

The Lion's Roar

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St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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Services

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rite I)
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rite II)
and Sunday School with Nursery Care

Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rite II)
in the Chapel
(See enclosed calendar for variations
to weekly services.)

Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Parish Administrators:

(908) 766-9058
Ann Millan & Martha Heiner

Sexton: Dan McCollum

Postulant: Charlotte Wells
Verger: Bill Barkhorn

Warden's Corner Search Process Update

On September 30, the Self Study committee, Discernment committee, Vestry and Wardens met for a retreat to kick off the St. Mark's search for a new Rector. Lead by our search consultant Bob Bostock, the teams met to discuss this new venture in St. Mark's history. Our Self Study (Profile) committee will be chaired by Anne Post and our Discernment (Search) committee will be chaired by Roger Conover. In addition, our youth member, Robert Buesser will also serve on the Self Study committee.

At our October 15th Vestry meeting, the Vestry approved the final instructions for both committees and have submitted them to the committee chairs. Over the next several months, the Self Study committee will be conducting a parish wide survey and several cottage meetings to collect infor-

mation from St. Mark's parishioners for our profile. We expect that the Discernment committee will begin its work once our parish profile is complete, sometime in the Spring of next year. Future communications to the Vestry and parish will come from the committee chairs.

I want to personally thank all those who have stepped up to the plate to serve on the committees. I also want to thank the Vestry and especially Reverend Joanna for her tremendous support over the past year to get us to where we are now. I ask everyone to enjoy this journey, support our Rector, Vestry and committees through this process. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank you.

Jim Martucci
Senior Warden

TEACHERS, TEACHERS, WE NEED TEACHERS!!

Teachers are needed for the PreK-6th grade classes. Sign up now for the many open slots. Each assignment is only 6 weeks long and if you sign up with a partner it's even easier. Teaching our Sunday School children is the best adult education program we have at St. Mark's. Please help.

Teaching is great fun and easy to do! Please take a look at the schedule on Page 9 or in the Link to see what teaching positions are still available for K-6. Any questions, call Lorri Layton or John Lyga.

MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP
NOT TO BE MISSED!!!
SIGN UP TODAY!

When Saturday, November 10, 2007, 10 am to 3 pm

Cost No fee, lunch provided

Where Trinity Cathedral
801 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08618
609 392-3805

Register By Monday, November 5, 2007

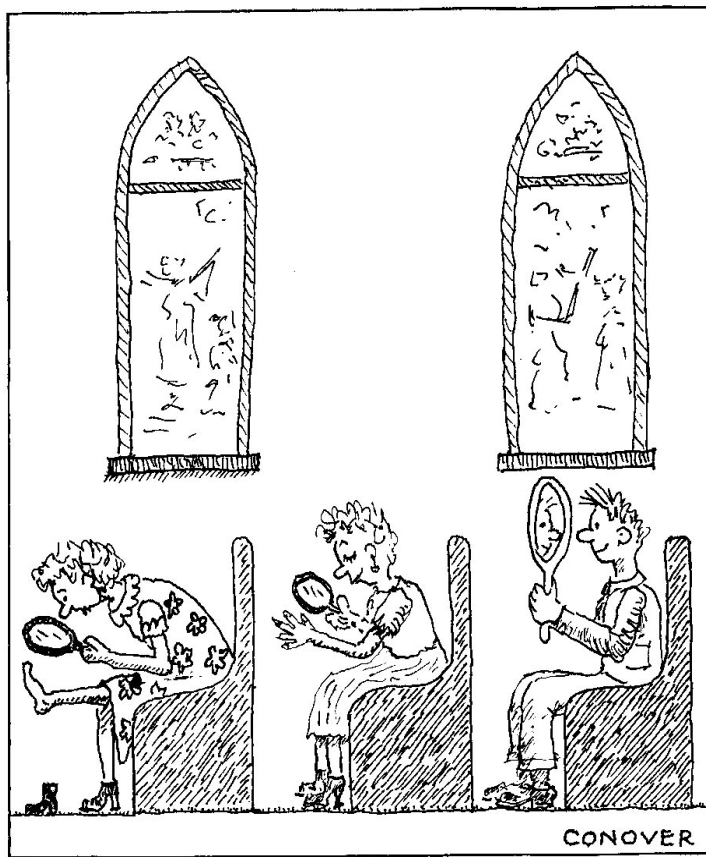
Registration Email preferred to calvarez@newjersey.anglican.org Or fax form to 609 394-9546, mail form, or phone Cecilia Alvarez, 609-394-5281, ext. 22..

