



# The Lion's Roar

St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church  
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### Holy Eucharist Schedule

Sunday — 8:30 & 10:30

Tuesday — 12:30 (LJC)

The Rt. Rev. Joe G. Burnett, *Bishop*

The Rev. Jerrold Thompson, *Rector*

The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford,  
*Priest Associate*

Christine Grosh, *Deacon*

Susan Musick, *Senior Warden*

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Natalie Shepard, *Christian Education*

Ben Carlisle, *Administrative Assistant*

*St. Mark's on the Campus  
strives to be a Eucharistic  
Community of reflection and  
action, acceptance and  
growth, Gospel and world.*

## From the Rector

By Father Jerry Thompson

Dear Friends,

Lent begins in a few short weeks; Ash Wednesday is February 21. Each year at this time, I'm taken a bit aback by the quickness of Lent following on the Christmas season so rapidly. We have these grand celebrations, great feasts of Christmas – of the incarnation – and then within a relatively short time, we enter into the great fast of Lent. It always seems to come upon us so quickly! (Or maybe I speak from the perspective of the liturgist responsible for it all in church!)

Feast and Fast. The rapidity of the church year during this time reminds us that we live with that tenuous balance of feast and fast all the time. Occasions for festivity come along, times of joy and celebration and gratitude to God for the goodness of grace in our lives. And they are followed in regular course by times of pain and suffering, sometimes due to our own misguided judgment and lack of trust in God. And these times are followed once again by times of renewed trust and relationship, times of renewed joy and gratitude for grace, times of feasting within our heart, sometimes at our table, and always at the Lord's table. A bit

like Christmas/Epiphany, followed by Lent, followed by Easter.

The church year gives voice to what we all experience in our depths, the sometimes dramatic and sometimes subtle shifting of our relationship with God, a relationship which is constant in love, and, on our part, less constant in the living out of that love. Forgiveness and healing are steady parts of our lives when we trust in the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. That's part of the promise that comes to us in baptism: God's grace is there whenever we need it, and even when we don't realize that we need it, that grace is still ever-present.

So once again I assert the wisdom of the church community's calendar over against the meanderings of my own soul! As we complete the season after the Epiphany and look ahead to Lent, may God grant us the will to seek Christ in all the movements of our lives, and to find Him there, as is promised to us in baptism.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

*Fr. Jerry +*

## A word about... Doorways

From Kurt Knecht



I think doorways are magical places. I have never quite lost the sense of nervous anticipation as I enter a building. I want to find out why the space was shaped and what sort of motion and experience the building is designed to give me. In the church, when we step through the magical portal, we find a little room called a narthex. Rather than talk about its whole history and sordid past (i.e. how it started as a little “narth” and then became an “ex-narth”), I want to talk about what it means for me today. I hate it!

Actually, I don't hate it. It's just that I only want it to function aesthetically and not liturgically. I happen to be the organist and choir director, so I enter the building all the time. The narthex is really beautiful during the week. I can see that it separates me from a main worship area that is again separated from a more special and raised area. It's like the old temple in Jerusalem. The

narthex is the court of the Gentiles. It is inviting me to prepare for an entry to a worship space. Finally, at some high point in time, I might even approach that raised area in the front. I love to think about that during the week. The problem is that it changes on Sunday morning. On Sunday morning, the narthex is awful. There are people in it. There are even people that want to talk to me. There is a weird lady always lurking about and a guy that I don't like very much. I think to myself, “If I were God, I wouldn't want my kingdom to include that one. That one is too liberal. That one is too conservative. That one is too socially underdeveloped. That one is just not right in the head. If I were God, I would only pick people like me – I'm like the porridge that Goldilocks picked. I'm just right.”

Not too long ago, I was reading a fabulous little book of essays by G.K. Chesterton entitled *Orthodoxy*. In one of the essays, he points out an aesthetic difference between religious art in the East and the West that is often overlooked. If you look at a depiction of the Buddha, he is almost always portrayed with eyes half-closed in contemplation. When you look at the classic depictions of the Christian saints, they have their eyes wide open staring out at the world. It's not that we don't have a contemplative tra-

dition. We do, and I am particularly fond of it. However, we have inherited an idea from the Hebrew prophets as well. We have a belief that God is not finally understood in our own personal meditations. God is ultimately found in the interaction between personal experience and the concrete ethical interaction between the individual and the world. Though many people misunderstand it, the story we are telling is not about personal salvation. The story we are telling is about God creating a holy people. That's why I hate the narthex. That's also why I need it.

