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2018 Annual Report

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Rector’s Report for the St. Mark’s 2019 Annual Meeting
January 20, 2019

One of my favorite movie scenes is from the 1987 film “Outrageous Fortune” starring Bette Midler and Shelley Long. Midler plays Sandy Brozinsky, a fast-talking waitress from the wrong side of the tracks; Long plays Lauren Ames, a refined but struggling actress whose ambition outweighs her success. The two women cross paths and end up joining forces to follow leads and track down a man who has faked his own death. At beginning of what turns into a cross-country entanglement with organized crime, the two women go to Midler/Brozinsky’s apartment, where they open the door to find an incredible scene. The camera slowly pans back and forth showing overturned tables, open drawers with clothes pouring out and papers strewn everywhere. Long exclaims, “They’ve been here!” Midler answers, “No they haven’t.” Today’s Gospel story from John, the wedding at Cana, reminds me of this scene but in the opposite. We exclaim, “Jesus has been here!” Yes he has. Teetotalling Methodists have never liked this Gospel passage, but for the rest of us, there is everything to like. John is careful not to call what happens here a miracle. It is the first of a series of “signs” pointing to the transformation that Jesus brings to the world. The passage begins with “On the third day...” which is a not-so-subtle reference to Easter morning. The setting is a wedding. Weddings in ancient Palestine were major celebrations with extended family and friends that typically lasted a week or more. The mother of Jesus, Jesus and his disciples had all been invited. A disaster occurs – the wine runs out. I think it’s hard for us today to grasp the seriousness of the situation and the potential level of shame and embarrassment upon the bridegroom, bride and their families. As it happens, there are six enormous thirty gallon stone jars - akin in size to a household water heater. Jesus instructs the servants to fill each of them to the brim with water. Then he tells one to ladle out a sample and take it to the wine steward. The steward tastes it, his eyes growing wide. He compliments the bridegroom, whom he thinks has arranged for this, with the statement of millennia, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” With Jesus, the good wine has arrived. Instead of shame and embarrassment, the celebration is blessed with abundance, and the source of that abundance comes from what we already have in our midst. What the steward doesn’t know, we know: “Jesus has been here.”

On this third Sunday in January, we take stock of our church community, reflecting on the year just ended and on plans for the year ahead, and I think we can rightly say, Jesus has been here. Jesus is here, and with confidence, Jesus will be here.

At the June meeting of the vestry, I gave a presentation titled, “See The Possibilities,” which I offer to you now as a way to reflect on what is possible when we use our imaginations and trust in the living God in our midst.

It can be difficult at times to be upbeat in the Episcopal Church these days. A graph of attendance and giving trends for a typical church shows decline over the past ten years, which is mirrored in the streaks of rust on a welcome sign.
At St. Mark’s, you might be oblivious to this reality. Our ten year chart shows a different trend. Back in 2009, a team of St. Mark’s parishioners developed a vision statement that I hope everyone is familiar with: “Rooted in Baptism. Growing in Faith. Branching Out into the World.” With this statement as a guide, we have been seeing possibilities and what happens when you try new things and take risks. It begins with open doors. Then step inside and see what can be imagined in the sanctuary. A third of our membership understands “Hablo Español” as a first language or as a language heard from birth. Since 2011, St. Mark’s has become a multicultural church in a predominantly white suburb.

Let’s move around to other areas of the church building. For example, take a look at the very Episcopal-sounding space, “the undercroft.” What happens in the undercroft, stays in the undercroft. But not at St. Mark’s. There is so much happening that it takes a director and four teachers to contain twenty children every Monday through Friday.

St. Mark’s occupies a visible property in Glen Ellyn. Let’s go outside. The St. Mark’s Pumpkin Patch has raised $80,000 for DuPagePads since it was started in October, 2007. Last fall, we had a mum sale before the pumpkins arrived, which raised over $2,000 for the Glen Ellyn Walk-in Ministry.

Guided by the part of our vision “Branching Out Into The World” we have seen possibilities in mission, friendship and companionship. Last year, a group traveled to Nigromante, New Mexico to mark our 12th consecutive annual visit. We also sent three vans of volunteers to Kentucky for the Appalachia Service Project – our fifth year.

Back home, we have seen possibilities on the walls around us. This past year, we hosted several art shows in the sanctuary. Through the a local organization called the Awakenings Project, works of art from artists with mental illness were curated and displayed in a show called “Awakening the Spirit Within.” Through the generosity of our members, we purchased two pieces – an oil painting “Blind Mother” and a wooden sculpture “Crucifixion” which is hanging above the altar in the chapel.

When Mahon Hall and additional classrooms were built in 2003, we began to see possibilities. For a number of years, classrooms were empty during most of the week. Now we have over 70 children enrolled in the St. Mark’s Preschool for the 2018-19 school year, the highest enrollment so far, with beautifully decorated classrooms in use mornings and afternoons. We are seeing possibilities for Saturdays by offering tutoring for children and youth to prepare them to apply to and go to college. CREO stands for Comunidades Realizando Estudiantes Extra-Ordinarios (Communities Making Extraordinary Students) – which will be based at St. Mark’s, with a launch date by early this spring.

As a church, St. Mark’s first and foremost finds its identity and meaning in worship. On Sundays, we have seen possibilities. In 2009, we offered two services on Sunday mornings at 8:00 am and at 10:30 am. Since then, we have added a 9:15 am service, and a service in Spanish at 1 pm. Our average Sunday attendance has increased from less than 200 per Sunday to over 400. This has
happened at a time when Sunday church attendance nationwide is declining. With competition from sports, shopping, Netflix and exhaustion from harried weeks, people are attending Sunday worship with less frequency. St. Mark’s members are no different. Because our membership base is continuing to increase, Sunday attendance is holding steady.

I think because worship is our heart and soul, where we can hear, see and taste God’s abundance, we can imagine beyond worship to be a church that is active seven days a week. Imagine the possibilities, with groups from the church and community at St. Mark’s Sunday through Saturday, and then other special groups and programs throughout the year – AA meetings, Spanish classes, a bridge club, pizza and social justice, and folkloric dancing to name several.

We have seen possibilities in 2018.

Trained pastoral care providers.
Redesigned web site.
Refreshed rectory.
Choral Masterworks #2.
Renovated basement.
Building Faith Brick by Brick (Sunday school, grades 3-5)
Pollinator Garden.
Expanded Columbarium.
New heat exchanger for Mahon Hall (unanticipated).
Professionally installed projector in the sanctuary.
Keypad locks for improved security at four entrances.
New copy machine, painting, and parking lot improvements.

What are the possibilities in 2019?
A “Connection Corner” in the narthex – a desk that will be staffed on Sundays with materials available for newcomers, sign ups for events and other information.
**Women’s Group** – increase participation of women attending meetings on weekday evenings for education and relationship-building.
**Men’s Group** – a monthly or more-often group for men to gather for education, faith formation and relationship-building.
**Youth ministry** – grow participation and involvement of our middle and high school members in youth activities.
**Planned Giving** – raise up awareness of the 1897 Society and opportunities for our members to include St. Mark’s in their estate planning.
**Newcomers** – form a newcomer committee to create a plan for welcoming and introducing new people to St. Mark’s, including events (potlucks or brunches), classes, and materials.

All that we have and can accomplish would not be possible without the leadership of our members. Please join me in thanking the following dedicated leaders who are completing terms in a number of capacities.
**Lynn Dornblase:** Lynn has served on the vestry since 2016, focusing her attention on parish life. She has also been active in a number of other ministries, including Daughters of the King and the monthly shift at the DuPagePads site at 1st Congregtional. Lynn has somehow managed to do the impossible – balance her career as an executive of a research company (with extensive travel) with all of her other interests and commitments, including vestry. Whether it is the parish picnic, annual meeting or kick-off Sunday, Lynn has been behind the scenes making sure everything is organized and runs smoothly.

**Dan Lambert:** Dan has served on the vestry since filling a vacated spot in 2015 – almost four years! Dan has focused his efforts on the area of Christian formation and also on St. Mark’s involvement in DuPage United. With two young children, Dan has managed to serve on the vestry while taking care of his family responsibilities, not to mention his career. Dan was born and raised in Wheaton, but didn’t join St. Mark’s until he moved back home after ten years in Massachusetts. I am grateful for Dan’s thoughtful insights and dedication to the work of the vestry.

**Megan McGuire:** Megan has served on the vestry since 2016, focusing her attention on the children’s ministry. She was very supportive of Kristin Margaglione as director of children’s ministries, and equally supportive of Robin Currie during the transition to Diane Hessinger as our new director. As a mom with young children and a teacher of 5th grade in Addison, Megan has managed to keep all of the balls in the air and provide outstanding leadership at St. Mark’s on the children’s ministries team as well as at events involving children such as when St. Nicholas visits and the annual parish picnic.

**Steve Sedall:** Steve joined the vestry in 2017 and is completing his three-year term a year early in order to become the next Treasurer of St. Mark’s. Steve has brought his 30+ years of experience in auditing and tax to the work of the finance committee, where he has served as chair. Steve has provided the vestry with the useful “dashboard” presentation on the church finances, and will continue to provide essential leadership as our next Treasurer.

**Irma Solorzano:** Irma joined the vestry in 2018 and hasn’t let the grass grow under her feet! She traveled to Madagascar to visit Bishop Todd McGregor and The Rev. Patsy McGregor; was part of the group that visited San Marcos in Nigromante, Mexico in June and then went to Appalachia with our ASP team in July. Irma has the energy of the sun! Irma joined the staff in November as a ministry assistant, providing a welcome and support to our members who attend 1 pm service on Sundays. Although she will be missed on the vestry, her presence and enthusiasm will continue to bless us in the years ahead.

**Virginia Vagt:** Virginia joined the vestry in 2017 and is coming off the vestry a year early because of the plan that she and her husband Peter have to move to Nashville in the spring to be closer to her daughter Susanna and her husband Ian. Virginia has focused her attention on the multicultural life of St. Mark’s. She frequently attends the 1 pm Sunday service in Spanish and has helped bridge the cultural and language diversity at St. Mark’s. Virginia is a Daughter of the King and has been involved in planning a new education project called CREO, which will begin in
2019. We will only be able to replace Virginia’s dedication, care and loving impact with God’s grace.

**Ryan Valdivia:** Ryan has served as our youth representative for the past year. He has done an amazing job by attending most vesty meetings while keeping up his studies and applying to colleges. Having grown up at St. Mark’s, Ryan has provided valuable input in all conversations, strategy sessions and other vestry business. He has also been a leader in our youth program and as an acolyte. Many Episcopal churches do not have a youth representative. Look how fortunate we are at St. Mark’s to have had Ryan in leadership this past year!

