



MARK TIMES

May 6, 2018 + The Sixth Sunday of Easter



From Your Pastor...

I admitted in a sermon a couple of weeks ago that I have trouble leaving my phone alone when I'm driving, and that I play my kids' "travel bingo" game as a way to keep my eyes looking outside the vehicle and not at my phone.



In an interesting contrast, a few months ago I referenced in this space an article about driving as a Christian, titled, "How Would Jesus Drive?"

Given that (according to DMV.org) texting while driving can put you at a **higher risk for an accident than drinking and driving**, and that at least 9 people are killed and more than 1,000 injured every day because of distracted drivers, I think it's fair to assume that Jesus would *not* text and drive.

If you have a similar habit, please take steps to remedy it. WebMd, the FCC, and numerous other websites have resources for helping to break this dangerous habit.

Pastor Brian

Ascension Worship & Ice Cream!



THIS Thursday, May 10 at 7:00PM, St. Mark and St. George's will celebrate the **Ascension of Jesus with a joint worship service & ice cream social** immediately after! Make plans to join us for this special celebration and fellowship with our Episcopal friends. Regretfully, a diocesan obligation prevents Fr. Dale from being with us, so St. Mark will host the service and Pastor Brian will preach.

Mother's Day

Join us **NEXT Sunday, May 13** as we joyfully celebrate Mother's Day with a **special blessing** during our regular 9:00AM service. *There will be no Education Hour next Sunday.*



First Communion Today

May God's richest blessings be with **Abbey, Mitchell and Jordan** as they receive their first Holy Communion today. All are welcome to a reception with cake that will follow in the Parish Hall. *There is no education hour today.



Photos for the Directory

Charlie D. will begin taking photos for **our new directory TODAY, May 6** in the Parish Hall. He will also be ready to take photos on May 13 and May 27. Come downstairs for just a couple of minutes so we can keep our directory up to date, especially for all of the new folks we've had coming to St. Mark!



Mark Your Calendars

The **Postal Workers Food Drive** will be **NEXT Saturday, May 12, 2018**. This is a large donation which supplies our pantry shelves. We'll need: pickup trucks, drivers, runners, sorters, and boxers—all types and ages of helping hands **from 1PM until we're done**. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Call Keith Kniepkamp or Ann Martens for info.

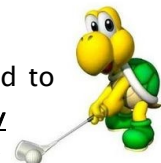


St. Mark Table Talk

Bring a lunch and join us this Wednesday at 11:30AM in the conference room as Pastor Brian leads discussion of the apocryphal book, *The Wisdom of Solomon*

TURTLES Mini-Golfing!

All Junior and Senior TURTLES are invited to an evening of mini-golf **THIS Friday, May 11 at 6:00PM**. Meet at **Centerfield Park** in Fairview Heights (5620 Old Collinsville Rd.) and **bring \$10** for one round of mini-golf, one run of Go-Karts, plus extra \$\$ for snacks and arcades if desired. Please RSVP to Melanie by this Wednesday!



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	2:00PM	Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor
Tuesday	10:30AM	David N. funeral liturgy
Wednesday	11:30AM	Table Talk: <i>The Wisdom of Solomon</i> – CR
Thursday	7:00PM	Ascension Joint Worship w/ Ice Cream Social
Friday		<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>
	6:00PM	Jr/Sr TURTLES Mini Golf at Centerfield
Saturday	1:00PM	Postal Workers Food Drive
Sunday, 5/13	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Coffee & Fellowship
		<i>No Education Hour</i>

Offerings for April 29, 2018

Sunday worship attendance:	69
General Fund Donations	\$2,572
Coffee Fund	\$44

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
4/29-5/5	\$2,572	\$10,134.60	-\$7,562.60
YTD	\$51,237.44	\$60,399.90	-\$9,162.46

Shell Out for the TURTLES

There are still some envelopes left! Grab one with a \$ amount on it and “shell-out” a few bucks to help the youth going to the Gathering in Houston this summer! Monies should be returned to Melanie by TODAY. *Checks should be made payable to “St. Mark Youth.”



CPR Class Held on June 23

A new CPR certification class will be held on **Saturday, June 23 in the Parish Hall**. There is a **limit of 12 people**. Cost is **\$15 per person**. Sign up with the Parish Nurse, June Benedick.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, May 13, 2018

LESSONS:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

WORSHIP SERVERS

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison
Assisting Minister: Greg G.
Acolyte: Renee S.
Crucifer: Keith K.
Chalice Bearer: Barb W.
Lector: Jim M.
Ushers: Rick C. & Jim M.

Sunday School Ice Cream Social



Please join the Sunday school class on **May 20** in the parish hall following worship for an ice cream social as we celebrate the Education year coming to a close.

Small Detergents for the Food Pantry

Our April spotlight items for the food pantry are **SMALL bottles of laundry detergent (10oz. bottles are preferred, as they are easy for our patrons to carry)**. Drop them in the church Welcome Area or in the office during the day.



Sunday school children are singing during the offertory on May 20, so we ask if possibly you could have the children at the chapel at 8:45 to practice that morning, thank you!

Randi's New Office Hours

Mondays: 8:30AM-1PM; Tuesdays: 8AM-12PM; Wednesdays: 12:15-4:15PM; Thursdays: 8:00AM-12:00PM; and Fridays: 12:15-4:15PM.

Henry Evans of St. George's is generally in the office from 8:30AM-3PM, Monday-Friday if you need to drop something off.

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