The narthex breaks me out of my tendency to interiorize everything. The narthex teaches me that whatever happens over the next hour or so, it's not just about my personal experience of God. This is about something that I'm going to have to do with a group of people. In fact, they are the people of God. They are weird and messed up and pretty and ugly and fat and thin and annoying and the most beautiful bride of Christ in the whole wide world waiting in the narthex to make her wedding march down the aisle.

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## 2007 Adult Forum Schedule

Thanks to Don Tilley for a lively start to 2007's Adult Forums. Participants were so engaged in the issues he raised that they chose to use our open date to continue discussion of world peace, meditation, and prayer.

On **January 28**, Barbara Stock will discuss a Greek Orthodox approach to visualizing, praying, and meditating. She will bring icons to the Forum and discuss their role in spirituality.

Episcopal liturgy and belief will be the topic on **February 4 and 11**. Father Jerry will show video selections of last November's installation of our new presiding bishop. He will "focus on the liturgy as liturgy, asking what it tells us about the Episcopal Church, since 'our praying shapes our believing.'"

**February 18** will have no Forum because of St. Mark's traditional pre-Lent Pancake Breakfast.

During Lent, at the request of many, our programs will resume last Lent's focus on ways people can make a difference in their communities and the world. The first Lenten program, on **February 25**, will be CASA for Lancaster County. Its mission statement says CASA "supports and promotes court appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so that they may thrive in safe and permanent homes." Volunteers need not be attorneys. Anyone who wants more information, even before February 25, can contact volunteer coordinator TaLia Phillips, 434-2569, email: [casa-talia@neb.rr.com](mailto:casa-talia@neb.rr.com)

Customarily, St. Mark's has donated to our Lenten speakers' non-profit organizations. To personally support this outreach, send money to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Other Lenten programs will be:

**March 4:** Judy Amber will describe volunteering at a Romanian orphanage, under the auspices of Global Volunteers

**March 11:** a drama about support services for women

**March 18:** Marcia White's Peace Corps work in sub-Saharan Africa

**March 25:** Janet Davidson on Peace Corps work in Morocco

**April 1:** No Forum because of Palm Sunday

**April 8:** No Forum because of Easter

After the Easter break, Forum will resume, with a video already watched by the vestry about the views of Episcopal college students. Then we'll finish the semester with intriguing short stories and essays by Flannery O'Connor, Tobias Wolff, and C.S. Lewis.

Suggestions of other authors, resources, and topics are welcome. Contact Susan Steinegger (488-8064) or Andrea Nelson (423-0663). Email addresses are in the church directory.

Adult Forum meets in the church lounge, Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30. Everyone is welcome.

# St. Mark's on the Campus Calendar: Feb. 1 - Mar. 17

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>28 January</b> 9:30 - Sunday School 9:30 - Adult Forum 9:45 - Choir practice ~ 11:45 - Bible Study Rescheduled Parrish Pot Luck and Annual Meeting 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>31</b> 5:30 pm - Choir practice	<b>1 February</b> 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:30 - Sunday School 9:30 - Adult Forum 9:45 - Choir practice ~ 11:45 - Bible Study 1pm - Inquirer's Class, Lounge 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>7</b> 5:30 pm - Choir practice	<b>8</b> 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 - Sunday School 9:30 - Adult Forum 9:45 - Choir practice ~ 11:45 - Bible Study 12:15 pm - Vestry, Undercroft 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>14</b> 5:30 pm - Choir practice	<b>15</b> 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge  <b>MARCH ROAR DEADLINE - NOTE NEW DATE!</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Pancakes between Services 9:30 - Sunday School 9:30 - Adult Forum 9:45 - Choir practice ~ 11:45 - Bible Study 1pm - Inquirer's Class-lounge 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>21</b> Noon and 5:15 pm - Ash Wednesday Services  Choir practice after the 5:15 service?	<b>22</b> 12:30 pm - Cursillo, Lounge  7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30 - Sunday School 9:30 - Adult Forum 9:45 - Choir practice ~ 11:45 - Bible Study 1pm - Inquirers Class, Lounge 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist in Lady Julian Chapel	<b>28</b> 5:30 pm - Choir practice	<b>1 March</b> 7 - 11 pm - Study Lounge	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
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<b>Priests on Retreat</b>						
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SUNDAY SERVICES: Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

