St. Mark’s 120th Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 22, 2017  
11:45 am – 1:00 pm  
All are welcome to attend the St. Mark’s annual meeting. Have lunch, meet new vestry members, thank those who are finishing their terms and bid on cakes as part of fundraising for our companion church in Mexico. Activities for children provided. Read more about this important event on page 2.

Cake Auction  
It’s the sweetest time of the year! Men and Women of St. Mark’s are invited to bake cakes and other baked goods for:  
The Mexico Mission Trip Annual Cake Auction and Bake Sale  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 11:30 am in Mahon Hall.

Come prepared to bid on the confections and take home a winner! Again this year, there will be a silent auction in addition to the live auction, AND many delicious baked goods of all sorts will be available on the bake sale table.

Adult Formation – January 2017  
In the spirit of inquiry, we hope to learn more about our fellow Christian brothers and sisters in the January-April Adult Formation at 9:15.

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Cold outside?  
Warm up with soup, bread, and piano music by Kathryn Littlefield to benefit Bridge Communities on Saturday January 14 at 5:00 pm.
Our 120th Annual Meeting
Yes, you can have your cake and eat it, too!

On Sunday, January 22, St. Mark’s will hold its 120th annual meeting at 11:45 am, continuing a tradition that dates back to 1898 and the establishment of St. Mark’s as an Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn.

Annual meetings are held at all Episcopal churches, typically in January. At St. Mark’s the annual meeting takes place in Mahon Hall and begins with a buffet lunch. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, including visitors, newcomers and children. Children are invited to stay for the entire meeting or participate in special activities for them.

The annual meeting is an opportunity to approve a slate of new vestry members and a new warden, get a picture of the church’s finances, and to ask questions and share opinions.

This issue of the PostMark includes photos and bios of both new and returning vestry members, the incoming junior warden and returning senior warden, youth representatives to the vestry, the clerk of the vestry, the chancellor to the vestry and delegates to the annual Diocesan convention. A full set of reports from committees and ministries will be printed in an annual report, which will be available at the meeting and also on the St. Mark’s web site (click on tab “Connect” at the top right of the web page). The annual meeting is also an opportunity to thank those who are completing their terms of service on the vestry, as warden and in other leadership roles.

Since 2007, the St. Mark’s annual meeting has included a live cake auction and a bake sale as a fundraiser for our relationship with San Marcos, our companion church in Nigromante, Mexico. We’ve had some amazing cakes over the years, including an edible life-size lawnmower! So put on your creative apron and whip up something spectacular – don’t forget to bring your checkbook!

The St. Mark’s annual meeting is an important tradition and part of our life together as a community. I hope to see you there as we give thanks for all that has happened in 2016 and as we look ahead to the promise of a new year and the possibilities God has waiting for us.

Yours in Christ,

George+
### St. Mark’s 2017 Budget (vs 2016)

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Día de Reyes: The Story of Los Tres Reyes Magos

January 6th is a special day in Mexico. Known as 'El Día de Reyes' (Three Kings Day), this holiday represents the height of the Christmas season. The date marks the culmination of the twelve days of Christmas and commemorates the three wise men who traveled from afar, bearing gifts for the infant baby Jesus. The children of Mexico look forward to this holiday as traditionally, gifts are exchanged on this date, not on Christmas Day.

In Mexico and many other Latin American countries, Santa Claus doesn’t hold the cachet that he does in the United States. Rather, it is the three wise men who are the bearers of gifts, who leave presents in or near the shoes of small children. The holiday is also known by the name of the Epiphany which dates back to the 4th century. A grand feast would be held on this day to honor the occasion of Jesus’ baptism and to pay homage to the three wise men.

Many believe mysterious events preceded Jesus’ birth with perhaps the most notable being the appearance of the Star of Bethlehem. This new star appeared in the evening sky just prior to the arrival of Jesus. Three wise men or Magi as they were then known, whose names were Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, traveled a far distance to pay homage to the Christ child. They brought with them fine gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Three Kings Day remains an important holiday for the people of Mexico and other central and Latin American countries. In addition to the gift-giving aspect of the day there is also a culinary treat that is specific to the holiday. Known as ‘Rosca de Reyes’ (King’s Cake), this holiday dessert offers much in the way of symbolism. Shaped in the round to signify a king’s crown, this sweet bread holds a special surprise. Baked inside is a small plastic figurine representing the baby Jesus. Whoever finds this token is obligated to host a party for the occasion of ‘Día de la Candelaria’ (Candlemas Day) which occurs each year on February 2nd.

