

# Maneline

ST. MARK Catholic Community

## Who Will Carry the Light If We Do Not? Why We Celebrate ST. MARK's 50th Anniversary

By Eric Peterson

More than 50 years ago, a group of Fairfax Catholics was inspired by the light of faith to organize a new community that would become ST. MARK Catholic Church in Vienna. Over the decades, those individuals have carried the light of their faith and passed it to others who, in turn, have passed it along to those of us who today are the community of ST. MARK. But what about the members of the next generation? How will they receive the light, and how will they carry it to the generations ahead?

That was the question posed by Msgr. Mark Lane, Vicar for Clergy of the Diocese of Richmond, at this year's Parish Staff and Pastoral Council Retreat. It is the question every member of the Parish is asked to contemplate as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our faith community.

As important as a 50th anniversary is to reflect on the blessings of the past, it is even more important to think about the future, and especially about how we carry the light today and pass it on to those who follow.

### Five Generations

One of the amazing aspects of this 50th anniversary is the realization that there are now, according to Msgr. Lane, five generations thriving in our community: the Traditionalists born before 1945, the Baby Boomers born between 1946 and 1964, the GenXers born between 1965 and 1980, the Millennials born between 1981 and 1995, and the GenZers born since 1996. Each of these groups is noted for different tastes, interests, achievements, and aspirations. The secret to maintaining a vibrant faith

community is in finding a way to appreciate and welcome the diversity of each age group and meld that diversity into a unified, self-perpetuating spirit that carries the light from one generation to the next.

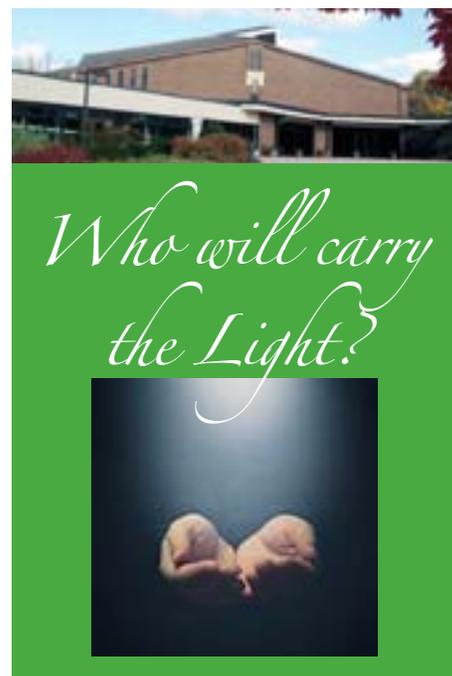
Throughout the commemorative period of the 50th anniversary — which began in January with the *Solemnity of Epiphany* and extends to November 22 — there will be many events that will enable Parishioners to reflect on their own faith journey and to invite others to join as we carry the light and prepare to pass it along.

### Worship Commission

Already, the 50th anniversary has experienced a competition among the students of the ST. MARK School and the weekday and Sunday Religious Education programs for the design of the 50th anniversary banner, as well as

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the first two of a 15-Concert Series, a day of reflection, and a three-day retreat. The Concert Series features the wide range of talent and musical interests of various choirs, musical groups,



and individuals. The most up-to-date schedule for the Concert Series can be found on the website at [www.stmark.org](http://www.stmark.org). Click on the 50th anniversary button.

### Other Commissions

In addition to the WORSHIP MINISTRY, under whose auspices the Concert Series is being offered, all of the other ministries of the Parish are organizing events and opportunities for every member of the Parish Community to share in the celebration. For example, the YOUTH MINISTRY will host a special concert in late March that features the new-age music of The Restless, a music group including Isaac Garcia, Rocco and Valerie Repetski. Members of the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee, led by Lynn Innocenzi, are organizing a dance featuring the music of the past 50 years on October 17. The Liturgical Arts Committee is creating a new arras that will be presented at the

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Gala Anniversary Mass on November 22. The April Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will recognize the contributions of the thousands of Parishioners who have volunteered to support the work of the Parish over the decades. On August 1, the Parish will host an informal, potluck reception to recognize the actual anniversary date.

