



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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JULY 2015

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,

It is hard to believe that it is already July. I hope that this summer will be a time of rest, relaxation, and revitalization for you. The longer I am at St. Mark's, the more aware I have become of the stunningly busy schedules most adults, teens, and children sustain on a regular basis. My prayer is that this summer we all might find some opportunities to slow our pace, quiet our nerves, and perhaps even unplug from some of our electronic devices in what is a very harried world.

Might there be a time or a place where we for just a little while could listen for the still small voice of God? Or a time or a place where we could glory in some part of the grandeur of God's beautiful creation? Or a time or a place where we could read the book, listen to the music, write the poem, cook the meal, play the game, visit the family member, or share the love which we have been yearning to do all year? Might there be someone to whom we have been meaning to say thank you, I love you, or I'm sorry? As yet it is not too late!

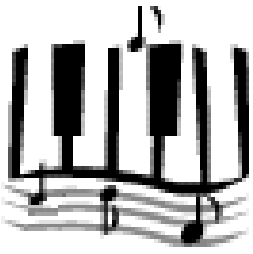
I see many hopeful signs in the parish. The Wardens, the Vestry, and your Priest are working very hard and well together! The excellent engineering firm, Landmark Facilities, which planned our heating system renovation project, has returned to actively help us get the bugs out before the next heating season. Under the excellent leadership of Ted Raymond, the Building and Grounds Chair, many long deferred repairs have been carried out on the Roof, Chimney, Eaves, Drains, and Window Frames of the Rectory. These repairs are being funded by a very generous anonymous donor.

During June, I baptized four small children from three families. Nine girls and one or both of their parents have just completed a six session confirmation class and I anticipate that we will have a Confirmations Service in the late Fall. Elsewhere in Markings you will see information about the new Parish Book Group. Now I am working on plans for Fall Adult Education Programs and would welcome hearing about topics which might be of interest to you.

Finding ways for us to meet outside of church from time to time is also important. The Parish Picnic will take place after church at the Rectory on Sunday, August 2, 2015. I can also report that I am working with a committee on the development of some opportunities for small groups of parishioners to meet occasionally around Sunday Brunch, High Tea, Wine and Cheese, or even a Progressive Dinner. We hope that one such event may happen before the end of the summer.

Finally, I do not plan any long absences this summer. I do expect to take some short clusters of days scattered through July and August. Usually, I will be close enough to respond pastoral emergencies. When our splendid parish secretary, Jeanne Goldberg, takes some of her vacation days this summer, the parish office may be closed and the answering machine will refer callers to my cell phone: 917-584-8601, which also receives text messages. Enjoy your summer.

Bill Doubleday



Notes from Tampa and the Association of Anglican Musicians

For nearly two weeks I was in Tampa, Florida, attending the annual conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians and a post-conference gathering to debrief and continue work on our 50th anniversary conference which will be held in Fairfield and Westchester counties in June of next year, and of which I am co-chair. AAM was founded in 1966 by my mentor (and friend of St. Mark's) Jim Litton, Raymond Glover (editor of *The Hymnal* 1982) and the late Gerre Hancock. It's original purpose was to discuss the role of music in Episcopal Cathedrals in American cities, but it quickly grew to include musicians from 'cardinal' parishes in the US and Canada, and eventually all musicians and clergy serving the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in Canada. Now with nearly 1000 members, the organization has a central role to play in the future of the Church.

Since we all work on Sundays and holy days it's very difficult for church musicians to step away and be refreshed and re-invigorated. We're also not able to see and hear what's happening in other parishes. So, these conferences offer us a glimpse into other programs and their parishes. Many times it's at these events that new ideas are discovered, and the kernel of valuable plans are formulated.