The effigy of the baby Jesus, hidden inside the cake, represents another aspect of the holiday. The reason Jesus is “hidden” inside the bread is to symbolize how in life, the Christ child’s birth location also needed to remain secret, in order that his life be spared. The ruler of Jerusalem at the time, King Herod, had been appraised of the mystical signs that indicated the new and rightful King of Jerusalem was soon to be born. Herod’s reaction to these predictions was swift and horrible. He ordered his minions to murder all male infants recently born in Bethlehem. However, as destiny would have it, Mary and Joseph found their lodgings in a manger, not an inn. Herod’s henchmen didn’t think to look for an infant in such a location.

Another lovely custom associated with the Three Kings Day holiday centers around the evening meal. Traditionally, the supper served on this special day is delicious corn tamales accompanied by hot chocolate. This makes for a perfectly quintessential Mexican meal and one that is enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

Eventos Importantes en el mes de enero 2017

Estudio Bíblico en San Marcos – Comenzando en enero, tendremos dos momentos para estudiar en Evangelio de San Mateo:
Lunes de 10:00 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. comenzando el lunes, 16 de enero.
Miércoles de 7:00 p.m. a 8:30 p.m. comenzando el miércoles 18 de enero.
Esta es una buena oportunidad para crear comunidad y para profundizar en el conocimiento de las Sagradas Escrituras.

Círculo de Lectores de San Marcos – Primer encuentro el día jueves 26 de enero de 10:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. en San Marcos. ¡Todos son Bienvenidos! Estamos leyendo el libro EL PRINCIPITO por ANTOINE DE SAINT - EXUPÉRY. Lee todo el libro o lee cuanto tu español y tiempo te permita en este tiempo. El propósito de este grupo es el de facilitar una discusión de un libro en español y de hacerlo en un ambiente seguro. Si hablas español o si estás aprendiendo en estos momentos, este es el lugar para ti. Compartiremos café regular y descafeinado. Siéntete libre de traer algo para compartir.
Keep your brain active with beginner/intermediate conversational Spanish classes, available at St. Mark’s on Thursdays, 1:15 pm – 3:15 pm in the library. New session begins in January. Carol Hanley, carolleehanley1@hotmail.com.

New Members of the 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 Chicago-land 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, it’s 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 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 Marks. 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 the St. Mark’s. At the beginning 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

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.

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, helped at the altar as an acolyte for 9 years and 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. Marks better for every member of our parish.

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.

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. Marks. 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.

I have been actively involved in Glen Ellyn Lakers Soccer program and the Glen Ellyn Park District Finance Advisory Committee. I serve of the board of Thresholds, a Chicago-based social service organization that provides healthcare, housing, and supported employment services for people living with mental illnesses in Illinois. For the last 11 years, I have worked in finance and IT for The Northridge Group, a data analytics and customer service consulting company. I 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 Church home for five generations. She has three school aged daughters. She has served as Secretary of the PDO for more than a decade and creates the welcome baskets for new babies as part of the Pastoral Care Ministry.

Delegates to Diocesan convention

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 Andreea 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 in the 1pm 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 to 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 Episcopal Church located in Glen Ellyn, IL 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 if I remember correctly 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. I have been serving on the Vestry on a temporary basis to fill a vacancy.

Megan McGuire: I have been attending St. Mark’s for the past two years with my husband Drew and our son, Caden who is now 2. 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.
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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 enjoys 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 as I currently serve as a coffee hour minister; and I’ve met more of you through the preschool which Sofie attended and loved.

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 thru 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 Shornesys 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.

WIT Spring Schedule 2017

Looking Ahead with Hope
Friday, 1/13/17 from 9:30-11 am in the St. Mark’s library. Come for an informal breakfast and discussion with friends about the year ahead—your goals, highest hopes, and ways the WIT community can support, celebrate, and walk alongside you in 2017. Childcare available.

Doubt and Questioning: How They Grow Our Faith
Friday, 2/10/17 from 9:30-11 am in the St. Mark’s library.
Hear our guest, popular author and speaker Keri Wyatt Kent, on how to walk through our own—and other people’s—seasons of doubt. She asks: How can we better let go of what we are supposed to think, feel, and believe and embrace the mystery of faith? Childcare available.

A World of Women: Pastor Robin Currie’s Travels
Friday, 3/10/17 from 9:30-11 am in the St. Mark’s library.
Childcare available.

Discover Your Personal Mandala and Step More Fully into the Life You Desire
Saturday, 4/22/17 from 9am-1pm (Location TBA). Dr. Carolyn Faivre.

