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Questions and Answers
“This is your year! Live fully!” is the compelling message on a blue background above a photo of savory shish kebabs on a plate next to a bowl of mixed fruit and veggie salsa. On the surface, Weight Watchers and Christianity have a lot in common. Weight Watchers has weekly meetings where members gather for thirty to forty minutes to listen to an inspirational talk, weigh in and recommit to their weight loss goals. Christians gather weekly to pray, sing, listen to an inspirational talk and recommit to the tenants of their faith. Weight Watchers members pay dues. Christians pledge or tithe to support their churches. Weight Watchers traces its beginnings to the early 1960s when Jean Nidetch, a Queens, New York housewife began inviting friends to her home once a week to talk about how best to lose weight. Christianity traces its roots to an itinerant preacher who talked about the kingdom of God. Both have their sacred texts and creeds. While Weight Watchers proclaims, “This is your year. Live fully!” Jesus says, “I came so that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

Looking beyond the surface, Christianity and Weight Watchers diverge dramatically. Ultimately, Weight Watchers is about self-improvement – losing weight, adopting healthy eating habits and feeling better about yourself. Self-improvement is a huge industry, and Weight Watchers is just one example. Yes, you can become a better person in ten days if you follow ten easy steps promised by the bestseller in the airport bookstore. Christianity is not self-improvement, although you might think so when there are churches talking about how discovering God will help you to achieve wealth and prosperity for you and your family. One Bible study thinly veils self-improvement with this promise: “With Jesus you can step into a beautiful, full, life-giving future filled with purpose.” Jesus is not at all concerned with self-improvement. Look no further than today’s Gospel reading from Matthew. Having returned to Galilee after being baptized by John the Baptist, the first thing Jesus does is look for helpers. He calls out to Peter and Andrew and James and John “Follow me!” and they do – immediately. The text says then that Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. In our mind’s eye, we should see not Jesus by himself doing this but with a growing number of followers by his side. Jesus is inviting and proclaiming – inviting people to follow him and proclaim the reality and nearness of God’s kingdom. There is nothing wrong with self-improvement. But that is not what Jesus and Christianity are about. Jesus does not promise that we will lose weight or be more successful or even happier. He is inviting us to see and proclaim with him the kingdom of God, and seeing the kingdom of God begins with seeing the people around us in a different light. With Jesus, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light – in the faces of the lepers, the tax collectors, the prostitutes, the beggars and everyone else. Self-improvement focuses inward, on the finite self. Christianity focuses outward, expanding our perspectives and opening us up to the people around us and to the infinite beauty of God’s creation. Proclaiming the kingdom of God is anything but a road to self-improvement. It is hard work. Being church is hard work. And our hymnal reminds us of the truth of the Christian Life with the verse “the peace of God it is no peace, but strife closed in the sod.” (Hymn 661).

Jesus continues to say “Follow me”, which people have been hearing here at St. Mark’s since 1897. As we hold our 120th annual meeting, it is a moment to reflect on both stable foundations and head-spinning change. In January, 1898, 120 years ago today, Glen Ellyn was a very different town than it is today, with dirt roads and a population of 780 people. From its humble beginnings, this church community has witnessed a Great Depression sandwiched between two World Wars, 21 Presidents as of Friday, the arrival and proliferation of automobiles, telephones, hippies, yuppies, and millennials, and multiple waves of immigrants and population movements. Change continues as ever with retail institutions such as Giesche Shoes and Soukups Hardware going out of business. St. Mark’s has grown with Glen Ellyn, building and tearing down and rebuilding a church building with a parish hall, pushing out the front exterior to add space, building a library space to connect the church with a house that became offices, and recently tearing down and rebuilding classrooms and what is named Mahon Hall. With more people in Glen Ellyn, there were more churches – Catholic, Bible, Evangelical, Community, Scientist, Methodist, Jehovah and now an Ahmadiyya Mosque. At the same time in recent years,
Sunday is no longer reserved for going to church. On Sundays, the parking lot at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center begins to fill up at 7:00 am just as the line at Starbucks forms and parents get ready to take their kids to birthday parties and soccer and hockey games. And what about the changes at St. Mark’s beyond the building? When previously only men were allowed to be clergy, women are deacons, priests and bishops; when communion was only for those who were confirmed, infants and children may receive communion; when those who had been divorced were shunned and gay people were diagnosed as having a mental disease, are now welcome and find a church home; when penitence and sin stood at the center of worship as opposed to Eucharist; when baptisms were private and not a frequent part of Sunday worship. Through all of this change, hardship, prosperity, polarity, in both church and society, Jesus still calls out to each and every one of us: Follow me.

Follow me is not a call to self-improvement but an invitation. It is an invitation from God without coercion or threat, but offered with promise and goodness. It is an invitation to discover the nearness of God’s presence. It is an invitation to step out of fear and threat. It is an invitation to risk what you know for what unfolds in mysterious and unexpected ways. It is an invitation to practice generosity, community and all of the virtues, including forgiveness, patience, listening, and learning. The invitation is renewed daily, weekly, yearly, to each of us as individuals and as a community as a whole.

What does “follow me” look like at St. Mark’s today? On December 11, we celebrated the festival of the Virgin of Guadalupe and the five year anniversary of a Sunday worship service in Spanish. What started and continues as an experiment, just as St. Mark’s as a whole continues as an experiment, is an increasingly vibrant and dedicated element of the St. Mark’s community – men, women and children who speak Spanish either as a first or second language, who are new to the Episcopal church and seeking to hear and respond to God’s call to “follow me.” This five-year anniversary is something to celebrate and see as a continued invitation to grow and deepen as a multicultural church community. Thank God Victor and Lucia Conrado said yes to the call to come to St. Mark’s back in October, 2011. Their yeses have led to so many more. Like a snowball, the invitation grows and grows. The National Episcopal Church is paying attention to what we are doing, and Victor is involved in several initiatives to share what we have learned. Becoming a multicultural church is not easy and very misunderstood. I still have many people, including clergy ask me, “How is your Spanish congregation?” I explain that St. Mark’s is one congregation with four Sunday services, including one in Spanish.

Jesus’s call to “follow me” is an invitation that must permeate and direct all of St. Mark’s. That is why you will be hearing more about “Project Connect” – an effort now in booklet form that invites everyone to learn about and participate in some aspect of worship, formation and outreach of our church. Self-improvement by itself is a force that isolates as does social media and the myriad of news and entertainment choices that create bubbles for every taste, temperament, theology and political ideology. Project Connect is about building connections through meaningful ministries with other people and the whole community. Copies of the Project Connect booklet with a green cover are found in the narthex and on the St. Mark’s web site. You will be seeing and hearing about a highlighted ministry from Project Connect each and every week in the Sunday bulletin.

The spirit of Jesus’s call to follow him is one of openness and trust. The Jesus of the Gospels is on the move, crisscrossing Galilee with visits to Tyre, Sidon, Samaria and many towns and villages in between. The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry preaches about “The Jesus Movement” – which captures the spirit of energy and fluidity of the Jesus’s proclamation. Since 1897, St. Mark’s has occupied the same piece of real estate in Glen Ellyn. There is a danger of being anchored to one location – that the location itself is worshipped and becomes an idol. At the same time, the blessing of a fixed location and a building is the opportunity it provides for the community to gather and renew itself. The responsibility we have is to make use of our building and location to be a sign of God’s love and invitation. Over the last decade, St. Mark’s has become a house of welcome for seven support groups, children who attend our Parents’ Day Out Program and our St. Mark’s Preschool, for stamp collectors, a drama camp, the Anima Singers, folkloric dancers, and a yearly
conference hosted by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. And the list of groups and activities goes on. Seven
days a week, St. Mark’s is place of gathering, learning, support, healing and prayer. A leader from one of the
support groups recently said how absolutely grateful he is to St. Mark’s that there is a weekly meeting here, saying
“this meeting is literally saving lives.”

One of our gifts as an Episcopal church is our tradition and commitment to sacred music. St. Mark’s is
particularly blessed with our now completed Walker Pipe Organ, a treasure to us now and to future generations as
it serves as an inspiration and beacon to our congregation and wide world beyond our doors. As Charles Snider,
now retired after 29 years at St. Mark’s, put it, “This instrument can and does serve as a funnel into the soul
through which theology can be poured.” Under the leadership of our Director of Music, Daniel Segner and
Associate, Marsha Webster, St. Mark’s will work to build on our strong foundation, inviting children, youth and
adults to the joys of choir singing and increasing our role and reputation as a center of sacred music.

Music, worship, connections, our location and facilities all find meaning in Jesus’s call to follow him. In fact,
everything we do must find meaning and relate to this call or it is not what we should be doing. The particular
way that we at St. Mark’s hear and answer this call depends on the generosity of everyone. This year’s Giving
Campaign now counts over 340 households who have made a pledge – provided an estimate of their financial
support, representing $680,000. The refined budget for 2017 seeks an additional $60,000 in pledges beyond this
number. The good news is that we can be confident, that with Jesus’s invitation to generosity, we will receive
those pledges – that we will have enough. The Giving Campaign is not just a one or two month event – but a
year-round ministry that seeks participation from every household. Every pledge and every gift is important to St.
Mark’s. Churches and institutions with large endowments are not able to say this.

Jesus invites each and every one of us to follow him. Knowing how and when to respond to that call is the work
of discernment. At St. Mark’s, we are so fortunate to have so many people answer the call to serve in leadership
roles. Today, at the annual meeting, we will be welcoming five new Vestry members, a new junior warden, a new
chancellor, a clerk to the Vestry, youth representatives to Vestry and delegates to our annual diocesan convention.
Their pictures and profiles are found in the pages of this annual report. Those who are completing their terms on
the Vestry are: Mauro Hernandez who has helped pave the way for bilingual participation and presence at Vestry
meetings while working on improving the church’s communications; Carolyn Faivre who served as our pastoral
care contact person and Vestry liaison to the worship commission; Hunter Walor who chaired the finance
committee and will continue to serve on the Vestry; Kathy Kelly who has organized the food and fun at many parish life events such as the annual picnic, kick-off Sunday, Lenten suppers and the annual meeting; David McCarraher who served as the St. Mark’s Funds Manager for 24 years; Bob Lewis who served as Chancellor to the Vestry for over ten years; Tim Sullivan who took notes at Vestry meetings and the annual meeting as clerk of the Vestry; Paige Hardy and Abraham Jimenez who served as youth representatives to the Vestry, and Peter Vagt, who as junior warden and senior warden, has provided me with invaluable counsel and support over the past two years. He plans to continue to offer his time and talents as photographer of the life of our church and assist with the Giving Campaign.

St. Mark’s has more clergy participating in various ways than many cathedrals. Why? Because they have been
invited to preach, teach, counsel and be a part of our church community. Our clergy associates – Robin Currie,
Walter Dunnett, Clint Moore, Suzi Holding, Catharine Phillips, Paul-Gordon Chandler and Miguel Briones are
an incredible blessing to all of us. Victor Conrado, now over five years as our Associate Rector, helps us to
glimpse the kingdom of God in our midst, especially in preaching and leading us into becoming a multicultural
church community.
The staff of St. Mark’s recently spent a day together on a retreat to reflect on how we work together and support the vision of St. Mark’s – being rooted in baptism, growing in faith and branching out into the world. We are a team that works well together, committed to St. Mark’s vision.

This past year, we prayed for Dellana Mote as she underwent surgery to replace a defective heart valve. After several months away, she returned to her job stronger and with renewed energy. We rejoice and thank God for her good health, talents and great work as the person who oversees command central – the front office. Marsha Webster provided outstanding, saintly leadership to our worship and music program during the transition between Charles Snider’s retirement and November 1, when Daniel Segner began as our new Director of Music. In June, Kim Reed led the 11th annual trip to San Marcos, our companion church in Southeast Mexico, and just last week brought a group of 14 youth from St. Mark’s to St. James Cathedral for a marathon reading of the New Testament in the Miqra event – the largest group by far from any church in the diocese. I am grateful for the call to serve that each and every member of the staff demonstrates – for those already mentioned and also for Kristin, Norma, Ginnie, Chris, Samantha and Julian.

And sometime, more often than not, we get called in pairs or in groups. Peter and Andrew were called as were James and John. Cecilia, and our three children, Lydia, Frances, and Geo, were called and have answered that call daily in their support for me and in their love for their church home, St. Mark’s.

In a world of constant change and challenge, let us remember that Jesus calls us not into ourselves but to look out, to proclaim the good news of God’s kingdom in our midst, finding it in the face of the next, and the next and the next person you see.

Yours in Christ,

George+
Warden, Vestry, and Diocesan Delegate Nominees

We are pleased to announce the list of candidates selected by the Nominating Committee for the 2017 election to St. Mark's Vestry.

Senior Warden
Joyce Fletcher

Junior Warden
Leo Lanzillo

Vestry
Jared Friebel, Bill Kelly, Angeles Perdomo-Reyes, Steve Sedal, Virginia Vagt

Youth Representatives
Anthony Lanzillo, Julio Reyes

Candidates for Diocesan Delegate
Flor-Irzel Camona, Beremundo Damian, Will Dunlop

For Senior Warden:

Joyce Fletcher: My husband David and I started attending St. Mark’s in February 2000, along with our son Andrew who is now 27 years old. During the past 15 years at St. Mark’s, I have served on the Vestry, planned numerous retreats as an active member of the Women’s Retreat Committee, served on the St. Mark’s Visioning Committee, led Children’s Worship, served as a sub-deacon, and participated with the Parish Life Committee and the Coffee Hour Ministry. I retired at the end of October after 30 years as a counselor at College of DuPage. In the 15 years David and I have been involved at St. Mark’s we have witnessed many changes. We are at a strong place now with four unique services, mission trips to Mexico and Appalachia, and outreach to the community.

For Junior Warden:

Leo Lanzillo: My wife Elizabeth and I first attended St. Mark’s before we moved here in 1993, and we are now beginning our 24th year. We both were struck by how welcoming the people were on that first Sunday, and before we packed to move, we knew this was going to be our church. We have 4 boys: Joseph (22), William (19), Anthony (16) and Jeremiah (14). Our entire family has grown and been strengthened by the friends and learning that we have experienced at St. Mark’s. We have both been involved in a number of ministries and positions over the years, and I have been a long-time organizer of activities for the St. Mark’s Men’s Group, Glen Ellyn Lakers Soccer program and the Glen Ellyn Park District Finance Advisory Committee. I serve on the board of Thresholds, a Chicago-based social service organization provides healthcare, housing, and supported employment services for people living with mental illnesses in Illinois. The last 11 years, I have worked in finance and IT for The Northridge Group, a data analytics and customer service consulting company. I am very much looking forward to working with the community and the leaders in St. Mark’s as we continue to branch out and serve.
Clerk of the Vestry:

Bob Olsen: My wife Cheryl and I have been part of the community at St Mark’s since we moved to Glen Ellyn in 2008. It has been an enriching experience to be part of this parish. During our time here I have worked on several ad hoc tasks and projects such as clean ups, gardening, pumpkin patches, pancake making, coffee hours, and furniture moving. Also, I have helped with PADs, been the coordinator of the ushers, and been a lay reader. It has been an enjoyable time. Currently, I am an usher, acolyte, and reader for Morning Prayer on Fridays. Cheryl, our son Nate, and two good natured dogs live in Glen Ellyn. Before that we lived in Connecticut for several years. I am a lifelong Episcopalian who has been part of several parishes during transitions and relocations. This journey has involved a lot of growth, both spiritually and as a chance to interact with many interesting and positive people over the years. Professionally, for almost 38 years I have worked as an underwriter of commercial risks in the insurance and reinsurance industry. I am looking forward to being the Clerk of the Vestry.