WEEKDAYS: Holy Eucharist - Every Tuesday at 12:30 pm in the Lady Julian Chapel



## Liturgical Notes

...from Fr. Jerry

- ✠ Please note that we will use **incense** on **Feb. 18**, which is the **Last Sunday After the Epiphany**. Incense is especially appropriate this day because the reading is always the Transfiguration. As is my policy, I will not use incense every year on this feast, but on a regular basis, always with announcement ahead of time.
- ✠ You will have noticed (maybe!) that we've moved always to singing the entire hymn before the reading of the gospel rather than splitting it before and afterwards. We had done this on occasion before but with irregularity. There are a couple of reasons for this alteration. One is that our hymns are written to be sung as a whole, with relationships among the parts, including the various stanzas. Secondly, the proclamation of the gospel in its reading and in its preaching ideally are of a piece. Singing the entire hymn before the gospel's reading keeps the reading and the preaching together without separation. This approach additionally contributes another brief period of silence into our liturgy, a time for the good news to settle into us, time which can be all too rare in liturgical settings.
- ✠ Do you have other questions about why we do what we do liturgically? Email them or jot them down and leave them in the office for future issues of the *Roar*.

**No Vestry Summary**  
for February. The Vestry did not meet in January due to the Annual Meeting.

## St. Mark's on the Campus **STUDY LOUNGE**

Would you like a quiet, friendly place to study? Try the *St. Mark's on the Campus Study Lounge*, from 7 pm to 11 pm, on Sundays and Thursdays. Volunteers are always appreciated to help staff the Study Lounge.

Professors are encouraged to schedule extra help sessions in the Lounge-- either before tests or on a regular schedule. We'll be glad to open on special nights or extra hours for you with advance notice.

If you'd like to help, either by staffing the lounge or spreading the word about it, contact the Office at 474-1979  
or  
smoc.office@stmarks-episcopal.org.

## Pancakes! Pancakes! Pancakes!

Come have breakfast and fellowship on Sunday, February 18th, between the 8:30 and 10:30 Eucharistic Services. The 6th-12th grade Sunday school students will again be flipping flapjacks for your enjoyment and a free will donation. Proceeds will be used for Sunday school activities and supplies. Come enjoy this hearty meal before Lent starts on February 21st!

## From the Treasurer

1/1/06 to 12/31/06

	Actual	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>		
Plate	24,245.37	16,280.00
Pledge	187,293.07	185,090.00
Diocese	20,499.96	20,500.00
Miscellaneous Income	20,500.00	3,600.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$243,165.62</b>	<b>\$225,470.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Diocesan Asking	27,738.00	27,738.00
Outreach	5,535.57	4,500.00
Salaries & Benefits	160,983.83	155,617.00
Utilities	9,709.68	11,350.00
Property & Insurance	13,141.64	8,750.00
Travel	1,432.12	2,300.00
Office	12,615.52	10,780.00
Altar & School Supplies	6,180.13	5,810.00
Congregational Life	8,461.75	7,290.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	157.35	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$219,077.23</b>	<b>\$213,539.00</b>

The 2006 year ended on a very successful note for St. Marks. Income for December was well ahead of our budget, continuing the trend from November. For the year our expenses were \$2,789.97 more than income. While this is a deficit, it is nearly \$6,000 less than the budgeted deficit. In addition, this final deficit includes over \$4,000 for the unplanned chimney repair that occurred in the past 2 months. Thanks to all for a great year.

Sincerely,

*Richard Toren, Treasurer*

# MARK-US NOTES

## I Nomi Nuovi Concerts

The I Nomi Nuovi concert series has been cancelled indefinitely. Thank you to all who have supported the series and attended its concerts. Ann Chang-Barnes will still perform a fortepiano recital on Tuesday, April 24th. The time and location of that recital is yet to be determined. Watch for updates later in the spring. Feel free to contact me with more questions.

-Ben Carlisle, Founder and Director,  
I Nomi Nuovi

## Christmas Card News!

Leigh Anna and Andrew Harken are moving to New York City. Andrew has accepted a position at Columbia University working with radiation research.

Mallie Moss, Tim Steele, Zachary and Zoe have welcomed a baby sister to the family: Ainsley Jane. They also have moved to Fulton, Missouri.

Greetings from the Suter-Trautman family, Beth, Todd and Lilibet.

## Book Club Schedule

February 18th: *The Unexpected Universe*, by Loren Eiseley, host - Susan Steinegger

March 18th: *Veronika Decides to Die*, by Paulo Coelho, host - Dorothy Zimmerman

April 15th: *Blindness*, by Jose Saramago, host - TBA

The Book Club meets 3rd Sundays at 3 pm at the home of the host. Please refer to the parish directory for the address or call Andrea Nelson at 423-0663.

## Sunday Early Arrivals

Want a place to hang out when you arrive early for church? Join us in the library next to the Lady Julian Chapel in the basement for coffee and conversation at 9:30 or whenever you arrive.

