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From the Pastor...

The last few months have been an exciting and busy time for St. Mark's Church, with Holy Week, the 100th Anniversary Celebration, the farewell service and reception for the Kunhardts, Confirmation, and Recognition Sunday. After the spring graduations and weddings, many of you will embark on summer vacations.

At this time of year I usually go into a frenzy of cleaning out files and closets, and re-visioning for the new program season starting in September. During a recent file purge, I stumbled across the following modern language version of the Ten Commandments that I thought you would find thought provoking.

Ten Rules of Life That Help It Work

One: You shall have no other gods before me. I am very jealous for your affection and love; besides, other gods can't do anything for you—I am God. There may be other orders of creatures, but still I am above all.

Two: No more golden calves. You look silly bowing down to statues you have made, and besides, you do not need them. You have me.

Three: Don't throw my name around. A name is a personal thing. The fact that you know mine is special. Don't abuse the privilege.

Four: Keep the Sabbath, not for my sake, for yours. Stop working and remember that you are more than what you do. Remember that you are mortal.

Five: Honor your father and mother. Whatever kind of job they did on you, they are your roots into the soil. Lose them and you lose your place in the story. It is all connected.

Six: Don't murder. However dubious it may seem to you, all life is precious to me. If you can't make it, don't take it.

Seven: Don't mess around with the marriage vows, your own or anyone else's. Sticking with one person is the best chance you have for growing up and maturing.

Eight: Don't take what doesn't belong to you. Life may not be fair, but it doesn't mean that you can't be.

Nine: Don't give your word on things you know aren't true. Your word is as much a part of you as your arm. Twist it up and it will limp.

Ten: Don't fondle other people's things as if they were your own. You resent them for having them, and you resent yourself for not having them. Learn to want what you have and pretty soon you will have what you want.

What I want and pray for you is that you will have an enjoyable and safe summer, and that you will be faithful to worship and fellowship while you are in town and while you are on vacation. And when you do visit another church, please bring back for me a copy of the church bulletin or other literature that you think I would enjoy.

Faithfully,
The Rev. Eileen Weglarz

10th ANNUAL YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 6

Evening Prayer from *Hansel und Gretel* E. Humperdinck
Olivia, Annabel, Elizabeth Baker-Sullivan
India Williams, Neil Steiner

Sunday, June 13

Aria from *Cantata 43 Lobe den Herren* J. S. Bach
Allison Melvin, India Williams,
Annabel, Olivia, Elizabeth Baker-Sullivan

Waltz in C-sharp minor F. Chopin
Allison Melvin

*** YOUTH SERVICE: Sunday, June 13, 10 am ***

The Youth of St. Mark's will serve on June 13. If you are already involved with **Music** for that day, you will not need to participate in other ways in the service, so that all of our Youth have the opportunity to serve.

Pre K and Kindergarten will gather around the Altar with Mother Eileen during the Celebration of the Eucharist and lead the congregation in the Lord's Prayer.

First, Second and Third Graders will bring up the **Gifts of Bread and Wine**.

Fourth and Fifth Graders will be ushers before the service (You will need to be here by **9:30 am**—tell your **Mom and Dad!**)

Sixth Graders will take the **Offering and bring it to the Altar**.

Seventh and Eighth Graders will be **Bell Ringers and Lectors**.

Beyond Eighth Grade will read the **Prayers of the People**.

If you are serving as an **Acolyte** on this particular Sunday, you will serve only in this capacity. One of our Acolytes will also serve as the **Crucifer** and another will **assist Don Ford at the Altar**.

A Message from The Rev. Philip Kunhardt...

Dear friends at St. Mark's,

Margie and I and our whole family thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful send-off you gave us on May 9. It was an honor for me to preach at both services that day, and I will never forget the totally unexpected standing ovation you gave me at the close of my sermon. I was glad Margie had the chance to speak as well, and that Jessie and Clinton could be in the congregation, along with my mother, Katharine, my brother Peter, my sister-in-law Suzy, and my nephew Peter. The marvelous party afterwards at the coffee hour gave us a chance to speak with many of you, as well as to hear inspiring words from Mthr. Eileen and from Sally Price. I was thrilled to receive the St. Mark's engraving, which I know is a rare and precious thing, and which now hangs in our home in a proud location, reminding us of our fourteen formative years with you. We send our thanks also to all who contributed to the generous "purse" which was given to us that day. And our thanks go especially to Eileen for orchestrating the entire send-off, and for her generosity and understanding over the two years we worked together. I begin my new job at NYU on June 1 and have been working steadily to get ready for it. I will be thinking of you as time goes forward, wishing you all good things. Margie, Jessie, Philip, Harry, and Clinton join me in sending you our love. And I know our paths will cross again.