Other activities on the schedule during the commemorative period include a movie night sponsored by Maturity Matters (the M&Ms), and the long awaited, and much desired burning of the mortgage; we need to raise only a little more than \$400,000 to achieve this goal by November 22.

### Updated Mission Statement

Angela Spicer is leading a group to review and rewrite the Parish Vision and Mission statements. Her group is

seeking input from Parishioners by inviting responses to two questions:

- What would make you invite someone to *ST. MARK*?
- An ideal church community... (complete the sentence)?

The group is seeking broad input and hopes to be able to present a draft revised Mission and Vision Statement during the commemorative period. To provide your thoughts on these questions, please visit the website ([www.stmark.org](http://www.stmark.org)).

### New Directory and History

During the commemorative period, the Parish will also publish a new Parish Directory and a complete history of the Parish.

### All Parishioners Invited

Every member has been extended an

invitation to find a way to celebrate the 50th anniversary. Whether by attending or helping to organize one of the events described in this article or listed on the website, or by initiating an effort of your own, everyone is welcomed and encouraged to dedicate yourself to carry the light of faith to the next generation as *ST. MARK* celebrates faith, family, and community during its 50th anniversary commemoration.

For more information about the 50th anniversary, to offer suggestions, and to



get involved, please contact Jean Lupinacci in the office ([jlupinacci@stmark.org](mailto:jlupinacci@stmark.org)) or Eric Peterson ([ecp50@verizon.net](mailto:ecp50@verizon.net)).

## What *ST. MARK* Group Can I Join To Assist Me in My Faith Journey with Christ?

By Bill Grossman

This is a great question that many faithful *ST. MARK* Parishioners have been asking themselves since our founding in 1965! The many answers, since Day 1 until the present, have made *ST. MARK* what it is today! Many prayerful groups and ministries have come and gone by answering this very simple question. Many of these groups and ministries exist today and are part of the *ST. MARK* Community Growth Ministry.

I invite you to go to the website and browse through our COMMUNITY GROWTH icon. There, you will see the many groups in the Parish and nearby places where you can join to help you along your faith journey with Christ. At *ST. MARK*, many groups help you on that journey, including Small Communities of Faith, Christians in Commerce, and the Seniors Group. You will find a list of retreats that are offered nearby at the Dominican Retreat House, or the schedule of Cursillo weekends, or grief workshops sponsored by Haven of Northern Virginia.

You can also find out how to go about starting a new Community Growth

group/ministry that does not exist yet. If you would like to start something new, please let us help you get that “something” started, whatever it is that God may be calling you to lead. Examples of recent groups now thriving are Le Cercle Francais, a group of French-speaking folks that meets weekly; a MOMS with College-Aged Children group that meets monthly to provide mutual support and create care packages for their children; and a Women’s Prayer group that focuses on the Ignatian style of prayer.

At the tables in the Narthex during the month of March several of these groups have been represented by volunteers to help you learn about getting involved. All Community Growth ministries are represented by Kristen Day ([Kristen.day@verizon.net](mailto:Kristen.day@verizon.net)), who serves as the Chairperson for Community Growth on the Pastoral Council. Day-to-day support for all ministries under Community Growth is handled by Bill Grossman ([bgrossman@stmark.org](mailto:bgrossman@stmark.org)) and Denise Argote ([dargote@stmark.org](mailto:dargote@stmark.org)) of the Parish Staff. So, we ask, “What group can you join (or start!) to assist you in your faith journey with Christ?”

## FACETS Hot Meals



The *ST. MARK Hot Meals Team* prepares up to 130 meals for homeless persons and delivers them to sites in Fairfax six times a year on the fourth Monday of alternate months.

We prepare the food at *Fairfax Presbyterian Church* in the City of Fairfax. Food is prepared and packaged from 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and then drivers deliver the food from 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The drivers should have vehicles. Teens who need service hours are welcome to help.

Girl Scout Troops or CONFIRMATION Classes could bake cookies to go with our meals. Contact us for special instructions. Donations are welcome to help defray the cost of the milk.