Chancellor:

Elizabeth Lewis: Elizabeth spent the first decade of her practice after graduation from the University of Michigan Law School in the Chicago Office of Baker & McKenzie. She was a partner in their U.S. Banking, Finance and Major Projects Practice group. Her law firm experience includes corporate contracts, compliance counseling, negotiations, and advocacy on behalf of companies and lenders. Her practice focus included environmental, health and safety counseling in the regulatory, acquisition and real estate contexts. Elizabeth presently holds the position of General Counsel of Turtle Wax, Inc. and is based at its headquarters in Addison. She manages specialty outside counsel relationships and provides legal advice to the global company on all aspects of its business. Elizabeth has been a member of St. Mark’s Church since 1964 and is blessed that her family has called St. Mark’s home for five generations. She has three school aged daughters. She has served as Secretary of the PDO Board for more than a decade and creates the welcome baskets for new babies as part of the Pastoral Care Ministry.

For Vestry:

Jared Friebel: My wife, Gina, and I began attending St. Mark’s in the summer of 2007. We quickly developed an appreciation for the welcoming atmosphere, built by other parishioners and the clergy, and the subtle but defined stands St. Mark’s takes on a number of social-justice issues. Having moved from Michigan to the Chicagoland area in 2001 and specifically to Wheaton in 2006, we have enjoyed raising our daughters, Isabelle (9) and Arielle (7), as members of St. Mark’s; teaching various Sunday School classes; working at the annual pumpkin patch; and facilitating the United Thank Offering each spring.

Professionally, I am an English Teacher and the Assistant Department Chair of English at Hinsdale Central High School; in my 16 years there, I have served on a variety of committees for the department, school, and district. As a member of the Vestry, I look forward to using my experience with collaboration to give back to a faith community that has given so much to my family and me.

Bill Kelly: I joined St. Mark's parish in March 2016, two months after I married my delightful fiancée, Yolanda. We were looking for a church where we could practice our faith, and were delighted with St Mark's, its leadership, and the faith community we found. I am originally from Colombia, but left when still young. My family and I arrived in the U.S. four years later, via England, Canada and Spain. Once arrived, I grew up in Mt Prospect, and now reside in Bloomingdale. Being bilingual, I currently attend the 1 pm Spanish speaking service. My
professional career has been in a management capacity in different roles in the corporate structure, purchasing, customer service, inside sales, and technical support services. My current position is a mix of some of these, and a liaison, within the department, to the Operations Manager.

My wife and I became involved as members of the decorating committee, and co-treasurer of the committee, respectively, for the Virgin of Guadalupe festivities in 2016. We also volunteered at the pumpkin patch, We attended the picnic in 2016, and volunteered our services in helping return all items to St Mark’s. Yolanda and I want to become more involved within the parish, and thank St. Mark’s for the opportunities presented to us, whether jointly or separately, as devoted servants of God.

Angeles Perdomo-Reyes: I am a 38 years old Mexican, I have a sister of 39 years and a brother of 30. They live in Mexico with my Dad. My hobbies are reading and exercising. I live with my husband Julio Reyes and my son Julio Jr. in Glen Ellyn. I have lived 8 years in this country and at first it was not easy to adapt to another language, climate, customs, without my family and friends. Now, I can say that I am fully integrated in this environment and culture. I am working and contributing to the good of my community. I come from a Roman Catholic religious education and culture. In January 2012 I joined St. Mark’s. At first this change was a bit difficult because of my Roman Catholic upbringing, but I felt welcomed, I found a family and I felt part of it. I liked it. It impacted me that the priests preach by example as good leaders. I am proud to be an Episcopalian. I wish to contribute as best I can to the growth and welcoming that St. Mark’s offers to others. People at St. Mark’s have done many things for my family and for me and I wish to make others feel that they can find a home here. I am excited and blessed to be part of the Vestry and I am willing to learn more as time permits. Thanks for the opportunity.

Steve Sedall: In 2009, my wife April introduced me and my daughters, Lauren (24) and Christina (19), to the St. Mark’s community. We are forever grateful to have found a community so welcoming and devoted to treating all persons with love, kindness, and respect. We have truly found a home with such wonderful and thought-provoking clergy; talented and friendly parishioners; and dedicated programs/ministries that directly support St. Mark’s and profoundly impact the communities where we live.

I am an International Tax Director for Sims Metal Management. I hope to use my 30 years of professional experience in accounting, auditing, and tax to humbly serve the St. Mark’s Vestry and to give back to the community that has provided so much to my family.

Virginia Vagt: Peter and I are beginning our 10th year as parishioners at St. Mark’s. We love our wonderful, diverse parish, and enjoy worshipping God together with all of you. At St. Mark’s I appreciate the many opportunities for us to grow, share faith and life, and serve together. For me those include: participating in women’s ministries, writing skits with and for our middle schoolers, becoming a Daughter of the King, serving on planning committees such as the 10th Anniversary Celebration for George Smith as Our Rector, attending a mix of worship services including our Spanish language service, making friends bilingually, and participating in our intercultural parish life. Other dimensions of my life, past and present: I have an MBA, was Director of Research at a publishing company, served as Minister of Christian Education at a previous church, love to write journalistically and creatively, and am currently serving on a national Episcopal Church task-force which is creating a course entitled Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency: An Intensive Course Designed for Church Leaders Exploring Latino Ministry and Intercultural Ministry.
Youth representatives to Vestry:

**Anthony Lanzillo:** I’m sixteen years old and have been a member of St. Mark’s my whole life. I’ve sung in the St. Mark’s children’s choir, served at the altar as an acolyte for 9 years and as a thurifer for 3 months. I’m a junior at Glenbard West, where I sing in the Chamber Choir and compete for Speech Team. I’ve also sung at Anima, just down the street at Main Street Rec, for 7 years. I’m super excited to be the Youth Representative for the Vestry, and I hope that I can help make St. Mark’s better for every member of our parish.

**Julio Reyes:** I’m a sophomore at Glenbard South High School. I am a reader for the Spanish 1 pm service, and read in either English or Spanish for special services. I’ve been in many youth group activities such as MIQRA, New Beginnings, and also went on ASP. I’ve been going St. Mark’s since 5th grade.

Diocesan Convention Delegates:

**Flor-Itzel Camona:** I’m 32 years old and I’m Mexican. My husband, Rodolfo López and I have 3 children Frida (14), Diego (11), and Andrea (6) years old. I arrived in this country at the age of 18, with the same hope that many Latinos arrived here: having a better quality of life, leaving behind family, friends and school. My first few months were quite difficult, because I was facing and living in another culture and listening and trying to speak another language. Over time, my husband and I settled down and became accustomed to this new lifestyle. I love working with children and for 8 years I have been working in a bilingual daycare facility and I have been learning from them a lot. We arrived at San Marcos in 2013 and since then we have become very involved in activities and celebrations at the 1 pm service. I was member of the Vestry for one year. I have been part of the Sunday program here for three years now.

**Will Dunlop:** My wife, Betsy, and I started attending St. Mark’s when we lived in Glen Ellyn for three years while finishing school. We moved to St. Charles a few years after becoming members, but decided to continue attending because we have always felt so comfortable with our St. Mark’s family. Over the past few years I have helped with the Crop Walk and helped teach the 7th and 8th grade Sunday school classes.

**Beremundo Damian:** I was born and raised in a small town called El Paraje Nuevo, Guerrero, Mexico. I arrived in the United States in 1982 and in 2000 my wife and two kids came to live in the United States with me. Two years later, my third child was born and three years after that my wife and I had our last kid. We now have 4 wonderful children, a young lady and three boys. My family and I have been members of St. Mark’s for almost three years now. We have been part of the Spanish service since the very first day that there was a service offered in Spanish, which was back in December of 2011. Ever since then, my family and I have been involved in many activities at St. Mark’s and we have enjoyed every minute of it. St. Mark’s is a wonderful church and I am glad my family and I decided to be part of such a great community.

Continuing Vestry members:

**Dan Lambert:** I was born and raised in Wheaton, but spent 10 years in Massachusetts. My wife, and I moved back to the area and found St. Mark’s at the recommendation of our previous rector. He said “it looks friendly.” He may have just looked at the website, but he was right. My wife, Darcie, my son, Robert (2) and I have quickly found St. Mark’s to be a vibrant and welcoming spiritual home.
Megan McGuire: I have been attending St. Mark's for the past three years with my husband Drew, our son, Caden who is now 2, and Emersyn who is 5 months. I was born and grew up in Loves Park, IL where I attended a Lutheran Church. I went to Elmhurst College, where I received my teaching degree in elementary education. I met my husband while teaching in Elmhurst and we got married in 2010. We have found St. Mark’s to be a wonderful fit for our family and is such an inviting place to come each week. I currently teach fifth grade in Addison in a low income school. Each day, I am faced with challenges that these students bring in from their home life, but I find it rewarding at the same time. Teaching children is a passion of mine, so I enjoy each day and love to find new ways to engage them and help them become successful students.

Ricardo Soto: I have been living in Glen Ellyn since 2009 and am married to Anne Moriarty Soto. Together we have 2 children, Alejandro (Alex) and Norah. I am from Mexico City, where I lived until 2006 when we moved to Phoenix, AZ. In 2008 we moved to Chicago. I have an MBA from Vanderbilt University and work in Finance for a renewable energy company (wind turbines). We have been members of St. Mark’s since 2013. I enjoy sailing and biking with my family.

Kim Lloyd-Eichenauer: I was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana but spent most of my childhood here in Glen Ellyn. After graduating from Miami University and Northwestern Business School, I lived in Chicago where I met my husband, Scott. We moved to Glen Ellyn after we were married in 2003. I am currently a stay-at-home mom to our daughter Sofie who is three and a half. Prior to this (by far my most rewarding role) I spent several years in a leadership role at Arc Worldwide—a marketing agency headquartered in Chicago. Before I left to stay home, I was a global brand strategist at McDonald's corporation. To say that St. Mark's has served an important role in my life is an understatement. After having been baptized at an Episcopal church in Fort Wayne, I celebrated my First Communion and Confirmation here. And, while I attended Church of Our Savior while living in the city, Scott and I came back to St. Mark's to be married. I've had the good fortune to meet many of you at the coffee hours and I will be service as the next chair of the Preschool board.

Jim Grotelueschen: Jim and Kit Grotelueschen have been members of St. Mark’s for 2 years. He has a MS in Electrical Engineering from Marquette University and an MBA from the University of Chicago. Following 30+ years in the wireless industry, he does technical and business consulting through The Grotelueschen Solution. Jim and Kit have two sons; John, 30 and Michael, 27. Kit and Jim were active in Boy Scouts for 15 years and have been active in the Food Pantry and PADs programs.

Scott Shorney: I have been attending St. Mark’s with my wife, Susan, and our boys, Charlie and Roger, since 2007. Susan and I both grew up in Wheaton where we still live, myself as a Presbyterian and Susan in the Catholic Church. We have found a nice common ground at St. Mark’s. I have served on the Buildings and Ground Committee the last couple years. I have helped coordinate the numerous volunteers and contractors who collectively keep our church in such outstanding physical shape as the Vestry liaison for B&G. During the week I am lucky to be part of the fourth generation of Shorneys to run Hope Publishing Company, a church music publishing company.

Lynn Dornblaser: We (husband David and I) joined St. Mark's in early 2013. Since joining, we have been active in PADs, newcomers breakfasts, warming center, and more. I have also joined Daughters of the King. I work at a research company in Chicago, spending my time talking about and thinking about the trends that drive new product development for consumer products (the kinds of things you would buy in a grocery store). I very much appreciate and am so thankful for the warm and generous welcome given to us by the St. Mark’s community, and am happy to have found a church home. I grew up in the Lutheran Church, so find St. Mark’s a good fit.
Senior Warden’s Report

It has been a joy and an honor to be a warden at St. Mark’s for the past two years, first as junior warden, understudy to and mentored by Edna Heatherington, and then this past year, working together with Joyce Fletcher and Father George on the various warden’s activities and projects.

Edna inspired me again last fall with her Giving Campaign Announcement. She finished her talk saying, “I give to St. Mark’s because I want to have a church.” Victor added, “a healthy church thrives with people who give of their Treasure, Talents, and Time.” Being warden put me right in the middle of the many St. Marker’s giving of their three T’s in so many ways for so many good purposes.

This time last year, we were celebrating Ten Years with George As Rector. Now we have completed an eleventh year, Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith, Branching out into the World. During the spring, we celebrated completion of the Walker organ with a series of four recitals that brought people to St. Mark’s from all over the Chicago area. At the beginning of the summer we celebrated 29 years of music leadership by Charles Snider. Just in time for Advent, Daniel Segner joined us as the new Director of Music.

Also in December we celebrated the fifth year of not only our one o’clock Spanish language service, but of being, and becoming, an intercultural church. This year, as in previous years, I have seen the two-way street of that blessing. My life is richer and more joyful because of my St. Mark’s friends who are Spanish-first speakers - several of whom who helped our family out this past year, bringing meals to us when we needed it, and helping us in other ways. In the fall Virginia and I, along with other St. Markers, attended “breakfast with the bishop” in Waukegan, an informal get-together with Bishop Lee and Latino parishioners from across our diocese. At that get-together, one of our St. Mark’s parishioners, Angeles Perdomo Reyes, stood to tell the bishop and all gathered about her positive experience being a parishioner at St. Mark’s, how our congregation has become “familia” for her, and that she’s proud to call herself an Episcopalian. Shay Craig (amember of the bishop’s staff) noticed that I was taking pictures at the event and asked me to send some to her at the diocesan center. Bishop Lee Bishop wrote back his thanks, and also asked: “Do you know the name of the woman in the red vest? She spoke so beautifully. I would like to ask her to speak at the Diocesan Convention in November.” And so our own Angeles Perdomo Reyes spoke at the Convention and was again inspirational. In her message she invited all gathered - all four hundred delegates - to be open to trying intercultural experiences and worship experiences.

2016 was the third year that the St. Mark’s Art Group has sought out local artists, juried their work and hung shows of original art. This year’s exhibits included “Twelve Great Feasts,” new paintings by Joseph Malham, “Life’s Work,” a collection of paintings and drawings by Glen Ellyn’s Carol and Tim Gorman, and “Twisting Roots,” drawings by favorite St. Mark’s son, artist and musician, Eric Dinse.