With best wishes, Philip



Kick off the summer with fun, food and fellowship with our sister parish from the Bronx. We'll celebrate the Eucharist and have a barbeque at St. Mark's, and then enjoy outdoor activities at Gedney Park (weather permitting). Ranger Rick and his furry friends will be there, and there will be other games and entertainment. To join in or volunteer, contact Charlie Williams at 914-864-2626, or contact Jeanne in the church office, or sign up on the poster in the lobby next to the parish hall.



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Church School classes now are in recess for Summer 2010. Thanks and recognitions once again to all students, parents, caregivers, teachers and other supporters who helped to make this another fun and productive year. I cannot emphasize enough how the crucial dedication and talent of our "faculty" -- Amanda Allen - PreK/K Class; Heather Baker-Sullivan - 1st-3rd Grades; and Barbara Leonard - 4th-5th Grades-- make possible the weekly delivery of the program.

I hope that all Church School participants now will enjoy their well-deserved and restorative Summer break. The more informal, group-oriented "Summer Church School" sessions will be offered during the month of June. We'll look forward to seeing everyone from time to time during the summer months, and certainly will anticipate our re-gathering and re-connecting at the "Welcome (Back) & Registration" event scheduled for September 12, 2010.

In Summ(er)ation,

Elizabeth Thompson Nicolato
Church School Director

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL, 2010

During the month of June, Church School will again be held for all children wishing to attend, in the parish hall. This year's program will focus on our hundred year-old church building in the heart of Mount Kisco. Children will again make individual booklets as they have done in the past few years, but we will also contribute to a book to be presented to our sister parish in Ikowa, Tanzania.



Daniel Fweda Scholarship Academic Year 2010-2011

Rev. Daniel Fweda, our sponsored seminarian at Msalato in Dodoma Tanzania, is about to successfully complete the second year of a three-year degree program thanks to parishioners at St. Marks. It's no surprise for those who met Daniel in January that his teachers speak highly of him. Msalato has worked out a sponsorship program whereby the seminarians must be responsible for a portion of their tuition and on-campus living expenses. For his portion and to support his four children, Daniel raises a small cash crop, and his wife Karen is a seamstress. St. Mark's makes it possible for Daniel to attend Msalato and have his family with him by covering the remaining tuition and fees, food, medical coverage for the family, rent, utilities, computer, charcoal, and monthly pocket money of \$50. The scholarship payment for the upcoming academic year is \$3,000.

Your generous contributions by July will make it possible for St. Mark's to transfer funds for the start of the new academic year. Please make check's payable to St. Mark's with Daniel Fweda Scholarship on the memo line.

If you have questions, contact Barbara Leonard, 238-6124, bhleonar@us.ibm.com.



This July, Phoebe and Charlie Campbell will take the Carpenter's Kids pilgrimage to Tanzania where they will visit our linked parish of Ikowa (ee-kowh-ah) and meet the 60 children that St. Mark's sponsors. The Carpenter's Kids program provides the requisite uniforms, shoes, socks, and supplies so AIDS orphans or vulnerable children can attend school, along with a daily meal.

On Sunday, June 20 the Youth of St. Mark's will have a special project to make a gift to send over with Phoebe and Charlie to the people and the children in Ikowa. This project will be part of the summer church school program immediately following the 10 a.m. service in the parish hall. We hope all the Youth will join in to contribute to this important relationship.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE...

Newsletter: There will be no newsletter for the months of July and August. The next **Markings** issue will be September, which comes out the last week of August. Articles will be due August 15.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A VERY SPECIAL WORSHIP

The next Special Worship Service is June 22, 2010 at 7 pm. This service welcomes those in our community with developmental disabilities. We are in need of volunteers from our Parish for this short service and to help with refreshments afterward. You will be blessed!



SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

1 Kings 6: 11-13: Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon, "Concerning this house that you are building if you will walk in my statutes and obey my rules and keep all my commandments and walk in them, then I will establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father. And I will dwell among the children of Israel and will not forsake my people Israel." (English Standard Version)

Jim Hewitt kindly and carefully studied the text of 1 Kings 6:1-38, 1 Kings 7 and 8, in order to build us a model to scale of Solomon's Temple, which we proceeded to decorate over the winter. For the first to third graders at St. Mark's, a portion of the year's study normally focuses on one of three periods in the history of the ancient Israelite people. This year, we studied the period of the Judges, from the time the ancient Israelite people first inhabited the land of Canaan and were organized according to a tribal structure led by popular and often charismatic military leaders, to the period of the Kings, and the establishment of a capital city at Jerusalem. As we decorated we reviewed the primary purpose of the temple (to house the Ark of the Covenant), the commandments housed in the Ark, enjoyed the paint and the clay, and were greatly helped by Annabel and Olivia Baker-Sullivan, India Williams, and Lakshanthi Galpotthawela. The photograph shows our progress to date (we will add on a ceremonial fount).

Heather Baker-Sullivan



Spread the Word! The Marsh Sanctuary has started a community garden!

The garden is located on the Sanctuary's Sarles Street property, just off South Bedford Road (Rt. 172).

The garden has 60 plots, each available for a nominal fee, and a communal garden with produce going to the Interfaith Food Pantry. About 1/3 of the plots have been filled, so there is lots of room for more gardeners. Please let others know, especially those who could benefit from growing their own food.

The 156-acre Marsh Sanctuary also has a number of hiking trails, linking up with trails in Leonard Park that the Sanctuary also maintains. They also hold scheduled art performances in the Greek amphitheatre on the South Bedford Road property.

For information, call Christian Pace, Director and Naturalist, at 914-241-2808 or e-mail him at cjpace@optonline.net or marshsanctuary@yahoo.com.

The Marsh family members were long-time parishioners of St. Marks Church.

Remembering the 100th Anniversary Celebration

For those of you who missed St. Mark's Day, or for those who would like to have a piece of St. Mark's history: Dan Greene filmed the service and parish hall festivities, complete with sound, close-ups, and professional editing. DVD's will be available for a suggested contribution of \$10. Any amount over \$3 will be gratefully received, with proceeds after DVD production (\$3 cost) going to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help those in financial need in the community and in our parish.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



For the past three months it has been our pleasure to welcome a few of our new members to our parish and although our church membership continues to grow, perhaps it is time to take a moment and introduce members of long standing in our parish as well and tell a bit of who they are. With this in mind, and thanking God for...



KATHIE WILBERDING

Much of Kathie's life has been devoted to St. Mark's Church. She was baptized here at the age of 13 by Canon Pritchard and shortly afterwards was confirmed here as well. Next was her wonderful marriage to "Ding." Their children's baptisms all took place at St. Mark's.

Kathie taught Sunday School for many years, was the second president of the Women of St. Mark's, she and Helene Walker were the first two ladies ever on the Vestry and then Kathie went on to be the first lady Warden.

When asked what are some of Kathie's favorite memories of St. Mark's over the years, she responded:

- 1) Being on and the sharing that took place on the Inter-parish Council.
- 2) The excellent speakers and programs, especially during Advent and Lent that the Women of St. Mark's and our church sponsored.
- 3) As part of the Women of St. Mark's, our members going to the Hillcrest Childrens' facility to teach sewing and getting to know the youngsters. Also, our involvement with the ladies in the Group Homes.

One change that Kathie would like to see happen at St. Mark's would be the return of the Service of Morning Prayer on some Sundays.



DON FORD

Although we see Don every Sunday, how many of us really know him? Don was born in Mt. Kisco and has always lived here. I sense he was almost born here at St. Mark's! At an early age he was baptized in our church, later confirmed at St. Mark's and then married to his wonderful life-long companion Carol here, too!

Don has served St. Mark's well - as Buildings and Grounds Chair, as Stewardship Chair, as a vestryman for a couple of terms and as Junior and Senior Wardens. He had the misfortune of being senior warden when Bill Heffner, a beloved rector, died suddenly and Don had to take over. Now, Don serves as a sub-deacon.

He is also very active in the community and has served in Kiwanis, as Commander of the American Legion, and of the Westchester County Post. If you can't find Don in his store, Crane's Furniture, Don can be seen running around Mt. Kisco doing all sorts of good things.