**Leo Lanzillo:** Leo has served as a warden since 2017, and as senior warden during 2018. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have been members of St. Mark’s for 25 years. He has brought his experience and knowledge of St. Mark’s history and his organizational and strategy skills to the role of warden. Leo must have a time machine that enables him to manage the demands of his job for an IT company, service to Glen Ellyn and Chicago-based not-for-profits, family life and warden responsibilities. In addition to monthly vestry and warden meetings, Leo attends finance committee meetings, Men’s Group meetings, and attends Sunday worship on a regular basis as well as many parish events. I am grateful for Leo’s counsel to me and his dedication and talents that he has given so generously to St. Mark’s.

**Tom Agler:** Tom has served as the St. Mark’s Treasurer since the fall of 2017. He has brought a keen focus to numerous aspects of our bookkeeping and finances including updating signatures on bank accounts, shifting investments to endowment funds with investment oversight by Diocesan investment advisors, organizing files and providing invaluable input to our budgeting process. I am grateful that Tom will continue to assist with special projects in the coming year.

I also want to thank the following people will be joining the vestry as of the annual meeting. Their profiles appear in this annual report. I’ve included their areas of focus.

- Bill Kalbfleisch (warden)
- Kim Toliver (women’s ministry, outreach and parish life)
- Jim Treleven (finance)
- Josh O’Shea (formation)
- Juanita Jimenez (parish life)
- Mia Grant-Funck (youth representative)
- TBD (newcomers)

Let us give thanks to God for the abundance of leadership, generosity, faith and so many other blessings we have received at St. Mark’s.

Yours in Christ,

George

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Warden, Vestry, and Diocesan Delegate Nominees

We are pleased to announce the list of candidates for the 2019 election to St. Mark’s Vestry.

Senior Warden
Jennifer Dorn

Junior Warden
Bill Kalbfleisch

Vestry
Steve Gross, Juanita Jimenez, Josh O’Shea, Kim Toliver, and Jim Treleaven

Youth Representative
Mia Grant-Funck

Delegates to Diocesan Convention
Flor-Itzel Carmona, Joyce Fletcher, Jeff Hill and Elizabeth Lewis

For Senior Warden:

Jennifer Dorn: My husband Andrew and I have been members of St. Mark’s parish for 27 years where our faith foundation has formed. We have 3 daughters who were baptized and confirmed here in our church community. I have been a member of our choir for 26 years and recently served on the search committee for our new Director of Music. Highlights from my years here would include my involvement in our VBS, PDO Board, and Mexico mission trip fundraising. I have a degree in Education from University of Illinois and worked as a professional Technical Trainer. Staying closer to home to raise our girls I transitioned to managing a local retail shop and recently joined the staff at Marcels in Glen Ellyn. We are very thankful to call St. Mark’s our home and I look forward to the opportunity to work with our clergy, vestry and parish members.
For Junior Warden:

Bill Kalbfleisch: Bill Kalbfleisch has been a member of St. Mark’s since 2014. He has assisted with St. Mark’s elementary age, youth education program and participated in numerous church sponsored functions. He and his wife of 20 years, Raleigh, and son, Sam, reside in Carol Stream. Bill is a former officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and has been with the federal government for over 22 years. His interests include music, playing bass and electric guitar in multiple bands, spending time with his family, and when the weather is right, motorcycling. He is looking forward to serving the needs of St. Mark’s.

For Vestry 2019 - 2022:

Steve Gross: Steve Gross, wife Kelly, and daughters Maggie and Nola have been members of St. Mark’s for 10 years. Steve was baptized as an adult at St. Mark’s in 2010. Steve served a term on the St. Mark’s preschool board, has taught Sunday school, and is a member of the monthly PADS breakfast team. Steve is an educator. He has spent time as a classroom teacher, administrator, and educational consultant helping school districts with technology around the globe.

Juanita Jiménez: I am honored to be nominated to serve on St. Mark’s Vestry. Together with my family, my husband, Abraham, and my children Karen and Abraham Jr., we have been attending St. Mark’s since 2012. As our family became part of this church “the family of God” became real to me, became actual and life-changing. I join everyone in being thankful for the dedication of our incredible clergy and for how they help so many people through times of deepest pain and help us know and rely on God’s love and strength no matter what is happening in our lives. At St. Mark’s my faith in God is always growing. I love sharing God’s love together with all of you, learning more about the Bible and our faith together, and ENJOYING being a parish family together. At St. Mark’s I serve in helping plan and create many church celebration events, fellowship events, and I look forward to serving even more to continue strengthening our parish life.

Es un honor para mí ser nominado para servir en la vestry de San Marcos. Con mi familia, mi esposo, Abraham, y mis hijos, Karen and Abraham Jr., hemos estado asistiendo a St. Mark’s desde 2012. Así nuestra familia se unió a la vida de esta iglesia, “la familia de Dios” se hizo real para mí - es real, y cambia la vida. Me sumo a todos para estar agradecidos por la dedicación de nuestros increíbles sacerdotes y por la forma en que ayudan a tantas personas en los momentos de mayor dolor y nos ayudan a conocer y confiar en el amor y la fuerza de Dios sin importar lo que suceda en nuestras vidas. En St. Mark’s, mi fe en Dios siempre está creciendo. Me encanta compartir el amor de Dios con todos ustedes, aprender más acerca de la Biblia y nuestra fe.
juntos, y DISFRUTAR de ser una familia parroquial juntos. En St. Mark's, sirvo para ayudar a planificar y crear muchos eventos de celebración de iglesias, eventos de compañerismo y espero servir aún más para ayudar a continuar fortaleciendo nuestra vida parroquial.

**Joshua ES O’Shea:** I stumbled into Rite 1 at St Mark’s sometime late 2016. I’m a theology and philosophy nerd, and I love the way we answer Jesus’ call to live a sacramental life, meeting the needs of as many people as possible, especially those who are often overlooked by society or the universal church— which is what hooked me to stay at St Mark’s.

I did my undergrad theology thesis on patristic-Reformed metaphysics, and my history thesis on American civil rights social action, both at Judson University in Elgin. I’m the Young Adult Librarian at the Glen Ellyn Public Library with my Masters of Library and Information Science from Dominican University in River Forest, where we work to provide open, inclusive space and services to the public with access to information, providing programs that match local interest and highlight important topics; I’ll bring this mission to the vestry.

The connection between ideas and practice is very important to me, such that library work and the vestry are outpourings of my faith. I’ll advocate for Adult Formation to continue interconnections between high school and adult people, Spanish and English speakers, and historic theology with current needs, to name a few ways. I’m a member of St Mark’s Pastoral Care team with training from the Bishop Anderson House where we focus on listening and support. I love talking with people and engaging new ideas, so feel free to grab me!

**Kim Toliver:** We moved to Glen Ellyn in the fall of 1992 and found our church home at St Mark’s right away. All three of our children were baptized and were confirmed here. St Mark’s has been a very important part of my life and I feel blessed to have been able to be involved in many aspects of our wonderful community. I am a Chalice Bearer, volunteer in the office, have taught Sunday School, have been involved and attended the Mission Trip in Southeast Mexico, and was on the committee that planned the 100 year anniversary dinner. I am honored to have the chance to serve on the Vestry, and I look forward to nurturing my faith and my relationships with our parish.

**Jim Treleaven:** Cheryl and I have been parishioners at St. Mark’s for over 33 years. During that time I have served on the Vestry and Cheryl and I were responsible for the Ushers Ministry. We have four children and one grandchild who grew up at St. Mark’s. All are successfully emancipated and none live nearby. I am a lifelong Episcopalian. I am currently President and CEO of Via Strategy Group, LLC and an adjunct professor in the graduate school at the University of Illinois, Chicago, Department of Information and Decision Sciences. I began my career as an engineer and have served as the CEO of both public and private technology companies. I recently wrote a book and currently serve on the Board several nonprofits including the Illinois Technology Association (ITA), the Chicago Engineers Foundation and
Dominican University. I graduated with a BS in Computer Engineering from Case Western Reserve University, an MBA from the University of Minnesota and a PhD from Case - an honor I share with Fr. Dunnett (although in very different fields!).

For Youth Representative to Vestry:

Mia Grant-Funct: I am currently a junior at Wheaton North High School, and I have attended St. Mark’s since 2003. I am part of my school’s UNICEF club (and several others), and I’m involved with faithinplace.org, where “diverse people of all faiths” share a commitment to caring for the Earth. I am honored to serve as the youth representative on the Vestry.

Continuing 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.

**Robert Lundin:** An Episcopalian all my life, I have been a parishioner at St. Mark’s since moving to Glen Ellyn in 1991. For the last four years I have been a part of the music at the 1:00 Sunday service (I play guitar) which has given me a great admiration and appreciation for the Latino culture. In my daytime job, I work as an instructor at the DuPage County Health Department where I teach classes in health and wellness to people afflicted with mental illness. While that is my occupation, my avocation is writing and especially playwriting. I wrote the script for the Christmas pageant several years ago and two of my plays, *The Icon* and *The Cornerstone*, have had staged readings as the church. I am also the founding editor of an internationally recognized literary magazine for writers and poets with mental illness, *The Awakenings Review*.

**Kate Marsh:** I joined St. Mark’s as an adult in 2016, after moving back to Glen Ellyn with my husband Lennie and our daughters, Lily (7) and Hannah (3). But I first attended the church while I was in middle school, and attended until the time I left for college. After spending many years away, it’s been nice to see many familiar faces among the congregation. I have enjoyed working with the St. Mark’s Outreach committee, and plan to continue that work while deepening my involvement through the vestry. In past churches, I have coordinated Newcomer Ministries, and sat on the board for mission funding, as well as participated in music programs. In addition to the church, I also volunteer time with our school’s PTA and professionally I work in Human Resources for a beverage company. I appreciate and am looking forward to this opportunity.

**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.
Joanie Somerville: Joanie has been a member of St Mark’s since 2009 when her family moved here from Minnesota. At St. Mark’s, Joanie has served as part of the Parish Life Committee and as a Coffee Hour Minister. Originally from Indiana, she received her undergraduate degree from Ball State University and shortly after she moved to Minneapolis where she earned her Masters of Agriculture in Landscape Design. She looks forward to serving as liaison to the Building and Grounds Committee. Joanie currently resides in Wheaton with her husband Ron, son Parker (16) and daughter Carly (14).

Delegates to Diocesan Convention:

Flor-Itzel Camona: I'm 35 years old and I'm Mexican. My husband, Rodolfo López and I have 3 children Frida (16), Diego (13), and Andrea (8) 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 1pm service. I was member of the Vestry for one year. I have been part of the Sunday program here for three years now.

Joyce Fletcher: My husband David and I started attending St. Mark’s in February 2000, along with our son Andrew who is now 28 years old. During the past 16 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 16 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.

