



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

The Evangelist

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SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

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Advent and Christmas at
St. Mark's
Cathedral • 2019

<i>December 22</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>Children's Christmas Play</i>
<i>December 22</i>	<i>4:00 pm</i>	<i>Nine Lessons & Carols</i>
<i>December 24</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>Family Holy Eucharist with Children's Chapel</i>
	<i>10:30 pm</i>	<i>Preludial Music</i>
	<i>11:00 pm</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<i>December 25</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm Sunday
Holy Eucharist

*Holy Unction offered at 8:00 am,
10:30 am and 6:00 pm*

5:30 pm Friday

Holy Eucharist (uses the Sunday Propers)

DECEMBER 1, 2019

The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2 :1-5

Romans 13 :11-14

Psalm 122

Matthew 24 :36-44

DECEMBER 8, 2019

The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11 :1-10

Romans 15 :4-13

Psalm 72 :1-7, 18-19

Matthew 3 :1-12

DECEMBER 15, 2019

The Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

James 5 :7-10

Canticle 15

Matthew 11:2-11

DECEMBER 22, 2019

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16

Romans 1:1-7

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Matthew 1:18-25

DECEMBER 29, 2019

The First Sunday after Christmas Day 10:30 am Baptism and Holy Eucharist

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Psalm 147:13-21

John 1:1-18

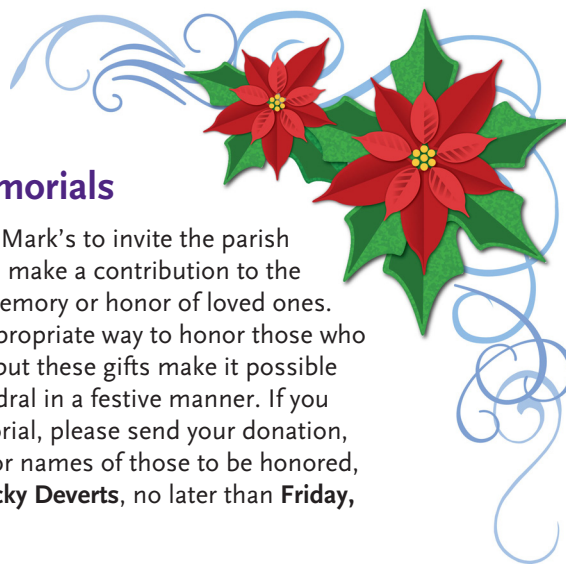


Christmas and New Year's Office Hours

The Cathedral office will close at noon on **Tuesday, December 24**. We will reopen on **Thursday, December 26**. We will be closed on **Wednesday, January 1, 2020**.

End of Year Contributions

If you want to mail your 2019 pledges or any other contributions by the end of the year, they must be **postmarked by December 31**. If you wish to hand deliver them to the church office, they must be in **by December 31** when the office closes for the holiday.



Christmas Memorials

It is the custom at St. Mark's to invite the parish family at Christmas to make a contribution to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones. This is not only an appropriate way to honor those who have gone before us, but these gifts make it possible to decorate the Cathedral in a festive manner. If you wish to make a memorial, please send your donation, along with the name or names of those to be honored, to the attention of **Becky Deverts**, no later than **Friday, December 13**.

Poinsettia Pick-Up

If you donated Christmas Memorial Poinsettias and you would like to take one or two home, you can pick them up on **Thursday, December 26** beginning at 9:00 am.

