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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MAY 2014

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,

Every day, I thank God for the opportunity to be your Priest. During our first eighteen months together, a spirit of hope, reconciliation, and commitment has been growing within the parish. During Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, we saw moderate growth in our attendance. We have shared in several successful adult education programs, and our Sunday School, under the direction of Heather-Baker-Sullivan, maintains a high standard of nurture and commitment to our families and children, whenever they are able to attend. Our choir, under the leadership of Geoffrey Smith continues to bring beautiful music to our worship, and four special afternoon musical offerings during the year have been well received. I am impressed by the high caliber of our lay leaders, the hard work of our small church staff, the importance of our outreach programs, and the very real challenges of being the church at the center of downtown Mt. Kisco.

Soon, St. Mark's will begin to transition into its "summer" mode. Sunday school will end on Sunday, May 18, 2014. The Choir will take its break after the Day of Pentecost, June 8, 2014. Nonetheless, I hope we may find some new ways to be a more active, and perhaps more playful, parish this summer. Geoffrey Smith, Don Ford, our Verger, and I will try to keep our liturgy, preaching and music engaging, energized, and somewhat shorter, through-out the summer. I promise you cool drinks on the lawn after services. Also, remember that often it is significantly cooler at 8 am, and that can give you an early start on the day.

The Vestry and I continue to wrestle with some short-fall in our projected income for this year. If you have not yet pledged, your prayerful consideration of a pledge would be appreciated. Special gifts to St. Mark's also help us to keep our budget in balance. In the summer, cash flow in church checkbooks can get sluggish, so we appreciate it when you are able to keep your pledges current over the summer – even from afar!

On Sunday, May 18, 2014, at the 10 am service, we will be visited by my friend, Bishop Chilton Knudsen, the Assistant Bishop of New York, who will confirm or receive a group of adults, and at least one teenager, into the Episcopal Church. That day, we will also have Sunday School awards and a parish lunch to which all are invited.

Our annual picnic here in Mt. Kisco, with our partners from St. Anne's Church in the Bronx, is in the planning for a Saturday in June. As I write this, a date has not been set, but will be announced soon!

We have completed an engineering study for the possible overhaul of our badly outdated heating system. The Buildings and Grounds Committee, under its Chair, Frank Tortorello, and the Vestry, are currently considering the feasibility, scope, and possible funding for this much needed project, which could bring savings on fuel, much greater heating efficiency with thermostatic zones, and potentially increased utilization of our buildings.

If you have not been at St. Mark's for a while, please join us for worship in the near future. We are alive and well, and it can be meaningful, rewarding, and fun to participate in the ministries of this parish. I hope to see you soon!

Bill Doubleday, Priest in Charge



COME TO THE PARISH WIDE TAG SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 9 AM – 2:00 PM

We have commitments from about 15 tables. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE FUN. There is a \$25 deposit to reserve a space and support some advertising. The hope is that all participants will contribute some percentage of their proceeds to the parish! One person pledged 100%; another 50%; a third 10%. It is entirely up to you.

If you are not selling at the sale, please remember to support the church and shop at the event.



**KEEP
CALM
AND**

**COME TO
EVENSONG**

SUNDAY, 4 MAY 2014 AT 4

Organ Recital by
Geoffrey Smith, Mount Kisco at 3:15

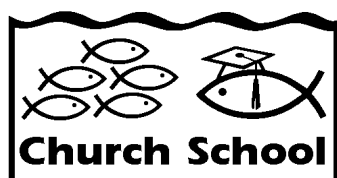
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Episcopal Charities Sunday – May 11, 2014

On Mother's Day, as we celebrate the love shown by mothers in caring for their families, it is fitting to remember those mothers who are struggling to simply feed theirs.

All contributions will help support the 44 community kitchens, food pantries, brown-bag lunch and home delivery programs funded by Episcopal Charities. Each of these programs depends upon those with a place in their hearts for the less fortunate. We hope that you will join in this year's effort. Gift envelopes will be distributed on Sunday, May 11, 2014.



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Here are some upcoming activities and dates through the end of the Church School year:

May 11 – Mother's Day: Children will assist in the service as lectors, musicians, and passing the plate, among others activities. Ikebana (special art form and spiritual practice) flower arrangement session will follow in the Parish hall during coffee hour with Naeko Heffner.

May 18 – Recognition Sunday: At the Parish Brunch there will be a Recognition ceremony where the children are honored with a gift and recognized for their attendance and participation in church school during the year. We will plant our seedlings in the church garden.