For further information, contact Ann Ramish at [ramishteam@outlook.com](mailto:ramishteam@outlook.com) or Mary Purdy at [mcpurdyva@yahoo.com](mailto:mcpurdyva@yahoo.com).



## Community Collaboration: The Answer to One Family's Prayers

By Suezette Steinhardt

In 2003, when Joseph left his wife and two young children behind and came to the United States as a refugee, he could not have imagined that his family would touch — and be touched by — so many. But their story epitomizes what can happen when an entire community comes together for one of its neighbors.

After an attempt on his life in Egypt, Joseph — an official in the Coptic Christian Church — was sent by the U.S. State Department to North Carolina, where he lived until being encouraged to come to the D.C. area to seek asylum. The Coptic Church in Fairfax was the first to offer assistance. Joseph moved into shared housing in Vienna, found work at a local grocery store, and began studying English at *ST. MARK*. Here he made contacts that would prove to be invaluable as he built a new life.

Joseph was granted asylum in 2005, and his wife Rebecca and their children finally were able to join him. His newfound friends from *ST. MARK* tapped their

extensive community and faith-based network to find temporary housing for the family before guiding them to a two-year transitional program of rental assistance and services to help them become self-supporting. Joseph stayed in his job; Rebecca found work in a daycare center; and both continued to take English classes. Although they made significant progress in the program, they were still unable to afford a home in Fairfax County, where the waiting time for subsidized housing can exceed five years.

So in 2007 — through another Parish connection — one-year-old FAMILY PASS entered the picture to do what they do best: help keep families from homelessness. Accessing additional community and county programs and joining forces with other organizations such as Cornerstones (formerly Reston Interfaith), Family PASS offered rental assistance for an additional three years; PASS also helped Joseph to parlay his accounting degree from Egypt into acceptance at NOVA. To enable

them to continue working and studying while still saving for a home, Family PASS introduced Joseph and Rebecca to two savings programs and the Partnership for Permanent Housing's first-time home-buyer's program. Through Cornerstones, they were teamed with a married couple from *ST. JOHN NEUMANN*, who became their mentors and friends as their life in America evolved.

That life has come a long way since Joseph arrived in the U.S. He now has his degree and works as an accountant at a local company. Rebecca has left the daycare center and is a manager at Walmart. The children are doing well in school. And, after saving almost \$30,000, the family became first-time homebuyers and moved into a three-bedroom townhouse in November 2014.

Joseph's is a story of hard work and sacrifice, perseverance and faith. Most important, it is a story that has a happy ending, thanks to the selfless efforts of so many in our community.

## Pope Francis Entrusts Travels to the Blessed Mother

Pope Francis continually makes Mary a key partner in his Papacy. Each time he travels, he visits the Basilica of *ST. MARY MAJOR* on his return and prays. In late March, before his trip to Naples, he stopped en route at the Shrine of *Our Lady of Pompeii* to honor Mary and ground his visit in prayer. The Shrine is one of the most popular pilgrimage sites in Italy; it contains a beautiful 16th century painting of Our Lady of the Rosary and has been associated with a number of miracles. The Pope refers to the Rosary as “the prayer that always accompanies my life, also the prayer of simplicity and of the saints and the prayer of my heart.”

The story of the Shrine begins with Blessed Bartolo Longo. He was born into a Catholic family but lost his faith while studying law in Naples in the 1860s. The Church faced many political pressures, as well as the challenge of increasing popular interest in the occult. Longo himself became heavily involved

in the occult, was a satanic priest, and considered suicide. A professor counseled him and introduced him to Fr. Alberto Radente, who eventually became Longo's confessor as he returned to the Faith.

Longo became a member of the Third Order of St. Dominic in 1871 and dedicated himself to rebuilding the Faith in Pompeii. He had particular devotion to the Rosary as a means of spiritual strength and conversion. He is considered the founder of modern Pompeii, es-



tablished in 1891 after he commissioned the building of the Shrine, which houses the miraculous image of Our Lady of the Rosary, a gift to Longo from Fr. Radente.

The image shows Mary seated on a throne holding the Child Jesus and handing a rosary to St. Dominic and St. Catherine of Siena.