Weekday Worship at the Cathedral

Weekdays except Wednesdays:

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesdays:

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Fridays:

Noon

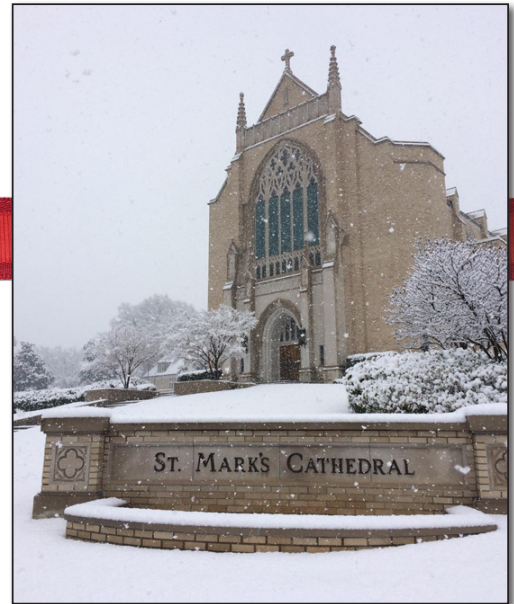
Holy Eucharist
& Healing service

5:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

*(The 5:30 service is
an option for those
who cannot attend
Sunday worship.)*





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 1 Steve Allen James Jackson Andrew Porter	David Crider Marian Dehan	Ben Gates Sean Henagan George Ewing	Spencer Pringle	26 Rosemary Lafargue Kay Butcher Linc Coleman Margaret Elrod Lea Green
2 Lou Palmer John Pou Aimee Aaron R. Dean Elston Melissa Flores Lauren Thibodeaux Caroline Brainard Abigail Jackson Robert Quinn	6 Kathryn Beaird Charlotte Gaffney Janet Harrell Campbell Siskron Christian Rabalais	12 Peggy Shirley Ellen Davis Tara Jones	18 Pam Peak Christine Brooks Alix Powell Mary McCullough Humphrey Jacob Jones Colin Irion	27 Anne Montgomery Marilyn Osburn Woodus Humphrey Keaton Russo Tyler Nichols
3 Betsy Roberts Lee Collier Scott Deupree E.C. Latch Virginia Q=Petersen William McMurry	7 Lloyd Overdyke Melody Duncan Allen Marsalis Sarah Margaret Shemwell	13 Marybeth McVie Buz Wheless John Bowen Frances Hilliard	19 Creighton Hodges Taylor Williams Jack Perkins Emily Clarke	28 Jim Liner Jane Davenport Sue Scheel Bonné Summers Stephen White Nicholas Jump Henry Perkins Samuel Brainard
4 William Weaver Douglass McKay Bambi Trickett Marie Kalmbach William Childs Ean Burch Emma Nuckolls Morris O'Brien Mosty O'Brien	8 Jan Briscoe Amy Hodges	14 David Ersoff John Madison Charlotte Hargrove	20 John Turnage Louis Rabalais, III Ava Katherine Alley	29 James Kot Kathryn Hayes Barbara Messier-Villafuerte Lindsey Aaron Ethan Varnadore
5 Carol Reyenga Gifford Smith Polly James Bruce Lowe	9 Mary Ellen Jayroe Bill McIntyre Jim Vozzella Susan Campbell Elizabeth Davis Chad Hill Edward Stroud Wiley Crockford	15 Susan Sherman Roger Corley Stafford Comegys Melinda Hernandez Jeff Douthitt Parson Cotter William Herzog	21 Mary Stephens Allen	30 Miriam Martin Jeff Webb
	10 Louis Rabalais Carroll Joffrion Katie Gordon White	16 Le Roy Kirby Tricia Grayson Seth Thibodeaux John Reeks Austin Horne	22 Darcy Henagan Quintin Hardtner, IV Cynthia Peatross	31 Sharla Inman Robert Pou
	11 Ginger Stephens Gertrude Lynes Al Childs Patty Stott	17 Scott Reeks Stuart Reeks Tessa Culver Elizabeth Gatschenberger	23 Marletta Eddy John Meldrum Holly Fletcher	
			24 Robert Laborde Emily Lofton Hannah Woodard	
			25 Lindsay Atkins	

St. Mark's EYC News



November was an excellent month for EYC. We give thanks to God for all the new people that have been coming out this Fall on EYC Sundays to have



fun and fellowship.