Jeff Hill: Jeff and his wife, Catharine Phillips, and children Sawyer and Erik, joined St. Mark’s in 2007. During that time he has volunteered for the Sunday nursery and for 12 years he served the diocese as a member of Bishops and Trustees. He is a professor of political science and public administration at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago.
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.

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1. **Create a member directory account through the St. Mark’s web site:**
   i. Place cursor on “About St. Mark’s”
   ii. Click on “Member Directory”
   iii. Click on “Member Directory Sign-In”

2. **Download the ChurchLife app from the app store and log in using the member directory username and password you created for the member directory.**
Senior Warden’s Report

Welcome!

Each week at the Sunday service, I am reminded of why I love St. Mark’s. It is a very simple act that gets repeated each week: One of our awesome clergy stands up after the announcements and invites anyone and everyone to receive communion. Then to back up that welcome, they carefully explain how to observe this ritual - that is so familiar to many of us, but must be completely foreign (or seemingly unattainable) to others. That simple public declaration, that each person is welcome at St. Mark’s, without judgement, reaffirms for me the community that I want to be part of, and also reminds me of how I am called to live my life.

Branching Out.

St. Mark’s lives out that welcome in so many ways throughout the year. Starting with one of my favorite services: “Lessons and Carols” with its beauty and tradition. The Choral Masterworks series and other special musical events such as the Night of Italian Opera and the most recent Twelfth Night are beautiful ways that the entire community is welcomed to St. Mark’s. We are fortunate to have that musical blessing each Sunday. Likewise the Visual Arts Programs are another way that St. Mark’s reaches out and welcomes people to our church.

Those beautiful series are just one form of Outreach from St. Mark’s, and we continue to support so many other active ministries, included PADS, VBS, Drama Camp, ASP, the Mexico Trip, and the list seems endless.

Activities often run on the backs of a few individuals, and St. Mark’s is blessed with folks that take ownership and drive these events and missions. I would encourage each of us to jump in and expand our world by working with any of our many dedicated volunteers and staff. I am so pleased that we can share our blessings with the greater community.

This past year, led by Fr. George, many from St. Mark’s embraced a new organization, One Community – that seeks to bring together the many colors within our community to weave a beautiful cloth of relationship and purpose. Many times during the year, groups from around DuPage County are welcome to use beautiful Mahon Hall to host their event. Time and time again, St. Mark’s lives out our welcome.

How awesome is the Pumpkin Patch?! Thousands of children will have grown up remembering those beautiful fall days when they picked out their pumpkin, and then as they grew older recognized that each benefited those in our community and those further away in New Mexico. Oh – and if no one was staffing the patch – just leave the payment at the office door – how blessed we are!

We have been blessed with wonderful Children’s programs and the dedicated staff and volunteers have positioned those programs to carry forward. Our sold-out pre-school and PDO programs are
another way in which St. Mark’s welcomes the community, and we invested this year, combining with some generous members to enhance the basement play area and to bolster the security and safety procedures – investments that benefit all of us.

Financially, St. Mark’s continues to strengthen its financial position. Like many organizations, we have had to make some careful adjustments and the vestry and staff have worked together to identify the priorities for investment. 2018 was also foundational year for re-invigorating the Youth Ministry, The Women’s Ministry and Pastoral Care – We have taken some steps to strengthen those ministries, but there is more to be done.

Somehow, Father George works more hours than there are in a week, and he has been a blessing to each of us – both directly and through his leadership and guidance of our growth and ministries. 2019 is our opportunity to support Fr. George and the entire staff with our gifts of time, treasure and talent so that our church can continue to be the light for our community.

My family has been blessed to grow up with St. Mark’s and it has been an honor to serve as Warden, and I would like to thank Jennifer and the vestry for working with me throughout the year. I pray that St. Mark’s will continue to extend its blessing to those around us.

Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. *Mathew 5:15*

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. *Mathew 25:35-36*

Leo Lanzillo
Participation & Giving Trends
St Marks Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn, IL (8747-3989)

Participation & Giving Trends
Diocese of Chicago (4021-1401)
### OPERATING BUDGET

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<td>St. Mark's, Pre-School, and PDO Net Total</td>
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<td>$ (6,412)</td>
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**Breakout:**

| St. Mark's Net Total            | $ 8,373     | (13,501)    | (37,805)    |
| St. Mark's Pre-School & PDO Net Total | $ -     | 7,089      | -           |
| St. Mark's Restricted Accounts Activity (See Supp) | $ -     | 48,100     | -           |
| **Total Excess Cash Received**  | $ 8,373     | $ 41,687    | $ (37,805)  |
| Loan from Diocese               | $ 536,169   | $ 528,919   | $ 521,669   |
| Building Mortgage               | $ 667,760   | $ 666,079   | $ 626,619   |
| Rectory Mortgage                | $ 94,300    | $ 94,103    | $ 89,230    |

**Note 1**

This amount represents 2018 prepaid pledges that were received in and recognized as revenue in 2017. For presentation purposes, $102,207 is included in the total 2018 Pledge Payments revenue of $641,962 and the net impact to 2018 revenue is zero.

In 2018, St. Mark’s changed its accounting method for recording prepaid pledges. Rather than recognize 2019 prepaid pledges as revenue in the year received (i.e., 2018), 2019 prepaid pledges of $45,785 were recorded as a liability and will be recognized as revenue in January 2019. If the 2019 prepaid pledges had been recognized in revenue in 2018, the St. Mark’s operations deficit of $13,501 would have been a surplus of $32,284.
### 2018 Restricted Accounts Activity

#### Donations/Gifts and Disbursements:

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**Total Restricted Accounts Activity**

| Donations/Gifts & Disbursements | **(18,289)** |
| Total Other Restricted Accounts | **66,389** |
| Total Restricted Accounts Activity | **48,100** |
### Comparative Balance Sheet

**December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2018**

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**Liabilities**

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**Long Term Liabilities:**

| Building Mortgage Payable | 703,960 | (37,881) | 666,079 |
| Debt Reduction Loan - Diocese | 536,169 | (7,250) | 528,919 |
| Rectory Mortgage Payable | 98,749 | (4,647) | 94,103 |
| **Total Long Term Liabilities** | **$1,338,879** | **($44,777)** | **$1,294,102** |

| **Total Liabilities** | **$1,347,015** | **($4,380)** | **$1,342,635** |

**Fund Balance:**

| General Fund Balance | 1,789,569 | 165,827 | 1,955,396 |
| Investment in Property & Equipment | 4,384,015 | 0 | 4,384,015 |
| **Total Fund Balance and Excess Cash Received** | **$6,326,155** | **$54,944** | **$6,381,099** |

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| **Total Liabilities, Fund Balance, & Restricted Funds** | **$8,117,791** | **$152** | **$8,117,944** |

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Note 2

In 2018, St. Mark's changed its accounting method for recording prepaid pledges. Rather than recognize 2019 prepaid pledges as revenue in the year received (i.e., 2018), 2019 prepaid pledges of $45,785 were recorded as a liability and will be recognized as revenue in January 2019.
St. Mark’s Endowment Fund

In November, 2017, the Vestry of St. Mark’s voted to establish the Endowment Fund of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church to “benefit St. Mark’s for so long as it operates as an Episcopal church for the benefit of Glen Ellyn and its surrounding community”. The fund is intended to exist in perpetuity and there is an expectation that it will grow over time through parishioner’s donations. Per the Fund document, three trustees are appointed by the Vestry to fill staggered three-year terms. The trustees appointed by the Vestry for 2018 were Hunter Walor, Jake Weaver, and Dick Anstee. Elizabeth Lewis was appointed to replace Hunter Walor starting in 2019.

The Fund documents establish a perpetual trust fund and allows the addition of “designated purpose funds” (including those heretofore made to St. Mark’s). The assets of all designated purpose funds and other trust assets shall be commingled and invested by the Trustees. Combining our various investment accounts in this way allows the Trustees to achieve better investment results and simplifies management and record keeping. The Trustees have selected the Common Fund of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago (commonly known as the Diocesan Foundation), which has over 26 million dollars under management, as the investment vehicle.

In December, the Trustees, by resolution of the Vestry, added a designated purpose account with the Diocesan Foundation: the “St. Mark’s Carey Music Fund.” This account, plus the existing “St. Mark’s General Account” and the “St Mark’s Lewis Trust Fund”, comprise the investment funds for St. Mark’s.

The General Fund is the Perpetual trust account and the Lewis Trust Fund and the Carey Music Fund are the designated purpose funds. The annual distributable amount for the General Fund is 4%-5% of the fund balance at the end of the prior year. Those funds are paid to the St. Mark’s Treasurer on February 1 and can be used for: (1) “the purchase, construction, installation, and repair of its capital improvements, (2) outreach and missionary projects and (3) special one-time projects (and not for usual and ordinary expenses and maintenance of St. Mark’s).” The annual distributable amount of the Lewis Trust Fund is, as it has been since its inception, the income received during the year, but not capital gains. The applicable income will be paid quarterly to the St. Mark’s Treasurer directly by the Diocesan Foundation and can be used only for “the purchase, construction and installation of its capital improvements (and not for usual and ordinary expenses and maintenance of the Church).” The Carey Music Fund will be subject to the same distribution as the General Fund (4%-5% per year) with the designated purpose of providing regular tuning, servicing, and maintenance of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church’s pianos (including replacement as necessary) and the Walker Organ.

The chart below shows the summary of the church’s investment accounts, including the transfers of funds included in the establishment of the new Diocesan Foundation accounts. Any questions about the endowment fund should be addressed to the Trustees.
2019 Giving Campaign

Thank you to all the generous people of St. Mark’s. Thank you for your dedication and participation in so many 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 the next year.

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 budget for the following year. From our Pledge income, St. Mark’s is planning to provide full Sundays of liturgies and Sunday School classes, maintain the church building and grounds, provide for our ministers and staff, support outreach work such as the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, DuPagePads, Glen Ellyn Walk-In Ministry, the St. Mark’s Preschool, Parent’s Day Out, art exhibits and receptions, concerts, 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 a pledge card printed in the Sunday bulletin and mail it or bring it to St. Mark’s. You can go to the St. Mark’s web site (Google St. Mark’s Glen Ellyn) and click the button “Make Your Pledge.” You can pledge through the ChurchLife.app on your cell phone. Or you can simply send an email to treasurer@StMarkGlenEllyn.org with your pledge amount for 2019.

Some families stretch when giving $100 for the 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. If you add the ChurchLife.app to your cell phone you can use one of its functions to contribute to St. Mark’s.