Summer Reading Bucket List
Friday, 5/19/17 from 9:30-11 am (In the St. Mark’s library or, after childcare drop-off, at the bookstore—details TBA later). Sandy Koropp. Childcare available.
**Youth@StMarks**

Kim Reed, Youth Ministry Coordinator

youthministry@stmarksglenellyn.org, 630-660-3611 (call or text)

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### Sundays for Youth

We have **Sunday School at 10:15 am and Noon** every week except "All-in Sundays for Youth" on the last Sunday of the month, when, we encourage youth to participate in or attend worship. **Kim Reed.**

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### Mission Trip

**Interested in participating in a St. Mark's Mission Trip?** St. Mark's has two: the June 11-16, 2017 Mexico Mission Trip and the July 16-22, Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip (ASP). Trips are open to those currently in 8th grade and older (adults are welcome, in fact, encouraged!). For information on the ASP Trip, please contact **Cindy Glavin (coordinator)** at cjglavin92@yahoo.com or 630-728-1991.

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### GPS Glenbard Parent Series “Navigating Healthy Families” is recommended by the Rev. George Smith (repost from last year):

Right in our own backyard is one of the best resources anywhere for parents and anyone involved in raising teenagers. The Glenbard Parent Series brings to our community top experts in teenage development and issues facing today's youth. The series runs from September through May, with one or two speakers per month and is free and open to the public. As a parent and clergy leader in our community, I highly recommend this resource to the members of St. Mark's. Parenting is one of the most rewarding, important and challenging jobs of a lifetime. These educational offerings are available to help us in this work and to strengthen our families and the greater community. To learn more about the Glenbard Parent Series and the schedule of speakers, visit [glenbardpgs.org](http://glenbardpgs.org) - George Smith, Rector, St. Mark's.

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### ALL-IN SUNDAY

January 29 is an All-in Sunday for youth. No Sunday School at 10:15 am for grades 6-12. Youth are encouraged to participate in worship. Let Kim know if your youth is interested in acolyting, ushering, or reading that day at the 10:30 am service! 

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### Volunteer Opportunity:

We need volunteers for the People’s Resource Center Food Pantry, Saturday morning, Jan. 21, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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### Yoga at St. Mark’s

**Yoga at St. Mark’s!** Join Stephanie Gutzmer, Thursdays, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Mahon Hall, for a fun, energizing yoga flow and guided meditation. All levels welcome—only requirement is a desire to breathe and move. Take a moment from your day to find stillness in yourself so that you may live with wisdom, compassion, and integrity. Suggested class fee is $10 and includes a donation to St. Mark’s.
What’s with the name?
“MIQRA” is a Hebrew word, which means “reading,” and refers to the ancient Jewish practice of gathering at the local synagogue to hear a public reading of scripture.

Is the Bible read out loud at MIQRA?
Yes! We read the entire New Testament! The reading is voluntary and participants take turns reading in shifts around the clock.

What else happens along with the reading?
So many fun things happen at MIQRA! We’ll play wacky games all around the church. We’ll have a movie night. We will worship with fun and lively music. Participants will attend engaging workshops on various biblical topics and hear clergy speak about the bible. Those who attend will also meet with a small group several times to make friends and talk about what they’re discovering about the Bible through the event.

Details
When: January 14-15, 2017
Where: St. James Cathedral, Chicago
Who: Youth in Grades 6-12
Registration Fee: $30
Priority Deadline: Early January 2017

Registration: Online Registration is now open! If you register online, you DO NOT need to submit any other paperwork or forms. If you cannot complete online registration, you may submit a paper copy registration. Download the Youth Medical Release Form, and return in person to Kim Reed or by mail to Chad Senuta 65 E Huron Chicago, IL 60611, by email, or by Fax (312-262-2964.)

Music
Daniel Segner, Director of Music, musicdirector@stmarksglenellyn.org
Marsha Webster, Music Associate, musicassociate@stmarksglenellyn.org

Thank you everyone for such a warm welcome to St. Mark’s. It is an absolute pleasure to be here among such genuine, thoughtful, and encouraging people. Although I started my post as Director of Music on November 1st, I already feel like I’m home and surrounded by friends.

The Adult Choir especially deserves a shout out for their outstanding commitment to the music of St. Mark’s. Not only have they been singing so beautifully every Sunday, they tackled nine additional pieces for the Lessons and Carols service in four rehearsals. Four! The Lessons and Carols service, which was on December 18 was a particularly high point for the choir and I believe represents not only the rich tradition of music at St. Mark’s, but also its promising future.