The spreadsheets in this Annual Report tell only part of the story of St. Mark’s finances. Each month, the finance committee gathers in the library to go over the previous month’s budget and financial status. Hunter Walor guided the committee for the past three years. With the end of his Vestry term, new Vestry member Steve Sedal has stepped up to lead the committee. Each month, Steve is joined by treasurer Harvey Dunham and assistant treasurer Barbara Walton, with Don Sutherland keeping the minutes, and other faithful members of the committee, Fiona Miller, Steve Webster, Jake Weaver, Dick Anstee, and Sandy Allison. Also contributing is our new part-time accountant, Chris Ponstein. In December, the Vestry honored David McCarraher for 24 years of service managing St. Mark’s special funds.

These are just a few of the many activities, ministries, and areas of outreach at St. Mark’s. This annual report contains more than 30 sub-reports, each telling a part of the St. Mark’s story. I’m excited for the bright future of St. Mark’s with George, Victor, Robin, and Walter leading, with Joyce as senior warden, Leo as junior warden, the new Vestry, and all of us joining together on Sundays and all week long, during 2017.

Peter Vagt
### OPERATING BUDGET

#### Revenues

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**St. Mark's total revenue** $804,814 $780,024 $858,100

**St. Mark's Pre-school** $93,000 $109,166 $161,278

**St. Mark's Parents' Day Out** $85,000 $82,272 $85,000

**Total Revenue** $982,814 $971,462 $1,104,378

#### Expenses

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**St. Mark's total expenses** $804,814 $793,597 $857,690

**St. Mark's Pre-School** $93,000 $88,808 $161,278

**St. Mark's Parents' Day Out** $85,000 $84,664 $85,000

**Total Expenses** $982,814 $967,069 $1,103,968

**St. Mark's Net Total** $- $(13,573) $410

- **Loan from Diocese** end of year $543,916 $530,000 (estimate)
- **Building Mortgage** end of year $740,488 $705,000 (estimate)
- **Rectory Mortgage** end of year $103,200 $99,000 (estimate)
### Assets

**Operating Assets**

- **Cash and Cash Equivalents**
  - 1101.00 - Operating Checking - Glen Ellyn Bk $35,338.75
  - 1103.30 - Money Market Acc't -Glen Ellyn Bank $13,343.48
  - 1106.00 - DK Checking $5,658.79
  - 1107.00 - PDO-Checking $14,706.89
  - 1109.00 - St. Mark's Preschool Checking $64,204.93
  - 1110.10 - Memorial MMKT- Glen Ellyn Bank $9,999.92
  - 1115.00 - Rector's Discretionary Glen Ellyn B $1,853.64
  - 1118.00 - Assoc. Rector Discretionary Fund $269.52
  - 1125.00 - Restricted Funds CD - G E Bank $45,031.94
  - 1135.00 - M & O Reserve Fund CD - GE Bank $26,356.29
  - 1150.10 - Thanksgiving Chkg - Glen Ellyn Bk $1,966.10

  **Total Cash and Cash Equivalents** $218,733.25

- **Investments**
  - 1201.00 - Diocesan Foundation $13,811.48
  - 1209.00 - Wintrust- Operating Stock Donations $5,212.54
  - 1215.00 - Wintrust - Lewis Trust $244,777.44
  - 1225.00 - Carey Music Fund - Edward Jones $21,331.46

- **Other Assets**
  - 1400.10 - Judd Insurance Receivable $2,470.00

  **Total Other Assets** $2,470.00

  **Total Investments** $287,602.92

**Non-operating Assets**

- **Property and Equipment**
  - 1701.00 - Church Buildings $6,098,900.00
  - 1705.00 - Furniture and Fixtures $703,000.00
  - 1710.00 - Computer Equipment $393.21
  - 1715.00 - Stained Glass $163,000.00
  - 1720.00 - Rectory $473,000.00

  **Total Property and Equipment** $7,438,493.21

  **Total Non-operating Assets** $7,438,493.21

  **Total Assets** $7,944,829.38

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**Liabilities, Fund Balance, & Restricted Funds**

- **Current Liabilities**
  - 2101.50 - Payroll Tax Liabilities $3,592.99

  **Total Current Liabilities** $3,592.99

- **Long Term Liabilities**
  - 2172.00 - Building Mortgage Payable $740,487.83
  - 2173.00 - Debt Reduction loan -Diocese of Chi $543,919.30
  - 2701.00 - Rectory Mortgage Payable $103,200.07

  **Total Long Term Liabilities** $1,387,607.20

  **Total Liabilities** $1,391,200.19

- **Fund Balance**
  - 3100.00 - General Fund Balance $1,768,766.09
  - 3200.00 - Investment in Property & Equipment $4,384,014.98
  - Excess Cash Received $17,462.29

  **Total Fund Balance and Excess Cash Received** $6,170,263.36

- **Restricted Funds**
  - Total Temporary Restricted $117,256.89
  - Total Permanent Restricted $266,108.94

  **Total Restricted Funds** $383,365.83

  **Total Liabilities, Fund Balance, & Restricted Funds** $7,944,829.38
St. Mark’s Investment Accounts

St. Mark’s has a number of investment accounts in addition to the operating budget accounts. These include Memorial funds, The Diocesan Foundation, The Carey Music Fund, The Wayne-Hummer Operating Account and the Lewis Trust. Each account has a specific purpose. For example, the Net Income generated from the investments in the Lewis Trust are to be used for capital improvement projects, and the Wayne-Hummer Operating account provides a vehicle to collect the proceeds of stock sales. Each account is managed by the Investment Committee, according to the supporting documentation. Combined, these accounts total $297,000. The largest portion is in the Lewis Trust. Actual balances are shown in the Balance Sheet. A copy of the Lewis Trust Fund statement showing receipts and disbursements for 2016 is on file in the Treasurer’s office for review.

2017 Giving Campaign

We want to begin by saying thank you to the generous people of St. Mark’s. Thank you for your dedication and participation in any number of ways - worship, church programs, and outreach that has helped St. Mark’s grow and thrive.

Each year, St. Mark’s conducts a giving campaign where all households are asked to prayerfully consider making a financial pledge for the coming year.

What is a pledge? A pledge is your best estimate of your financial support over the course of a year.

The spiritual part: God blesses us with many gifts. Pledging is a way to respond to our blessings and the work we are called to do to make the world a better place. Pledging therefore is a spiritual act that requires careful and prayerful reflection on our lives.

Why do we ask people to pledge? The combined pledges from all households make it possible for St. Mark’s to create a budget. Through the budget, St. Mark’s is able to maintain the church building and grounds, provide for our ministers and staff, Sunday worship, support outreach work such as the Food Pantry, DuPagePads, Walk-In Ministry, the St. Mark’s Preschool, Parent’s Day Out, art exhibits and receptions, concerts, Sunday School, and to empower various ministries to truly make a difference in the lives of our parishioners and the community.

How to pledge? You can fill out the enclosed pledge card and mail it or bring it to St. Mark’s, or you can go to the St. Mark’s web site (Google St. Mark’s Glen Ellyn) and click the button “Make Your Pledge.” The amount of your pledge is a personal and important decision. Some families stretch by giving $100 per year. Others give $100 a week or more. It can be helpful to think about pledging in terms of a weekly or monthly amount, similar to other financial commitments in your life for running your household and other memberships.

How to fulfill a pledge? There are many ways to fulfill a pledge, including the offering plate passed on Sundays, mailing a check to the church, setting up an automatic monthly debit from your checking account or credit card or PayPal.

Every pledge, regardless of the amount, is acceptable to God and strengthens the church.

As of mid-January, St. Mark’s had received pledges from 345 households (compared with 322 this time last year and 275 the year before). These pledges represent $680,000 (compared to $670,000 this time last year and $615,000 the year before). Our goal for 2017 is 370 households and $740,000.

The Giving Campaign for 2017 will continue to invite our church community to participate with generosity.

Together we can continue the life-changing work of St. Mark's Church.

Yours in Christ,
Javier Valdivia, Peter Vagt, Victor Conrado and George Smith
Giving Campaign Update

Thank you to those who so far have turned in a pledge for 2017. If you haven’t made your pledge, please email the treasurer at treasurer@stmarkslenellyn.org or submit your pledge online on the St. Mark’s web page.

Manuel Acuna & Luz Servin
Phil & Sarah Adler
Jose & Kara Agueros
Mario Alcantar &
Magaly Cuautle
Chad & Rachel Alcorn
Sandy & Rinda Allison
Lety Alonso
Alternating Currents Corp
Josh & Dilhara Anbil
Jerry & Prilla Anderson
Dick & May Anstee
Rob & Lesley Arlasky
Doug Armantrout
Candelaria Arroyo
Eleazar Avalos & Asucena Lara
Bob & Jo Ayo
Dave & Kris Baier
John Baker
Joe & Randa Barber
Margaret Barclay
Francisco & Belen Barrera
Refugio Barron &
Catalina Martinez
Francisco Bautista & Angelica Campos
Santiago Bautista & Leticia Cruz
Jerry & Christy Becker
Dan & Kim Bella Lobraco
Michael & Tricia Benich
Carol Bennett
Tom & Jennifer Bergmann
Jerry & Linda Bertrand
Chris & Andrea Bilotti
Elliott & Mimi Black
Carolina Blancas
Adrian & Silvia Blanco
Veronica Blanco
Cory & Ali Blane
Michael & Rebecca Boskovic
Dave & Ellen Brannegan
Jim & Monica Brennan
Keith Brickey
Heidi Bridenstine
Richard & Jessica Briggs
Miguel & Norma Briones
Bob & Connie Brooks
Istmar & Evelyn Cabrera
Gustavo & Dalia Cabrera
Francelia Calderon
Higidio Camarillo &
Esther Davalos
Bryan & Sam Campen
Miguel & Maria Cano
Bob & Ann Cardwell
Jerry & Tanya Carey
Joe Carlton
Antolina Carrazco
Eladio Carrillo &
Maricela Gomez
Andy & Chris Carter
Vincente Castaneda-Villegas &
Erin Wolaver
Jose Castro & Gloria Cielo
Cristobal & Tanya Cavazos
Paul-Gordon & Lynne Chandler
Jen Chavez
Rafael Chihuahua &
Tomas Casas
George & Deirdre Churchill
Isauro & Francisca Cielo
Ernesta Cielo
Bruce & Hanna Clements
Barbara Colombo
Scott & Jess Commo
Dan Conaway
Victor & Lucia Conrado
Elia Cortes
Antonio & Irene Cortes
Monica Costillo
Rosy Covarrubias
David & Melissa Creech
Sue Crosson-Knutson
Craig & Ann-Marie Cudzilo
Gilberto & Rebeca Cuellar
Robin Currie & Bob Beeching
Stephen Curtis & Dianne Hunter
Dennis & Miriam Curtis
Keith & Amanda Cyzen
Beremundo & Yolanda Damian
Hugo & Alva De Casas
Ryan & Julia Delack
Leslie Delany
Roberto & Maria Delara
Miguel Diaz & Maria Resendiz
Todd & Ellen Dickey
John & Linda Dickey
Dianne Dince
Jeff & Elizabeth Diver
Pat & Karen Doran
Andrew & Jennifer Dorn
David & Lynn Dornblaser
Liam & Annie Dunch
Harvey & Ellie Dunham
Ryan & Jodee Dunham
Will & Betsy Dunlap
Walter & Dolores Dunnett
Rich & Sue Edwards
Scott Eichenauer &
Kim Lloyd Eichenauer
Scott & Deanna Ellison
Daniel & Laura Ellison
Charlene Elwood
Carlos Escorcio & Claudia Reyes
Karen Evans
Tom & Carin Fanter
Saul Favela & Sofia Estrada
Maria Fernandez
Ted & Beth Figler
David & Joyce Fletcher
Peter & Lea Forsman
Rafael Francisco & Emilia Diaz
Tim & Joyce Frawley
Jared & Gina Friebel
Kevin & Jody Friesen
Pat & Nikki Fry
David Funck & Jen Grant
gloria Gallegos
Fildeberto & Lucila Galvan
rafael Garcia & Michelle Roman
Manuel Garcia & Leticia Esquivel
Roque & Teresa Garcia
Richard & Nancy Gier
John & Cindy Glavin, Jr.
Javier Gonzalez & Alejandra Rubio
Lorenza Gonzalez
Myrna Grant
David Greengas & Eden Shadis
Steve & Kelly Gross
Jim & Kit Grotelueschen
Michael & Tina Gugielmo
Brigida Guzman
Anne Hacker
Matt & Patty Hafner
Merrilee Hall
Rich & Melissa Hardy
Edna Heatherington
Peggy Heilig
Rad & Ilona Helin
José Hernandez & Marciana Moreno
Mauro Hernandez & Alejandra Montes
Esteban Hernandez & Ofelia Beltrán
Mary Hess
Ron & Joyce Hetzel
Bill & Liz Heun
T.J. Hill & Renee Hughes
Karen Hill & Oo Thein Maung
Jeff Hill & Catharine Phillips
John & Bettye Hille
Suzi Holding & Bob Doak
Perry & Tammy Hookham
Judy Jackson
Edith Jacobson
Jim & Phyllis Jenkins
Abraham & Juana Jimenez
Felipe Jimenez & Laura Lopez de Jimenez
Chip Johnson
Pat & Denise Joyce
Bob & June Judd
Ginnie Judd
Bill & Raleigh Kalbfleisch
Bill & Yolanda Kelly
Molly Kennedy
Wade & Eileen Kennedy
Gretchen Kenower
Don & Rhonda Kent
Randy & Heather Knotts
Ken & Gail Kramer
Alex & Eleanor Krause, Jr.
Gary Kreutz & Carolyn Faivre
Arthur & Jeanne Kreymer
Dan & Darcie Lambert
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Fred & Jennifer Langtry
Nancy Lanham
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Blake & Penny Latta
Dave & Amber Lemar
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Bob & Pauline Lewis
Elizabeth Lewis
Terry & Elizabeth Lin
David Lincoln & Nancy Purcell
Wilma Linde
Matt & Sherry Little
Zach & Jamie Littlefield
Rita Kay Lochner & John Scruton-Wilson
Rodolfo Lopez & Flor Itzel Carmona
Alex Lopez & Lindsey Paris - Lopez
Juan & Rosalva Lopez
Abel Lopez Velazquez & Evelyn Melchor Salgado
Severiario Luna & Carmela Juarez
Erik Luna & Robertina Campuzano
Bob Lundin
Ryan & Heather Luttenton
Paul & Annie Mahon
Lou & Kristin Margaglione
Guido & Susan Mariottini
Fanny Martin
Bradley & Becky Martin
Victor Martinez & Silvia Gomez
Ben & Pam Maxson
Dave & Doris McCarrather
Roby & Laura McGovern
Drew & Megan McGuire
Ana Medina & Alicia Barraza
Alicia Medina
Bob & Susie Meehan
Manuel Mejia & Aracely Rodriguez
Antonio & Veronica Mendoza
Omar Mendoza & Florina Pineda
Pat & Mandy Mercadante
Richard & Fiona Miller
Will Moeller
Matt & Rosemary Mongolis
Bruno Montiel & Areli Reyes
Clint & Jane Moore, III
David & Rosario Morales
Joe & Melody Mordini
Francisca Moreno & Porfirio Vivaldo
Dick & Sue Mylander
Barbara Newsom
Karen Nicholson
Inocencio & Norma Nolasco
Teresa Norris
Heather Norton
Bill Novak
Maria & Christian Ocampo
Greg & Marylu Olsen
Bob & Cheryl Olsen
Andres Olvera & Azucena Moreno-Hernandez
Dave & Stephanie Ott
Anna Panor
Ben Parrish & Christina Castelli
Domingo Pastrana & Rita Estrada
Sandi Perez
Petra Peterson
Carl Peterson
Mark & Martha Pfefferman
George Pliml
Jim & Jamie Plumb
Greg & Alice Plutko
Lou Pointon
Eve Poth
Dan Pradt
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Isidro Santellanes & Yolanda Luna
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Sue Schmuck
Peggy Schoen
Carl & Patsy Schwartz
Robert Schweizer
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Scott & Susan Shorney
Ron Sienkiewicz
George & Cecilia Smith
Graham Smith & Kim Rothwell Smith
Charles Snider
Ani Solis
Irm A Solorzano
Ricardo & Anne Soto
Bryan & Patty Spencer
Relia Spencer
Bud & Barb Stephani, Jr.
Emy & Cali Sukenaga
Tim & Pat Sullivan
Don & Marie Sutherland
Honorio Tapia & Maribel Grande
Joe & Kate Tebrugge
Ai Thai
Jane Thomas
Matt & Gayle Todd
Jack & Kim Toliver
Tom & Stephanie Toppen
Romayne Toy
Jim & Cheryl Treleaven
Todd & Beth Treleven
Drew & Gail Trieger
Jean Tschampa
Betty Turmsan
Bob & Tina Ulrich
Ron Ummel & Joanie Somerville
Victor & Argelia Uribe
Pete & Virginia Vagt
Javier & Liz Valdivia
Reynaldo Valero & Esmeralda Olea
Rosmary Valero
Henry Valero
Jayson & Wendy Valluzzi
Jim & Grayson Van Camp
Myles Van Camp & Jessica Tschampa
Russ & Laurie Vanderlei
Joe & Alice Vanest
Miguel Vargas & Roselia Calderon
Jose Velazquez & Oralia Solorzano-Carvajal
Mauricio Velazquez & Laura Porrua
Rob & Briel Wakerly
Barbara Walden
Hunter & Julie Walor
Bob & Kara Ward
Don & Chris Warman
Andrew & Libby Wassef
Jake & Patty Weaver
Steve & Marsha Webster
Jim & Kelli Wheeler
Jeff & Fiona White
Susan Whiteman
Lindsay & Julia Wilkinson
Eric & Bryn Wulf
Jane Zaccaria
Bud & Paula Zwiebel, Jr.