ST. MARK’S INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS SUMMARY FOR 2018

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Every pledge, regardless of the amount, is acceptable to God and strengthens the church. As of January 19, St. Mark’s had received pledges from 253 households, including 31 pledges from households that had not pledge the year before. These pledges represent $641,071. Our goal for 2019 is 350 households and $670,000. Together we can continue the life-changing work of St. Mark's Church. The Giving Campaign for 2019 will continue to invite our church community to participate with generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Co-Chairpersons: Ann-Marie Cudzillo and Pat Joyce
Committee: Leo Lanzillo, Jennifer Dorn, Tom Agler, Susan Shivas, Peter Vagt, Andrew Wassef, Mauro Hernandez and Gerald Carey
Graphic Design: Javier Valdivia
Finance Committee Chairman: Steve Sedall
Rector: George Smith †

Report on Latino/Hispanic Ministries at St. Mark’s

“His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."” What has Jesus been telling us for the last seven years at St. Mark’s? Be one, not the same. It is hard sometimes to understand this concept, but it has been one of the most important sources of life for me and, I believe, for the many people who have joined St. Mark’s journey of faith. In today’s world this message of oneness, not of sameness, is very important. We appreciate and value what the other person, culture, community, country brings to the table. In this way, we are more, we enrich each other, and we are a source of strength for each other. We are living this ideal at St. Mark’s. During the last seven years, we have seen how we can continue to be a sign of hope in our community. But the best is yet to come.

What can we say about what we have done last year? We have kept alive our vision of being Rooted in Baptism – Growing in Faith – Branching out into the World. We have seen how, Pastor Robin Currie and Mr. Jaime Briceño, had kept the children’s formation program full of innovation and openness. They have invited newcomers and members to listen to Bible stories, share a moment of reflection and be sent out to have an experience with Godly Play. The response has been positive. These families have been committed to attend this formation opportunity for their children. Adults and young people have received important formation this year. We are still receiving new members in these different classes and we want them to join us. We want them to feel rooted in baptism. We want them to grow in faith. We want them to branch out into the world.
St. Mark’s Latino/Hispanic parishioners had felt welcome to continue sharing, with the whole parish, their cultural gifts and traditions. We had enjoyed celebrations like Epiphany, candle light, Virgen of Guadalupe and Posadas. The Taste of Mexico celebration has become a clear manifestation of sharing who we are as a diverse congregation with the wider community. We have seen this year how many of the Latino/Hispanic traditions and celebrations had been shared and explained during the Sunday morning adult formation opportunities. We have seen how new members had taken on the responsibility of organizing and leading these events.

One important addition to St. Mark’s staff has been Irma Solorzano. She has become a clear bridge that has helped connect even more our morning and afternoon parishioners. Together with Virginia Vagt, Irma has been able to create some important opportunities for service and for putting in practice people’s gifts. Irma’s presence is injecting energy for new possibilities for branching out into world for many in the 1pm service.

We are facing real challenges as well. We have seen a decrease in pledging units and monies from 1pm parishioners. We are working to reconnect with some of these families to invite them to renew their financial commitment with St. Mark’s. As new families join us, we feel the need to introduce even more the concept of stewardship and how they can actively participate in the life and sustainability of St. Mark’s.

Rooted In Baptism - This past year, we continued to offer formation opportunities, every Sunday from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, to children, youth and adults. We realize the great need of formation for our 1 pm 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. We are thankful for the ministry of Pastor Robin Currie, Mr. Jaime Briceno and Cynthia Mote. Being rooted in baptism means that everyone is welcomed. We are aware that many of these families that came to receive sacraments and had important celebrations with us in 2018 left due to a variety of circumstances. This continues to be one of our biggest challenges. 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 forever.

Growing in Faith - Being rooted is a core belief of our baptismal covenant that has helped many of our 1 pm parishioners grow in their faith. Some of them have taken on positions of responsibility at vestry level and some others have represented us in diocesan events. They had participated in national formation opportunities. We continue to prepare our 1 pm parishioners to take on positions of leadership to grow in their sense of belonging and ownership of their faith process. We continue to face the challenge of socio-economics as well as their reality of proper documentation in this country. We continue to invite people to improve their personal and work skills to face the many challenges they have in their day-to-day life. We continue our pilgrimage with the Virgin of Guadalupe, and we visited 27 1pm families. We were blessed to share with them who we are and invite them to join us. One of the most life-giving gifts 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 an multicultural and bilingual parish community has reached out to the world. We are happy to share with you the creation of a new initiative called CREO (Comunidades Realizando Estudiantes Extra-Ordinaries). This initiative will help St. Mark’s be the source of change in the life of many families that want their children to go to college. We have been present in diocesan events that have been organized for youth and adults. Branching out has meant to go to have a presence in our annual trip to Southeast Mexico as well as our Appalachia Service Project.

Our being an intentional multicultural and bilingual congregation continues to change the way we see Hispanic/Latino ministry being done in the Diocese of Chicago and the National Episcopal Church. We are challenging common perceptions and we will continue to do so because we have seen, and we believe that we are one community, one congregation, one in Baptism, one in Christ.

Respectfully,

Victor+

A Vision for St. Mark’s
Adopted by the Vestry in 2009.

St. Mark’s is a vibrant, growing, inclusive community rooted in our shared baptismal covenant and secure in the promise that baptism marks us as Christ’s own forever.

Respecting the dignity of all people, we welcome all, embrace differences, foster creativity, and nurture the unique gifts of each person.

We join together in worship drawing on our ancient liturgical traditions enriched by newer expressions.

We come together to learn and grow in our faith, welcoming questions, inviting dialogue, and forming the whole person in Christ.

We joyfully carry our faith into the world, sharing Christ’s love through our actions towards each other, our community, the Diocese of Chicago, and the world.

We worship, learn, and serve, proclaiming our commitment to understand and follow Christ’s challenging Gospel.
Report of the Pastor Associate

The Pastor Associate supports a variety of ministries and programs as directed by the Rector. I appreciate the opportunities St. Mark's has offered.

NOTE: This year I supported and assisted the Children’s Ministries Program, streamlining and documenting procedures and events, developing job descriptions and training the new Children’s Ministries Director, Diane Hessinger. I assumed the position of Children’s Ministries from July-December. See the Children’s Ministries report below for more details.

Worship
- Preach, preside as scheduled, support and assist all AM and PM services, Midweek Eucharist, special services, weddings, funerals, baptisms
- Children's Good Friday worship (2 services) Children's Christmas Eve message (2 services)
- Group Children’s worship on Palm Sunday and Easter
- Organize Confirmation Celebration

Education
- 6 Communion classes for grades 2-5 (AM and PM)
- AM Confirmation classes for grade 8, PM classes for grades 6-12, Youth Bridge Group specials
- Preschool/PDO chaplain
  - Coordinated weekly preschool chapel
  - Biweekly stories for PDO
  - Quarterly notices of church activities of interest to preschoolers

Other
- Support Youth Ministry with organization and communication tasks
- Organize annual planning meeting and calendar, coordinate Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas worship and activities, Ashes to Go

Let us bless the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor Robin
Children’s Ministries

The goal of Children’s Ministries at St. Mark’s is to provide a variety of opportunities for faith development for children birth to Grade 5. Staff support volunteers in teaching Bible stories. The curriculum is staff developed based on Godly play stories and children’s Bible story books.

Sunday Education

Nursery
Childcare provided from 9:00 am-1:15 pm (later if needed) and special events as requested
Bible Stories 9:15 (9:15 am)
Ages 4-8 in a group setting, creative story presentation and opportunity for response
Bible Stories/Sunday School (10:15 am)
Ages 3-4
Age appropriate story
Follow up craft activity
Music instruction once a month
Friendship building time in free play
K-grade 5
Opening story presented in creative manner
K-2 (Sept-January)
Bible story reviewed and opportunity for response
K-1 (Feb-May)
Bible story review and response in craft activity
Grade 2 (Feb-May)
Instruction in history and meaning of Eucharist
Grade 3-5
Bible story review and response in Lego creations

Our Allies team supports children with special attention needs in the classroom.

Historias bíblicas / escuela dominical (12:00 pm)
Opening story presented in creative manner in Spanish
Age 4-grade 5 (Sept-Feb)
Bible story reviewed and opportunity for response
Age 4-grade 1 (March-May)
Bible story reviewed and opportunity for response
Grades 2-5
Instruction in history and meaning of Eucharist

Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Monday-Friday mornings for age 4-grade 5 with a variety of ways of learning Bible stories through crafts, music, games

Other opportunities for learning
Christmas Pageant
Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter events for children
Opportunities for service
Backpack in-gathering and blessing – over 200 filled backpacks donated to Holy Family School
Group Sunday - 50 holiday cards to PADS guests
Pumpkin decorating and collection
St Nick Visit, 75 pounds of coloring books sent to Lurie Children’s Hospital

Opportunities for Christian Friendship building
Trunk or Treat – children invited to St Mark’s Parking lot for safe treat gathering
Shrove Tuesday – bilingual games and prizes after pancakes
Kick-off Sunday – kid related activities/Bounce House when possible
May Teacher thank you coffee hour – honors teachers, confirmands and Communion Celebration
Annual picnic – supplies and game offered

It takes a congregation!
January-May of 2018 I provided support to Kristin Margaglione to whom unlimited thanks are offered. It took 6 people to begin to replace the work she did! From August-December I was assisted by Diane Hessinger, who assumes the position of Children’s Ministry director on January 1, 2019. I am grateful for this seamless transition.

Staff and volunteers serving on Children’s Ministry Team:
Diane Hessinger - Children’s Ministry Director
Gina Corrado – AM Sunday Coordinator
Jaime Bracino – PM Sunday Coordinator
Melody Mordini – Godly Play materials
Georgina Kerstin and Stephanie Kjellstrand – Vacation Bible School Coordinators
Megan McGuire – Vestry liaison, volunteer coordinator

Teachers, helpers, directors and support!
Alexis Lincoln Claire Margaglione George Churchill
Alice Plutko Cynthia Mote Gina Corrado
Amber Lemar Dan Lobraco Gina Fribel
Ann Soto Daniel Segner Jan Langford
Bradley Bjerning Darcie Lambert Jared Fribel
Bryan Campen Debra Felsenthal Jeff Hill
Carly Sommerville Deidra Churchill Jen Chavez
Carmen Chavez Diane Hessinger Jennifer Vincent
Charlotte Alcorn Ellen Brannegan Jill Laughter
Chip Johnson Ellen Dicky Karen Hill
Chris Gregorio Erin Wolaver Kate Marsh
Christine Guare Gayle Todd Kate Tebrugge
Kim Lobraco
Kim Rothwell
Kim Rusthoven
Krista Roth
Laura McGovern
Liam Dunch
Libby Wassef
Lillian Boskovic
Lindsay Corsecadden
Lindsey Paris Lopez
Lindsey Strom
Liz Valdivia

Luke Adas
Mallory Brannegan
Marilyn Boskovic
Mary Lane
Megan McGuire
Mia Gant-Funck
Nancy Purcell Lincoln
Parker Sommerville
Patty Hafner
Petra Peterson
Richard Briggs
Samantha Campen

Sarah Adler
Sarah Sharkey
Shari Fiala
Stephanie Ott
Steve Gross
Steve Sassi
Sue Knutson
Sydney McRay
Wes Clay-Anderson

And thanks to the congregation of St. Mark’s for making children a priority in your plans and prayers.