Longo died in 1926 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980.

In Naples, Pope Francis met with sick persons, youth, prisoners, and priests and religious of the diocese.

The Basilica of the Shrine of the *Immaculate Conception* has a chapel dedicated to *Our Lady of Pompeii*.



# LENT: Its Blessings and Grace to ST. MARK and Beyond

Fr. Innocent Rugaragu, S. J.

**L**ENT is an authentic inner and outer journey we make with Jesus, the Christ. It is a six-week journey in which we all get blessed and have the opportunity to intensify our friendship with the Lord and with one another.

LENT begins with *Ash Wednesday*, when we ask for the grace of humility and are reminded that our earthly life is a temporal one; “Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return” (Gen 3:19). This humble day of ashes on our forehead is followed by a remarkable Catholic tradition of living moderately through self-denial, which to us Catholics and most Christians is not a weakness but strength. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are part of our core identity of being Christ-like.



## Week One

The first week is dominated by God’s commandments for us. It reminds us that we are children, men, and women of the Decalogue, the Commandments. We are reminded that God’s Commandments are not there to deny us pleasure but to help us conquer our tempters and temptations, to keep our moral and spiritual life clean, and to bring us closer to God as we bring Jesus to ourselves and to others. Like Jesus, LENT gives us permission to let the Angels of life and holiness administer to us so as to defeat daily temptations. Therefore, the transformation of our lives makes it possible to embrace God’s Commandments not as a burden but as a shield against sin. In other words, we can be tempted without giving in. We give testimony, spoken and unspoken, through resisting our temptations.



## Week Two

The second week of LENT reminds us that ours is a God who is merciful and compassionate. He is the God whom Pope Francis and our priests, preach and follow as their role model. He is God who does not deal with us according to our sins, but according to His loving-kindness and forgiving grace (Dan. 9: 4b-10; Lk. 6:36-38). The Transfiguration of the Lord reveals God’s glory, represented by each one of us. Hence, forgiveness, mercy, and compassion are divine graces for us, and they become our individual and communal strength.



## Week Three

In the third week of LENT, Christ is revealed as the power and wisdom of God (1Cor 1:24). Like Jesus, our bodies are God’s temple and not a marketplace where God’s commandments are broken (Jn 2: 16, Ex 20: 1-17). We are invited to hear God’s voice and not harden our hearts (Psalm 95). We are called to lay down our lives for God and for others, as Christ did for us (Rom 5:8). Like the Samaritan woman or the prodigal son, we are invited to have a deep conversation with Jesus and the Father about our own lives without deception, mask, or shame (Jn 4: 5-42; Lk 15:11-32).



## Weeks Four to Six

The fourth to sixth weeks continue to demonstrate how faithful and merciful God remains. Jesus’ love does not diminish, even when He is led to the cross. Jesus accepts death on the cross to reconcile God with humanity, as He conquers sin and the culture of death by the Resurrection (1 Cor 15:57).

The high point of our LENT is the last two weeks that are known as the “Passiontide,” which is a combination of the Passion Week that comes before Palm Sunday and the Holy Week that comes after. The most intense days of Holy Week are the last three days: “Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday,” in which we commemorate the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples before His crucifixion; Good Friday or Holy Friday or Great Friday or Black Friday, when we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus; and finally, Holy Saturday. These three Holy Days are also called the Sacred TRIDUUM, and they are followed by EASTER Sunday, the day we celebrate the shared grand joys of Christ’s Resurrection (Jn 20: 1-18).

The major blessings and graces you and I should not miss during LENT include humility, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, healing, peace and reconciliation, generosity or charity, fasting and prayers. Finally, LENT offers us the grace to accept necessary death (vital sacrifices in the present moment) to enjoy the Resurrection in the near and far future. Therefore, I pray that we may joyfully remain faithful to our LENT and that we may obtain the grace and blessings of loving to the end, like Christ.