Contact The Reverend Canon Elizabeth Geitz, 609 394-5281, ext. 35 or egeitz@newjersey.anglican.org

The Reverend Canon Elizabeth Geitz is Canon for Ministry Development and Deployment in the Diocese of New Jersey. She is the award-winning author of seven books including *Fireweed Evangelism: Christian Hospitality in a Multi-Faith World* and *Calling Clergy: A Spiritual and Practical Guide through the Search Process*, both by Church Publishing. She has led workshops in numerous dioceses throughout the Episcopal Church and at our General Convention. In addition, she is the recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Alumna Award from General Theological Seminary. Hospitality and evangelism ministry lie at the heart of Canon Geitz's ministry and she looks forward to sharing her enthusiasm with you!

The Reverend David Stout has been rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Asbury Park, New Jersey, since August 2004. Before coming to Trinity, he served as an associate

LAUGHTER IN THE PEWS



As you look around on Sunday morning, it's easy to spot Ann Post's Self Study Committee hard at work

Notices

St. Mark's Women's Group

Next gathering is Tuesday, Nov. 27th at 7:00 at Annabelle Wilmer's house. See sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Please consider hosting one of St. Mark's Women's groups. If you are interested, please contact Dawn Knill at dkknill@hotmail.com or 908-630-9116 for details.

Coffee Hour Sign Up

Please see the poster in the Narthex To sign up for an upcoming coffee hour!

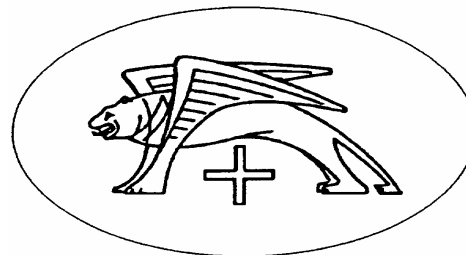
Advent Brunch

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 2nd - St. Mark's Advent Brunch. Sign up sheet will be in the Narthex.

Membership Continued

priest at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City. While attending Duke Divinity School, he discovered the Episcopal Church through the brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist. He left seminary, became an Episcopalian, and worked for several years in the sports marketing industry. He completed his seminary training in 1996, meeting his diocesan requirement of Anglican (Episcopal) studies by serving a year as the seminarian intern at Canterbury Cathedral in England. He was ordained in the Diocese of East Carolina and was curate at St. Paul's Church in Beaufort, North Carolina for three years before being called to St. Bartholomew's Church in Manhattan.

A group from St. Mark's are traveling to Trenton, so if you are interested, please call Jackie Kahle for details. We would like for greeters and ushers to attend, so please make every effort to go to this important workshop!



2007 Vestry

Senior Warden

Jim Martucci 604-2256

Junior Warden

Jim Nishimura 647-5290

Buildings & Grounds

Bruce Walker 604-9151

Paul Chiappetta

Christian Education

Lorri Layton 696-1748

Youth Ministry

Dan Greenleaf 766-7313

Inreach/Fellowship

Dawn Knill 630-9116

Outreach

Bill Schmidt 604-0535

Finance

David Moore 542-0652

Stewardship

Jeff West 953-8115

Worship

Marilyn Lyga 766-5880

Events

Lauran Corson 903-0700

Membership

Jackie Kahle 766-0502

Communications/Office Administration

Nancy Opremcak 221-9165

Warden Emeritus

Buck Kirch 647-3599

Treasurer

Buck Kirch 647-3599

Recording Treasurers

Margaret Murphy 766-4126

Jack Smythe 953-0078

Everyone is invited to participate in the commission meetings. Please contact the vestry representative for more information.