Blessings!

Rev. Dr. Robin Currie
Pastor Associate/Children’s Ministries (July-Dec 2018)

Youth Ministry Report

Please be sure to check out the list of names at the end and see how many are involved in Youth Ministries!

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 with the 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
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 every confirmand 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 am and at noon:
· Middle School (10:15 am) in Room 103
· High School (10:15 am) in Lehman Parlor
· Middle School and High School (meet at 12:00 pm) in Lehman Parlor
  (includes preparation for confirmation)

1st Sunday of the Month: A once a month serve opportunity for all 6th through 12th graders (11:45 am).

Confirmation/Mentor Relationship: 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 8th graders to get additional preparation for confirmation. Parents and mentors are included in some of these events.

Sunday Night Youth Groups: 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, 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, high school or college youth 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
· 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

All of this could not be possible without amazing volunteers, both youth and adults help make all we do possible. We are extremely grateful for these people and all they do for St. Mark’s:

· Teachers for youth classes: Leo Lanzillo, Nancy Purcell, Steve Webster, George Churchill, Steve Gross, Josh O’Shea, and Kim Stellmack
· Youth Group Leaders: Kim Stellmack, with help from Jocelyn Briones.
· Youth Vestry Representatives: Ryan Valdivia
· ASP Trip Organizer: Cindy Glavin.
· Hispanic Youth Event Organizers: Jocelyn Briones and Miguel Briones

Cynthia Mote,
Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator

**Boy Scout Troop 44**

**Troop 44 Mission Statement 2019**

Boy Scout Troop 44 is affiliated with St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. This year on March 26th our Troop will be 100 years old. We are the oldest troop in the area. We have had the same charter organization and met in the same spot for those 100 years. Troop 44 would like to thank St. Mark’s Episcopal Church for seeing a value in the scouting program and sponsoring us. As a Boy Scout program our aim continues to be to create tomorrow’s leaders who have good moral and ethical character. In the past are only focus was on males, however this year the scouting program has been opened up to females. Currently we have 11 scouts, of which all are males. I do not foresee any females joining the Troop in the near future, but we have an Assistant Scoutmaster whose daughter has now joined Cub Scouts, therefore we will eventually have females. In February we will have 4 more boys joining our Troop from Cub Scout Pack 55, which will bring our total to 15 scouts. This is will be the largest our Troop has been for the last 6 years.

The scouting program is appropriate for both males and females because the youth learn not only leadership skills, but also life skills through activity. Most of the basic life skills are learned on campouts through guidance and trial and error. These skills include cooking, time management, fire building, orienteering, first aid, knot tying and lashing, organizing, communicating, planning ahead, etc. Still other skills are learned in a more formal manner by earning Merit Badges. The Merit Badges are more focused on an area and have requirements that the scouts must accomplish before earning the badge. These include Archery, Electronics, Personal Fitness and Wilderness Survival to name a few. If you have an interest, I’m sure there is a merit badge on that subject.

We have weekly meetings on Monday nights from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. This is when the scouts do their planning for upcoming campouts, learn skills that will be needed and play games. Once a month the scouts will meet to plan the activities for the following month, and once a year, we have a lock in where the scouts come up with a very general plan of what they want to do the following year. The scouting program is a scout led program, so the scouts are responsible for deciding what they want to do. The activities include learning, campouts/trips and community service projects.

The learning that takes place in our Troop is both formal and informal. Formal learning takes place through Merit Badges and/or direct instruction. This last year we have tried to offer one merit badge per month that the scouts can earn. We offered Citizenship in the World, Dog Training, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the Community, Camping, Chess and Cooking. The boys also learn needed skills through the EDGE method (Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, Enable). This is when the skill is explained and demonstrated to the scout. The scout must then demonstrate the skill. Lastly, the scout must teach someone to reinforce what he has learned so that it is mastered.

Campouts and trips are a big part of the scouting program. Our campouts and day trips can be anything. This past year we went to Michigan to luge, the Shedd Aquarium, the Museum of Science and Industry, Eagle Cave, the Cardboard Boat Regatta (our boat sank), Michigan Dunes, Camp Philips, Starved Rock and a Haunted Hike.
This coming year we plan on go karting, canoeing, Medieval Times, Camp Tomahawk, orienteering at Waterfall Glen, and building a float for the 4th of July Parade in Glen Ellyn. Our Troop is not large enough to offer High Adventure, so we usually go with other Troops or Three Fires Council. This past year 2 scouts went Scuba diving to Florida Sea Base with the council.

Not all of our activities are focused on fun and learning, some include community service projects. It is important for the scouts to learn that giving back to the community is important and should be performed throughout one’s entire life. Some of our community service projects included helping St. Mark’s with pumpkins, flowers, and Green Team activities. We feel that it is important to build a good strong relationship with St. Mark’s. However, we also perform other community service activities. We help other Packs with activities they are sponsoring, help clean up the DuPage River, set up for PADS, and assist the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry.

In order for our Troop to survive, we need finances. The scouts therefore have fundraising activities. We belong to Three Fires Council which requires that we sell popcorn once a year. We have found out that this will not sustain the Troop. In addition to selling popcorn, we have two major fundraising events – one in the spring and one in the fall. In the spring we have a pancake breakfast and most of the proceeds go toward funding Troop activities and equipment. This past year the money was used for campouts, recognition awards, fixing the trailer as needed and purchasing new tents. In the fall we have a Spaghetti dinner. The bulk of this money is placed in each scout’s individual account based on how much they sell. This money can be used by the scout to purchase anything scout related. Scouts have bought sleeping bags, cots and we had one scout buy a Go Pro that he used when he went scuba diving in Florida with Three Fires Council. The money can also be used to pay for outings such as summer camp or high adventure trips. Hopefully the scouts learn the importance of managing finances, both individually and at a Troop level.

This coming year as our Troop celebrates its 100 anniversary we are planning a memorable year. We are planning to go to St. Louis for a week, build a float, learn about troop history and sleep at an Air Force base. We will continue to offer a quality program and help shape and create our leaders of tomorrow. Once again thank you for sponsoring us and seeing value in our mission.

Respectfully yours,

Debora L. Felsenthal
Troop 44 Committee Chairman

**Adult Formation**

This fall the Sunday 9:15 am Adult Formation launched a period of learning about the culture, history, and traditions of Latin America. The group started with a series from The Great Courses on the arrival of the Spanish in the region. Then, as the end of October approached, we delved into Dia de Muertos, learning from fellow parishioners and traveling to the National Museum of Mexican Art to enjoy the Dia de Muertos exhibit and an outing together. In addition, during the Christmas season, we learned more about Our Lady of Guadalupe and her appearance to Juan Diego, Posadas, and Los Tres Reyes.

As we approach spring, we will be learning a myriad of things. We will continue the “Reclaiming Jesus” Bible Study developed by Bishop Michael Curry and other faith leaders in the Reclaiming Jesus movement. We will hear from writers and parishioners Jennifer Grant and Lindsey Lopez about their faith and writing. In addition, Father Wyatt will be leading us as we study the roots of our Rite One and Rite Two liturgies in the Book of Common Prayer. And, in the spring we study our relation to all of creation including Franciscan theology,
hosting Dan Huntsa from Faith in Place as he teaches us about the science behind climate change, learning about St. Mark’s pollinator garden, and hosting a beekeeper for a honey tasting!
Join us on Sundays in the Library at 9:15 am! Child care in the nursery (0 – age 3) and at Bible Stories 9:15 am (ages 4 - 8). All are welcome!

Bob Wyatt and Sarah Adler

**Music**

Over the past year, the music program at St. Mark’s has experienced some changes and welcomed new opportunities. As mentioned in last year’s report, our Music Associate Marsha Webster has retired from her position but continues on as a member of the choir and assisting with some of the preschool music activities. A search committee made up of members of the Vestry and myself are continuing to envision the role and who would be best to complete the staff of our music program. Additionally, to assist with choir rehearsals, to lead the congregation vocally, and to serve as a regular soloist, we welcomed Kathleen Monson as our newly established Choral Scholar. Kathleen is an exceptionally talented soprano, founder of Canto Zenzero (a soprano trio who regularly perform at St. Mark’s), and experienced musician who has become a significant asset.

After Easter, the Adult Choir presented the 2nd Choral Masterworks Performance, a continued celebration of excellent music for the church by local musicians for the community. The choir from St. James Cathedral in Chicago sang the final Choral Evensong of the 2017-2018 season. The sung Choral Evensong is a welcoming service designed to be accessible to anyone and everyone—the evidence of this is in numbers. Evensong regularly sees strong attendance and, in a few instances, sees more congregants than a Sunday morning Eucharist. This is in part due to the highly concentrated, music-laden liturgy, but in reality, the service lends itself to quiet contemplation, it features nearly the entire Christian story, and participation in the service is entirely up to the comfort of the congregant. It is a great service to bring guests of all denominations and generations.

In a continued celebration of the Walker Pipe Organ, we welcomed an outstanding concert by renowned concert organist Gail Archer.

The Youth Choir and Adult Choir are important parts of the regular Sunday services. Over the summer, we welcomed several new choir members through the “Summer Choir” program. The Youth Choir maintains its habits and disciplined training through the Voices for Life training program designed by the Royal School of Church Music. We are excited to continue this program and all the opportunities it affords.

Other highlights from 2018:
- A concert featuring the high school band from the Westminster Christian School near Tampa, Florida.
- Encore Senior Choir’s Spring and Winter concerts.
- 1st Annual Halloween Organ Concert (in conjunction with the Trunk-or-Treat)

Thank you to all of the St. Mark’s parishioners for your continued support of your music program. I look forward to what 2019 brings to our community.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Daniel Segner
Director of Music
**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 32 people working as ushers during the calendar year 2018 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 if you would like more information.

George Smith †

**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. Because Daughters of the King accept a Rule of Life, we define ourselves as an order, not an organization. Our community is found primarily in our local chapters, but it extends around the world. Membership in the Order is open to women at every stage of life who desire a closer walk with the Lord. After a three-month period of study and discernment, each new member takes vows to uphold the two Rules of the Order: the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service.

As Daughters of the King, our mission is the extension of Christ’s Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. No matter where we are on our sacred journeys, we are strengthened by community with our sisters.
St. Anne Chapter of Daughters of the King at St. Mark’s supports the clergy and parish through our prayer and service. We are engaged in active prayer as part of our ministry keeping the church prayer list in mind along with our own prayer requests. During Lent we walked the “Stations of the Cross with Mary” reflecting on Jesus’ final hours through the eyes of His mother. A devotional is part of every monthly meeting of DOK.