## Milestones

### BAPTISMS

*We welcome the following new Christians into the community of the Church:*

Natalie Brooke Mueller  
Christina Emilie Raby  
Everett Vann Eberhardt III

### New Parishioners

*ST. MARK welcomes the following new parishioners to our Parish family:*

Alberto and Maria Meer  
Cristina Sween  
John Lee  
Daniel and Sharon Hughes  
Dermot and Barbara O’Reilly  
William and Gabriela Sheldon  
Maria Theresa Honorio  
Nicole Smith  
Charles and Jessica Pointkowski  
Ausra and Lloyd Lagos

### Deaths

*The following parishioners entered into eternal life:*

Bradford Smith  
Jerry Maravetz  
Dona Platenberg  
Joan Webster  
Agatha Chou  
Ida DiValentia  
Margaret O’Donnell  
Rhonda Macdonald

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# Helping Homeless People in Fairfax County

By Ann Ramish

[Editor's note: Bill Grossman and Ann Ramish attended the Faith Communities in Action meeting at the Fairfax Government Center in January on which the following article is based.]

In 2008, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors established the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) to manage the community's plan to end homelessness within the next 10 years. The Director of OPEH, Dean Klein, recently reported on progress made in implementing the 10-year plan. The strategies are "to prevent homelessness due to economic crisis and/or disability, to preserve and increase the supply of affordable housing, to deliver services to obtain and maintain stable housing, and to create a management system and ensure accountability."

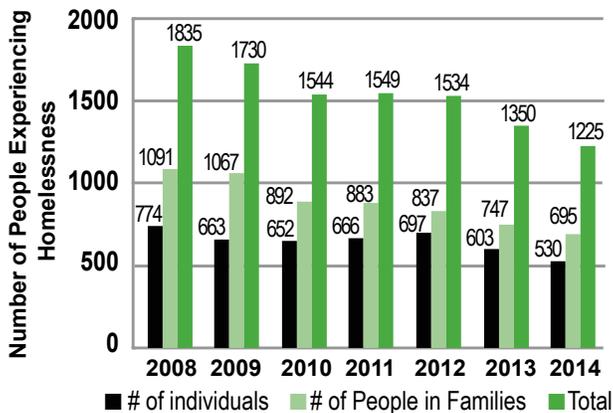
In 2010, the Board of Supervisors endorsed a new affordable housing policy, the Housing Blueprint. The goals of the Blueprint are as follows:

- To end homelessness in 10 years
- To provide affordable housing options to those with special needs
- To streamline and reduce the waiting lists for affordable housing by half in 10 years
- To produce Workforce Housing sufficient to accommodate job growth.

## Who Is the Population?

In each group, the numbers are for individuals, followed by the number of people in families, and then the total. The total number has decreased from 1,835 in 2008 to 1,225 in 2014. We are past midway in the 10-year plan but not yet at 50 percent of the original number of homeless people.

Refugees from foreign countries are among the homeless. The charities



Homeless People	2014	Change from 2013	Average length of stay in shelters in 2011	Average length of stay in shelters in 2014
Singles	530 people	Decrease of 73 people	52 days	40 days
Families	695 people	Decrease of 52 people	111 days	70 days

provide assistance for three months, and then they are on their own, which can be difficult with language and employment issues.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's best practices have been adopted in Fairfax County. Housing First means moving the homeless directly into permanent housing rather than into shelters as an interim measure. There has been an increase in the number of people helping, as well as the landlords and nonprofit organizations (now 18) with whom they working. Partners include Cornerstones, Facets, and Good Shepherd Housing. However, the rental market is challenging.

## What Successes Have Been Achieved?

The intake system has been redesigned. Families now only have to wait for shelter for a week or two, instead of several months. There has been a 281 percent increase in four years in the number of people exiting emergency shelters to permanent housing, from 243 in 2010 to 926 in 2014.

OPEH is working on more effective use of services and shelters. The newest affordable housing community, Mondloch Place, features 19 studio units of permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless singles. Resources for ending homelessness include emergency shelters, the hypothermia prevention program, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and homeless youth contracts and services. Zoning to allow efficiencies or SRO's, which advocates were hoping to have approved, was tabled over a year ago so it is not on the list of resources.