Finance Report as of 9-30-07

David Moore Finance Commission Chair

A summary of St. Mark's operating statement is included below. We are below target for our budget with lower pledges and plate donations offset by other donations from Rummage and September Song. Low personnel, in reach, outreach expenses, and the \$8,200 quarterly diocese third quarter contribution deferral until October caused our expenses to be under our plan. The diocese is providing strong support to our interim process and rector search planning. Your pledge and donations for our more than 15 ongoing outreach and youth programs are not only critical as we move forward with our rector search, but will also determine the strength of our financial profile for any future candidate review.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
2007 Pledges	\$156,361	\$180,001	\$-23,640
Other Donations	89,761	91,500	-1,739
Total Receipts	246,121	271,501	-25,379
Total Expenses	256,628	285,619	-28,990
Net	\$-10,507	\$-14,118	\$3,611

Although we do budget deficit revenues versus expenses for the summer months because many of our parishioners are away, we plan for improvement in the fall. Please review your pledge and capital campaign 9-30-07 statement when it arrives in the mail and if needed bring your commitment in line with your annual pledge. Your support is greatly appreciated.

St. Mark's Outreach Summary

Current Programs and Coordinators

(Bill Schmidt, 908.580.1259)

<p><u>HUNGER</u> Crop Walk – Anne Post 908.766.6621 and Robert Buesser 973.316.5175 Curbing Hunger, Inc. – Bill Schmidt 908.580.1259 Food Pantry, Somerville – Betsy Coffin 908.766.0158 Meals on Wheels – OPEN (Williams, Begg, Kress) Morristown Soup Kitchen – Kit McLaughlan 908.221.1858 Morristown Mission – Jim & Paige Pioppi 908.604.4232 Serving Meals during Holidays Turkey Drive with B'nai Israel – Mary Urbas 908.630.9012</p>	<p><u>SHARING</u> Holiday Adopt-A-Family – Lyga 908.766.5880 Thanksgiving - OPEN Christmas Baskets – Bev and Jennifer Moore 732.809.1215 Easter – OPEN Interfaith Hospitality Network – OPEN Call Dottie Benjamin 908.647.0575 at Bishop Janes United Methodist Church</p>
<p><u>SPIRIT</u> Diocese of NJ Coordination – OPEN Millennium Project - OPEN Ministry, Episcopal Church of Jerusalem Rev. Joanna Graham 908.766.9058 Prison Mission - OPEN</p>	<p><u>SHELTER</u> Good Friday Helpers – OPEN Habitat for Humanity - OPEN Raritan Valley Morris Appalachian – Marilyn Lyga 908.766.5880 With Liberty Presbyterian</p>
<p><u>HEALTH</u> Blood Drive – Mary Urbas 908.630.9012 Bryan's Dream – Opremcak 908.221.9165 Hospice/Home Care – Kit McLaughlan 908.221.1858 Jersey's Battered Women's Service – Betsy Coffin 908.766.0158</p>	<p><u>COMFORT & JOY</u> Creche Service, Children's Clothes – Jim and Paige Pioppi 908.604.4232 Dress for Success – Lorri Layton 908.696.1748 Seamen's Institute – Anne Post 908.766.6621</p>

Nominating Committee

St. Mark's Nominating Committee is constituted each year in June to canvas the parish, contact parishioners about serving on the Vestry or as Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Convocation, and present this slate of candidates to the Parish for election at the Annual Meeting. It is interesting to note that the candidates must be elected; they are not appointed. This is a requirement under NJ State Law.

It has been the custom at St. Mark's for many years to present a slate of candidates whereby one candidate is presented for each open position. It seems that we are among the minority within the Diocese in following this procedure. In the majority of parishes, as well as at Convention, multiple candidates are presented for each position. This allows the Parish to truly elect their Vestry. St. Mark's does have a provision for nomination by petition; this has been used only rarely in the past. Our by-

laws do not allow nominations to be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

This change has presented the Committee with new challenges as we compile the slate to be presented to the Annual Meeting. And as it is a different procedure than we have used in the past, some people are uncomfortable with it because it is new and different. This is certainly understandable: few of us are comfortable with change. We ask however, that if you are approached to be a candidate for Vestry or Delegate, that you prayerfully consider the request. Recognize that you are being asked because Committee believes you have something to contribute to the Parish during this transition period. And after consideration, say YES.

