

MARK TIMES

NEWS & NOTES FOR MARCH 29, 2026

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 30:	6:00PM	Evening Prayer for Monday of Holy Week - <i>chapel</i>
	6:30PM	Yoga – Parish Hall
Tuesday, March 31:	6:00PM	Evening Prayer for Tuesday of Holy Week - <i>chapel</i>
Wednesday, April 1:	6:00PM	Evening Prayer for Wednesday of Holy Week - <i>chapel</i>
Thursday, April 2:	7:00PM	Maundy Thursday worship - <i>CHURCH</i>
Friday, April 3:	12:00PM	Good Friday Way of the Cross & liturgy
	7:00PM	Good Friday liturgy - <i>church</i>
Saturday, April 4:	10:00AM	Easter Church Decorating
	7:00PM	SHINE worship for the Easter Vigil – <i>chapel</i>

HOLY WEEK

Today begins the holiest week of the year for Christians. Take this opportunity be immersed in the story of Jesus' Passion, death and resurrection - the most influential events in human history.

+ On **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday** evenings at **6:00PM** in the **chapel**, St. George's hosts services of evening prayer. St. Mark members are welcome to add this prayer time to your Holy Week observances.

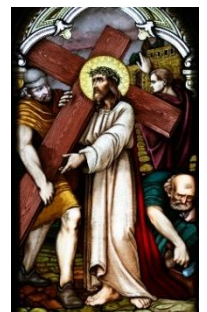
+ On **Maundy Thursday**, we will hear the **words of consecration for Holy Communion in Aramaic** - the language of Christ - and will have the ritual **washing of hands**. Bring your tired, dry, aching hands and experience the healing power of water poured and cross marked. Maundy Thursday worship is at **7:00PM**, and for the first time, it will be held **in the church**.

+ On **Good Friday**, we will meet at **12 noon** in the church **courtyard** and walk the **Way of the Cross** around the block in place of the day's usual Scripture readings. We will then process into the church for the remainder of the traditional Good Friday liturgy. If you don't drive at night or are looking for a more embodied Good Friday worship experience, please make our noon service a part of your Holy Week plans.

+ At **7:00PM**, St. Mark hosts the traditional joint **liturgy with adoration of the cross** in the **church**, with Father Mark preaching.

+ On **Holy Saturday**, we join with St. George's for a celebration of the Easter Vigil, with music provided by our SHINE musicians. The service begins at **7:00PM** in the courtyard with the Lighting of the New Fire.

+ Then join us at **9:00AM on Easter Sunday** for the **grandest celebration** of all!



Proclaim Christ's Resurrection with Easter Flowers!

Special envelopes can be found in the pews. Please complete the front portion of the envelope and return it, with a check or cash, to the offering box or to the office **by THIS Tuesday, March 31**. All dedications will be printed in the bulletin.

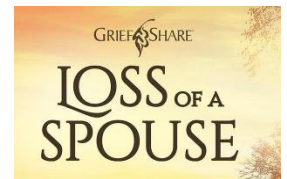


Easter Vigil on April 4 at 7pm

This year, the Vigil of Easter falls on the first Saturday of April, which is the same as our regular SHINE contemporary service. Thus, we are using the opportunity to hold a traditional Easter Vigil service on **Saturday, April 4 at 7:00PM***. Weather permitting, we will begin in the courtyard for the lighting of the new fire, and process to the chapel for worship. The liturgy will include only five of the traditional 12 readings, and music will be provided by our SHINE musicians. Plan to join us for this unique worship experience! **Note the special start time to be closer to sunset.*

GriefShare: Loss of a Spouse Event on April 18

People who are widowed haven't just lost a **loved one**; they've lost an *entire lifestyle*. This one-day, two-hour session GriefShare session hopes to offer support, clarity, and peace during this unsettling time.



You will meet people who understand what you are going through in a safe space to talk, be encouraged, and connect. This 2-hour seminar includes a short video featuring expert Christian counselors, authors, and pastors, followed by small-group discussion.

Join St. Mark's special session, led by Nurse Becky, on **Saturday, April 18 from 1-3 PM** in the **Parish Hall**. The free event includes a video, group discussion, and a Survival Guide. Pre-registration is required at <https://find.griefshare.org/events/290253>



Bunny Bazaar a SUCCESS!