The "No Turn Away" policy at shelters began on November 1, 2014, and the

Hypothermia Program was fully operational on December 1. Each night between Christmas and New Year's, 185 clients were served. In 2015, there will be 55 shelter sites over the course of the winter, with five sites open each night. More than 2,000 volunteers assist with the program, providing time, food, and care. The program also provides connections for the clients.

## Where Do Gaps in Coverage Exist?

In 2014, Fairfax County had 150 homeless veterans. The Board of Supervisor's Chair Sharon Bulova has committed to the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness.

Another effort of OPEH has been to identify people who would die without housing. The Hanley Family Housing at the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter Campus will have six units of permanent supportive housing to serve families with medically fragile members.

During the Q & A session, the Cornerstones spokesperson said that mentoring is key in working with the homeless. Financial mentors and financial literacy classes are also important. The Good Shepherd spokesperson said they provide mentoring and financial literacy education.

## Ways to Help

Consider mentoring. For more information, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/partnerupdate/host-highlights.htm>

For more ideas, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/how-to-help.htm>

Sources:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/opeh.htm> (click on links on the left side for more information)

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2015/adopted/cip/housing-development.pdf>

## Thank you, *ST. MARK!*

### Tanzania Education Fund

We are so grateful for your donation of \$2,000 to the Nianjema Schools in Bagamoyo, Tanzania, and the students are most appreciative. Your gift makes their lives and their future so much better. Charlie Sloan, Jr., the manager of Nianjema Schools, is coming to Vienna. We purchased the science equipment, and he will be able to take it back with him when he returns.

Since the school began in 2000, it has grown from 90 students to 400 students. There are nine orphan students who are on scholarship, and this year we have established a matching grant for the teachers' children's education. Education is the key to all success.

This past year, the school improved the library facilities by adding shelves so all of our 10,000 books can fit on the shelves. We have bought new mattresses for the students, as well as mosquito netting. We have also built ironing huts to reduce the chance of fires caused by students' forgetfulness. Safety is a major concern.

The Nianjema students are so happy to have your support and concern about their welfare. They thank you for your generosity.

—Daphne D. Sloan,  
Executive Director

### Catholics for Housing

Thank you so much for providing \$7,800 for the Catholics for Housing Virginia Ely Senior Rental Assistance Program. The generosity of the Parishioners of *ST. MARK* Catholic Church will provide rental assistance for two senior households for one year.

To qualify for the Catholics for Housing program, the annual household income must not exceed 30 percent of the area media income (\$22,500). The average annual income of our current participating seniors is \$14,774, about 14 percent of the median income.



Although our participants qualify to live in the Fairfax County-owned senior facilities, their incomes are insufficient to sustain a small apartment. With the help of the Virginia Ely Senior Rental Assistance Program, our participants can live independently, providing for themselves and living with the dignity they deserve.

Thank you for helping make this possible.  
—Karen S. DeVito,  
Executive Director

### Just Neighbors

Please extend our greatest appreciation to *ST. MARK* Catholic Church for allocating \$5,000 in support of the work of Just Neighbors. It is a great testament to the Parish and the community at large that you support your immigrant neighbors in prayer and financial support through Just Neighbors.

As long-time supporters of Just Neighbors, you know that we provide immigration legal services to the most vulnerable members of our community. We help family members unite, women and children to escape from domestic violence, and individuals to attain authorization to work. Our work also allows for young “dreamers” to come out of the shadows and work or attend school, free of the fear of deportation.

Just Neighbors will continue to leverage your funding through the time and talents of numerous volunteers, many of whom come from *ST. MARK*. We look forward to hosting another *ST. MARK*-sponsored clinic in the upcoming months.

We appreciate your commitment to the cause of assisting our immigrant neighbors to attain benefits to which they are entitled and which have a long-term impact on their lives in the community and in this country.

—Allison Rutland Soulen,  
Executive Director

## ■ Repentance ■

*By Mary Purdy*

Repentance  
Where do our good thoughts,  
our good intentions,  
our good feelings  
toward others go?  
Are they like morning fog  
that is burned off by the sun?  
Are they like steam that goes away  
as it disperses higher in the air?  
Are they like water whose level  
gets ever lower by evaporation?