At the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve service, the choir sang Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus” from the Messiah with the help of an impromptu open invitation to all in the congregation to come up and sing with the choir. What a sound to have so many singing together! The brass players and I were worried we were not going to be loud enough! Speaking of the brass, they played so exceptionally well and really made Christmas Eve festive. Our brass players this year included: Terry Schwartz, Madison Kutch, Arek Gorecki, Joseph Rodriguez, and Margaret Tung.

Looking ahead to the music of 2017, I am excited to announce that we will have services of Choral Evensong on the last Sundays of January, February, March, and April. I strongly encourage you to attend these wonderful and unique services. There will be more information regarding Choral Evensong and its rich Anglican history coming to our bulletins soon. Also in 2017, the Adult Choir will be performing Gabriel Faure’s Requiem as part of the inaugural Choral Masterworks Series in May.

The choir is a welcoming community and is eager to have your voice. Daniel Segner

If the Adult Choir is too big of a commitment for you, why don’t consider joining the Hymn Choir which sings at the 9:15 am service? Marsha Webster.

Chorister Choirs are in full swing
K-1st grade Choristers, Wednesdays, 4:00 – 4:40 pm
2nd – 5th grade Choristers, Wednesdays, 4:45 – 5:30 pm
New members are always welcome!
Marsha Webster

Lessons and Carols 2016
Birthday Box Collections begin January 8.

The People’s Resource Center needs you! At the food pantry, client’s children ages 1-12 can pick out a birthday present out of a box. The people of St. Mark’s are encouraged to save their change and buy a small unwrapped item for a child. If you are 1-12, you please buy a toy for your age and gender. If you are an adult, you are encouraged to buy for ages 9-12 as those are the gifts they run out of first. Look for a birthday box around the church starting January 8 to take home to save money in for your contributions. On February 26 please join us at coffee hour to bring in your unwrapped gifts and enjoy some cake. Please no gift cards. Kristin Margaglione.

JAM (Jesus and Me) at 9:15 a.m.

JAM: This year-round Sunday School class is for children 4-8 years old. JAM stands for “Jesus and Me” and it is held at 9:15 am in room 123. This 35 minute class uses "Godly Play" which uses wooden figures and props to tell the stories of the Bible. Children join their parents for the remainder of the service. Kristin Margaglione.

St. Mark’s Superstars Drama Camp!

This one day camp is offered over Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 15th. The cost is $25 Children ages 3-6 will meet from 9:00 am-12:00 pm and ages 7 and up from 12:30 pm-3:30 pm We will meet in Mahon Hall and offer an introduction to acting, singing, dancing and showcase areas of performing arts, as well as play games. Gina Corrado, a drama teacher in the Glen Ellyn public schools will be conducting this camp. Feel free to bring a friend. Please register online at www.stmarksglenellyn.org.Kristin Margaglione.

Celebration of Communion

Children in Grade 2 (and older) have a series of classes this spring and will celebrate on May 21, 10:30 am and 1:00 pm. ALL Parents and children meet with Pastor Robin on February 26, 10:15 in Mahon Hall. Robin Currie, Pastor Associate, Robin@stmarksglenellyn.org.

New White Vestments

Thanks to the generosity of the Daughters of the King, St. Mark’s has some new white vestments. The white set was partially completed for last Christmas; it is now finished. The complete white set is made from Dupioni silk, underlined for extra strength at seams, and lined with gold silk satin. It is trimmed with gold metallic banding from Almy, a vestment house. By last Christmas, the pulpit hanging, burs and veil, and chasuble were completed and used. Since then, additional pieces include four priest stoles and a deacon’s stole to finish the set. The white set is used throughout the Christmas and Easter seasons, as well as for weddings, baptisms, and funerals. The other vestment is a special anniversary stole presented to Fr George Smith marking his 10 years at St. Mark’s. The anniversary stole, made of white linen, has eight hand embroidered panels that represent events from throughout the last 10 years of the church. The hand work was stitched by Cheryl Olsen, Lynn Dornblaser, and Rebecca Sandrock. The scenes include the tree represented in our mission statement, the completed organ, the crowds of people, and the front of St Mark’s. On the other side of the stole is the Lady of Guadalupe, Palm Sunday with Fr Smith and the donkey, the pumpkins for Pumpkin Patch, and San Marcos in Nigromonte, our companion parish in Mexico. The lining contains the seal of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary at Northwestern, where Fr Smith received his divinity degree. Since the stole has many colors in it, it is appropriate for many occasions – look for it. All of the materials were underwritten by St. Anne's Chapter of the DOK at St. Mark’s.
Hosted by
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
393 N. Main Street, Glen Ellyn, 60137