Daughters serve through various ministries. Many serve on the Altar Ministry. DOK also coordinates with Altar Ministry decorating the sanctuary for Easter and Christmas. The Wedding Ministry assisted in the coordination of three weddings this year guiding and supporting the wedding party and representing the church in its use and care. This year we started the ministry of “Traveling Tea Parties” where two or three Daughters visit Daughters who are not able to get out often. Our Funeral Receptions Ministry, coordinating with families, host pleasant and welcoming receptions before or after funeral services providing an opportunity for friends and family to share and reminisce. DOK provided for or assisted with eleven funeral receptions during the past year.

This year several members attended the Province V assembly and retreat in the Chicago area last spring as well as participating in the Diocese of Chicago Assemblies. Daughters from St. Mark’s have served as Diocesan DOK officers and we also have one member serving on the DOK Province V board. Our Annual Salad Supper was another successful offering to the women of St. Mark’s this year with approximately 35 attending. Four St. Anne Daughters attended the National Triennial meeting and convention in Austin, Texas in June. We had an opportunity to learn, pray and meet with Daughters from all over the country and from many of the 20 countries outside the US that have Daughters’ chapters. Our local chapter co-sponsored with the St. Mark’s Visual Arts Group, an Icon Writing Workshop last summer.

We meet once a month to pray, work and learn together. If you are interested in being a part of a community within the larger community of St. Mark’s with whom to share your spiritual journey, we invite all women of St. Mark’s to join. If you have questions please contact President, Susie Meehan, 630-480-0639, sjfmeehan@yahoo.com.

Susan Meehan

**Altar Ministry**

Those of us who serve on altar duty consider it a holy ministry, preparing the Table for every Eucharist service in the church. We wash, iron and lay out the linens, pour the wine into vessels that we have polished, fill the candles with oil, put out the bells and books, order supplies, oversee the flowers and uncover the piano. Day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, for over 85 years we have been a central part of the life of St. Mark’s. Just as you prepare for cherished visitors in your home, we set our Lord’s Table so that all may gather, eat and drink of his body and blood and be refreshed and comforted.

We touch your lives not only each time you take communion on Sunday. We prepare for baptisms, first communions, weddings, healings, and reverently, and in great hope and faith we set the table for funerals, laying out the pall and comforting the bereaved. It is a privilege to serve our Lord and our congregation in this way.

We invite all who would like to learn more about this beautiful ministry to join us. You will learn about the history and meaning of our liturgy and the work necessary for what most people take for granted. It requires only a couple of hours training, and a willingness to commit to two hours of work each month. If interested in learning more about the Altar Ministry, please contact Karen Evans either by phone (708) 642-2601 or by email kkevans46@gmail.com.

Karen Evans
Pastoral Care

A renewed pastoral care team was formed this fall after six parishioners who felt called to visiting and companioning others completed Bishop Anderson House’s 10-week Lay Spiritual Visitor Training. They joined several already trained pastoral caregivers to provide much-needed pastoral support, given that this large parish has only one full-time priest.

The new 11-person team meets monthly to share updates about those in need, to pray for them and each other, and to provide mutual support. Pastoral visitors provide companionship, attentive listening, prayer, and, as need, anointing for healing and communion. The priest associate in charge of pastoral care, Bob Wyatt, tracks pastoral needs and pastoral visitations. St. Mark’s parishioners and friends who have identified a person in need may contact Bob Wyatt, at bob@stmarkslenellyn.org or at 708-269-5473.

Prayer List and Prayer Providers Group: 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 who take 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, Robin, and Bob Wyatt 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 at Beacon Hill.

Meal Ministry: Fiona White and Pam Rojc: During the past year, the Meals Ministry provided approximately 5 families with meals, averaging 2-3 meals per family. We welcome additional meal maker volunteers.

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.

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: St. Mark’s contributed $1200 each to Glen Ellyn Youth and Family Counseling Service (GEYFC) and Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center (CDPPC).

George Smith† and Bob Wyatt†
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 that served during the year were May Anstee, Doug Armantrout, Jerry Becker, Bob Beeching, Bob Cardwell, Jerry Carey, Karen Evans, Gretchen Kenower, Brenda Laws, Bob Meehan, Susie Meehan, and Dan Pradt. Thank you to all.

Dick Anstee

St. Mark’s Outreach Committee

Outreach has historically been a primary focus for St. Mark’s. There are many programs that are embedded in the fabric of our church community. There are many components that make up our outreach program. Some of the most obvious are the Appalachian Service Project (ASP), the Mission trip to Southeast Mexico, and the Pumpkin Patch that helps support the Pads programming in our community. We are engaged in local, regional, national, and international efforts to help to contribute while attempting to make a difference. Whether the programs are shared with us through the Diocese, programs sponsored by the national church, opportunities to contribute in international efforts in response to natural disasters, or simply a response to local need; St. Mark’s attempts to be present and is always looking for ways to be engaged.

Another aspect of our outreach mechanism here at St. Mark’s is the Outreach Committee. Approximately $20,000 of our budget is set aside to help us explore and engage in activities intended to help others. This past couple of months we have been accepting written proposals from organizations within our church as well from service organizations within our community or area. We have sought interest and the response has been beyond what we had expected. We received 13 proposals from a wide variety of groups.

Each of the proposals received presented identified needs, what they would do with funds awarded, and provided answers to each of the questions given on our application form. After compiling the information gathered we had over $40,000 in requests, so obviously, a major challenge was determining how we would address the needs which far exceeded the resources available.

The Committee reviewed the applications and made every attempt to support each organization on some level. Most of our proposals came from groups/organizations in which members of our congregation were serving either as volunteers or board members. In the end, allocations were made to all 13 groups/organizations. Allocations ranged from $250 - $4000. Near the end of the year donations were also made to Episcopal Charities and Community Services and Episcopal Relief and Development. A total of approximately $20,000 was committed and disbursed.

Those groups/programs/individuals initially receiving grant funds included:

- **Walk-In-Ministry** - Shared ministry supported by approximately 18 local churches that provides emergency support for residents of Glen Ellyn or members of participating churches with food certificates, gas vouchers, utility assistance, auto repair, transportation etc.
• Awakenings Project – supports artists, poets, playwrights, and musicians afflicted by mental illness in the pursuits of their crafts.

• Family Shelter Service – offers services to victims of domestic violence in DuPage County

• St. Augustine College – Chicago – Episcopal College emphasizing supporting those of Hispanic descent to help fill the cultural/educational/socio economic gaps that exist – supporting a student from Costa Rica.

• Faith in Place – works with people of all faiths to be leaders in caring for the earth (Green Teams)

• Shelter for All – Not-for-Profit organization dedicated to providing housing for the homeless in DuPage County

• People Reaching People (Ministry of Bishop Todd and Rev Patsy McGregor) Madagascar – supporting a parishioner going on mission trip in February

• St. Mark’s Justice Committee – practice peace and justice while supporting education programs on this topic for our young people

• Grace and Peace Chaplaincy – bringing God’s word to area communities which serve our older adults.

• ReNew Project – to create an atmosphere for refugee women to thrive focusing on economic stability and providing a support network for these individuals

• Glen Ellyn Youth and Family Counseling Service (GEYFCS) – supporting mental health for youth and families in the Glen Ellyn Area.

• Bridge Communities – The goal of this program is to mentor a family from homelessness to self-sufficiency

• Glen Ellyn Food Pantry – helping to fight hunger in the Glen Ellyn Area

The Outreach Committee is in the process of determining how it will allocate its resources during 2019. Requests for funding have been submitted and we look forward to supporting agencies and programs dedicated to providing assistance in our area during the coming year.

St. Mark’s Mum Sale – A Blooming Success!

St. Mark’s held its first “Mum Sale” with net proceeds benefitting the Glen Ellyn Walk-In-Ministry (WIM). The mums were delivered and unloaded the morning of September 22. Many thanks to the St. Mark’s Boy Scout Troop 44 for their help!!! The mums came from Sunrise Greenhouse, Inc in Grant Park, IL. The plants were an instant hit, and with great weather we sold over 275 the first weekend. During the following week the remainder of our plants sold out. In total, we sold 400 mums, resulting in a $2,100 contribution to WIM. St. Mark’s has been a long-time supporter of WIM. Because of this fundraiser, we have been able to increase our support to WIM by over 50% this year (from our planned support of $4,000 to $6,100). We look forward to having another mum sale in 2019.

Bob Meehan

Walk-In Ministry (WIM) Report

Contact: Bob Meehan

The Glen Ellyn Walk-In Ministry was initiated in 1984 by the Glen Ellyn Ministerial Association. It represents a coordinated effort by local churches (approximately 18) to provide a source of compassionate assistance to individuals and families in need of emergency aid within our community. Examples of aid being provided include
food certificates, gas vouchers, prescription assistance, bicycle repairs, and transportation vouchers. WIM relies on donations from individuals and member churches. Located in the library of the First United Methodist Church this program provides opportunity for individuals to volunteer in covering the hours of operation and to serve on its governing board. The table included in this report summarizes the number of people served by this ministry during the last few years; 2018 data is not included.

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### 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 2018 we hosted the following exhibits:

- **Stations of the Cross** by Richard Rush: These pieces are owned by St. Mark’s and are displayed annually before and during Lent. Dick Rush, a commercial artist of note, was a parishioner at St. Mark’s who worked from the 1950s through the 1990s.

Approximately

- 269 individuals were served by WIM on more than one occasion during 2014
- 249 individuals were served by WIM on more than one occasion during 2015
- 215 individuals were served by WIM on more than one occasion during 2016
- 184 individuals were served by WIM on more than one occasion during 2017
• **Awakening the Spirit Within:** An exhibit of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, and relief carving by the Awakenings Project, a local arts collective comprising people who carry mental illness in their lives. The show was very well received by the parish and there was a wonderful and meaningful discussion between artists and parishioners at the reception. Two pieces were purchased from this show to add to the St. Mark’s permanent collection.

• **Then Sings My Soul:** A collection of acrylic paintings by Beth Waltz, including landscapes, three-dimensional elements such as gears and shells, and fantastical topics. Again, the parish very much enjoyed having this show from summer into fall. The artist donated a painting to St. Mark’s permanent collection.

• **St. Mark’s Collection:** As has been done before, we exhibited the pieces of art that are normally displayed throughout the church building. Descriptive text accompanied each work, stating history and acquisition, if known. This time the show included several newly acquired pieces, including “Blind Mother” and “Crucifixion” from the Awakenings show, a gear painting on a wood panel by Beth Waltz, and several recently donated pieces from Eastern Europe.

• **Advent Twig wreaths:** Rustic twig wreaths as displayed annually during Advent.