Last month EYC attended the 2019 SleepOut for Independence, an overnight stay at Independence Stadium in box shelter. I am so proud to say that St. Mark's EYC placed first in the award category for homeless awareness box design and won the Scavenger hunt. Huge thanks to chaperones Beck Schwab, Carson and Laura Cruise, our EYC assistant Sarah Wilkes, and all the middle and high schoolers who participated.

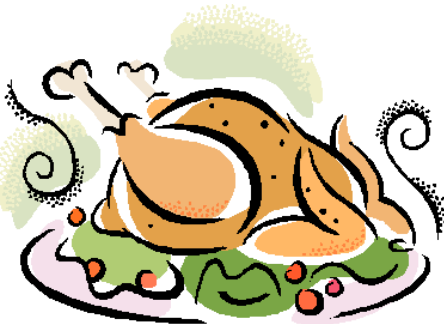
There are two service hours opportunities through EYC coming up this month:

- Saturday, December 14th at the Fuller Center Surplus Store's annual gift wrapping. There are two shifts: 9am-11am and 11am-1pm. There will be sign-up forms in the narthex in the Cathedral, and links to it on St. Mark's Facebook and the EYC Instagram (please follow us @smceyc).
- Sunday, December 22nd during normal EYC time in the evening, we will be putting together the Christmas set in the Parish Hall for the kids' service on Christmas Eve. Dinner is included and we will end the evening with Compline.

EYC will continue to meet on Sunday evenings at the normal time through Dec. 22nd before a two-week break for Christmas and New Year's.

Wishing you a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas.
Fr. Drew+

Calling all Turkeys!



The Cooking Crew is in need of **30 turkeys** to cook for Christmas meals. Please drop off your turkeys to the church kitchen by **December 10**. If you have any questions or would like to help cook for the holidays, **Jennifer Beruvides** at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

EYC Evenings:

No EYC on December 29, though all in EYC are invited to come out to the Christmas service at All Saints Chapel in Stonewall that evening. EYC will resume on January 19th after December.



Youth Confirmation 2020

is open to current 8th and 9th Graders wishing to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Confirmation class starts on **Wednesday evenings on January 15th, from 6-7 pm, and run until May 2020**. Dinner is served beforehand at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. SMCS students who wish to take it at school instead need to sign up for the class **Intro to the Episcopal Church** offered during both 3rd and 4th quarters, if they haven't done so already. Please contact **Fr. Drew** at Drew@stmarkscathedral.net and let him know of your intentions.

God Bless.

Please check out the upcoming camps and retreats at Camp Hardtner open to Episcopal youth from the Diocese.

SPEND A WEEKEND WITH US!	HAPPENING GRADES 9-12, JAN 16-17
	CLEY GRADES 9-12, MAR 27-29
	EYE GRADES 9-12, JUL 7-11
DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WESTERN LOUISIANA WWW.EPIWLA.ORG / @EYCWLA	

Blessed Advent.

“As I tried to bring a deeper quality of presence to all my works this day, I found God moving through the day with me, like a Mother, opening my eyes to beauty, quietly, joyfully, gratefully, without complaining, I welcomed all the beauty that crossed my path.”

— Macrina Wiederkehr in *The Song of the Seed*

Dear Friends,

My hope and prayer is that you find yourself blessed during this season of Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our friend and savior and God’s abiding love for us.

I also hope that you will take a moment today, just a moment, to think of the goodness in your life that you are not able to create for yourself. Waiting on a red light, standing in a line, sitting in a board room waiting for a meeting to start ten minutes late . . . take a moment to think back on your week, your year, your life, and call forth a moment of joy, a smile, a laugh, a note of goodness that you desperately needed but that you in no way could have planned or manufactured for yourself. The serendipitous raindrops of goodness and joy that sometimes water the parched ground our hearts and souls.

I am blessed that many of those moments happen for me in the rooms that we have dedicated to having our conversations with God – St. Mark’s Cathedral. It might be kneeling at the altar rail with a shy child, holding their hand, and watching their face as they begin to understand for the first time that all of those words and songs on Sunday mornings have something to do with them; and they offer a soft and tiny “Amen” at the end of our prayer together.