Betsy Coffin, Dave Moore & Doug Post

Birthdays



Nov 1	Scott Graff Joyce Landgraf Beverly Moore
Nov 2	Zachary Gubitosi Jennifer Phillips Michelle Rast
Nov 3	Evvy Barnett Lindsay Begg Brian Woolford
Nov 4	William Plaut
Nov 5	Samantha Stasolla Rachel Wojnar
Nov 6	Bill Corson
Nov 9	Annabelle Wilmer Elizabeth Hughes
Nov 10	Colin Berson Richard Diakos
Nov 11	Laura Graff Sophie Martucci Sophie Weaver
Nov 14	Harry Woods Steve Woolford
Nov 15	Debbie Edwards
Nov 16	Tim Child M.G. Denton
Nov 17	Justin Benthien
Nov 19	Alyssa Rose
Nov 20	Paula Roper Richard Schmidt
Nov 22	Rose Evans Sheryl Olson
Nov 23	Bill Schmidt
Nov 24	Jim Nishimura Benjamin Thwaite
Nov 25	Ron Orlando Jack Smythe
Nov 26	John Lyga Michelle Martucci Anne Marie Woolford
Nov 27	Jacqueline Taylor
Nov 28	Christophe Kusel Max Kusel Madeline Kusel
Nov 30	Andi Williams

Anniversaries

Nov 3	John & Sandy Lazo
Nov 14	David & Linda Aul
Nov 16	Steve & Anne Marie Woolford
Nov 17	Web & Martha Winter
Nov 25	Rick & Tina Walter

Musical Notes

Music at St. Marks is a wonderful part of our worship! Can you imagine our 10am service with none? I can't! But sometimes people aren't sure when they are supposed to sing and when the choir sings alone. So... here are some tips:

First and foremost the congregation is welcome to sing ALL THE TIME... it's part of our praise and all are to be included. The most familiar music to sing along with is the Doxology and the three main Hymns in the service: the Processional, when the choir and clergy and attendants enter; the Recessional, when they exit the Sanctuary; and the Sequence or "Gospel" hymn that is sung between the 2nd lesson and the Gospel reading. I do my best to make sure these all very familiar "singable" hymns in which everyone can partake. This is good because everyone feels comfortable singing something they know well.

During the service there is also "service music" such as the Gloria, Song of Praise, the Sanctus and the Agnus Dei. These are not the same all year long. I try to stick with the same ones for each season of the year so everyone hears them enough to learn to sing along. For example this Fall we will sing the Gloria #S280 in the hymnal through the latter part of the Pentecost season.

The choir adds to the service when they sing the Offertory Anthem and some-time pieces while communion is being offered. If the bulletin shows a Hymn during the communion time, do sing along. If it is not listed as a hymn it is usually a piece the choir offers.

Often we have the Youth Choir and instrumentalists, including our own wonderful Bell Choir. Sometime we have "light rock" contemporary sound. So much praise to offer.

So don't be afraid to SING OUT and as the saying goes "Those who sing in church, pray twice"!

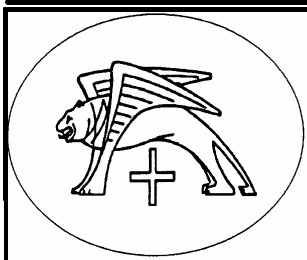
A Membership Quiz

Can you say "Hello, Welcome to St. Mark's"?	Y	N
Can you bake?	Y	N
Can you spray colored hairspray in a kid's hair?	Y	N
Can you staple paper on a bulletin board?	Y	N
Can you tie ribbon?	Y	N
Can you sharpen pencils?	Y	N
Can you drive a car?	Y	N

If you answered YES to ONE of these questions, YOU CAN SERVE ON THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND we need **your help!**

If you would like to be a greeter or have an interest in marketing, baking and/or driving, we need you.

Please call Jackie Kahle to discuss -- 908-766-0502



November 2007

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>All Saints' Day</i>	2	3 
4 <i>8am Rite I All Saints Family Svc. @ 10am</i>	5	6 <i>Holly Manor 10:45</i>	7 <i>Chapel H.C. 9am</i>	8 <i>Finance— 7:00 pm Office Mtg 7:30 pm</i>	9	10
11 <i>8am Rite I Contemporary Service @ 10am</i>	12 <i>Veteran's Day-Office Closed</i>	13	14 <i>Chapel H.C. 9am</i>	15	16	17
18 <i>8am Rite I 10am Rite II 9am—Parent's J2A Mtg. Grades 6,7,8</i>	19 <i>Vestry Mtg 7:15</i>	20 <i>Ridge Oak Svc 10:30am</i>	21 <i>Chapel H.C. 9am</i>	22 <i>Thanksgiving</i> 	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24
25 <i>8am Rite I 10am Rite II</i>	26 <i>Christian Ed. 7:30</i>	27	28 <i>Chapel H.C. 9am</i>	29	30	

