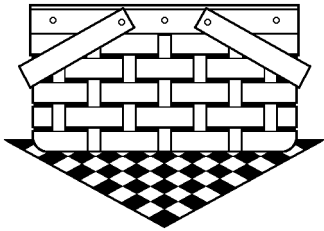
		<b>JULY 6</b>	<b>JULY 13</b>	<b>JULY 20</b>	<b>JULY 27</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Ruann England	Irene Linares Deb Lunn	Jill Finch	Irene Linares
	<b>10 am</b>	Karen Kelley	Sue Hewitt	Annette Steiner	Celeste Lynn Elizabeth Schreiner
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	<b>10 am</b>	Zoher Saour	Mary Lynn Windsor	Ted Raymond	Zoher Saour
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Ruann England	James Cottingham	Ted Raymond	Kedrick Carr
	<b>10 am</b>	Susan West	Stella Terhune	Susan West	Stella Terhune
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Gary & Brendan Ford	Mary Ann & Robert Niedzwiedz	Ted Raymond Kedrick Carr	Robert & Mary Ann Niedzwiedz
	<b>10 am</b>	Jim Hewitt Alex Antes	Stella & Jim Terhune	Raimo Bakis Jim Hewitt	Shirley Russell Alex Antes
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>10 am</b>	Kathie Bannon	Luca Cuccia	Neil Steiner	Kathie Bannon
<b>Flower Guild</b>		Shelagh Bosch Gloria Kissell Anna Stone	Grace Gibbons Rosemary Valenti	Nancy Weeks	Fran Osborne Joan Robinson Annette Steiner
<b>St. Ann's Drivers</b>		Charlie Williams	Joe Schuder	Alan Guthrie	Annette Steiner

### Status of the St. Mark's Heating/Boiler Renovation Project

We are pleased to report that since the Vestry approved this project, we have been moving forward with contracts, final drawings, and other details. Construction may begin as early as the week of July 14, 2014. We are very grateful to Frank Tortorello, the Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, who is generously heading up this project.

Bill Doubleday, our Priest in Charge has received approximately \$180,000 in pledges towards this estimated \$220,000 project. We are looking for additional pledges and would appreciate written confirmations of oral pledges – either by mail, e-mail, or a note in Bill's mail box at St. Mark's. It is also helpful for the church to know how a pledge will be spread out over 2014, 2015, and 2016. For further information or assistance, please e-mail, call, or speak to Bill Doubleday. [billdoubleday@stmarksmtkisco.org](mailto:billdoubleday@stmarksmtkisco.org)

If any of you are able to pay some or all of your 2014 pledges on the Heating Renovation Project at this time, this would assist us in reducing the amount we need to temporarily borrow from the Parish's Reserve Fund. Checks may be drawn to St. Mark's Church and the Reference Line should clearly note: "Heating Renovation Project."



## SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2014

You Are Invited to a Parish Picnic at the Rectory,  
Sunday, August 10, 2014 – Right After Church

Please save the date! If you would like to help, please speak to Bill Doubleday. A sign-up sheet will go up on the Bulletin Board outside the Rector's Office soon!

### ACOLYTES NEEDED:

Many of our acolytes have gone to college or have schedules which make them less available. We are looking for adults, older children, and teenagers who would be willing to be trained to serve as acolytes. Duties include: carrying cross or candles in procession; assisting in preparing the altar; receiving the collection; and other similar duties from time to time. Ideally, individuals would be available at least once a month during most of the year. Speak to Bill Doubleday or Don Ford, the Verger, for more information



### REMEMBER THAT CLERGY ARE NOT PSYCHIC AND DO NOT HAVE ESP

Every now and then, I hear that I have failed to visit a member or friend of the parish in the hospital, nursing home, or rehab center. Almost always, no one bothered to tell me that the parishioner was sick or in need of prayers or a visit. Given current Health Privacy Laws, even if I visited the hospitals every day, I would have no access to patient information.

If you are going into the hospital, please let me or the church office know. If you have a friend or family member who is ill, ask if you may let St. Mark's know about his or her illness

- Bill Doubleday



### HOSTS AND HOSTESSES AT SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

The Sunday coffee service is a wonderful time of fellowship for our parish community. We look forward to keeping it a vital part of the St. Mark's ministry.

If you would be interested to volunteer as a host (usually only once every five weeks, or so, as part of a team of parishioners) please call the church office; 914-666-8058 or contact Fran Osborne @914-238-4901 or [pbofmo@aol.com](mailto:pbofmo@aol.com).

Hosts coordinate with their team to bring an assortment of coffee cakes, danish, cut fruit, vegetables & dip, cheese and crackers, and/or cookies to supplement the basics provided by the church. They prepare the Parish Hall and welcome newcomers.

## **IDEAS FOR ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMMING FOR 2014-2015**

As your Priest in Charge, the on-going Christian education of the members of the Congregation is one of my highest priorities. I am now working on ideas and ultimately schedules for the coming program year.

I am considering offering some workshops around themes in pastoral care. The workshops might be offered after the 10 am service on Sunday mornings, or on a Saturday afternoon in the 3 – 5 p.m. slot. Possible topics might include:

- a) End of Life Planning;
- b) Advanced Medical Directives;
- c) Death and Dying;
- d) the Hospice Movement; Planning One's Own or a Loved One's Funeral;
- e) Grief and Bereavement;
- f) The Healing Ministry of the Church.

I am considering a four or six week Lecture Series, on Sundays from 11:45 am to 1:15 p.m. or on a weekday evening from 7 to 9 pm. – we might serve soup as we did during Lent. Possible topics could be:

- a) An Introduction to the Gospel of Mark (Which we start reading on Advent I);
- b) The History of the Episcopal Church, 1607 to the Present;
- c) The Church and Society: War; Politics; Economics; Race; Gender; Human Sexuality

A member of the parish has spoken to me about sponsoring one or more events related to Science, Philosophy, and Religion. Several people have suggested that we start a Parish Book Club. Others have suggested a weekly Bible study group would appeal to them.

Let me know if any of these ideas appeal to you or if you have other programming ideas.  
[billdoubleday@stmarksmtkisco.org](mailto:billdoubleday@stmarksmtkisco.org)

## **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

I am pleased to announce that Jennifer Lewis has agreed to serve as Director of the St. Mark's Church Sunday School for the 2014-2015 program year. She replaces Heather Baker-Sullivan, who put much creativity and energy into our program during the past year. Jennifer Lewis would especially like to hear from you if you would be willing to teach or assist with Sunday School on some Sundays in the year ahead.

***August Markings Deadline for articles;  
Monday, July 21, 2014***

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ JULY 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>2</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Office closed for July 4</b>  5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal	<b>5</b>  12:00 PM Meyer Wedding Sm reception in Parish Hall after
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Morning Prayer 6:45 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  7:00 pm Officers Meeting	<b>16</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>  10:00 Romney Baptism	<b>21</b>  7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	<b>22</b>  Special Service 7:00 pm	<b>23</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Morning Prayer 6:45 am	<b>31</b>		

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<b>10</b>  Rectory Picnic After Church	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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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

### 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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The Director of Music may be contacted at [geoffsmith@stmarksmtkisco.org](mailto:geoffsmith@stmarksmtkisco.org)

### 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

Stella Terhune, Churchwarden  
Kedrick Carr  
Karen Kelley, Clerk of Vestry  
Chris Meyer  
Robert Niedzwiedz

Eileen Marks, Churchwarden  
Fran Osborne  
Elizabeth Schreiner  
Annette Steiner  
Frank Tortorello  
Vinnie Tuccillo

Timothy Ghiskey, Treasurer

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