

St. Mark's Weekly Word

Christ welcomed all. We welcome you.

July 27, 2022



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Worship with us at St. Mark's this week

8:00 am Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri Morning Prayer on-line

Noon Wednesday Eucharist on August 3

Holy Eucharist July 31, 8am & 10:00 a.m.



Sunday Scriptures

[Psalm 107:1-9, 43](#)

[Colossians 3:1-11](#)

[Luke 12:13-21](#)

Dear Beloved People of God,

What a banner weekend for St. Mark's! We hosted 50 folks for bingo over hot dogs and local farm corn on Saturday night. Together we raised \$415 for Wonderfund of Massachusetts, helping kids in foster care all over our commonwealth. On Sunday, our choir was absolutely stunning, including a debut of Sue Matsui's original composition for our canticle, "A Song of God's Love." Many thanks to Carey and Adam Lape for their angelic voices as cantor and for their duet. We're looking forward to singing it again - this time conducted by our very own Ryan Schneider!

Tuesday was the saint day for St. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus. It was a wonderful day to reflect on the role and influence of grandparents in our faith lives. I am so grateful for the conversations I had with my grandmothers about what their faith, prayer, and church has meant to them. Their support and pride in my priesthood has been so encouraging. One of the roles church has played in society is as an intergenerational community where folks can have the chance to play a grandparent-like role to the next generations. I pray that church can continue to be that blessing in folks' lives. It was wonderful to have parishioners bring their grandchildren to Bingo on Saturday!

On August 7, our seminarian, Chris, will be preaching for us. We will be collecting a love offering for her this Sunday to support her as she moves to

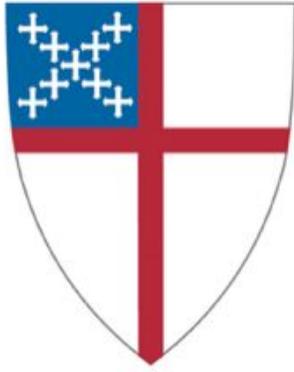
seminary this fall. We are so proud of her!

Blessings,
Mia+

Meet with Rev. Mia! Select a time by [following this link](#).

Last Sunday's Sermon Audio

Last Sunday's Sermon Text



St. Marks

EPISCOPAL CHURCH 

Spooky Spirit 5k

St. Mark's Episcopal church is made up of people of all ages and backgrounds who come together to worship God, experience love, grow in faith, and serve others. We give ourselves to outreach and service of those in our midst and those who live in the broader world.

To continue serving our community, near and far, we have created St. Marks 1st annual Spooky Spirit Run/ Walk to help alleviate financial expenses. There will be food, beverages, and music after the race. Costumes are highly encouraged.

5K RUN or 1 MILE WALK

When: October 15th 2022

Where : St. Marks Episcopal Church

1 Porter Rd East Longmeadow, MA

Time: 9:30am- Registration opens

10:30am- Race begins

Cost: Early Registration ends September 11th 2022 - \$25

Price after September 11th 2022 - \$35

Your race registration includes a race day t-shirt.

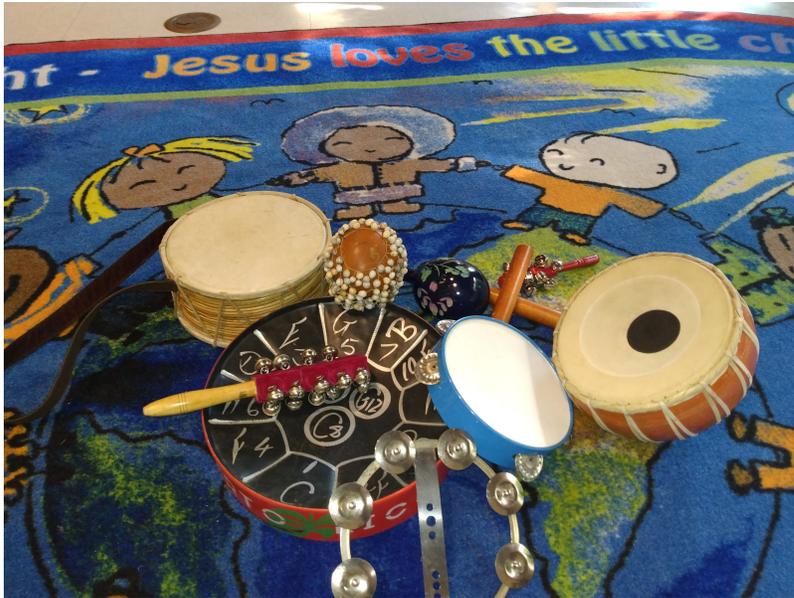
We are looking for parishioners to volunteer or to reach out for potential sponsors using [the sponsor form here](#). We will have a link available once 4RUN3 has created one so people are able to sign up. I will send an email with that link as soon as it is available. - Michelle Stallworth

Sponsor Form

Sing, Pray & Play!

Sundays at 9am, Susan Matsui and Rev. Mia will be offering a short story, music, and play time for **birth-5 year-olds, their parents/grandparents** on the children's carpet by the font. We'll sing together, listen to a story about God's

love, and have some time to freely play and connect with each other over a small snack and juice.



Popsicle Pop On Over

Pop in for some outdoor games, socialization and a sweet treat.

When:
July 10th, 17th, 24th and
31st at 11:15am

Who:
Preschool- Grade 5

Where:
St Mark's Episcopal Church
1 Porter Road
East Longmeadow, MA
01028

Support St. Mark's Financially

Not here this summer? Still plenty of ways to keep your pledge updated!

As we now head into the summer months, we certainly hope you have a chance to get away and take some time off with rest and re-creation. At St. Mark's, we'll still be here ready for when you return!