Associate Rector’s Report

Annual Meeting 2017

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: I will, with God's help.

These two promises that we say during a moment of baptism are the starting point to this year’s report because we have seen how they have grown and become a reality in our parish community and, at the same time, we have witnessed how, because of FEAR, we can forget them. We have reached the five year mark welcoming Hispanics/Latinx in our midst to be an important part of St. Mark’s; we are showing signs of maturity and we are telling our parish, local community, the diocese and the national church, that we are STRONGER TOGETHER.

This work has been made possible because of the people who have invested their TIME - TALENT - TREASURE and have sacrificed important moments with their family and friends to be present, to show up. I want to mention some of them here: George Smith, Dellana Mote, Robin Curie, Marsha Webster, Kim Reed, Julian Mendoza, Miguel Briones, and Kristin Margaglione; our teachers Itzel Carmona, Lucia Conrado, Laura Lopez, Rafael Garcia, Michelle Roman-Garcia, Alejandra and Daniela Uribe, Cynthia Mote. I want to acknowledge the great contribution and efforts to help us see ourselves as one parish that the following people have made: Mauro Hernandez, Peter and Virginia Vagt, Inocencio and Norma Nolasco, Rafael and Tomasa Casas, Alva de Casas, Lorenza Jimenez, Julio Reyes and Angeles Reyes-Perdomo, Linda Bergstrom, Francisco and Belen Barrera, Daughters of the King, Beremundo Damian, Edna Heatherington and our youth leader Jocelyn Briones. I know there are many others who have helped us move forward and I want to say thank you for loving your neighbor as yourself. We are blessed to have them all being a part of our parish community.

Rooted In Baptism - This past year, we continued to offer formation opportunities, every Sunday from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm, to children, young and adult. We realize the great need of formation for our 1pm parishioners. We are aware that many come from different denominations and traditions and the need to reconnect them with their faith life, now in the Episcopal Church, is crucial. Many take it very seriously and they commit themselves to be here every Sunday. Last year we had 9 baptisms, 19 children and 18 youth had their communion celebrations, 15 young adults and one adult were confirmed. We celebrated two weddings and 7 Quinceañeras. We know that by celebrating these sacraments we have welcomed these people in a different way and they had this opportunity. Being rooted in baptism means that everyone is welcomed. We are aware that many of these families that came to receive sacraments in 2016 left due to a variety of situations. This is a great challenge. We want to believe that we have touched their lives and that eventually, they will come back. It does not stop the feeling of disappointment and frustration from coming up.

We know that in baptism we are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. This is what has a reality at St. Mark's in 2016.

Growing in Faith - Being rooted in our core beliefs of our baptismal covenant has helped many of our 1pm parishioners grow in their faith. Some of them have taken on positions of responsibility and some others have represented us in diocesan events, like Mrs. Angeles Reyes-Perdomo who, from her own experience, told a room filled with more than 600 Episcopalians her own journey and growth in faith. Growing in faith has meant for many in the 1pm feeling that they are able to do this in a different way. Last year we were able to organize
different activities that helped our desire and promise to respect the dignity of every human being. When lack of funding to local colleges affected the ESL (English as a Second Language) program, we were lucky enough to have people like Linda Bergstrom who worked with local agencies to bring ESL classes to our 1pm parishioners and to the wider community. We continue our pilgrimage with the Virgin of Guadalupe and we visited 23 1pm families. We were blessed to share with them who we are and invite them to join us. During the last political campaign season, many of our brothers and sisters became afraid. Some decided not to come to St. Mark’s because they thought they were not welcomed. We were able to offer immigration workshops twice a year and had some deep conversation about who we are as Hispanic/Latinx and what we are contributing to our local communities and churches. One of the greatest challenges that we are facing on this dimension is our commitment to contribute more in our stewardship (time-talent-treasure). I know that as we grow more in our faith, many of our 1pm will find that they are here to stay.

One of the most life-giving things St. Mark’s is bringing to many is the witness that Jesus is forgiving our sins. This is life-giving ministry and a sign that we are growing in faith and breaking the chains that have kept many isolated. We are seeing growth in many ways.

Branching Out into the World - St. Mark’s experience of being a multicultural and bilingual parish community has reached out to the world. We have been present in diocesan events that have been organized for youth and adults. We have been present at our diocesan convention with a clear testimony of growing in faith. Today, more than ever, we are challenging the common perception (and soon growing perception) that Hispanic/Latinx and Anglos cannot share the same space. Branching out has meant to go to have a presence in our annual trip to southeast Mexico as well as our Appalachia Service Project. It has become important for our youth to be present in our diocesan gatherings. Our pledging numbers have increased and people have felt the need to contribute more and more to the different events that show who we are as a multicultural and bilingual congregations. We have organized cultural and religious events that have brought many people to St. Mark’s. We have a folkloric dance children’s group called Quetzalli that represents St. Mark’s in different events and that is traveling to other parishes to share with them who we are.

I am representing St. Mark’s in different diocesan and national church committees. I am part of the Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry and the Nominating Committee. I am the president of the Hispanic Ministry Affairs Committee. In the national church, I am part of the task force that is helping implement and bring to reality resolution A086. I am leading a subcommittee that will bring to reality a cultural competency training course.

Our experience here at St. Mark’s is changing the way we will see Hispanic/Latinx ministry being done in the Diocese of Chicago and the National Episcopal Church. We are already challenging common perceptions and we will continue to do because we have seen and we believe that we are STRONG TOGETHER.

I thank God for the life and ministry of my wife Lucia and my two sons David and Daniel. They have been a great support and have helped me be present at St. Mark’s and to respond to the other responsibilities I have assumed. They have helped me live and understand what it means to love someone.

Respectfully,
Victor+
Ministerios Hispanos/Latinx

Oficiante: ¿Buscarás y servirás a Cristo en todas las personas, amando a tu prójimo como a ti mismo?
Pueblo: Así lo haré, con el auxilio de Dios.

Oficiante: ¿Lucharás por la justicia y la paz entre todos los pueblos, y respetarás la dignidad de todo ser humano?
Pueblo: Así lo haré, con el auxilio de Dios.

Estas dos promesas que decimos durante un bautismo, son el punto de partida del informe de este año porque hemos visto cómo han crecido y se han convertido en una realidad en nuestra comunidad parroquial y, al mismo tiempo, hemos presenciado cómo, a causa del MIEDO, podemos olvidarlas. Hemos alcanzado la marca de cinco años dando la bienvenida a Hispanos/Latinx en nuestra parroquia para ser una parte importante de San Marcos; estamos mostrando signos de madurez y estamos diciendo a nuestra parroquia, a la comunidad local, a la diócesis ya la iglesia nacional, que SOMOS MÁS FUERTES JUNTOS.

Estos cinco años han sido posibles gracias a las personas que han invertido su TIEMPO - TALENTO - TESORO y han sacrificado momentos importantes con su familia y amigos para estar presentes, para decírselo que esto sí vale la pena. Quiero mencionar algunos de ellos y ellas: George Smith, Dellana Mote, Robin Curie, Marsha Webster, Kim Reed, Julián Mendoza, Miguel Briones y Kristin Margaglione; nuestras profesoras Itzel Carmona, Lucia Conrado, Laura López, Rafael García, Michelle Román-Garcia, Alejandra y Daniela Uribe, y Cynthia Mote.

Quiero agradecer la gran contribución y esfuerzos que las siguientes personas han hecho para ayudarnos a ver y sentir que somos uno como parroquia: Mauro Hernández, Peter y Virginia Vagt, Inocencio y Normal Nolasco, Rafael y Tomasa Casas, Alva de Casas, Lorenza Jiménez, Julio Reyes y Angeles Reyes-Perdomo, Linda Bergstrom, Francisco y Belén Barrera, las Hijas del Rey, Baramundo Damian, Edna Heatherington y nuestra líder juvenil Jocelyn Briones. Sé que hay muchos otros que nos han ayudado a seguir adelante y quiero decir gracias por amar a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Tenemos la bendición de que todos ellos y ellas sean parte de nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Enraizados en el Bautismo - Este año pasado, continuamos ofreciendo oportunidades de formación, todos los domingos de 12:00 pm a 1:30 pm, a niños, jóvenes y adultos. Nos damos cuenta de la gran necesidad de formación que nuestros feligreses de la 1pm experimentaron. Somos conscientes de que muchos provienen de diferentes denominaciones y tradiciones y la necesidad de conectarlos nuevamente con su vida de fe, ahora en la Iglesia Episcopal, es crucial. Muchos lo toman muy en serio y se comprometen a estar aquí todos los domingos. El año pasado tuvimos 9 bautismos, 19 niños y 18 jóvenes tuvieron su primera comunión, 15 adultos jóvenes y un adulto fueron confirmados. Celebramos dos bodas y 7 quinceañeras. Sabemos que al celebrar estos sacramentos hemos dado la bienvenida a estas personas de una manera diferente y que gracias a Dios tuvieron esta oportunidad. Estar enraizados en el bautismo significa que todos son bienvenidos. Somos conscientes de que muchas de estas familias que llegaron a recibir sacramentos en el 2016 se fueron debido a una variedad de situaciones. Este es un gran desafío. Queremos creer que hemos tocado sus vidas y que con el tiempo, ellos volverán, pero esto no detiene la sensación de decepción y frustración que sienten las profesoras y líderes.

Sabemos que en el bautismo somos sellados por el Espíritu Santo y que somos marcados como los de Cristo para siempre. Esto lo vivimos en San Marcos en el 2016.

Creciendo en Fe - Estar enraizados en nuestro pacto bautismal ha ayudado a muchos de nuestros feligreses de la 1pm a crecer en su fe. Algunos de ellos han asumido posiciones de responsabilidad y otros nos han representado en eventos diocesanos, como la Sra. Angeles Reyes-Perdomo que compartió a una sala llena de más de 600 episcopales su propio viaje y crecimiento en la fe. Crecer en la fe se han compartido para muchos en la 1 pm en un sentimiento de que son capaces de vivir su vida de una manera diferente. El año pasado pudimos organizar diferentes actividades que ayudaron a nuestro deseo y promesa de respetar la dignidad de cada ser humano.
Cuando por falta de fondos para los colegios locales afectó el programa de inglés como segundo idioma, tuvimos la suerte de tener personas como Linda Bergstrom que trabajó con agencias locales para traer estas clases a nuestros feligreses de la 1pm y a la comunidad en general. Continuamos nuestro peregrinaje con la Virgen de Guadalupe y visitamos las 23 familias de la 1pm. Fuimos bendecidos para compartir con ellos quienes somos e invitarlos a unirse a nosotros. Durante la última temporada de campaña política, muchos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas comenzaron a vivir con miedo. Algunos decidieron no venir a San Marcos porque pensaban que no eran bienvenidos. Pudimos ofrecer talleres de inmigración dos veces al año y tuvimos una conversación profunda sobre quiénes somos como hispanos/latinxs y lo que estamos contribuyendo a nuestras comunidades e iglesias locales. Uno de los mayores retos a los que nos enfrentamos en esta dimensión es nuestro compromiso de aportar más desde nuestra generosidad (tiempo-talento-tesoros). Yo sé que a medida que crecemos más en nuestra fe, muchos de nuestros parroquianos de la 1pm se darán cuenta de que están aquí para quedarse.

Una de las cosas más vivificantes de San Marcos es traer a muchos es el testimonio de que Jesús está perdonando nuestros pecados. Éste es un ministerio que da vida y una señal de que estamos creciendo en fe y rompiendo las cadenas que han mantenido a muchos aislados. Estamos viendo crecimiento de muchas maneras.