But if they are like the fog, the steam, and  
evaporating water, then even when they seem  
to disappear they are not gone.

They have another form.

They are still there — in water drops or  
dew. We must look again and re-form our  
good thoughts, good intentions, good feelings  
towards others — over and over.

On our own, impossible.

With God's grace, possible.

## Black and White Auction Gala Benefits the *ST. MARK* School and Parish

The *ST. MARK* Catholic School's Black and White Auction Gala was held on Friday, March 6, at the McLean Hilton. The Gala is the School's premiere fundraiser for the 2014-15 school year.

The dedicated volunteers, sponsors, and donations of Parents, Parishioners, Teachers, Students, and friends and families, all contributed to make this event a success.

The Gala raised funds to support vital curriculum and facilities enhancements at the school that otherwise would not be possible. The funds will assist the School in updating security, making technology advancements, expanding STEM Education, and reducing the debt of the Christian Formation Center.



## M&Ms Plan Spring Schedule

Maturing Matters (M&Ms) has a full schedule of interesting, informative, and fun events planned.

### April

● **Wednesday, April 1:**  
Coffee Social following the 9:15 a.m. Mass.

● **Wednesday, April 15:**  
Potluck lunch. The speaker will be Matt Quinn on "Our Own Antiques Road Show." Bring one antique to display.

● **Friday, April 17:**  
Trip to Arboretum and lunch at Ft. Myer.

The M&M enjoyed a Luncheon at Clyde's Willow Creek Farm in Broadlands, Virginia.



## St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer

*I bind unto myself today  
The strong Name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same  
The Three in One and One in Three.*

*I bind this today to me forever  
By power of faith, Christ's incarnation;  
His baptism in Jordan river,  
His death on Cross for my salvation;  
His bursting from the spiced tomb,  
His riding up the heavenly way,  
His coming at the day of doom  
I bind unto myself today....*

*I bind unto myself today  
The power of God to hold  
and lead,  
His eye to watch, His  
might to stay,  
His ear to hearken to  
my need.  
The wisdom  
of my God to  
teach,  
His hand to  
guide, His  
shield to  
ward;  
The word  
of God to give me  
speech,  
His heavenly host to  
be my guard....*

*Christ be with me,  
Christ within me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ beside me,  
Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort  
and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*I bind unto myself the Name,  
The strong Name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One and One in Three.  
By Whom all nature bath creation,  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.*



## Mark Your Calendar

### April

- April 2 *Holy Thursday* Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7:30 p.m.
- April 3 *Good Friday* Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
3:00 p.m.
- April 4 *EASTER Vigil* 8:30 p.m.
- April 5 *EASTER* Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
and 12:00 p.m.
- April 12 Concert 2:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Cassidy  
Activities Center
- April 17 Movie Night
- April 19 Newcomers' Luncheon 1:00 p.m.
- April 25 Feast Day of *SAINT MARK*
- April 25 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- April 25-26 First EUCHARIST

### May

- May 2-3 First EUCHARIST
- May 3 Fr. Majka 50th Anniversary Mass 2:30 p.m.
- May 10 Concert 3:00 p.m. in the Activities Center
- May 14 CONFIRMATION
- May 25 Memorial Day Daily Mass at 10:00 a.m.

### A Celebration in Music

- Sunday, April 12: Anne-Michele Maher, soprano, with Elisabeth Nisley, flute, 3:00 p.m., Activities Center
- Sunday, May 24: Amelia Figueroa-Gil, soprano, 3:00 p.m., Activities Center
- Sunday, June 14: Flannery Jamison, soprano, 3:00 p.m., Activities Center
- Sunday, July 5: Nancy Novelly, organ, 3:00 p.m., Church
- Sunday, August 2: Denise Argote and Friends, 3:00 p.m., Activities Center
- Sunday, October 18: Sacred Music, 10:00 a.m. Choir, 3:00 p.m., Church
- TBD: "Common Ground," college women's a cappella choir
- TBD: young music students' classical concert – piano, organ, voice
- TBD: *ST. MARK* School Choirs and Bands
- TBD: Composers' Concert

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