Sometimes it’s the knee-slapping laughter that bubbles to the surface in our Men’s Bible Study on Wednesday at noon; a sort of “Barbershop Theology” group where men with different stories, yet similar journeys, get together to peel back both the easy and the deep messages of scripture for our lives.

On some Wednesday nights it is standing in the hallways listening to the Choir rehearse, finding my heart filled with a beauty and holiness that can only be found in the music that we humbly seek to offer God during our worship services. Or on Sunday mornings lingering at the door of the sacristy as members of the Altar Guild visit, asking one another about the hurts and hopes they each carry for the people that they love; and glimpsing the hugs, hearing the words of encouragement, being in the moment where people are truly seeking to help and support one another.

And sometimes it comes in the holy silence following a profound sermon given by one of my colleagues; a moment when I realize that someone has opened the vein of their heart and given irreplaceable words honoring God’s wisdom and love in the midst of a broken and cynical world. And today, it was standing in the choir lounge listening to our Bishop offer prayers of the certainty that we can have of God’s love, and our eternal life with God, even in the face of death and the loss of a friend and companion; before we all turned to “go up the holy mountain” and celebrate that beloved friend in the service we call the Burial of the Dead.

These moments are the “rain” that God sends when my life has become the parched and barren land. And my hope is that you have a small treasure of such moments upon which to draw when the fabric of life begins to tear, and there seems to be no way beyond the broken life to which we sometimes become accustomed.

We are in the midst of our annual stewardship season, and I am asking you to consider deeply your conversation with God about what portion of your life you might give to God and St. Mark’s as the place where we share our experience of God’s truth and love. The discipline of stewardship in the Church often begins with a consideration of giving a tithe, ten percent of our time, our “talents,” and our treasure.

We cannot keep our holy place alive, well, and thriving without your gifts. Your presence, your participation, your giving is what allows these graceful moments to occur. In the past few years we have seen an added vibrancy in our ministry with children, both in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, our Youth, and Choral Evensong. We have seen vibrancy in the ongoing depth and participation of our Stephen Ministry and pastoral care to our members. We have seen vibrancy in our Adult Education, and the creation of support groups helping us to both live and better comprehend what it means to be adult Christians in the world we currently inhabit. My goal is to continue climbing these particular mountains, and ask God to show us new paths in the future. Please join us as we continue in our daily lives to discover that country where Christ moves among us.

Blessings and Godspeed,

Alston Johnson – Dean, St. Mark’s

Holiday Music at St. Mark's Cathedral

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols • Sunday, December 22, 2019 • 4:00 pm

On Sunday December 22, 2018 at 4 pm, we will present ***A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*** as sung at King's College Cambridge, England. Readers for the service will be parents of St. Mark's Boys and Girls Choir choristers and former St. Mark's Vestry Wardens. Music presented will include works of John Tavener, Boris Ord, Andrew Carter, David Willcocks, Stephen Cleobury, Johann Sebastian Bach and Johannes Brahms.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve 1918 at King's College Chapel. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four had just been appointed Dean of King's College Chapel after experience as an army chaplain which had convinced him that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship. (Milner-White devised the College's Advent Carol Service in 1934, and was a liturgical pioneer and authority during his twenty two years as Dean of York.) The music was then directed by Arthur Henry Mann, Organist 1876–1929.

A revision of the Order of Service was made in 1919, involving rearrangement of the lessons, and from that date the service has always begun with the hymn 'Once in royal David's city.'

The backbone of the service, which is the lessons and the prayers, has remained virtually unchanged. The original service was, in fact, adapted from an Order drawn up by E.W. Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for use in the wooden shed, which then served as his cathedral in Truro, at 10 pm on Christmas Eve 1880.

A.C. Benson recalled: 'My father arranged from ancient sources a little service for Christmas Eve – nine carols and nine tiny lessons, which were read by various officers of the Church, beginning with a chorister, and ending, through the different grades, with the Bishop.' The suggestion had come from G.H.S. Walpole, who later became Bishop of Edinburgh.