St. Mark's
2007 Crèche Service Registration

It's hard to believe, but Christmas is just around the corner! As this joyous season approaches, we are planning our annual **Crèche Service**, which will be held on **Sunday, December 23rd** at the 10:00 AM service. If you and/or your child(ren) would like to participate, please fill in the form below and return it **NO LATER THAN Sunday, November 25th**. Children age 4 and up are welcome to participate. Please ensure that young children will not be afraid to walk down the aisle (we will not force any children to walk down the aisle). You will be notified of the part sometime in December.

A practice will be held for all readers on Sunday, December 16th during the 10:00 AM Sunday school. ***A mandatory practice for all participants will be held on Saturday morning, December 22th*** please arrive promptly at 9:00 am. It is very ***important that everyone attend***, so please plan your schedules accordingly. If you have any questions, please call Joan Graff at 204-0646.

Please return the completed form to Joan Graff (102 Woods End, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920) or the Church office.
**

We need new committee members for the Creche Service. This is not a large time commitment but it is extremely rewarding. If you would like to be a member of the Committee please give Joan Graff a call. It is a lot of fun.

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Child's Name: _____ **Age/Grade** _____

Parent's Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

- I would like to be a reader (grades 6th through 12th)
- I would like to present a Crèche figure (Ages 4 and Up)
- I would like to be a junior usher (grades 5th and up)
- I would like to be a present collector (grades 3rd and up)
- I would like to be a Lamb
- I would like to be a Donkey
- I would like to be an Angel
- I would like to be a Shepherd
- I would like to carry a Star
- Parent is available to help at practices or during the service
- Parent is available to help sew costumes
- Child Participated last year as _____
- My child will sing in the Children's choir/choir

Outreach

Bill Schmidt

CROP WALK results are in. St. Mark's led the way for Somerset Hills thanks to Anne Post, Robert Buesser and the 14 Walkers. The total collected was \$1,000. This goes toward supporting sustainable food initiatives in the developing world and fits well with the Episcopal Church's Millennium initiatives with the United Nations.

The Gulfport St. Mark's project is coming to a close. The most recent collection totaled nearly \$3000 including \$1200 from St. Mark's of Newark. Kit was particularly pleased with St. Mark's generosity with the pass-the-hat collection. Thank you Kit McLaughlan.

Dress for Success was a success!!! Thank you Lorri and Joe Layton.

St. Mark's **Blood Drive** is November 4 in cooperation with B'nai Israel. Help save a life! Blood donations can be made at the B'nai Israel synagogue between 9:30a.m. and 1:00p.m. Please contact Mary Urbas at mary.e.urbas@questdiagnostics.com or 908.630.9012 for details or if you want to schedule your contribution. We are hoping to have at least 5 blood donors from St. Mark's.

The **Interfaith Hospitality Network** sponsored locally through Bishop Janes United Methodist Church will be hosting homeless families including homeless children at Bishop Janes Church from November 4 to 11. Please contact Dottie Benjamin at Bishop James at 908.647.0575 if you have question or to help that week, or any part of that week. The families/children eat dinner and breakfast and sleep at the church that week. Just say Bill Schmidt and Anne Post from St. Marks suggested that you call.

The Thanksgiving **Turkey Drive** with B'nai Israel is rapidly approaching. Contact Mary Urbas at 908.630.9012 to help with the drive or for details. Turkeys should be *frozen*.

Would you like to **Adopt-A-Family** for Thanksgiving? If so, contact Marilyn Lyga at 908.766.5880 for details.

The **Soup Kitchen** Project is always looking for help. Contact Kit McLaughlan at 908.221.1858.

Meals on Wheels is in need of leadership. Please contact Bill Schmidt at 908.580.1259.

Jersey's Battered Women's Service project is being rejuvenated. Please contact Betsy Coffin to help or learn more at 908.766.0158.

Through **The Bishop of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East**, Our Rev. Joanna's Outreach Ministry is to Episcopal Women in the Middle East; Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria in particular. Contact Rev. Joanna (908.766.9058) or Bill Schmidt (908.580.1259) to help or to learn more.

Interested in **Hospice**? Contact Kit McLaughlan at 908.221.1858.