Proyectándose al mundo - La experiencia de San Marcos de ser una comunidad parroquial multicultural y bilingüe se proyecta al mundo. Hemos estado presentes en eventos diocesanos que han sido organizados para jóvenes y adultos. Hemos estado presentes en nuestra convención diocesana con un claro testimonio de crecer en la fe. Hoy, más que nunca, estamos desafiando la percepción común de que Hispanos/Latinxs y Anglos no pueden compartir el mismo espacio. El proyectarnos al mundo ha significado tener una presencia en nuestro viaje anual al suroeste México así como nuestro proyecto del servicio de Appalachia. Ha llegado a ser importante que nuestros jóvenes estén presentes en nuestras reuniones diocesanas. Nuestro número de contribuciones económicas ha aumentado y la gente ha sentido la necesidad de contribuir cada vez más a los diferentes eventos que muestran quiénes somos como una congregación multicultural y bilingüe. Hemos organizado eventos culturales y religiosos que han traído a muchas personas a San Marcos. Tenemos ballet folclórico Quetzalli que representa a San Marcos en diferentes eventos y que está viajando a otras parroquias para compartir con ellos quienes somos nosotros y nuestros valores culturales.

Personalmente les comparto que estoy representando a San Marcos en diferentes comités diocesanos y nacionales. Soy parte del Comité Permanente, Comisión de Ministerios y el Comité de Nominaciones. Soy el presidente del Comité de Asuntos Hispanos/Latinxs. A nivel de la iglesia nacional, soy parte del grupo de trabajo que está ayudando a implementar y traer a la realidad la resolución A086. Estoy dirigiendo un subcomité que esta creando un curso de capacitación en la competencia cultural.

Nuestra experiencia aquí en San Marcos está cambiando la manera en que veremos el ministerio hispano/latinx en la Diócesis de Chicago. Ya estamos desafiando las percepciones comunes y seguiremos haciéndolo porque hemos visto y creemos que SOMOS FUERTE JUNTOS.

Doy gracias a Dios por la vida y el ministerio de mi esposa Lucía y mis dos hijos David y Daniel. Ellos han sido un gran apoyo y me han ayudado a estar presente en San Marcos y a responder a las otras responsabilidades que he asumido. Me han ayudado a vivir y entender lo que significa amar a alguien.

Respetuosamente,
Victor+
Report of the Pastor Associate

The Pastor Associate position supports a variety of ministries and programs throughout St. Mark's. I have been privileged to do the things I love with people I care about deeply.

In 2016 these included:

Worship
Preached monthly; Presided weekly; Midweek Eucharist; weekly at 1:00 pm worship; Presented Children's Good Friday worship (2 services); Presented Children's Christmas Eve message (2 services); Led Bilingual Picnic worship; Supported acolytes every service.

Education
6 Communion classes for grades 2-5 (both 10:30 am and 1 pm classes); 4 Confirmation classes for 10:15 am class; 2 worship based specials for 1:00 pm grades 6-12; Adult Ed program on Women of the World; Coordinated weekly preschool chapel, present every 3 weeks; JAM for Easter services (2 services); Daily storyteller for all ages in Vacation Bible School; Youth Bridge Group special.

Organization
Assembled annual planning meeting and calendar; Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas worship and activities; Seder meal, Ashes to Go, Maundy Thursday logistics; Communion Celebrations at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm.

Communication
Compiled and prepared all PostMark newsletters.

Other
Celebrated 20 years of ordination; Organized, weeded, relabeled church library; Volunteered 3 weeks in Peru; Improved Spanish with Rosetta Stone; Responsible for St. Mark's while other clergy in Mexico.

As always, great love and appreciation to Bob, who thought, when I said "retired," I meant "retired."

Let us bless the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor Robin
Children and Youth Formation

Children’s Ministry: Nursery through 5th grade

Christian Education
St. Mark’s offers several faith formation opportunities for children, nursery age through elementary school. We are fortunate to have a large number of volunteers who commit their time and talents to be with the children. Children’s programs include Sunday school, JAM, Nursery Care, Vacation Bible School and many other family events. Highlights from each area are as follows:

Nursery
Norma Cid supervises our nursery and has been with us for 19 years. She relies on a rotation of adult and teen volunteers who keep our nursery running smoothly during the 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 10:30 am and 1:00 pm services, as well as the 12:30 pm Sunday School. Jocelyn Briones also comes in to assist from 11:30 am-2:20 pm. Thank you to volunteers Stephanie Rivera, Stephanie Ott, Christina Guare, Isabel Grant-Funck, Petra Peterson, Rebecca Boskovic, Carrie Gowans, Ellen Dickey, Jeff Hill, Nancy Gier, Jennifer Vincent, Liz Valdivia, Dilhara Anbil, Abby Emerson and Evelyn Cabera, Virginia Curtis, Tina Guglielmo, and Libby Wassef. We average 11 children in the nursery each Sunday morning and 9 each Sunday afternoon.

Sunday School
At 10:15 am, Sunday school classes are offered for children age three through fifth grade. This Sunday School group is using year one of our online accessible curriculum called “Weaving God’s Promises” that was developed and written exclusively for the Episcopal Church. It offers suggested activities and crafts for each class based on age and covers topics on the Holy Scripture, the church and basic Christian principles. The fall program year kicked off on September 11 this year and will go through May 21. We have a three-four year old class, Kindergarten-First grade class, Second-Third grade class that will split while covering second grade specific materials and a Fourth-Fifth grade class. We have on average 7-8 children per class each Sunday in the morning.

At 10:15 am there is a class geared for children with special needs, called Allies. This class currently serves two children with various needs. They use both Godly Play materials and “Weaving God’s Promises” to enhance their instruction.

We have two classes at 12:30 pm. We now have one Spanish Language Sunday School class for Preschool-Second Grade and one for Third-Fifth Grade, both using Godly Play in Spanish. Attendance has been 8-9 children per class.

We are so fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers. At 10:15 am Sunday School, we have the following volunteers:

Preschool 3s and 4s: Amanda Cyzen, Nancy Lanham, Petra Peterson, Lesley Arlasyk, Alison Roberts, Claire Margaglione, Samantha Campen, Liam Dunch, Illona Helin

Kindergarten-First grade: Deirdre Churchill, Anne-Marie Cudzilo, Alice Plutko, Steve Sassi, Jen Chavez

Second-Third: Sarah Adler, Nancy Lincoln, Kari Littlejohn, Alexis Lincoln, Jared and Gina Friebel, Jennifer Davis-Johnson, Denise Joyce, Carney Noensie, Chip Johnson, Bryan Campen

Fourth-Fifth: Steve Gross, David Greengas, Ellen and Dave Brannegan, Steve Sassi, Carrie Pihl
Allies: Katie Tebrugge, Darcie Lambert, Britelle Smith

Substitutes: Liz Simpson, Mimi Black, Karen Hill, Brooke Bass, Gail Kramer

At 12:30 pm, we have the following dedicated volunteers:
PreK-First: Laura Lopez, Itzel Carmona, Lupita Cano, Maria Chavez
Second-Fifth: Lucia Conrado, Jenny DeCasas, Evelyn Melchor, Maria Fernandez

Jesus and Me (JAM)
This class offers the Godly Play approach on Sunday mornings during the 9:15 am service for our youngest members, ages 4-8 years old. We average 7-8 children per Sunday. Many thanks to Melody Mordini who organizes and assembles the story baskets and figures each week.

JAM Storytellers: Sarah Adler, Laura McGovern, Kim Rothwell, Anne Soto, Lindsey Paris-Lopez

JAM Greeters: Melody Mordini, Maureen Isphording, Mary Lane, Lindsey Strom, Susan Sallas, Claire Margaglione

Vacation Bible School
Carnie Noensie helped direct VBS this year and did a great job. The VBS theme this year was Cave Quest. We kicked off early registration May 3rd with a decorating and craft party in Mahon Hall. We set up stations and got a jump on making props and decorations needed for VBS. The actual VBS morning camp was held July 18-22 and we were filled to capacity again this year with 65 children age 4 through fifth grade. We again offered a special session called “VBS Week PDO” for 2 & 3 year old siblings to offer more flexibility to parents with children of multiple ages. We had an outstanding group of adult leaders. Thank you to station leaders Sarah Adler, Robin Currie, Alice Plutko, Jocelyn Briones and Rebecca Boskovic. Thank you to all our assistants who helped the leaders and children. These were Erin Delany, Izana Hill, Frida Lopez, Karen Jimenez, Christy Becker, Christina Pope, Marilyn Boskovic, Claire Margaglione, Mahla Hill, Lindsey Paris-Lopez, Cara Oats, Isabel Barrera, Virginia Curtis, Will Fry, Olivia Vanderlei, Will Delany, Emily Sexauer, Katja Thomalla, Farrell Turner, Ashley Gieschen, Heidi Ruskusky. Ryan Valdivia did a wonderful job creating a slide show to share with parents at the end.

Other Educational Opportunities & Family Events at St. Mark’s

**St. Mark’s Superstars Drama Camps** - There were two Drama Camps held in 2016. One was a one day drama camp on Jan 18th. The morning group of 4-6 year olds had 10 excited participants, and there were 30 in the afternoon group of 7 year olds and older. St. Mark’s also hosted 25 children (first grade through seventh grade) to a five day long morning camp held in Mahon Hall in early June. Local School District 41 Drama teacher Gina Corrado instructed the children in all areas of performance, including acting, singing, and movement. Our goal is to grow together as a faith community supporting each other as a team, and to build confidence and self-esteem in their abilities as performers by making the experience fun. The class shared a short performance on the last day. There are multiple Group Sunday Schools for Kindergartners-Fifth graders held periodically throughout the year. In January 2016, we had Juleigh Ruby, a storyteller come to share stories of Jesus. The children explored the labyrinth and learned about labyrinths in February. Cecilia Smith did lessons in March and in November using artwork conveying a Bible story and artwork conveying peace. I led several group Sunday Schools in March and May, focusing on the Easter story and mothers in the Bible. In October, the group enjoyed seeing a real marionette show focused on the pumpkin patch. Anima came in December to lead a sing-along with the kids.

**Advent Wreath Making** - This event is offered on the first Sunday of Advent at 11:45 in Mahon Hall. Families and individuals could make their own wreath out of the supplies we brought in such as pine roping, several dozen...
metal rings, candles, fish line, wire and ribbon. Each wreath was unique and special to its maker. We had a very large turn out this year!

**Christmas Pageant** - We enjoyed using the script written by parishioner/playwright Robert Lundin again this year. Amber Lemar directed this delightful pageant to a full house. “St. Mark’s Christmas Pageant 2016” was presented on December 18 during the 10:30 service. 61 children were cast in the production and did a wonderful job. We had a wonderful core team of volunteers: Marsha Webster—Music, Megan McGuire—Director’s Assistant, Ellen Dickey—Director’s Assistant, Izana Hill—Tech assistant, Claire Margaglione—General Assistant, Kate Marsh—Angel Mom, Kim Lloyd-Eichenauer—Angel Mom, Ellen Brannegan—Angel Mom, Dilhara Anbil—Sheep Mom, Stephanie Rivera—Sheep Mom, Alice Plutko—Shepherd mom, Susan Sallas—Shepherd mom, Karen Hill—Costumes, Todd Dickey—Sets, Drew McGuire—Sets, Wade Kennedy—Sets.

**Birthday Boxes** - This was our second year of collecting toys for the People’s Resource Center (PRC). Children earned money around their houses to help purchase a small toy to give to a child ages 1-12 who pick out birthday gifts at the PRC. It was quite a success.

**Glen Ellyn Food Pantry** - From September 2015-May 2016, the Sunday School classes took turns bringing in donations for the food pantry. I kept track of the donations and our class with the most donations (Preschool) had an ice cream party. We started a new contest in September 2016 and will end it in May 2017. This has increased enthusiasm and giving for the food pantry.

**Trick or Treat for UNICEF** - An annual outreach activity, children and their families are encouraged to take home boxes and trick or treat for UNICEF which supplies food and medicine to children in need around the world. The Sunday School classes participated in our 5th annual pumpkin decorating contest during the 11:45 am coffee hour during late October. We raised $332.67 for UNICEF which we were able to double to $665.34 since we gave on Giving Tuesday.

**St. Nicholas Luncheon** - This annual luncheon was held on December 4, and Mahon Hall was full again this year. Participants raised hundreds of dollars’ worth of toys for the Peoples Resource Center’s Share the Spirit Program. Brynn Wulf organized the decorating and Kathy Kelly arranged a lovely lunch buffet. David Fletcher (our very own St. Nicholas) brought great stories and treats to the children. Thank you to Lou Margaglione and Alex Margaglione for managing the registration table. Thank you also to Katherine Littlefield, Jean Tschampa, and Sophia Lopez for entertaining the crowd by offering live music for the luncheon. Other important helpers for the luncheon were Rachel Alcorn, Jerry and Christy Becker, Jessica Briggs, the Cudzilo family, David and Joyce Fletcher, Amy Kaminski, Gretchen Kenower, Claire Margaglione, Sue Mylander, Pam Rojc, Lynn Wolstad and Paul Gillespie, and David Dornblaser.

**St. Mark’s Preschool and Parents Day Out**
I serve on the board of the PDO program and am in regular communications with both the Preschool and the PDO to keep synergy between the groups.

Kristin Margaglione
2016 Youth Ministry Report

Below is what’s on our website. It captures youth at St. Mark’s, this past year and going forward. Please be sure to check out the list of names at the end and see how many are involved in Youth Ministries! Also, be sure to check us out on Facebook and Twitter!

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God’s help.

St. Mark’s youth are a vital part of our St. Mark’s community. They are active in worship, fellowship, education, and service. They are learning and modeling what it means to live out their faith.

Rooted in Baptism
Middle School marks the beginning of preparation for confirmation, a reaffirming of the Baptismal Covenant, those promises made for us at Baptism. The Baptismal Covenant is a question and answer version of the Apostle's Creed, a statement of faith, and how we are called to live out that faith. Confirmation takes place at the end of 8th grade, when those youth who choose to be confirmed renew their baptismal vows during a service, which includes a laying on of hands by the Bishop.

High School is a time to learn how to take responsibility for those baptismal promises made at confirmation. These are important years when St. Mark’s hopes to engage, instruct, and involve high schoolers and provide the foundation necessary for the Christian life.

Growing in Faith
Attending and Serving in Worship:
We encourage our youth to go to church with their families. One of the most important messages we want to impart is that worship holds us together as a community in Christ. Attending worship is a commitment, one that we hope sticks.

In addition to attending services, we ask each incoming 6th grader to commit to a role in worship, serving as an usher, acolyte, reader, and/or instrumentalist. We hope that serving in these roles will help youth realize their importance as part of St. Mark’s.

Sunday School:
There are many educational opportunities for youth at St. Mark’s. Sunday School classes are offered at 10:15 a.m. and at noon:

- 6th & 7th Grade (10:15 a.m.) in Room 103
- 8th Grade (10:15 a.m.) in Room 101 (includes preparation for confirmation)
- 6th, 7th, 8th Grade (Noon) in Room 103 (includes preparation for confirmation)
- High School Grades 9th to 12th (10:15 a.m. and Noon) in Lehman Parlor

Youth Bridge Group 3rd Sunday of the Month:
A once a month learning/serving opportunity for all 6th through 12th graders (11:45 a.m.).

Confirmation/Mentor Relationship:
7th and 8th Graders meet regularly with adult mentors, one on one, to discuss their faith and what it means to be confirmed.
Confirmation Lunches and Retreats:
These are opportunities for 7th and 8th graders to get additional preparation for confirmation. Parents and mentors are included in some of these events.