Our conference next June which is being called 'aam@50, the FairChester Conference' will be based in Stamford, travel to New Haven for a day, and to Westchester on the last day. Our midday stop will be at St. Mark's for two reasons—the architecture and the organ. The noted architect and liturgical guru, Terry Byrd Eason will be on hand to discuss the building and how it informs the liturgy here. Douglass Hunt (who maintains the organ) will speak about the Æolian-Skinner organ and the bold step forward it took in 1952 and the place that it holds now as a very important piece in the history of American organ building.

Another facet of the conference is being labeled 'The Seminaries Panel.' Most of our seminaries no longer employ a full-time music person or professor of music. Some do not even offer any instruction in music, or training in liturgy or liturgical music. Our chaplain, The Right Reverend Keith Whitmore, Assistant Bishop of Atlanta, and the planning committee will invite representatives from each seminary to come to the conference and spend a day in dialogue with AAM members discussing what can be done to change this trend, and what might be done to offer musicians a chance to receive theological training! There's no denying the place that music has played in the history of the Church, and all indications are that it can be a significant voice in the rebuilding of the Church.

Over the next 10 months I will keep you updated on the progress of the conference and our visit to St. Mark's.

Geoffrey Smith
Associate for Music

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



PRAYER CORNER....from Verann England

*That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses,
in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties.
For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:10*

We were invited to a Saturday evening gathering and were asked to bring something for the dinner. I groaned when I saw that only salad remained on the email list.

I don't do salads because mine always turn into limp lumps of wilted lettuce with too much dressing. So I avoid the inevitable fop by brining my safe standbys of mushroom rice or chicken casserole — ANYTHING but salad!

I rechecked the list, looking for someone who might trade with me, when I saw a sticky note on my desk: *"When you do hard things, your brain grows"* I had written it down a few days earlier after hearing a talk about exercising our brains to make them stronger. The speaker explained the difference between people who avoid hard challenges and give up easily and people who embrace them with a desire to learn. *"If you want to grow your brain, tackle challenges,"* the speaker summarized. So I'd been looking for doable ways to grow my brain.

Surely, that doesn't mean signing up for salad, I rationalized as I did some east tasks: putting wet clothes in the dryer, watering plants, taking the dog for a walk.

Several hours later I signed up to bring a salad and then started searching the internet for recipes.

*Lord, You nudged me toward this small challenge,
probably not because You care much about unsoggy salads
but about making choices to grow and change and be more fully alive
in every season of life.*

*Carol Kuykendall
Digging Deeper: James 1:4
Daily Guideposts 2015, Jan. 17*

ST. ANN'S PICNIC

We wish to thank all who assisted in making the St. Ann's Picnic a very successful event. Nearly sixty of our friends and their Rector, the Rev. Martha Overall, arrived by bus about 11 am. Mother Martha and Father Bill celebrated the Eucharist in English and Spanish. Charlie Williams oversaw the whole event, Alex Antes captained the grill work. Fran Osborne and many members of the hospitality team, as well as other parishioners provided food, contributed money for food, and served the meal. Elizabeth Schreiner oversaw the altar work. Susan West prepared the take-home treat bags. Ann Natale made the transport possible. A good time was had by all.



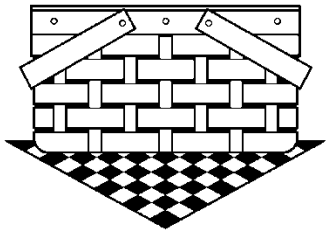
HOSTS AND HOSTESSES AT SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

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.

Starting in July we have our coffee hour outside, weather permitting, and the coffee hosts are off duty. Beginning in the fall, our traditional coffee hour meets in the Parish Hall after the 10 am service.

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.

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.



PARISH PICNIC: SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015

You Are Invited to a Parish Picnic at the Rectory,
Sunday, August 2, 2015 – Right After Church

On Sunday, August 2, 2015, immediately after the 10 am service, we will be having a Parish Barbecue and Picnic at the Rectory, at 31 Croton Avenue. Many of you have told me you will be away, but I hope many will be able to join us – do not be afraid to bring a friend or neighbor with you! It would be helpful to have a rough count of those who do plan to come. If you are able to bring some food or drink to share that is appreciated, BUT NOT NECESSARY! There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall lobby, or you may contact me, Fran Osborne, or Jeanne Goldberg, in the office. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Chicken will be provided.