Sunday, January 29th
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Share the Warmth
The cold and inclement fall and winter will soon be here. Our PADS guests are out in the elements during the day. We are collecting outdoor winter garments, boots, socks and underwear for both our male and female clients. We have many clients who are larger and will require larger sizes. For further information about St. Mark’s PADS ministry contact either David Dornblaser, dornblaser@me.com, 630-215-7999 or Don Sutherland, drsmps@sbcglobal.net, 630-469-8284.

Next PADS Service Opportunity
Our next service date is Feb 5-6. If you would like to find out more about our PADS ministry or to volunteer or make a food donation please contact either: David Dornblaser, dornblaser@me.com, 630-474-9706 H 630-215-7999 C, Don Sutherland, drsmps@sbcglobal.net, 630-469-8384 H, 630-661-5792 C. If you would like to be added to our PADS email list please contact David.

BFFs Every Wednesday
DON’T ATTEMPT PROJECTS AT HOME ALONE! Join the BUSY FRIENDLY FOLKS (BFFs) every Wednesday, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, in the church library. Any portable project will do: from knitting, quilting, beading, to e-mail reading/writing, and all projects in between. BFF company is fantastic! Finishing a project is frosting on the cake. For info contact Cheryl Olson, bobche-ro@gmail.com, 630-790-3741. Coffee is brewing!

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

Bible Study
St. Mark’s offers a Bible study every Tuesday morning in the library, 9:00 am - 10:30 am. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew - which narrates the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. The Tuesday Bible study is open to everyone, including those who come occasionally or for whatever time their schedule allows. There is time for conversation about pastoral concerns, church news and current events. George Smith, rector@stmarksghenelly.org, 630-858-1020, ext 222.

Men’s Group Monthly Breakfast
Tuesday, January 3
Glen Oak Restaurant, 6:30 am.
Dick Anstee, ranstee@comcast.net.

The Men’s Group meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month in the St. Mark’s Library. Coffee at 7:30 a.m. and then a DVD series followed by discussion.
Leo Lanzillo, Lanzillo@gmail.com.
Please prayerfully consider your support for St. Mark's for the coming year. Your generosity makes it possible for St. Mark's to serve you and our community with the message of Christ's love for all people through worship, faith formation, prayer, education, outreach, and always a warm welcome.

**2016 Giving Campaign Progress Report**

![Graph showing 2016 giving campaign progress]

Visit the St. Mark's Web Site for Resources on Giving

**St. Mark's Annual Giving Campaign for 2017**

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With thanks to God and to share in the ministry of St. Mark's, I / We plan to give:

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Weekly  Monthly  One Time

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*Please visit www.stmarksglenellyn.org for information on how to set up your account.*

___ My voided check is attached for automatic withdrawal from my checking account.

___ I would like more information on stock gifts and/or estate planning for St. Mark's.

Signature(s)_________________________________________ ____________________________
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Parish Prayer Providers

We next meet on Wednesday, February 1, 11:00 am in the Library. May Anstee, m-anstee@comcast.net, 630-889-0933. To add someone to the prayer list: Rebecca Sandrok, rebeccasandrok@yahoo.com, or any clergy.

Revive Christmas Baskets

Whether you shopped, wrapped, packed, toted, funded, loaded the truck, or prayed for those in need, you made a difference. St. Mark's parishioners and friends of St. Mark's supported 76 families, comprised of 248 folks who will have a brighter Christmas this year. The sponsors were made up of 75 households and one group. Ginnie Judd, ginnie@stmarksglenellyn.org.

On Saturday January 21 you are invited to join with a group from our area to participate in The Women's March on Chicago at 10 am. Despite the name, this march is for men and women. According to the website for this event, womens121marchonchicago.org: "Marchers will CONNECT at Petrillo Bandshell in Chicago’s Grant Park to make our voices heard and to support each other in PROTECT-ing and furthering women’s rights and civil liberties. We will continue our ACTION after the march by beginning/continuing to ACTIVATE in our communities in ways that uphold our values." Dress for weather and walking! If you'd like to commute together meet at the Glen Ellyn train station before 8 a.m. If you have any questions please contact April Sedall at aprilrsedall@gmail.com or text to 630-841-8044.

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