Wednesday Night Youth Groups, Cookouts, and Fellowship:
Fellowship provides time for middle schoolers and high schoolers to learn about themselves and God—and have fun while doing it!

Helping out with Parish Activities and Events:
These include service and fellowship opportunities such as: making PADS lunches, serving at the St. Nicholas Brunch, working in the Pumpkin Patch, assisting in the Nursery, interning in the office, and helping with art exhibits, Mexico Mission Trip and ASP Trip fundraisers, the Annual Meeting, the Parish Picnic, VBS, and more!

Internship Opportunities:
Every summer, we accept 3 or 4 high school or college youth to work at St. Mark’s for a stipend. Applications are available in early spring.

Branching Out into the World
We pray that what our youth learn in their homes and at St. Mark’s will strengthen them as they go out in their schools, their communities, and the world beyond and live out their Baptismal promises and demonstrate God’s grace.

St. Mark’s provides the following opportunities:
- Mexico Mission Trip
- Appalachia Service Project Trip
- Middle School Mission Camp
- Offsite Retreats and Activities (with the Diocese of Chicago and other local churches)
- PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)
- PRC (People’s Resource Center)
- CROP Walk
- And more!

And who makes all of the above happen? The wonderful, giving people of St. Mark’s, adults and youth alike!
Here are some of them. We are extremely grateful for these people and all they do for St. Mark’s (this part is not on the website):

- Teachers for youth classes: Graham Smith, Kim Rothwell, Nancy Purcell, Dan Kelly, Will Dunlop, Steve Webster, George Churchill, Cynthia Mote (College Intern), Michelle Roman, Alejandra Uribe, Daniela Uribe, Pastor Robin Currie, and help from Sue Mylander and Virginia Vagt. We said farewell to Chad Alcorn who is taking a break after many years of teaching!
- College Intern: Cynthia Mote.
- Youth Group Leaders: Jess and Myles VanCamp, Teresa Norris, Jocelyn Briones, with help from Stephanie Gutzer (yoga), Rebecca Boskovic (Crossfit), and Marsha Webster (Youth-led Taize services and caroling for the Middle School Christmas Party).
- Leaders and Contributors to Youth Bridge Group: Cynthia Mote, Michelle Roman, Pastor Robin, Cecilia Smith & Beth Treleven (Art), and Kelly & Steve Gross (Social Art).
- College Access Programs: Eden Shadis.
- Youth Vestry Representatives for 2016: Paige Hardy and Abraham Jimenez.
- Youth Delegate at Diocesan Convention: Nathan Littlefield.
- PADS Youth Leader for 2016 (winter & spring): Emily Sexauer.
• **ASP Trip Organizer:** Cindy Glavin.
• **Middle School Mission Camp Leaders:** Jocelyn Briones, Isabel Camarillo, Timo Curtis, Teresa Norris, and Katja Thomalla.
• **2016 Miqra Leaders:** Jocelyn Briones.
• **Cathedral Youth Day Leader:** Jocelyn Briones.
• **Hispanic Youth Event Organizers:** Isabel Barrera, Jocelyn Briones, & Erin Delany.
• **Summer Interns:** Caroline Arlasky, Erin Delany, Lauren Glavin, and Katja Thomalla.
• **Parent Meeting Hosts:** Cecilia and George Smith.
• **Sleep Out Saturday:** Boy Scout Troop 44, Cynthia Mote, Jim Grotelueschen, David Dornblaser, Ginnie Judd, Jeanne Kreymer, and Fiona Miller.

*And a huge thank you to the St. Mark's staff, too!*

Kim Reed, Youth Ministry Coordinator

**Boy Scout Troop 44**

Troop 44 Mission Statement: Troop 44 is a Boy Scout Troop that is affiliated with St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. Our goal in scouting is to create future leaders who have upstanding moral character and are active in their community. This is accomplished in a variety of ways.

Many of the lessons and life skills that the scouts learn occur at meetings and camp outs. At our meetings, the boys learn about cooking, first aid, and other practical skills so that they can care for themselves. These skills are then applied when they attend camping events. During camping, the boys must prepare all their meals and clean up after themselves. They must learn how to cook in a variety of ways. They must set up their tents, take them down and then return them in a clean state. They also learn to have forethought and planning skills. If they forget to bring something on their outing, they must learn to adapt and overcome. A perfect example of this occurred at a District camp out in October. There was a dessert competition and the boys decided to make a chocolate lava cake. The cake was slightly overcooked and dry. However the boys served it with whipping cream and strawberries that were left over from lunch. Needless to say, they came in first and won the silver spoon.

Our program is run by the Scouts, but with adult input to keep the Scouts on track. The boys decide what they want to do at their meetings and what they want to do when camping. We have gone lugging, canoeing, and rock climbing. The scouts decide on the trip, and the adults find places to make it happen. During these trips, the scouts have learned much about rain, keeping dry, and cooking in adverse conditions. During the summer, the scouts are given the opportunity to attend a week long summer camp. The last few years we have gone with other Troops, but this year we will be going on our own. We will be at Camp Tesomas in Wisconsin.

We also encourage the boys to perform community service. This past year we helped Pack 55 with their camp out and Pinewood derby, we participated in Sleep Out Saturday Night (to raise money for Bridge Communities) and pumpkin unloading and clean up (we also turn the pumpkins on Monday nights). We also collected food and clothes for PADS along with helping to set up PADS. As our Troop continues to solidify, we want to become more active and a greater asset to St. Mark’s. We will continue to build our relationship with Father George and Edna Heatherington, who is our liaison between the church and Troop.

As part of their responsibility, the scouts raise money to sustain the Troop. This is done through fundraisers. Our council requires that the boys sell popcorn in September. Since this does not generate enough money to support the Troop, we also have a pancake breakfast in spring and this year we began a spaghetti dinner in fall. Like our Troop, these events are also evolving, with each year being better and more successful. This coming year we plan on having a carving station at our pancake breakfast and different meatballs at the spaghetti dinner. We will also be using plates and silverware instead of paper and plastic items. Like our scouts, we also learn as we move forward.

Deb Felsenthal
Adult Formation

Adult Formation is a gathering held on Sunday mornings for discussion, fellowship and learning. It is typically held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:00 am in the library. It continues to evolve, and has taken the shape of lectures, presentations and TED-style video talks. Topics range from spiritual to secular and have been led by both church members and individuals from the larger community.

The purpose of the forum is to have a place for open and honest discussion and everyone is welcome and encouraged to share their perspective.

This last year we addressed many relevant and challenging topics such as social and racial justice, and in the Fall we embarked on an exploration of the Jewish faith through a multi-week series highlighted by a visit to Etz Chaim synagogue in Lombard.

In the spirit of building connections, the Adult Forum will be starting 2017 with a series on Protestantism and learning about the faith experiences of our fellow Christians. All are welcome to join us as we learn and grow together in knowledge and faith.

Dan Lambert

Music

Music Associate
Music Associate/Interim Director of Music (June 1 – Oct. 31)
The following is a report of my work in the music area for 2016.

Cherub Choir – Preschool 3s and 4s Sunday School Classes
I continue to visit the preschool Sunday School class when it is in session.

Chorister Choirs – Kindergarten – 1st grade and 2nd – 5th grades
The Choristers follow the school year calendar, rehearsing on Wednesdays. The K-1 Choristers rehearse 4:00 – 4:40 pm and 2nd – 5th Grade Choristers rehearse 4:45 – 5:30 pm. Each choir sang once a month during the 9:15 am service, and at Christmas the choirs sang together, including special anthems for the Christmas pageant.
For the current year, we have 20 children singing in the two choirs. Special thanks to Katherine Littlefield, our faithful accompanist.

A Choir for the 9:15 am service
The 9:15 am choir is in its fifth year, providing music leadership for the 9:15 service once a month. We rehearse a “hymn anthem” at 8:45 am on the morning we sing in worship. Music and mp3 files are often sent in advance to help choir members prepare. Newcomers are always welcome, and I am in regular contact with those who express an interest in singing at St. Mark’s. We currently have 8 singers who are “regulars” in this group.

Musica por Santa Misa Parroquia de San Marcos
This past December we celebrated the 5th anniversary of the 1:00 pm service. It has been a privilege to be able to play the piano and work with Bob Lundin, who is now into his fourth year of playing guitar at 1:00 pm. Roberto DeLara has provided wonderful vocal leadership for a 1:00 pm choir, which has grown with a few additional families who regularly come forward to sing and play percussion.
Other Special Services and Offerings

- A youth led Taize service in March.
- A music and movement class for babies and toddlers and a parent/grandparent/caregiver. It is an 8 week session, which provides an opportunity for adults and children to bond, sing, and move together. Fall and winter sessions are offered.
- St. Mark’s Preschool music – I lead 20 minutes of music in the Preschool every other week in each of the classes.
- St. Mark’s Organ Recital Series – The completion of the Walker Organ was celebrated with 4 organ recitals by internationally known organists: David Briggs, Isabel Demers, Raul Ramirez, and Marie Bernadette Dufourcet. Each recitalist played a unique program to crowds that numbered over 100 in each instance. Champagne receptions followed each recital.

Interim Director of Music (June – October)
This past year has been a time of transition for the music program. Charles Snider retired in June and a search for his replacement commenced in late summer. The adult choir provided tremendous support during this time, singing and helping to prepare the choir room for a new leader. A music planning committee oversaw the music director search process, which culminated with the hiring of Daniel Segner, who began on Nov. 1. To say that Daniel jumped in with both feet is an understatement. He energetically and successfully led the choir in an All Saints Choral Evensong on his first Sunday, followed by Sunday Advent services, the annual Lessons and Carols service and 4 Christmas Eve services, 3 of which included a brass quintet. Daniel has an exciting vision for St. Mark’s music program. We look forward to his leadership in moving our music program forward.

Marsha Webster

Usher Ministry

During services, the ushers are the persons parishioners meet when they come in the door. Not only do they pass out to each attendee that Sunday’s bulletin, but they also pass any other information they are directed by the ministry to do. In addition thereto, they make records of the attendance, take the collection, and are instrumental in getting the communal offerings to the rector and the associate rectors. At the end of each service, they make sure that everything is restored to its pre-service location. In addition, they are available for anyone, especially first-time people, to guide them as to how the service will be run and where to sit.

There were approximately 40 people working as ushers during the calendar year 2016 and many times, when an Usher would be sick or unable to join the other ushers during service, other members of the congregation simply stepped-up and filled-in for the missing person. The availability of the ushers to fulfil their duties is both essential and greatly appreciated.

Andy Carter

Lay Readers

Lay Readers (also called Lectors) read lessons and prayers at all regularly scheduled Sunday services and also at certain mid-week services like Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Readers are scheduled by a computer program that takes into account their service preferences and the worship activities of other of their family members.

Readers are committed to conveying to the congregation the wonderful words of Scripture and of the Book of Common Prayer as meaningfully as possible. As an aid to their efforts, they attend meetings with clergy and
others to learn or improve reading technique and how to fit smoothly into the services they are a part of. There is always something new to learn, even for the most experienced readers.

Currently we are blessed with a large number of readers, but more are always welcome. Young people, older people and in-betweens are all invited to join our ranks. Contact a member of the clergy or Dianne Hunter if you would like more information. And please let the readers know how much you appreciate their hard work.

Dianne Hunter

**Daughters of the King**

The Order of the Daughters of the King is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate. The Order was founded over 130 years ago at the church of the Holy Sepulcher New York by Margaret Franklin, a young wife and mother interested in developing a deeper relationship with Christ and spreading His Word. Today there are tens of thousands of members, principally in the United States but with 5,000 members in chapters in Central and South America, Africa, Western Europe, and India.

The members of the Order take lifetime vows, pledging themselves to a life-long program of prayer, service, and spreading the Gospel. All Daughters everywhere make the promises to: obey the two Rules of the Order: the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service; to offer at all times loyal aid to our clergy and parish to spread Christ's kingdom; to wear faithfully the cross of the Order which is the outward symbol of our commitment to the Order. We can be recognized by it.

Here at St. Mark’s the chapter of St. Anne’s has served the clergy and parish for over 85 years. For all those years we have taken responsibility for Altar Duty, cleaning, polishing, washing and ironing linens, setting up for every communion service performed. We also coordinate the use of the church for all weddings, guiding and supporting the wedding party and representing the church in its use and care. We prepare the church for funeral services and offer a lovely reception for family and friends. We do much of the decorating for Christmas. We set up ashes for Ash Wednesday and oversee many of the activities of Holy Week and Easter, including decorating, the footwashing, and the many services.

We meet once a month to work and pray together. We are a sisterhood, supporting one another through good times and bad. If you are interested in a community within the larger community of St. Mark’s with whom to share your spiritual journey, we invite any and all women of St. Mark’s to join. There is a study prior to installation which is scheduled at times convenient to those wishing to join. If you have questions please call our President, Karen Evans (708) 642-2601 or email her at kkevans46@gmail.com.

Karen Evans
**Worship Commission Report**

The Worship Commission is made up of several ministries, all dedicated to support our worship of God and the fostering of relationships at St. Mark’s. These ministries are: music, lay readers, ushers, acolytes, sub-deacons and chalice bearers, altar duty (via the Daughters of the King). The Worship Commission meets four times per year, usually prior to the next Liturgical season.

This past year was particularly active for the Worship Commission, with the retirement of Charles Snider as Choir Director and Organist and the selection of St. Mark’s new Music Director. The meeting of the Worship Commission this past fall reflects the commitment of St. Mark’s toward inclusion and honoring all manner of diversity in our parish community.

Members:

- Paula Zwiebel – Coordinator
- Rinda Allison / Dianne Hunter - Lay Readers
- Daniel Segner - Music Director
- Marsha Webster – Music
- Andrew Carter - Ushers
- Robin Currie - Acolytes Trainer
- Ginnie Judd - Ministry Scheduler
- Gretchen Kenower, Karen Evans - Daughters of the King
- Edna Heatherington – Visual Arts
- George Smith - Clergy
- Victor Conrado - Clergy
- Carolyn Faivre - Vestry Liaison

The activities and accomplishments involving the individual ministries are detailed in the respective reports.

Carolyn Faivre

**Pastoral Care**

**Pastoral Care Prayer Ministry/Providers:** Rebecca Sandrok coordinates parish prayer request list. The Prayer Providers Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am and attends the Wednesday noon Eucharist. The intention of the prayer ministry is to hold in daily prayer the individuals and families on the St. Mark’s prayer list. This is a group led by members of the group taking turns overseeing the monthly meeting which includes offering an opening prayer, distributing individual prayer lists, providing a presentation and/or discussion on an aspect of prayer, and closing with prayer. Prayer requests are submitted on cards that are located in the church pews, or through phone calls and emails to the clergy or front desk. The Prayer list is included in the bulletin in the ‘Prayers of the People’. The Prayer Group welcomes anyone who would like to join the group and their ministry of prayer.