• **Christmas wreaths:** Twig wreaths decorated with red bows and berries in celebration of Christmas.

The group hosted a reception and artist’s talk for the Awakenings Project and Beth Waltz shows, drawing attendees from within and outside the St. Mark’s congregation. Javier Valdivia and Beth Waltz and Brian Currie designed professional posters for publicity.

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

**St. Mark’s Green Team 2018 Report**

The Green Team continues to learn 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.

**Meatless Dinner:** the second annual meatless dinner was held last January, and we had a great turnout. We’re going to do it again this year on **Wednesday, March 20**; no reservations needed, just come and enjoy some delicious food (vegetarian, vegan, and/or gluten-free) and a chance for some awesome eco-friendly door prizes.

**Indoor Winter Farmers Market:** we hosted our second Winter Farmers Market in February 2018, 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. We were very pleased to learn that of the 16 Chicago area Faith in Place markets last season, St. Mark’s had the highest turnout and highest vendor sales. Jan Langford led the effort, and her signage inside and outside the building helped draw people in and get them to the right location – “just follow the veggie trail!” We will do it again this year on **Sunday, February 24**, from 9 am to 2 pm in Mahon Hall, and we hope a lot of you will turn out again this year to support local vendors and buy delicious foods and lovely, local handmade items.

**Pollinator Garden:** The Green Team took responsibility for the large garden at the northeast corner of the church property, at Main & Hillside, in Spring 2017, and continued to tend it through 2018. The garden had been overgrown with lots of undesirables that were choking out the plants that provide food for butterflies, bees, birds, and other creatures, so the goal in 2017 was to identify what was growing there and remove anything that was hindering the beneficial plants. It was rewarding to see how many lovely perennials emerged once the turf grass and thistles were removed. Our big addition in May 2018 was a Fruit Guild – a permaculture garden (all edible perennials) centered around a Redhaven peach tree. April Sedall, whose use of color in her art work is really outstanding, has made several signs for the garden – one to explain why we leave the seed heads and stalks
standing over the winter, and one for the fruit guild. We are looking for help to create an overall garden design to perhaps add paths, seating, and additional pollinator-friendly plantings – let us know if you are interested in participating in planning or weeding. All ages welcome.

**SCARCE’s Pumpkin Smash program:** For the fourth year, we arranged for a dumpster to put the leftover pumpkins, straw, and fallen leaves after the Pumpkin Patch was over on the first Saturday of November. 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. In addition to our own leftover pumpkins, we also had 95 vehicles come through with pumpkins from their own homes to add to the collection.

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 questions. Thank you!

**Mexico Mission Trip and Companion Parish Relationship 2018**

St. Mark’s has been in a companion relationship with San Marcos in Nigromante since 2006. While many parishioners have gone on the Mexico Mission Trip, which has taken place every year since June 2006, all of us at St. Mark’s have shared in this companion relationship—by participating in fundraisers, attending informational presentations, listening to stories, and meeting with Bishop Benito and Angelica from the Diocese of Southeast Mexico when they visit.

We are extremely grateful for your participation, support, and contributions that have helped make this companion parish relationship possible. In 2018, we raised $9,610 from our Cake Auction and Bake Sale, Mother’s Day Rose Sale, and the Cinco de Mayo Dinner and Silent Auction. We also received additional donations from St. Mark’s parishioners. These funds not only helped send St. Markers to Nigromante but also allow us to pay for half of Padre Senobio’s $6,000 salary (his 3 parishes will never be able to support him financially), provide $2,500 in scholarships to help keep kids in school, and paid for some badly needed fans in the church. These funds helped San Marcos finish their building project, providing a place where Padre Senobio now works, where the parish holds meetings, and where small groups of visiting doctors can stay. Your donations also continue to support the church bakery/panaderia, which provides skills and income for poor women.

We are sad to announce that Bishop Benito is retiring, and at its annual synod in March of 2019, the Diocese of SE Mexico will elect a new bishop. We have been greatly blessed by our long time friendship and working relationship with Bishop Benito, his wife, Angelica, and their son, Eigner. Bishop Benito plans to overlap with the new bishop for a period of time to ensure a smooth transition. The Chicago Diocese Subcommittee for SE Mexico, which meets regularly to discuss our shared relationship with SE Mexico, is currently planning a celebration for Bishop Benito’s retirement and a welcome for the new bishop in November of 2019, preceding the Chicago Diocesan Convention. Everyone will be invited to participate!

We ask that you continue to pray for the people of San Marcos, the Diocese of Southeast Mexico, Bishop Benito and his family, and the new bishop soon to be elected.

**A little about the June 2018 Mission Trip to Mexico:** When the group from St. Mark’s—11 of us, George, Irma, Scott, Olivia, Isabel, Karen, Ryan, Kathleen, Frida, Luke, and me—drove up to San Marcos in Nigromante, like every year, fireworks were set off, the bells were rung, and the people of San Marcos came to greet us.

This year we missed Eigner, Bishop Benito’s son who has been our driver, guide, and friend every year since 2006. He was at an Episcopal ministry conference in the Philippines; however, this allowed us to have more time with Bishop Benito. We had help again this year from Abi, an ambulance driver who lives with his wife, Alma, in
We also were reunited with Padre Daniel, who we’ve known for years. Daniel helped us plan the community dinner and helped with the music for VBS, encouraging the kids with his guitar playing and singing.

I’d also like to introduce to you a few other people we’ve gotten to know during our 12 years of going to our companion parish, San Marcos:

- Dahlia. Dahlia’s 14 and is a good student who works hard so she can pursue university and a career. She lives with her younger sister, Diana, her dad and mom.
- Dahlia’s mom, Teresa, gets up in the wee hours every morning to help in her husband’s family’s in-home bakery. Teresa is also one of the wardens at San Marcos this year.
- Fatima, also 14, had returned to Nigromante to live with her father. We met her our first year when she was two. We were delighted to see Fatima.
- Cecilia. She’s a widow about my age and has hosted many St. Markers over the years. She has one bed in her home, which every year she gives up for us. She sleeps on the cement floor of her kitchen, while Marta, her adult daughter sleeps in the hammock, also set up in the kitchen. Irma and I stayed with them. We got the bed.
- Cata. Cata helps organize the food for our visit, arranging and helping to prepare the three lunches we were served as well as helping us organize and prepare the community dinner.
- Diego, who is 24, is Cata’s son. He works in the family’s leather business and is married to Karla. They have three children, Chelsey, Yasmin, and Tateo. Karla and Diego hosted Olivia and Isabel this year.
- Gerardo is 85. He’s retired and was outside the church each day we were there. He was the only man aside from George who participated in our Bible Study. Gerardo talked a lot, sharing stories about the church & the community.
- Young Frances, who was quite the little diablo, was curious and very taken with the musical instruments we brought, especially Isabel’s ukulele.
- Kim and her brother Edwin—they were very active participants in VBS this year. Their family hosted Karen and Frida.

There’s also Bartomieno, Jose, Antonio, Suhidy, Fernando, Barbara, Carmen, Adly, Delores, Isaias, Modesta, Betty, Benny, Jeramias, Lucia, Obdulia, Leticia...just to name a few of the many people we’ve gotten to know over so many years.

Thinking about our friends in Nigromante reminds me how important it is to continue this relationship with San Marcos and the Diocese of Southeast Mexico. It is also important to continue our annual contributions for the student scholarships, Padre Senobio’s salary, and the various projects. And not any less important, we need to remember to help some of our own parishioners participate on this trip via scholarship assistance.

Thank you for your continued support over the years and for sharing in this important ministry at St. Mark’s, a ministry that helps define who we are.

Kim Reed

**Appalachia Service Project**

The Appalachia Service Project (ASP) provides life-changing, short-term Christian mission trip opportunities – bringing youth, adult and college volunteers into rural Central Appalachia to make homes warmer, safer and drier for families in need. ASP believes that safe, affordable, sanitary homes are a basic human right. With those guiding principles, youth and adults are sent to locations in Appalachia to help repair homes of those who cannot afford to do it themselves.
St. Mark’s sent a record number youth and adult volunteers to Fentress County, TN on the 5th annual ASP trip in July of 2018. We were able to staff 3 work sites as well as have an additional youth member work as a staff in training in Kentucky. They worked hard and had the time of their lives! Not only did they fulfill the ASP mission of making homes safer, warmer and drier, the real joy of the trip was the relationships they developed with each other and with the people of Tennessee and Kentucky.

The ASP trip dates for 2019 are: Saturday, July 13 thru Saturday July 20. ASP holds two fundraisers, the first, is a flower sale - flowers will be sold February 24 – March 10 for delivery the weekend before Mother’s Day. The second fundraiser – “The House that St. Mark’s Built” (April)

The ASP trip is open to adults and youth who will be entering 9th grade in the fall of 2019. It is not necessary to be a member of St. Mark’s. Prior experience is not needed, just a willingness to work! You’ll raise roofs, fix floors and build a whole new you! If you would like more information about ASP, please contact Cindy Glavin at cjglavin92@yahoo.com or 630-956-0530.

Come on and join us, you’ll never regret it!

Cindy Glavin

**Communications Coordinator Report**

St. Mark's had a very busy 2018!

Our new site went live in the spring and was met with much positive feedback. The most common compliments were "It's so clean and easy to read!" and "It's St. Mark's in website form." These were two of the main goals so it was wonderful to hear from parishioners that they were achieved. The mobile compatibility feature makes navigation from a smart phone much more user-friendly which was another main concern when rebuilding our site. Many people have noticed and mentioned our site when compared to other church sites—it is a noticeable difference and we are proud of the work that was done to get to our finished product.

As far as usability on the backend, Samantha has a much easier time maintaining the site and uploading larger media files without fear of everything slowing down or crashing. Documents are able to be displayed with easier readability, and our photo slider can adjust based on shape and size of the photos uploaded. Overall, the new site is smoother for everyone.

We continue to use Facebook as another main platform for announcements, events, and reminders. Our engagement is up and more active than last year, and I am confident that will continue to grow. Boosting posts and paying for event ads has again proven to be beneficial, most notably with our first mum fundraiser and our annual pumpkin patch. Facebook ads are wonderful for spreading the word to a targeted audience in our surrounding communities. We have seen an increase in likes and shared posts which also spreads the word to more people, which in turn raises more money for our selected causes.

The largest communications undertaking of the year was organizing an all parish directory. The announcements started in mid-August and were shared via postcard, Sunday bulletin, Sunday announcements at all services, robo calls, Facebook, website, and PostMark. Samantha was in the Narthex after each Sunday service for four weeks personally signing families up and answering any questions. Lifetouch even made a point of saying that they had never seen such a full and complete week of photography sessions with so many participants. We even had to schedule an additional date so those who were not able to make it the first time were still included. Included in
this was scheduling volunteers during each photography session to help with sign ins and to explain the process. Samantha was incredibly grateful for everyone who answered her emails and texts and phone calls to help—this directory required a lot from everyone.