In the meantime, this is a quick reminder that even though attendance may drop in the summertime, we still need to keep the lights on, pay salaries and support the many programs that help us to carry out our mission. So if you plan to be away, there are still many ways to keep your pledge up to date.

Offer Ahead of Time – Not going to be here for a little bit? No problem – you can simply write your weekly or monthly offering ahead of time and either drop it off or mail it in!

Pay Directly from Your Bank – Many parishioners are now doing this, and it avoids having to remember to write a weekly check or drop an offertory envelope in the plate. You can work directly with your bank to have a check in the amount of your offering sent over St. Mark's on a regular basis – no muss, no fuss!

Vanco (Electronic Payment) – Still another way is electronic giving, which at St. Mark's goes by the name Vanco. This is a simple giving function located on our website (under the tab called "Give") that provides an easy way to give online. Just click on the "Give" tab, then on the "Click Here to Give Online" button and you're there! You will be able to create an account name and password to ensure your offering is safe and secure, then you just enter your amount and the frequency with which you would like to make the offering (one time, weekly or monthly). And that's it! [Here's a simple "How To"](#) for those who may have questions.

Finally, **there is AmazonSmile**, one more wonderful way for people to give to St. Mark's. AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. It is simple to setup, it costs you nothing and it doesn't change the price of the product that you are purchasing. All you have to do is type amazonsmile.com in your web browser and select a charitable organization (St. Mark's Episcopal Church – East Longmeadow, MA) and you're done! Please ask your friends and family if they would like to smile with us.

Thank you everyone for being with us and your continued support of our wonderful church. We hope these alternatives to weekly offerings are helpful, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

- St. Mark's Vestry

3 Easy Ways to Give

ENVELOPE
One Porter Rd.
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

TEXT
844-948-1054

ONLINE
WWW.STMARKSMA.ORG/GIVE

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mark's mission and ministry!

Service Opportunities

The Outreach Team is once again collecting school supplies for the K-12 children of families who visit the Giving Away Center at the Springfield Rescue Mission to help them feel confident and ready for the new school year. Some of the items needed are:

Pencils and Pencil Cases

Erasers

Highlighters

Glue Sticks

Calculators

Colored Pencils

Notebooks and Paper

Crayons & Markers

Binders & Folders

Hand Sanitizers

Please bring any items you can to church on the next two **Sundays, July 31 and August 7**. The supplies will be delivered to the Rescue Mission on August 8. Thank you!



Do you like baking bread? Would you be willing to bake the bread for our Eucharist services? We are looking for a few more bread bakers for this fun and meaningful ministry. The recipe is so easy that even beginners can do it! If you would like more information, please contact Ellie Otto at 413-205-8662.



Now that Holy Grounds is back, we are in need of coffee hour hosts. Will you offer to make the coffee for your fellow parishioners? There is a sign up sheet in the Great Hall and we would love to have coffee hour continue but we need your help! Please sign up in the Great Hall or [on the volunteer Google Sheet online](#) if you can and thank you!



Serve in Worship

Here at St. Mark's, we are proud to create worship together each Sunday. You can be a part of leading and serving - anyone can! Some of the volunteer opportunities need training (ex. counters and livestreaming team). Contact the heads of each ministry listed in bold if you are interested in a particular way to serve.

[This handy link](#) shows who's signed up to serve on Sundays - contact the ministry lead to add yourself to the schedule.



"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

Young Adult Ministry Network Fall Retreat

Barbara C. Harris Camp, Greenfield, NH

September 27-29

For young adults in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts 18-40.
No cost to attend (including food and lodging), travel assistance available.

To register, please visit tinyurl.com/YAMN-Retreat/
Email Will at william.harron@gmail.com with any questions.
A ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

Registration link: tinyurl.com/YAMN-retreat

Pastoral Notes

Note from our co-warden, Dan Tapper: Ann Williams, beloved parishioner of many years and mother to Doreen Tapper, has moved to an assisted living apartment in a memory care community nearby their home. The family is grateful for everyone's care, concern, and well-wishes. She'd appreciate visitors starting next week! Her new address is: Ann Williams, Suffield by the River at 7 Canal Road in Suffield, CT 06078.

A parishioner is seeking donations of children's clothing (4T and 5T boys fall and winter clothes) for a family member in need. Contact Rev. Mia revmia@stmarksma.org.

Please help us keep our prayer list up-to-date. Send additions/deletions to:

413-525-6341 or office@stmarksma.org



For those who are homebound: Mary Jane, Melissa, Fran, Sandy Moore.

Chris and Ashling B., Gail T., Doreen T., Barbara V., Ann W., Jeanne C., Pat D., Marge and Bob S., Dot D., Norman R., Leslie O., Cathy S., Gus, Brandon I., Sandy M., Andrew H., Liz T., Steven U., Randy, Mildred, Amanda M., Nicole, Frank W., Henry and Judy H., James M., Dave J., Grace, Tim, and Mackenzie, Chris B., Jim and Susan, Donna H., Eva H, and Jackson C.

For those who have died, especially Gary, cousin of parishioner Connie Bettis. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

To receive a copy of the current St. Mark's prayer list or a copy of the parish directory, email office@stmarksma.org. Similarly, to add someone to our prayer list, email the office.

Current Online Services

Tuesday & Wednesday 8AM - Morning Prayer with Alan Druckenmiller

Thursday 8AM - Morning Prayer with St. David's

Friday 8AM - Morning Prayer with St. Andrew's

Sunday 10AM - Morning Prayer (in-person and on-line).

Office

HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

Office phone 413-525-6341.

Please contact Rev. Mia for pastoral concerns at (203) 814-8804.

Or call / email the office: 413-525-6341 / office@stmarksma.org.



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