**Clergy visits:** George and Victor make the majority of clergy visits to those in hospitals or in need of a home visits. Bruce Clements, a member of St. Mark’s and ordained Congregational minister also assists, particularly at Beacon Hill.

**Lay chaplain and Eucharistic minister visits:** Trained lay members of St. Mark’s assist the clergy by visiting and bringing the Eucharist to parishioners as needed.

**Meal ministry from Julie Walor and Renee Hughes:** During the past year, the Meals Ministry provided approximately 5 families with meals, averaging 2-3 meals per family. We think it would be great to get some additional meal makers on our list as we have had some volunteers move away in the course of the last year. **Stephen Ministry:** Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one ministry with a caregiver assigned to a care receiver experiencing a major life transition. The Stephen Ministry offers a safe place to speak in confidence and be heard,
to vent without remorse, to be present and move forward. In 2016, four members of St. Mark’s were trained to be Stephen Ministers.

**Spiritual direction:** Catharine Phillips continues to offer spiritual direction to members and nonmembers of St. Mark’s. Her office located on the first floor in room 121.

**Baby baskets:** Elizabeth Lewis creates a care baskets whenever a child is born or adopted by a parish family. The baskets accompany the priests when they visit the home, and contain a candle, a hand painted St Mark's cross, candy kisses and the board book "A Prayer for a Child" in either English or Spanish. Ten baby baskets were delivered in 2016.

**Altar flower deliveries:** Dianne Dinse serves our congregation as she has done for a number of years taking communion to shut-ins, altar flowers to those with a concern or a happy occasion, hospital visits, the Christmas poinsettias to shut-Ins. $200 of our budget is allocated for reimbursement for her expenses.

**Social Service Agency Support:** Pastoral Care Ministry makes an annual contribution of $1200 each to Glen Ellyn Youth and Family Counseling Service (GEYFC) and Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center (CDPPC).

George Smith

**Church Tellers**

The tellers for St. Mark’s faithfully show up every Monday morning to open the giving envelopes and count the Sunday offering. Their work allows the proper recording of contributions in the Church’s accounting system and they take the deposit to the Bank. Their efforts in this critical function are vital to St. Mark’s financial process, and St. Mark’s is blessed to have them serve in this capacity.

Tellers this year were May Anstee, Doug Armantrout, Jerry Becker, Bob Cardwell, Karen Evans, Bob Judd, Gretchen Kenower, Brenda Laws, and Bob Meehan. Thank you to all.

Dick Anstee

**St. Mark’s Outreach Committee**

In 2016 St Mark’s parishioners branched out into the world to help those in need on local, regional, national, and international levels. There is now a great resource for those who want to get involved—the green Project Connect pamphlet. There are projects that provide great opportunities for you to reach out and help the hungry, homeless, poor, and third world communities. A bit more than $20,000 was allocated to the various programs.

New activities this year included training for and adopting a family in need through the Bridge Communities organization. The goal is to mentor that family from homelessness to self sufficiency, moving from hand out to hand up. The second year of this activity is underway, with graduation for the parent expected early in 2018.

We also donated money to the World Relief organization to assist refugees new to DuPage County in buying groceries. Other new support in 2016 included the Faith in Place program and Family Shelter Service which provides temporary housing for parents and children where physical abuse has occurred.

In addition to the projects, scholarships were made available for PDO and Preschool. Our building was an activity venue for AA, Alanon, CODA, Boy Scouts, Recitals, Concerts, Folkloric Dancers, art exhibits and ESL. Thanks
to all of you who have shared your time, talent and treasure by helping REACH OUT!! If you are interested in joining in on the activities, please contact me at jgsqed51@gmail.com.

Jim Grotelueschen

**St. Mark’s Visual Arts Group**

St. Mark’s invites artists to exhibit at the church several times a year. We seek work that enhances and engages with our worship, since the main display area is in the church itself. The congregation and artist find themselves in a mutually giving and receiving relationship that acknowledges the presence of God in our lives and in our abilities of expression. Some work that has been shown directly falls into the genre of spiritual art; other pieces reference the spiritual in a celebration of nature and personal experiences.

In 2016 we hosted the following exhibits:

- **Stations of the Cross** by Richard Rush: these pieces are owned by St. Mark’s and are displayed annually during Lent. Dick Rush was a parishioner at St. Mark’s. He was a commercial artist and founded Richard Rush Studio, a model company. He created permanent displays for clients including the Shedd Aquarium, Chicago’s Museum of Science and Industry and the dies from which the Presidential Seal is cast.

- **Twelve Great Feasts** Icons by Joseph Malham. This was Joe’s third show with St. Mark’s. This suite of icons commemorates the major feasts of the Church’s liturgical year and is done in washes of acrylic on Arches paper. Malham is the Artist in Residence at St. Gregory and Great Catholic Church in Chicago and has been an Icon Writer for over 16 years. He reflects, “Art, especially when created for the service of God and others, nourishes the spirit.”
  
  *Poster designed by Beth Trebelhorn*

- **Life’s Work** paintings and prints by Carol and Tom Gorman. The Gormans graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago and lived and worked in Glen Ellyn for over 50 years. Tom studied in France, Italy and Spain and was a book designer until his retirement in 1995 when he began working in the COD print studio doing etchings and lithographs. Carol started her career as a fashion illustrator and later turned to oil pastels to illustrate her love of nature. A member of the Nature Artists’ Guild and the Dupage Art League, she was often invited to show her work. Carol passed away in December 2015.
  
  *Poster designed by Beth Trebelhorn*
• Twisting Roots drawings and paintings by artist Eric Dinse. A visual artist preferring drawing to painting, Eric uses a wide assortment of colored pencils, bright metallic markers and a variety of pens with colored ink. He comments that he will draw on anything...paper, cardboard, notebooks, lunch bags, post it notes and sketch pads. His earliest influences were comic books and cover illustrations for fantasy and science fiction books. Eric studied at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, earning a BFA in Fine Art. He exhibits at local galleries including Burning Bush and can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ArtByEricDinseAtThrillhammerStudio.

Poster designed by Beth Trebelhorn

• Advent Twig wreaths: simple grapevine wreaths owned by St. Mark’s and displayed annually during Advent

• Twig wreaths decorated for Christmas: red bows and berries enhance the Advent twig wreaths in celebration of Christmas.

Art Group members, Ellie Dunham, Edna Heatherington, Gretchen Kenower, Mary Elizabeth Lane, Cecilia Smith, Pat Sullivan, Beth Trevlen and Peter Vagt have been active in 2016 meeting with artists and reviewing their portfolios, selecting works to be exhibited and installing them. A reception was hosted for the artists who were invited to give an Artist’s Talk, describing their work and their careers as artists. Special thanks to Marsha Webster who with musicians Jean Tschampa and Eric Dinse played piano and guitar at our receptions.

The group welcomes new members and nominations for contributing artists. Please contact Cecilia Smith or Pat Sullivan if you have suggestions or would like to join the group.

Pat Sullivan

St. Mark’s Green Team 2016 Report

The Green Team is a small group, learning together how to make St. Mark’s a greener, more sustainable community. We welcome all who would like to learn with us. The team is: Christy Becker, Edna Heatherington, Ginnie Judd, and Jan Langford.

Indoor Winter Farmers Market (January 29) planning: Jan Langford has been leading the planning and coordination of our first Winter Farmers Market, an initiative through Faith in Place, which works with host sites at faith communities throughout the Chicago area to give local farmers and vendors within a 250 mile radius of St. Mark’s a place to connect with consumers. Our market is Sunday, January 29, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in Mahon Hall, and we hope a lot of you will turn out to support local vendors.

Pumpkin collection for composting: For the second year, we arranged for a dumpster through Republic to put the leftover pumpkins, straw, and fallen leaves after the Pumpkin Patch was over. The contents were taken to a commercial composting site instead of being put into landfill. Keeping food/yard waste out of landfill means a reduction in methane gas production as well as capturing the nutrients and water contained in the plant materials for use in compost. We also handed out flyers on where to take used vegetable oil – it is used to make biofuel and can be dropped off at the Glenbard Wastewater Authority 24/7.
Green Team Tips: we now offer a different tip each week in the Sunday bulletin, on a variety of topics. Is there something you want to know about? Please let us know, and we’ll research to find the answer for you.

Wash, don’t Waste: The goal is to reduce the amount of single use products, like disposable cups, plates, plasticware, most of which end up in landfill and last for hundreds of years. The disposable coffee cups we use at St. Mark’s are not recyclable. But we do have washable coffee mugs, plates, silverware, and glassware. An impromptu meeting with the Boy Scouts at the Sleep Out Saturday breakfast opened their eyes to a wonderful thing – the industrial dishwasher in our kitchen! So the Troop will make the switch at their next event, the Pancake Breakfast, to using all reusables. Better to wash and reuse than to add to landfill!

Coming up: The Green Team will be putting on a Lenten Supper in March, featuring delicious, meat-free foods, and information about how reducing the amount of meat we consume reduces water use and air pollution.

Please contact a Green Team member if you would like to learn more or become involved. Or send an email to GreenTeam@stmarksglenellyn.org with your question. Thank you!

Ginnie Judd

Mexico Mission Trip and Companion Parish Relationship 2016

Thank you for your continued support for the St. Mark’s Mission Trip and Companion Parish relationship. Eleven years ago, George Smith, who had been at St. Mark’s less than six months, led the first trip to San Marcos in Nigromante, a pueblo he had visited the year before with Christ Church in Winnetka. He wanted to pursue the possibility of a companion parish relationship in what was a relatively new companion diocesan relationship between the Chicago Diocese and the Diocese of Southeast Mexico.

Since then, St. Mark’s has sent a group of parishioners, high school & college youth and adults, to Nigromante every June. Over the years, while many have gone on the trip, all of us at St. Mark’s share in this relationship—by participating in fundraisers, attending informational presentations, listening to stories, and meeting with Bishop Benito. You are as much a part of this relationship as those of us who travel to Mexico.

This past June, fourteen (Deirdre Churchill, Ethan Churchill, Victor Conrado, Ayleen Delara, Jacqueline Delara, Isabel Grant-Funck, Ali Langtry, Kim Reed, Macie Rodriguez, Geo Smith, George Smith, Kathleen Taback, Scott Taback, and Olivia Vanderlei) traveled to Nigromante, a ranching town of 6,000 in the foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains. Every year offers new experiences, but a constant is VBS, vacation bible school. This past year, we were asked to cover Creation Care, how and why we, as Christians, as Episcopalians, should care for the earth and address Climate Change. George and Bishop Benito, both, asked us not to see this visit from the usual perspective of “they have so little” but to see if we could discover our own deficits and what we could learn from our friends in Nigromante. We did learn that, in many ways, those in Nigromante are better stewards of the environment than we are but that they are suffering from more extreme weather, without adequate resources to help cope with these changes. During our conversations with San Marcos, we realized how important it is to continue to talk about the environment, learn from one another, support each other’s efforts, and recognize our shared responsibility to God’s creation.

We are grateful for your contributions, which have helped make this trip and companion parish relationship possible. We raised over $9,000 in 2016 from fundraising efforts (including our Cake Auction and Bake Sale, Mother’s Day Rose Sale, the Cinco de Mayo Dinner and Silent Auction) that not only helped send St. Markers to Nigromante, but have allowed us to pay for half of Padre Senobio’s salary (his 3 parishes will never be able to support him financially). He makes $6,000 a year. Your contributions provide $2,000+ in scholarships each year to help keep kids in school, grades 3 and up. They will help finish the building project adjacent to the church—a project that will provide a place for Padre Senobio or visiting doctors and teams to stay when needed. And your
contributions help support the church bakery/panaderia, which provides a skill and income for poor women and for the church. We are grateful for your gifts and prayers and ask that you continue to pray for the people of San Marcos and the Diocese of Southeast Mexico. Gracias.

St. Mark’s returns to San Marcos in June 2017 for our 12th visit!

Kim Reed

Appalachia Service Project

What is ASP? Appalachia Service Project (ASP) provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities in the nation – bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families. But ASP is more than just a home repair program. Yes, Appalachia's poorest families urgently need your help, but they can help change your life, too. Because when you change the lives of others, they have a way of changing you.

On July 16, 8 adults and youth drove to Warfield, KY, in Appalachia to work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), helping to make homes safer and drier for some of the neediest people in our country. This was St. Mark's fourth year working with ASP! Those who participated on this week-long mission trip were: Petra Peterson, Rafael Garcia, Kendall Arlasky, Sydney Arlasky, Lauren Glavin, Alex Koon, Josh Koon, Julio Reyes Jr.

The 2016 ASP Theme was: Handiwork-Created to Serve, "For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." Ephesians 2:10

After a few days of hard work repairing homes with ASP, your hands will grow a little tougher, your arms a little stronger. You'll return home to your community with a passion for service, a renewed compassion for other people, and a fresh appreciation for your place and purpose in this world. Best of all, you'll discover first-hand that regardless of geography, education, or economic class, we are all equal members of the family of God. We like to say that our goal is to make homes "warmer, safer and drier" for needy families. And for more than 40 years, we've done exactly that for thousands of families.

2017 ASP Trip Details: ASP is open to adults and youth entering 9th grade in the fall of 2017. Invite friends to join you, membership at St. Mark's is not required. Work groups are a minimum of six. There must be at least 2 adults in each work group. The trip dates are: July 16 – 22, 2017. The group will drive in a van and overnight at a Church in KY on the drive down.

Cost: $350 – Participation in the fundraisers will pare this amount down. Please talk to me if cost is an issue. Make checks payable to St. Mark’s with ASP in memo line

- February 11: $50 deposit due
- February 25: $200 due
- May 20: Remaining $100 balance due

Cindy Glavin
Communications Coordinator Report

St. Mark's hired Samantha Campen for the part-time Communications Coordinator position in April 2016. There were three major goals established in the beginning: 1. to do a thorough analysis and overhaul of the website 2. to expand St. Mark's presence across social media 3. to delve into ACS and make it accessible to parishioners.

The website is under constant adjustment and updates according to the church's schedule and needs. It has been heavily edited and new code has been written. Unnecessary pages have been removed, while others have been added to better communicate information. This makes navigating much easier for anyone searching for specific topics. Plans are in place to convert the website to a more mobile friendly site, since many users are accessing our site from their smart phones.

Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are the three channels being the most heavily used for social media. Samantha gave a staff presentation after attending a digital media conference about the overall strategy for St. Mark's online. The message needs to be uniform and consistent from all staff members when posting online. Everyone provided input concerning best practices moving forward. She also made announcements at three services to let the parishioners know her role and to personally invite them to follow St. Mark's online for a more thorough look at what our church is doing. Because of this, social engagement has increased across all channels. It is expected to be a slow and steady climb.

ACS has not been tackled yet, but since the first two major goals are well on their way it will be a priority in the early part of 2017. We want a thorough and complete form of communication with our members to increase engagement, and delving in to ACS will help with that.