The "Bunny Bazaar" Easter/Spring-themed **bake sale and craft sale** this past Sunday brought in \$1021.25 to **benefit our combined Food Pantry!** THANK YOU to all who crafted, baked, brought, and bought!

Food Pantry Donations

Sunday, April 12, is our **monthly food collection** for our pantry. We're requesting donations of **peanut butter and jelly, small bottles of dish and laundry soap, and/or personal items** such as **toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and shampoo**.

St. Mark Offerings for 3/22: General Fund: **\$2,033.61**; Noisy Offering: \$339; Fiber Arts: \$101; DM Landscaping: \$101; Properties/Grounds: \$101; Easter Flowers: \$145;

District 118 Food Donation THANKS!


THANK YOU to Belleville School District 118 for the donations to our food pantry received on Thursday. Thanks as well to the students and church volunteers who quickly unloaded, sorted, and stored everything within 35 minutes!



Sunday Mon. Tues. Weds. Thurs. Fri. Sat.

ADRIEL

1	6:00P St. G's Evening Prayer— <i>chapel</i>
2	7:00P: Maundy Thursday worship— <i>church</i> <i>Holy Week</i>
3	12:00P: Good Friday Way of the Cross 7:00P: Good Friday Worship
4	10:00AM Easter Decorating 7:00P SHINE Easter Vigil Worship— <i>chapel</i>

5	The Resurrection of Our Lord 9:00AM Festival Liturgy for Easter Sunday 	6	<i>Offices Closed</i> 2:30P Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor 6:30P Yoga—PH	7		8	9:30AM Evangelism Meeting—CR 11:00AM Joint Use Taskforce—CR 12:00P Ladies Lunch Bunch	9	4:15P Voice Choir 6:00P Bell Choir	10	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	11	9:00AM-Property work day
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12	Second Sunday of Easter 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:00AM Blood Pressures—PH 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>The Suppression of Mary Magdalene, Pt 1</i>	13	6:30P Yoga—PH	14		15	11:15AM H&W Meeting-CR	16	4:15P Voice Choir 6:00P Bell Choir	17	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	18	1-3P GrietShare: <i>Losing a Spouse</i> —PH
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19	Third Sunday of Easter 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>The Suppression of Mary Magdalene, Pt 2</i>	20	2:30P Fiber Arts @ Westfield 6:30P Yoga—PH	21		22		23	4:15P Voice Choir 6:00P Bell Choir	24	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	25	
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26	Feasts of St. George & St. Mark 10:00AM Joint worship service 11:20AM Coffee & Fellowship	27	6P Pastoral Care Committee 6:30P Yoga—PH 7P Ch. Council	28		29		30	4:15P Voice Choir 6:00P Bell Choir	1	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	2	6:00P SHINE Worship— <i>chapel</i>
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Chalice Bearer</u>	<u>Tech Minister</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Safety Volunteer</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
Apr. 2 <i>Maundy Thurs.</i>	Greg M.	Bonnie V.	Rex R.	TBD	Melanie R.	Danielle T.	Jan R.	N/A
Apr. 3 <i>Good Fri.</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Aaron F.	TBD	Mark B.	N/A
Apr. 5 <i>Easter</i>	Danielle T.	Charlie D.	Greg M.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Jan R.	N/A
Apr. 12	Sherri F.	Aaron F.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Aaron F.	Rick C. & Rex R.	Mark B.	Team 6
Apr. 19	Corbin M.	Bonnie V.	Keith K.	Mike M.	Greg M.	TBD & Curt G.	Frank D.	Team 7
Apr. 26	St. George's	Corbin M. & St. G's	Corbin M.	Pr. Brian	Melanie R.	St. George's	Tina P.	Team 8



Tom L.	4/2	Bethany T.	4/5	Jan D.	4/8
Braden V.	4/9	Greg G.	4/13	Mary B.	4/16
Todd D.	4/19	Cheri B.	4/21	Janet J.	4/23
Judy K.	4/23	Rachel S.	4/25	Tom P.	4/27
Nancy T.	4/28	Mark B.	4/29	Mike S.	4/29



Nancy & Ken T.	4/4
Charles & Kim P.	4/16
Aaron & Susan F.	4/19
Mike & Sherri F.	4/20
Karen & Will E.	4/27
Brad & Julie V.	4/28