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PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ JUNE 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Adult Book Discussion 9:00 am (Library) Youth Music Summer Church School	7 Morning Prayer 9:00 am	8 Morning Prayer 9:00 am	9 Holy Eucharist w/breakfast 6:45 am	10 Morning Prayer 9:00 am	11 Morning Prayer 9:00 am	12 St. Ann's Picnic
13 Adult Prayer Seminar 9:00 (Library) *Youth Sunday Summer Church School	14 Morning Prayer 9:00 am Men's Group 7:30 pm (Library)	15 Morning Prayer 9:00 am	16 Holy Eucharist w/breakfast 6:45 am Warden's Meeting 7:30 pm (Rectory)	17 Morning Prayer 9:00 am	18 Morning Prayer 9:00 am	19
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PARISH LIFE CALENDAR ~ JULY 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Adult Book Discussion 9:00 am (Library)	5 Observance of July 4 Church Office Closed No morning prayer	6 Morning Prayer 9:00 am	7 Holy Eucharist w/breakfast 6:45 am	8 Morning Prayer 9:00 am	9 Morning Prayer 9:00 am	10
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LET'S READ THE BIBLE

by Cecily Buckley

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SUMMERTIME

Summertime! Ordinary time in the Church after Trinity Sunday, which falls this year, on May 31st – ordinary time when we hear again “the old, old story” of Jesus’ works and words, this year from the Gospel of Luke. It is a familiar story and many of us think we already know all it has to tell us, so why attend church during the summer – aren’t we supposed to be on vacation? How often we forget to take God with us on vacation! God does not take a vacation, He continues to care for us wherever we are or what ever recreational activity we may undertake (c.f. Psalm 121:4,8). And He is with us in Jesus Who promised to be with His friends “always, even to the end of time” (Matthew 28:20, c.f. Matthew 18:20).

“Summertime when the livin’ is easy” --what a wonderful time to consider the whole of creation, the works of the Lord; all “the beauty of the earth... [that]...over and around us lies “ (hymn # 416). We have the time and opportunity to reread some of the great Biblical poetry that celebrates God as Creator; the first two chapters of Genesis, Isaiah 40:21-31, most of Job chapters 38-41, Psalm 104, to name a few, together with many familiar hymns and canticles, and Jesus’ Own vignette extolling the freedom of the birds and the beauty of the wild-flowers in Matthew 6:25-30.

With all our scientific education, we now understand that most of the familiar plants and animals came about gradually through evolution from the simplest forms of life. Yet we can easily envision God watching over the whole process and delighting in each new “creation”, until we ourselves arrived on the scene to be blessed with memory, reason and skill (Book of Common Prayer p.370) and the God-like properties of loving and creativity. We were then made the trusted rulers of creation who would care for God’s beautiful world using its resources wisely and preserving it for generations yet unborn.

Summertime with long, light days and short, warm nights -- time to give thanks to God for all His goodness and loving kindness to us, and time also to think about all that He has done for us, both in the wonders of his creation and in the works and words of Jesus, His Son . Time to take time to read one of the Gospels, whether you decide on Luke, the Lectionary choice for this year, Mark the shortest, Matthew long considered the favourite of the Church, or John, the most contemplative and probably the most difficult.

Let’s take some time to read the Bible this Summertime!

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Eileen E. Weglarz, Rector
Ford Lallerstedt, DMA, Director of Music Donald Ford, Verger/Subdeacon
Jeanne Goldberg, Parish Secretary Beth Francese, Financial Administrator
Tim Ghriskey, Treasurer Misael Enamorado, Sexton

PARISH OFFICE

Parish Secretary: 9 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday
Financial Secretary: 8 am to 12 Noon, Monday and Thursday

WEEKDAY SERVICES AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH

9:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - Morning Prayer
6:45 AM Wednesday - Holy Eucharist, followed by breakfast
Additional services and events as announced

OUTSIDE GROUPS MEETING WEEKLY AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH

ESL Classes: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9 am to 12 Noon
Mondays & Wednesdays: 9 am to 12 Noon and 6 pm to 9 pm
Al-Anon: Thursdays: 7 pm
Iglesia Llamados a Servir: Friday and Sunday: 6 – 9 pm
Special Needs Yoga: Monday: 6 pm – 7 pm

VESTRY MEMBERS

Sally Price, Churchwarden
Raimo Bakis
Donnie Barrand
Fabio Cuccia
Michael Dondiego
Rob Gibbons
Tim Ghriskey, Treasurer

Barbara Leonard, Churchwarden
Norman Herman
Lewis Jones
Karen Kelley, Clerk
Elizabeth Nicolato
Kristen Piacentino
George Shannon

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