Almost immediately other churches adapted the service for their own use. A wider frame began to grow when the service was first broadcast in 1928 and, with the exception of 1930, it has been broadcast annually on Christmas Eve.

Sometime in the early 1930's the BBC began broadcasting the service on overseas programs. Recordings of carols by Decca and EMI have also served to spread its fame. In these and other ways the service has become public property. From time to time the College receives copies of services held, for example, in the West Indies or the Far East and these show how widely the tradition has spread. The broadcasts, too, have become part of Christmas for many far from Cambridge. One correspondent writes that he heard the service in a tent on the foothills of Everest; another, in the desert. Many listen at home, busy about their own preparations for Christmas. Visitors from all over the world are heard to identify the Chapel as 'the place where the Carols are sung'. The service from King's College Chapel can be heard live here in Shreveport on Christmas Eve at 9:00 am on 89.9FM.

Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service, as Dean Milner-White pointed out, derive from the lessons and not the music. 'The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God...' seen 'through the windows and words of the Bible.' Local interests appear, as they do here, in the bidding prayer, and personal circumstances give point to different parts of the service. Many of those who took part in the first service must have recalled those killed in the Great War when it came to the famous passage 'all those who rejoice with us but on another shore and in a greater light.' The center of the service is still found by those who 'go in heart and mind, even unto Bethlehem' and who consent to follow where the story leads.

Please plan to join us for this special and truly beautiful Christmas tradition which is St. Mark's annual gift to the Shreveport community!

Music for Christmas Eve • Tuesday, December 24, 2019 • 10:30 pm

Special music for organ and choir beginning at 10:30 pm immediately preceding the 11pm Festival Eucharist. Featured will be choral music of Johann Sweelinck, John Tavener,

Johann Sebastian Bach, Adolphe Adam and Stephen Cleobury. The organ work *La Nativite* by Jean Langlais will also be performed.

Cathedral School News

by Dr. Chris Carter, Headmaster
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Earlier in the fall Fr. Drew and I, along with Middle School Director Allison Nolen, attended the Biennial Conference of the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES). Representing six states and eleven Dioceses, SAES exists to lead, unite, and nurture Episcopal schools. Our gathering included several hundred heads, chaplains, administrators, and teachers from across the association. A highpoint of our gathering is always the opening Eucharist. Even though it took place in a hotel ballroom, the liturgy was deeply affecting as so many Episcopal educators came together from schools of all types and sizes to worship and affirm our commitment to the ministry of our schools; of course we educators especially loved having students from Houston area schools as the choir for the service. Fr. David Madison, our Executive Director, gave an inspirational sermon about the work of formation that happens in our schools each day. I was honored to serve as a panelist for an afternoon session on school leadership, and Fr. Drew stayed on for an additional session for new chaplains sponsored by the National Association of Episcopal Schools. We are so blessed at St. Mark's to have our ministry supported so well by our regional and national associations!

A huge thank you to all who supported the school by sponsoring or running in the Paw Print Sprint or by

buying Christmas Greenery! These two fundraisers support our Parents' Club, which uses the funds raised to support the school in numerous ways, including textbooks, new technology, facilities upgrades, student special events, and so much more. It means so much to us to have parishioners support the children and teachers of the school by participating in our fundraisers. I know that some parishioners have been purchasing greenery from the school for years, even decades. Please know how much we appreciate your support!



The school will be filled with holiday excitement in the coming few weeks. **The Little School Christmas Sing and Kindergarten Nativity Play is December 13 in the Parish Hall at 10:00 a.m., and the Lessons and Carols Chapel service for 1st-8th grades will take place in the Cathedral on December 19 at 1:00 p.m.** You are all most welcome at either or both! We in the school wish all members of the Parish a blessed Advent and merry Christmas!

All Saints Chapel

— in Stonewall —



There will be a special Christmas service at All Saints Chapel in Stonewall at 6pm on Sunday, December 29th. Please come out and celebrate the season as it continues after than Christmas Day.