DON'T MISS A VERY SPECIAL SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION OF YOUTH AND ADULT MEMBERS OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

BY THE RT. REV. CHILTON KNUDSEN, ASSISTANT BISHOP OF NEW YORK

ON SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2014 AT THE 10 A.M. EUCHARIST

BRUNCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AWARDS WILL FOLLOW



PRAYER CORNER... from Verann England

My son Ross was organizing a cabinet full of old videotapes, many from my first job as a TV news reporter. You can imagine the fun my children had looking at their twenty-something mother in 1980's clothes and hairstyle.

"You look so different, Mom," Ross said.

Maria agreed. *"You don't even sound like you,"* she said.

Well it was a long time ago. But as I explained to them, I was fresh out of school, so I often copied successful reporters as I learned how to do the job. It made me think, **Who have I been copying lately?**

Our culture is loaded with so-called role models in sports, politics and entertainment. And it's easy to get caught up in wanting to copy the beautiful people in magazines, with their flawless faces and fabulous clothes. But the verse from 1John* popped out at me: To really know Jesus is to want to copy Him in real, practical ways. The way He took Himself away from the noisy crowds to spend time with God; the way He included the excluded; the way He challenged the accepted rules when He knew they were wrong, such as healing on the Sabbath or talking to the Samaritan woman.

Once I began looking for them, I discovered "role-model moments" throughout the Gospels. Now, instead of thinking, ***Jesus was perfect and I could never be like Him***, I can see the ***"how to"*** that's contained in His story.

Lord, help me to recognize the ways I can become more Christ-like every day.

***1John 3:6**

taken from Daily Guideposts 2011, written by Gina Bridgeman



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 May service is planned for Tuesday, May 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.

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



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE – MAY 2014

		MAY 4	MAY 11	MAY 18	MAY 25
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
Chalice Bearers	8 am & 10 am	Zoher Miyakawa	Mary Lynn Windsor	Ted Raymond	Zoher Miyakawa
Lectors	8 am	Ruann England	Robert Niedzwiedz	Mary Ann Niedzwiedz	Kedrick Carr
	10 am	Raimo Bakis	Elizabeth Nicolato	Stella Terhune	Jennifer Lewis
Ushers	8 am	Ruann England James Cottingham	Gary & Brendan Ford	Mary Ann & Robert Niedzwiedz	Ted Raymond James Cottingham
	10 am	Alex Antes Tim Ghriskey	Jim Hewitt Zoher Miyakawa	Shirley Russell Raimo Bakis	Stella & Jim Terhune
Acolytes	10 am	Turner Williams Kathie Bannon	Luca & Sofia Cuccia	Kathie Bannon Turner Williams	Andrea & Neil Steiner
Flower Guild		Shelagh Bosch Gloria Kissell Anna Stone	Grace Gibbons Rosemary Valenti	Nancy Weeks	Fran Osborne Joan Robinson Annette Steiner
Hospitality		Amanda Allen Helen Williams Eileen Marks	Kendle Arcidiacono Shelagh Bosch Fran Osborne	Jennifer Lewis Barbara Tortorello Susan West	Grace & Robert Gibbons Lakshanthi Galpotthawela Lisa Dondiego
St. Ann's Drivers		Joe Schuder	Annette Steiner	Vinny Tuccillo Dale Schweizer	Ann & Raimo Bakis

June Markings deadline is Monday, May 19

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ MAY 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Parish Wide Yard Sale 9 am – 2 pm Mt. Kisco Farmers Market 9am-1 pm
4 Choral Evensong 3:15 pm Organ Recital 4:00 Choral Evensong	5	6	7 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	8	9	10 Mt. Kisco Farmers Market 9am-1 pm
11 10:00 am Children's Service Episcopal Charities Sunday	12	13 7:00 Officers meeting	14 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	15	16	17 Mt. Kisco Farmers Market 9am-1 pm
18 Last Sunday School Class Recognition Sunday 10:00 Confirmation EPISCOPAL VISIT followed by a Reception	19 7:30 Vestry Meeting	20	21 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	22	23	24 Mt. Kisco Farmers Market 9am-1 pm
25	26 Church office closed for Memorial Day	27 Special Service 7:00 pm	28 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	29	30	31 Mt. Kisco Farmers Market 9am-1 pm

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ JUNE 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	5	6	7
8 10:00 Choir's last service for season	9	10 7:00 Officers Meeting	11 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	12	13	14
15	16 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm	17	18 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	19	20	21
22	23	24 Special Service 7:00 pm	25 Holy Eucharist 6:45 am	26	27	28
29	30					

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
Our parish Facebook Page is: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mt. Kisco, NY
The Priest in Charge may be contacted at billdoubleday@stmarksmtkisco.org
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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

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 Ghriskey, Treasurer

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