Thinking of Shelters and **Habitats**, like to saw and hammer, paint, etc.? Bill Schmidt can be reached at 908.580.1259. You can help in the planning and/or in the projects.

The current **list of Outreach Programs** is now posted on the Outreach Board in the church Narthex. Program areas include Hunger, Health, Shelter, Spirit, Sharing and Comfort and Joy. Please check it out. You will be surprised at the number of programs. Call Bill Schmidt at 908.580.1259 if you would like to help in any way or have any questions. There is an also one-page summary you can take home with you

Curbing Hunger, Inc. is a year-round effort. Help is needed for fund raising and for marketing plus general help. Please

More Outreach

call Bill Schmidt at 908.580. 1259. For fund raising in particular, call Chuck Knill at 908.630.9116. If you would like to send a contribution the address is Curbing Hunger, Inc., PO Box 202, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

Food contributions can be left in the barrel in the vestibule between the church and parish hall at any time. Food contributions are taken to the Food Bank periodically as needed. Thank you Bill Barkhorn for volunteering.

We hope "OUTREACH" will become a regular feature of Lion's Roar. If you have any suggestions or items to be included, please contact Bill Schmidt at 908.580.1259.

Foodbank Distribution Center -

Many thanks to all who participated in distributing canned goods to families in need in September. Every Saturday morning, families come to the site in Somerville to receive the groceries they need. Our church supplied the volunteers needed for the month of September. It was great to see Ann Rosenblum, Mary, Melissa, and Hannah Pavlini, Neil and Kit McLaughlan, Lisa and Taylor Keenan, Martha and Greg Heiner, and Doug Post helping out.

Inspirations

Wondrous Creator

Wondrous Creator,

Creator of mother earth and all that she holds,
be with us in all of Your ways;

In our mother earth where our ancestors rest,

We stand on holy ground.

In shining sun we gather the warmth of Your words.

In grandmother moon we feel the changes that You bring to honor all.

In thunder and lightning we are awakened

to open our hearts to receive Your spirit.

In rain and snow Your sacred water cleanses our bodies.

In river, lake, creek, stream

We are nourished by the life and peace You bring.

In wind we smell Your breath

calling us to life with You.

In stars we see Your presence of hope

that dances in our hearts.

In four-leggeds and winged

we feel the humility of our being.

In plants and flowers we become

the beauty that Your strength gives.

In each other we feel the love

that brings us all to be with You.

In ourselves we hear your voice

Gently calling us to You, wondrous Creator.

Creator of all, we humbly come before You in prayer. Send us your precious love and light to shine upon us. Make us to be like fingers of Your holy hand. We accept Your love, and love we give to you. We offer this Prayer in the spirit of the Circle—Creator, Jesus and Spirit. Amen.

By Ginny Doctor

St Mark's 2007-2008 Teaching Schedule

(Updated - Oct. 24th ; 2 teachers per session preferred)

Date	# weeks	PreK-K	1 st - 2 nd	3 rd - 4 th	5 th - 6 th
9/23-10/28	6	Martucci & Ittycheria	Carole Pasquale	Jackie Taylor	Tracey & Greg Tuthill
11/11-12/16	6	D. Ittycheria Libby West	Layton & Cunningham	Jocelyn DiChiria	Jackie Taylor
Jan-Feb (TBD)					
Feb-March (TBD)					
March - April (TBD)					
April - end (TBD)			Mary Lea Schmidt	R. Phillips J. Phillips	

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November

Date	Layreaders	Acolytes	Greeters	Ushers
11/4/2007				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch D. Moore			J. Smythe
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch K. Aregood	West Family	K. McLaughlan	L. Rose
	P&Ch ML Schmidt		J. Kahle	D. Rozzelle
11/11/2007				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch D. Post			J. Martucci
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch ML Schmidt	Gogerty Family	A. Wilmer	B. Walker
	P&Ch J. Wyatt		B. Hughes	T. Defeo
11/18/2007				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch B. Barkhorn			D. DeCoste
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch R. Conover	Bryan Knill	P. Pioppi	J. Kahle
	P&Ch R. Aregood		A. Millan	J. Pioppi
11/25/07				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch D. Post			J. Wojnar
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch T. Roper	Barkhorn Family	M. Gaydos	T. Defeo
	P&Ch D. Kress		D. Knill	D. Wells