NEW PARISH BOOK GROUP TO MEET IN AUGUST

A number of parishioners have expressed an interest in starting a parish Book Group. I think it is a splendid idea! A small group of us have decided to start with an American 20th Century Spiritual Classic, Ann and Barry Ulanov's Primary Speech: A Psychology of Prayer (Westminster/John Knox, 1983.)

Dr. Ann Ulanov taught Psychiatry and Religion at the Union Theological Seminary in NYC for three decades. Her late husband taught at Barnard. The book explores the way in which diverse human emotions interface with the experience of prayer and the spiritual life

The book is in print, is available used, and is in many libraries. New copies run about \$24. Used copies range widely depending on vendor and condition. The ISBN Number is: 0-6042-1134-5. Alas, not yet on Kindle.

WE WILL MEET FOR OUR FIRST BOOK DISCUSSION SOME TIME IN AUGUST! If you would like to participate, please e-mail or call me as soon as possible, no later than Monday, July 13, 2015. I will then canvass those who are interested in order to determine the best available day and time in August. Bill Doubleday billdoubleday@stmarksmtkisco.org 914-666-8058



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE JULY 2015

		JULY 5	JULY 12	JULY 19	JULY 26
Altar Guild	8 am	Ruann England	Deb Lunn	Jill Finch	Deb Lunn
	10 am	Karen Kelley	Sue Hewitt	Celeste Lynn Elizabeth Schreiner	Ruann England Celeste Lynn Elizabeth Schreiner
Chalice Bearers	10 am	TBD	Mary Lynn Windsor	Zoher Saour	Ted Raymond
Lectors	8 am	Ruann England	Mary Ann Niedzwiedz	Ted Raymond	Mary Ann Niedzwiedz
	10 am	Steve Karpanty	Jennifer Lewis	Susan West	Doug Catalanello
Ushers	8 am	Ruann England Ted Raymond	Gary & Brendan Ford	Robert Niedzwiedz Ted Raymond	Mary Ann & Robert Niedzwiedz
	10 am	Jim Hewitt Zoher Saour	Vinnie Tuccillo Dale Schweizer	Karen Kelley Raimo Bakis	Vinnie Tuccillo Dale Schweizer
Acolytes	10 am	TBD	Kathie Bannon	TBD	TBD
Flower Guild		Shelagh Bosch Gloria Kissell Anna Stone	Grace Gibbons Rosemary Valenti	Nancy Weeks	Fran Osborne Joan Robinson
St. Ann's Drivers		Alan Guthrie	TBD	Sally Fay	Robert & Ann Natale



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

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PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ July 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	4
5 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	6 Office closed for Independence Day	7	8	9	10 7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	11
12 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	13	14	15	16	17 7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	18
19 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	20	21	22	23	24 7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	25
26 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	27	28	29	30	31 7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	1
2 CHURCH PICNIC AT RECTORY 11:00 AM 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	3 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	4	5	6	7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	8
9 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	10	11	12	13	7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	15
16 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	17	18	19	20	7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	22
23 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	24	25	26	27	7 – 9 pm House of Prayer	29
30 12:30 - 2:30 pm House of Prayer	31					

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

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 & Alateen: Thursdays: 7 pm

VESTRY MEMBERS

Karen Kelley, Churchwarden
Kedrick Carr, Treasurer
Ann Bakis
Lisa (Fleck)Dondiego
Grace Gibbons

Fran Osborne, Churchwarden
Vincent Tuccillo, Clerk of Vestry
Robert Niedzwiedz
Elizabeth Schreiner
Rosemary Valenti

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