Oblationers Needed

Our Hospitality Committee invites parishioners (families, adult singles, siblings, friends) to serve as oblationers (gift bearers) at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. This is a meaningful way to serve the faith community. For more information please contact **Kathy Williams at 469-9211.**



Expectant Moms of St. Mark's

If you are or know anyone who is expecting a child our committee is up and running and is looking for mommies to be. Please contact us at **bess@stmarkscathedral.net** or sign up on our website under family ministries. We hope to welcome mothers into our community. We look forward to hearing from you soon.



Lost Anything at Church?

Or maybe you're just missing some item and have no idea where it might have gone. Drop by or call the church office and check into our lost and found! We have everything from sunglasses to scarves to cell phones to jewelry (including some very nice pieces.) Check and see what you're missing!

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

December 1

The greenery on the High Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Malcolm E. Lafargue & Jewett Lafargue Walters, William E. (Ted) Pate & Margaret Lee Pate, and Glenn Scott Love.

The greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Olive & A.H. Woodruff and Janet & Harold Butcher.

December 8

The greenery on the High Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Florine Kendrick FitzGerald, William Edward FitzGerald, Florine Ruth Kolb Festervand and Charles Clifford Festervand.

The greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Louise Fournoy Clay, Fred Hunter Clay, Hugh Brian Walmsley, Sr. and Betty Cavender Walmsley.

December 15

The greenery on the High Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ben Whittington, Mr. & Mrs. Clovis Whittington, Mr. & Mrs. O.P. Sherrod, Orvis Sigler, Steven Orvis Sigler, and Mr. & Mrs. Jacques N. Lasseigne, Sr.

The greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Guy Brevard Sample.

December 22

The greenery on the High Altar is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 36th wedding anniversary of Margaret and Jerry Black.

The greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Daniel Shehee, Mr. & Mrs. Waldo Emerson Cecil, Sr., and Rear Admiral & Mrs. Charles N. Payne.

December 29

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy & Bill Wene Smith and Kendall Ann Smith.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert E. Turner, Sr., Nick & Barbara Skrivanos, Bob & Shirley Tietjen, Horace & Mary Maners and in honor of the baptism of Ezra Albee Tietjen Skrivanos.

BAPTISMS

Elizabeth Ruth Dulaney, daughter of **Lauren & William Dulaney**, on November 17, 2019.

Foster Paul Melerine, son of **Stacey & Michael Melerine**, on November 17, 2019.

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

DEATHS

Rest Eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Katie Koellen, wife of **John Peter Koellen**, sister of **Mary Alice Rountree**, on November 3, 2019.

Judy Malone, wife of **Jerry Malone**, on November 6, 2019.

John Hayden Morgan, brother of **Clare Nelson**, and uncle of **George, Catherine & Spencer Nelson** and **Morgan Shaughnessy**, on November 4, 2019.

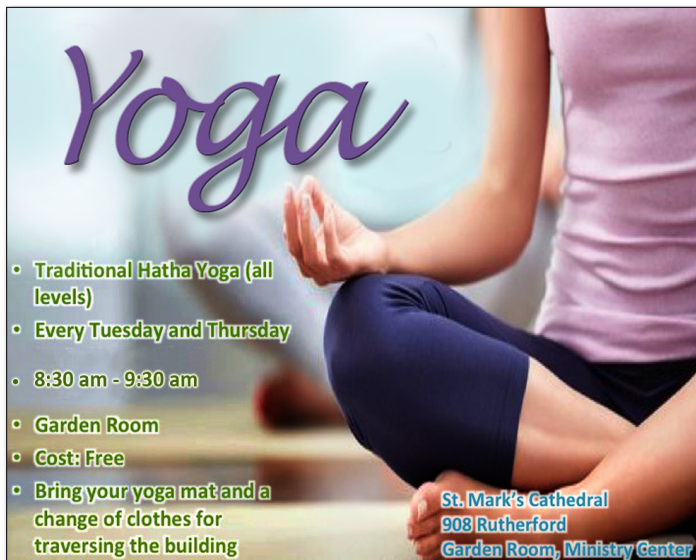
Ulfeta Poljak, mother of **Denis Poljak**, grandmother of **Thomas & Laura Charlotte Poljak**, on November 18, 2019.