In addition to these three main communication goals, Samantha helps edit documents, creates press releases, creates ads on Facebook to bring greater attention to specific events, streamlines Facebook posts with Twitter and Instagram, and reaches out to all the ministry leaders to make sure their areas are represented accurately on the website.

Samantha Campen

Newcomers Committee

During 2016, the newcomer ministry was active in its mission to welcome our newest members to our parish. These welcoming efforts include delivering baked goods to the homes of newcomers, offering a welcome to those who come through the front doors on Sunday morning and two “Getting to Know St. Mark’s” sessions. These orientation sessions are helpful in aiding potential parishioners in their decision process and in connecting newcomers to relevant ministries in the church. With our ongoing growth, these efforts will continue in 2017 to ensure that our newest members are well acquainted with all that our church community has to offer.

Kim Lloyd-Eichenauer
Parish Life

Parish Life encompasses many things, all centered around the community and fellowship of the church members. The intent of all activities is to bring together the many parts of our congregation in ways that go beyond regular services. Several key events were held in 2016, in addition to weekly coffee hour after the 10:30 service each Sunday.

Parish Annual Meeting, January 24: A chance to celebrate our accomplishments, confirm nominations for the Vestry, and raise funds for the annual Mexico trip via a cake auction.

Lenten activities: An instructed seder meal and the Agape Feast on Maundy Thursday to help us all focus on the importance of the season and the many ways in which it is observed and celebrated.

All-Parish Picnic: June 12: Bringing together all parts of our congregation for fellowship, food, and fun.

Kick-Off Sunday, September 11: A way to celebrate the beginning of the new year of Sunday School, this fun event includes the Glen Ellyn Hot Dog man and other fun activities.

Lynn Dornblaser

Men's Ministries

The St. Mark’s Men’s Group had another active year. Once again, we hosted the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, and again, we had a great turnout for the Annual Barbecue at Father George's house. The twice-monthly Saturday morning DVD/discussion sessions continue, where we have been working through sessions on the Old Testament and on significant individuals in church history. Men of any age: you are welcome to join us at any of our activities. Contact us at mensgroup@stmarksglenellyn.org.

Leo Lanzillo

Women’s Ministries

Women in Touch/WIT

We are halfway through year two of WIT, a program for the women of St. Mark’s. We began WIT in August 2015 and have been meeting monthly in the mornings during the school years and several times a year in the evening and summertime for in-town retreats at Blackberry Market, salad suppers, “Come On Over” (informal dinners at parishioners’ homes), and other special events.

See the St. Mark’s website, the Sunday bulletin, and flyers around church for the Spring 2017 schedule; and mark your calendars for an in-town retreat led by our own Dr. Carolyn Faivre on Saturday, 4/22/17.

WIT has an online presence with more than 110 members on WIT Facebook page. (If you would like to be added, please contact Susan Shorney, WIT Communications Chair.)

Our committee has several openings, beginning in May 2017 when Jennifer Grant, Susan Shorney, and a few others need to step down to attend to new work responsibilities. If you would like to meet with the current WIT committee this Spring and get involved and keep WIT up and running, contact Jennifer Grant or Susan Shorney.

Jennifer Grant
Parents’ Day Out Ministry

Parents Day Out (PDO) provides once, twice, or three times a week care for children ages 2 to 4. The program is in session five days a week, Monday through Friday, and continues to operate at capacity (70 children from 61 families), and maintains a substitute list. PDO has had a strong following in our community since it began in the late 1980’s.

Scholarships: In keeping with our mission, we offer scholarships and flexibility to suit a variety of circumstances. Two children are currently benefiting from scholarships.

Summer Session: PDO follows the Glen Ellyn D41 public school system calendar during the school year and also offers summer programs in June and July, which fill up quickly. As with our school year program, our summer care includes fine and large motor skill activities, arts and crafts, songs and stories, as well as lots of fun play time.

VBS Session: Additionally, PDO coordinates with St. Mark's Children's Ministries to offer care during VBS week to those siblings not yet old enough to participate in VBS and for the young children of VBS volunteers.

PDO’s Gifts: PDO continues to cover its operating cost and provide cash and service benefits to St. Mark’s. In addition to scholarships for students, PDO donated $10,000 to the parish’s general operating fund in 2016 and painted the Undercroft, the JAM Room, the women’s bathroom by Lehman Parlor, and other rooms off of the Undercroft. The PDO Board is also reviewing estimates to refurbish the women’s bathroom adjacent to Lehman Parlor.

Staff: We continue to be blessed by a very dedicated staff—Director Kathy O’Rourke and teachers Cindy Glavin, Melody Mordini, Carrie Pihl, and Norma Cid, and with frequent help from Jocelyn Briones. The other young adult daughters of our staff also substitute and help out when needed: Abbey O’Rourke, Lisa Mordini, Lauren Mordini, and Lauren Glavin. We are truly grateful for our staff and their endless enthusiasm and dedication to PDO and its children. Thank you to the PDO Board members, too, which include: Kim Reed (Chair), Elizabeth Lewis (Secretary), Kelly Gross (Treasurer), Joan Nichols, Kristin Margaglione, and George Smith.

2017-18 Registration: Registration for the 2017 summer and fall programs will begin in early April, with members of the parish receiving priority.

Elizabeth Lewis
St. Mark’s Preschool

St. Mark’s Preschool has been a part of the St. Mark’s community for seven years. The Preschool is influenced by the Reggio Emilia project approach to teaching, which features child-directed learning. We continue to approach learning with the whole child in mind, first and foremost.

The Preschool offers 3-day and 4-day classes and a Studio Arts Program. New this year is an afternoon Kindergarten Enrichment class and an expanded Munch n Learn program. We currently have 47 students from 41 families enrolled in our program offerings.

We are so very blessed with the families and alumni that contribute to and participate in our preschool community. Partnerships with the parents and the community are a cornerstone of our philosophy. We are grateful for the opportunity for the students to explore their own community and to be provoked and inspired by their surroundings.

Registration for the 2017-18 school year is now open. Applications are available in the Preschool office or online.

The Preschool offers summer camp programming – be on the lookout for registration information in the next couple of months.

We are sad to share that our Preschool Director, Andrea Cocke, will be leaving the Preschool at the end of this school year. Andrea will be moving to Alabama to be closer to her family. She will be missed and we are grateful for her dedication and leadership.

Our Search Committee has identified an amazing candidate as Andrea’s successor – Kristine Corpora. Kristine has been a teacher at St. Mark’s Preschool for the last year and a half and has shown herself to be a strong proponent of the Reggio Emilia approach as well as a strong leader within the team. Prior to joining us, she was a Director at St. Andrew by the Bay in Annapolis, MD. We are excited to have Kristine step into this role and we are confident that the transition will go smoothly for our students, their families and the teaching staff.

Many thanks to the Board members for volunteering their time and talent to the Preschool, helping to ensure future success and growth.

And many, many thanks to our teaching and administrative staff for all of their hard work this past year and their commitment to enriching the lives of the students and their families - Andrea Cocke (Preschool Director), Jen Bambule, Kristine Corpora, Lori Gapinski, Georgina Kerstin, Carey Murphy, Cynthia Pence, Leslie Sommers and Marsha Webster.

Patty Weaver, Preschool Board Chair, January 2017
Buildings and Grounds

Ministry’s Purpose: The Buildings and Grounds committee works towards supporting St. Mark’s vision as a welcoming place for all by planning and carrying out the necessary functions to ensure all the church buildings, systems, rectory, grounds and parking lots are safe, clean and well maintained.

Our current committee is now made up of the following members:
George Smith – General Consultant
Scott Shorney – Vestry Liaison and B&G Coordinator
Gary Kreutz – Mechanical Systems Manager
Michael Benich – Rectory Manager
Ginnie Judd – Green Team member
David Dornblaser – Grounds Manager

2016 B & G in Review
Last year we welcomed David Dornblaser as our new Grounds Manager. David and his crew of volunteers did a wonderful job of keeping up the appearance of the church grounds. We are looking forward to his leadership this year with even more improvements. We had a handful of repair issues to deal with involving our HVAC equipment, replaced a water heater, and did some painting and plaster repair in the undercroft area, sanctuary and choir room and loft. We also replaced part of the rectory fence as well as made a few minor repairs inside.

2017 B & G Plans
The Buildings and Grounds committee will review and prioritize the potential improvements to be made in the coming year. Possible projects and suggestions you may see come to fruition include, but are not limited to:
- New windows on the 2nd floor of the office
- 2 New AC units for the church building
- Improved lighting in Mahon Hall
- A new Information Center outside the library
- Permanent projection capabilities in the sanctuary
- New masonry sign on SW corner of lot
- Numerous painting, plaster, staining of windows, and ceiling repairs
- Remodel narthex
- Expand the Columbarium

We are looking to fill the positions of Keeping House Manager. The Keeping House Manager is responsible for coordinating various tasks and projects such as painting improvements, closet organization and de-cluttering, and other redecorating initiatives. If you would like to take this on, join our committee, or volunteer in any way, please contact Scott Shorney at scott@hopepublishing.com or at (630)730-6076. Thanks to our whole team for a great year in 2016, especially our managers Gary, Mike, Ginnie and David, and Julian for taking over the lawn care, leaf pick-up, shoveling and other daily grounds care, and our behind-the-scenes donors who made so many projects possible.

Scott Shorney
# Parish Register 2016

### Baptisms
- Elliott Becker Blane
- Nicholas Thomas Wassef
- Edison Daniel Rusthoven
- Lizette Ramirez
- Lucas Robert Wysocki
- Theodore Stephen Gutzmer
- Heydee Flores
- Grace Ann Laughter
- Samuel Aidan Rivera
- Jonathan Olivos
- Brian Bello
- Madelynn Paige Heins
- Carson Leo Valluzzi
- Henry Marshall Davia
- Daniela Samirah Romero Hermosillo
- Madelin Rose Wilkinson
- Johathan David Tenconi
- Bruno Mitchell Lopez Melchor
- Yesenia Gamboa
- Grace Sarang Mongolis
- Giovani Ray Solorzano
- Mabel Aguilar

### Confirmations
- Sofia Loren Aragones
- Virginia Roos Curtis
- Grace Ellison
- Paul Gillespie
- Spencer Clay Knotts
- Mitchell Loomis Pfefferman
- Kathleen Heuston Taback
- Miriam Luna
- Uriel Martinez-Mata
- Mia Claire Grant-Funck
- Delaney Ward Gross
- Kathryn Anne Hardy
- Ben Daniel Kelly
- Edgar Agustin
- Jacqueline Delara Jimenez
- Esmeralda Garcia
- Diana Enriquez Aguayo
- Daniela Chavez

### Marriages
- Jessica Marx & Daniel Bavaro
- Linda Hernandez & Leodegario Alvarez
- Silvia Gomez & Victor Martinez
- Christina Castelli & Benjamin Parrish
- Julio Reyes & Angeles Perdomo

### Funerals
- Catherine Dornblaser
- Bill Yankula
- Robert Sarsany
- Barbara Bradley
- Jean Snyder
- Lois Baker
- John Lazanas
- George Porter
- Joan VanReeth
- Francisco Roman
- Julie Armantrout
- Donald Elwood

### 2016 Average Sunday Attendance: 438

- Elizabeth Violet Plutko
- Jessaly Rose Solorio-Gonzalez
- Bladimir Lopez Campuzano
- Ray Valero Jr.
- Darian Jr. Nieto Arroyo
- Carter Joseph Zalaznik
- Jasmine Marie Delara
- William Rockaway Isphording
- Samuel James Leder
- Greyson David Carlin
- Emersyn Elizabeth McGuire
Minutes from January 24, 2016 Annual Meeting

Opening Prayer
At 12:00 pm the Rev. George Smith opened the meeting with a prayer.

Ian Grant-Funck opened the annual cake auction and served as auctioneer throughout the meeting. Proceeds benefit the annual Nigromante trip. “I Have a Bean” supplied complimentary coffee.

Tim Sullivan was appointed as clerk of the meeting.
The minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Dick Anstee moved that they be accepted. Jeff Hill and Ben Maxson seconded. The motion was approve unanimously.

Appointment of new Senior Warden and Junior Warden
Peter Vagt was appointed as the Senior Warden. Joyce Fletcher was appointed as the Junior Warden. Both accepted their appointments followed by a round of applause.

Appointment of Youth Representative
It was announced that the new youth representatives for the Vestry are Paige Hardy and Abraham Jimenez. They were greeted with a round of applause.

Peter Vagt thanked the outgoing Vestry members Andrew Dorn, Patty Weaver, Jocelyn Briones, and Will Delany. Each was presented with a gift. The new Vestry members were introduced. They are Lynn Dornblaser, Dan Lambert, Flor Itzel Carmona, Megan McGuire and Ricardo Soto. Their appointments were approved unanimously.

Hunter Walor gave the Finance Committee Report. There has been a significant increase in the number of pledges, but revenue is short of budget—but the goal is in sight.

Senior Warden Edna Heatherington gave her report stating, “All things are made new every year.” Father George thanked Edna and she received a standing ovation.

Will Dunlop was nominated as delegate for the diocesan convention and approved unanimously.

Father George Smith III referred to the Rector’s Report, which is located in the booklet. Giving, membership, and attendance are all growing. St. Mark’s leads the way. The Organ Concert Series was mentioned and everyone was encouraged to bring someone to a concert. Bill Novak was recognized for his long service as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and was presented with a gift.

Rev. Victor Conrado was recognized for the contributions he continues to make for St. Mark’s, the Chicago Diocese, and the National Church.

The Parish Life Committee was thanked for preparing and serving the lunch.

Cecilia Smith took a moment to express her family’s appreciation for being a part of St. Mark’s.

The meeting was closed with a blessing at 1:00 pm.

Tim Sullivan
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

Bishop of Chicago

the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee, Bishop

Clergy

the Rev. George D. Smith, Rector
the Rev. Victor H. Conrado, Associate Rector
the Rev. Dr. Walter M. Dunnett, Associate Rector
the Rev. Dr. Robin Currie, Pastor Associate
the Rev. Catharine Phillips, Priest Associate
the Rev. Dr. Clint Moore III, Priest Associate
the Rev. Canon Suzann Holding, Priest Associate
the Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler, Priest Associate
the Rev. Miguel Briones, Deacon

Program Staff and Office Staff

Mr. Daniel Segner, Director of Music
Ms. Marsha Webster, Music Associate
Ms. Kristin Margaglione, Director of Children’s Ministries
Ms. Kim Reed, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Ms. Norma Cid, Nursery Supervisor
Ms. Kathy O’Rourke, PDO Director
Ms. Andrea Cocke, Preschool Director
Ms. Dellana Mote, Office Manager
Ms. Ginnie Judd, Office Administrator
Ms. Chris Ponstein, Bookkeeper
Ms. Samantha Campen, Communications Coordinator
Mr. Julian Mendoza, Sexton

Senior Warden
Peter Vagt

Junior Warden
Joyce Fletcher

Clerk of the Vestry
Bob Olsen

Treasurer
Harvey Dunham

Assistant Treasurer
Barbara Walden

Chancellor
Elizabeth Lewis

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