The PostMark continues to be sent 4-5 times a year with timely and relevant church news. It's a great way to reach all parishioners near and far with St. Mark's happenings. We have included articles from parishioners, book reviews, music articles, and news from our St. Mark's Preschool, as well as future events and notes from Father George.

Samantha continues to help edit documents, create press releases, create ads on Facebook to bring greater attention to specific events, and reach out to all the ministry leaders to make sure their areas are represented accurately on the website.

Samantha Campen

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 2018, in addition to weekly coffee hour after the 10:30 service each Sunday.

Coffee hour this past year moved mostly to the Library (with larger events still being held in Mahon Hall), to help foster greater attendance and better conversations.

Parish Annual Meeting, January 21: A chance to celebrate our accomplishments, confirm nominations for the Vestry, and raise funds for the annual Mexico trip via a cake auction. Congregants enjoyed sandwiches and salads, and sampled some of the sweets for auction.

All-Parish Picnic, July 15: Bringing together all parts of our congregation for fellowship, food, and fun. This was the second year the picnic was held at Lake Ellyn, and we again enjoyed a lovely meal (with many delicious contributions!), warm weather, and a beautiful view.

Kick-Off Sunday, September 9: 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 promotes fellowship and educational activities for the entire St. Mark's community. We again hosted the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, and had a great turnout for the Annual Barbecue at Father George's house. We have migrated to occasional Saturday Morning Meetings where we welcome input on new areas to explore. The Men’s Group Weekly Breakfast on Tuesdays at 8:00 am at The Glen Oak Restaurant continues to thrive. All are welcome to join us at any of our activities.

Contact us at mensgroup@stmarksgrlenellyn.org.

Leo Lanzillo
**Women’s Ministries**

The Women’s Ministry program at St. Mark’s has been undergoing an exciting resurgence this year. We had a wonderful salad supper during the summer, which was enjoyed by all. We have also met a number of times during the fall to discuss issues relevant to women of all ages at St. Mark’s. Our very successful ornament exchange was held at the home of Juanita Jimenez this year. And we have an ongoing Bible study led by Kim Toliver on Wednesday mornings at 8 am in the church library. Women of all ages are welcome as we look forward to even more great programs in 2019.

Jennifer Dorn

**Parents’ Day Out Ministry**

St. Mark's Parents Day Out (PDO) offers care for children ages 2 to 4. Families can register for one or two days per week during the school year, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The program continues to be at capacity, currently serving 71 families. PDO also maintains a substitute list. Its summer program runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during June and July. 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 donates $500 monthly to the parish’s general operating fund, for a total of $6,000 in 2018. Additionally, here are some of the other projects PDO to which contributed:

- Basement Renovation & New Flooring (shared project with the Preschool and St. Mark’s). Thank you to the Boy Scouts for their help during this redo and to Rachel Alcorn for her assistance!
- Keypads for entrances (also a shared project with the Preschool)
- Remaining kick plates installed in the Undercroft.

**Staff:** We are thankful for our dedicated staff—Director Kathy O’Rourke and teachers Norma Cid, Melody Mordini, Carrie Pihl, and Ofelia Bustamente. We are truly grateful for them and their endless enthusiasm and dedication to PDO and its children. Thank you to the PDO Board members: Kim Reed (Chair), Elizabeth Lewis (Secretary), Kelly Gross (Treasurer), Joan Nichols, Kristin Margaglione, and George Smith.

**2019-20 Registration:** Registration for the 2019 summer and fall programs will begin on Monday, April 1 for St. Mark’s parishioners and St. Mark’s Preschool families. New families can register on Monday, April 8. Summer registration will open on Monday, April 15.

Kim Reed
St. Mark’s Preschool

St. Mark’s Preschool has been a part of the St. Mark’s community for nine 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, a Studio Arts Program, a STEM program, Kindergarten Enrichment and a Munch and Learn program. We also offer a summer camp program when school is out. We currently have 70 students from 63 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 2019-20 school year opens January 22 for church and PDO members. Applications are available in the Preschool office or online.

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

Kristine Osmond, St. Mark’s Preschool Director

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 2018 committee was made up of the following members: George Smith - General Consultant Joanie Somerville - Vestry Liaison and B&G Coordinator Scott Shorney - B&G Consultant Gary Kreutz - Mechanical Systems Manager Michael Benich - Rectory Manager Ginnie Judd - Green Team Manager David Dornblaser - Grounds Manager

2018 B&G in Review: We were quite busy this year with many improvements to both the church building and Rectory property. As we said goodbye to Victor and his family as they relocated downtown, we were afforded the opportunity to prepare the Rectory as a short-term rental property. Improvements such as interior and exterior painting and new carpet were among the many improvements made to the property. The main church building received new key pad locks on four of the exterior doors. This greatly improved our security by eliminating the need to provide physical keys to individuals. In addition, we were able to complete some minor repairs to the lower parking lot and perform some interior painting to spruce things up. The Columbarium expansion project was also completed. David Dornblaser and his crew of volunteers did a wonderful job of keeping up the appearance of the church grounds, and the Green Team successfully planted a fruit guild in the large garden on the northeast corner of the
church property. Unfortunately, we had an unexpected replacement cost for a new heat exchanger for Mahon Hall. A special thank you to Gary Kreutz for handling this project.

2019 B&G Plans:
In 2019 the committee will review and prioritize the potential improvements to be made in the coming year to align with our available budget. Possible projects include:

* New A/C Unit and Duct Work (offices)
* Upstairs Windows (offices)
* Seal Coating and Striping of Upper and Lower Parking Lots

Thank you to our whole team for a great year in 2018, especially our managers Scott, Gary, Mike, Ginnie and David. In addition Julian for the lawn care, leaf pick-up, shoveling and other daily grounds care as well as Penny Taback for her assistance in preparing the Rectory for rental.

Joanie Somerville

Parish Register 2018

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Minutes from January 21, 2018 Annual Meeting

St Mark's Episcopal Church
January 21, 2018

This was the 121st annual meeting of the church. It was preceded by a buffet lunch. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm by Fr. George Smith with approximately 135 people in attendance. George began with a prayer and a reminder of the cake auction taking place during the meeting to help support our annual Mexico mission trip. Robert Olsen was appointed clerk for the meeting.

Packets containing annual reports of committees and financial statements were provided for those in attendance. Last year’s minutes were approved without change.

David Funck described the working of the cake auction, both silent bid items and those cakes that would be auctioned by open bidding. He also discussed where the money goes and a bit about the Southeast Mexico project ministry. Through the course of the meeting we auctioned six cakes in three sessions.

Leo Lanzillo and Jennifer Dorn were sworn in as Senior and Junior Warden respectively for the coming year. They accepted their duties and were approved by acclamation. Ryan Valdivia accepted the nomination as Youth Representative to the Vestry and was approved by acclamation.

Leo Lanzillo gave comments of thanks and recognition for the two Youth Representatives for 2017, Julio Reyes and Anthony Lanzillo. He followed that with a recognition and message of gratitude for those who will be leaving the vestry as their terms have ended. They are Kim Lloyd-Eichenauer, Jim Grotelueschen, and Scott Shorney. Leo also gave regards and appreciation for our outgoing Senior Warden Joyce Fletcher.
Next came the voting on the new members of the vestry. They included the following people: Bob Lundin, Kate Marsh, Irma Solorzano, and Joanie Somerville. All four were voted in by acclamation. We proceeded to vote on the candidates for diocesan convention, Joyce Fletcher and Jeff Hill, both of whom were approved by acclamation.

Steven Sedall and Tom Agler took us through highlights from the parish financial reports. Tom focused on 2017, a year in which we came in very close to even on income versus expenses and also managed to chip away at our mortgage debt by about $50,000. Steven commented on our projections for 2018. We have already met our pledge goal. He talked about the projects that were included in the budget which are listed on the reports in the annual meeting packet. Lastly, he discussed an overview of how the budget process works.

Dick Anstee continued the financial session with a primer on the St. Mark’s endowment fund and our moves to take some of our existing funds to a consolidated account managed by the diocese.

Steve Sedall extended thanks to Harvey Dunham, Hunter Walor, and Barbara Walden for their help with the finance committee, to Bob Lewis for legal help on drafting key documents for them, as well as Steve Webster for his insurance review. Steve extended a reminder that anyone was welcome to attend the monthly finance committee meetings. Lastly in this portion, Fr. George pointed out the dashboard sheet in the meeting packet. This contained a good overview of several key metrics concerning church life.

Moving on to the next section of the meeting, Joyce Fletcher gave reflections on her time as Senior Warden last year. She spoke of her 35 year journey as an Episcopalian and several examples of extraordinary things that happen at St. Mark’s. She thanked all the people who volunteer at the church, for without their effort many good things would not happen.

Fr. George thanked Cecilia for all her support and she in turned thanked the congregation for theirs.

Fr. George did not go into detail on his report in light of having covered this during the morning sermon. Kim Reed extended appreciation for St. Mark’s sustenance of the Southeast Mexico mission effort.

There were no other comments or questions. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Bob Olsen
February 11, 2018
**A Seal for St. Mark’s**

The seal is based partially on the seal of the Diocese of Chicago. Beginning at the top, the parish logo lion designed by Richard Rush is shown together with a cross known in heraldry as a cross flory.

Beneath that the familiar shield of the Episcopal Church has been slightly deconstructed. On the left is the cross of St. Andrew of Scotland on a blue field, made up of nine smaller crosses and signifying the nine original American Dioceses that met in Philadelphia in 1789. On the right is the cross of St. George of England in red on a white field.

The inverted Y design in the middle of the shield is taken from the Chicago diocesan seal and is said to represent the branches of the Chicago river. The fleur-de-lis from the diocesan shield have also been included.

In the middle of the inverted Y is a smaller shield depicting an open Bible with the words SAINT MARK on the left page and EVANGELIST on the right. The rope and noose are shown as a reminder of his martyrdom. IN 68 A.D. when Mark returned to Alexandria he was martyred when a rope was placed around his neck and he was dragged through the streets.

In the bottom field is shown the clock tower used to represent the city of Glen Ellyn.

The text on the outer border upper half reads: Episcopal Church of St. Mark, Glen Ellyn, Illinois A.D. 1909. On the lower half in Latin are the words: Radicati, Crescente, Diffundas. These are taken from the parish motto and translate to: Rooted, Growing, Branching Out.

The seal therefore includes symbols from the Christian faith, the national Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Chicago, St. Marks the Evangelist, and the city of Glen Ellyn.

*Seal presented to St. Mark’s by Charles Snider. This seal is displayed in Mahon Hall.*
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

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