James Davis Boyd, M.D., husband of **Laura Boyd**, on November 22, 2019.

May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

BIRTHS

Emily Virginia Hill, daughter of **Bridget & Gordon Hill**, granddaughter of **Ginny & Robert Peterson** and **Charlotte & Dez Hill**.



Yoga

- Traditional Hatha Yoga (all levels)
- Every Tuesday and Thursday
- 8:30 am - 9:30 am
- Garden Room
- Cost: Free
- Bring your yoga mat and a change of clothes for traversing the building

St. Mark's Cathedral
908 Rutherford
Garden Room, Ministry Center



St. Mark's Physical Training
Monday-Friday 5:30 am at the Cathedral

STMPPT (St. Mark's Physical Training)

meets at 5:30 a.m. every weekday morning in the field across from the parking lot.

YOGA

Meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center

Children's Christian Formation

9:15 a.m. – 12:30 pm Nursery

(newborn to K3 - 3 years old by Sept. 30th)

First floor of Parish building next to Catechesis Atriums

9:30 – 10:30 am Sunday school (4th – 5th grade)

Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location

9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (K-3 – Kindergarten)

First floor of Parish Building- Rooms 105 & 106

10:30 am Children's Chapel (1st – 5th grade)

Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Level I & Level II Atriums (Children Ages 3-8 years old)



Cathedral Coffee Time

9:00 - 9:30 am
in the Parlor

Vestry Nominations

The Nominating Committee will meet to formulate a Vestry slate to present to the parish at the Annual Meeting in January. **If you wish to nominate someone for their consideration, nominations have to be to the Senior Warden by December 13, 2019.**

To be eligible for the Vestry, a person must be a confirmed communicant in good standing. This means confirmed, regularly attending worship and pledging. Nominations can be e-mailed to **Senior Warden Lad Shemwell at shemwell@weems-law.com**

Adult Confirmation Class

is open to anyone wishing to know more about the Episcopal Church and to be confirmed if so desired. Classes will begin **Wednesday evenings on January 15th, from 6-7 pm, and run until May 2020.** Dinner is served beforehand at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact Dean Alston Johnson.

Adult Christian Formation

9:30 am

Growing in Grace: Advent Series

Facilitated by Fr. Thomas Nsubuga

Ministry Center Garden Room

Soul Keeping

Taught by Dean Alston Johnson

Ministry Center Room 101

The Hymns of Advent

Hymns are such an important part of our worship. But often we sing them (with greater or lesser enthusiasm depending on how well we know the tune) and fail to pay attention to what the words are actually saying. These texts often express our deepest hopes and concerns or express profound theological positions. In this class we will explore some of the texts from hymns for the season of advent to enrich our preparation for the imminent arrival of Jesus. Please come and join "Growing in Grace" in the **Garden Room at 9:30 am** as **Prof. David B. Bieler** expounds some of the Advent Hymns for us.

- Dec. 1: From darkness toward the light**
Creator of the stars of night
Lost in the night
(from the Scandinavian Lutheran Tradition)
Watchman, tell us of the night
Wake, awake the watchman crieth
- Dec. 8: The penance of advent**
How shall I fitly meet thee
Father eternal, Ruler of creation
O come, O come, Emmanuel
Hark a thrilling voice is sounding
- Dec. 15: The prophet's voice**
Comfort, comfort ye my people
There's a voice in the wilderness crying
The great forerunner of the morn
- Dec. 22: His coming is announced to the world**
The angel Gabriel from Heaven came
Sing of Mary, pure and Holy
The Magnificat
Joy to the world

Members of the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral

Lad Shemwell, Senior Warden – Bill Kalmbach, Junior Warden – Murray Viser, Treasurer – John Reeks, Chancellor

2019	2020	2021	2022
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