## Bible Study

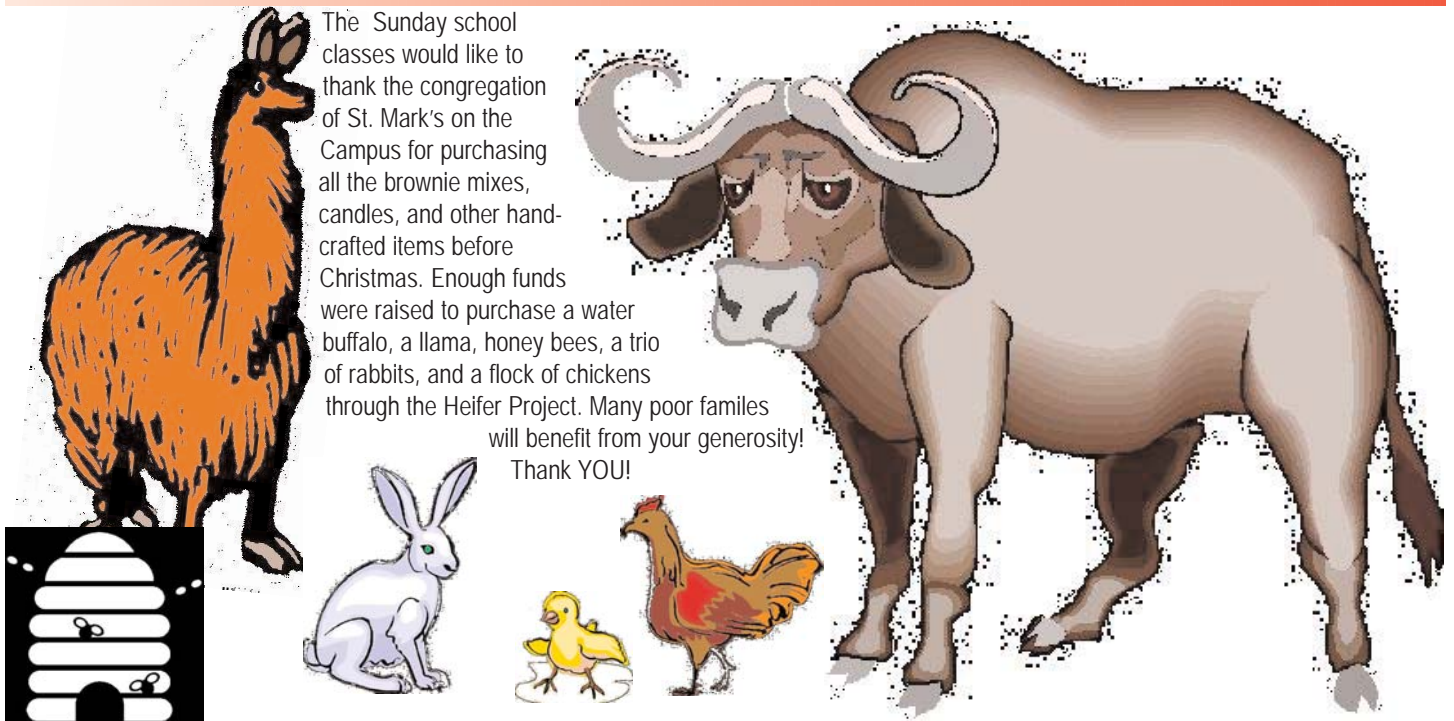
The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford is leading a Bible Study after the 10:30 am Eucharist at St. Mark's on the Campus, downstairs in the Lady Julian Chapel.

## Sermon Copies

Sermons presented at St. Mark's on the Campus are always available as hard copies in the Narthex and on our Web site, [stmarks-episcopal.org](http://stmarks-episcopal.org).

## Bring Books!

You can now bring in your extra books for the **Book Sale** to the room on the south end of the Undercroft - that's to the right, just as you enter the Undercroft.



The Sunday school classes would like to thank the congregation of St. Mark's on the Campus for purchasing all the brownie mixes, candles, and other hand-crafted items before Christmas. Enough funds were raised to purchase a water buffalo, a llama, honey bees, a trio of rabbits, and a flock of chickens through the Heifer Project. Many poor families will benefit from your generosity! Thank YOU!

# Sunday Ministerial Assignments

Date	February 11th	February 18th	February 25th	March 4th
<b>8:30 RH/Acolyte</b>	Marcia White	Yolanda Rolle	Todd Sneller	Don Gray
<b>10:30 Chalice Bearer</b> Lay Eucharistic Minister	Todd Sneller	Don Gray	Marc Kiviniemi	Shirley Mills
<b>Acolytes</b>	Helen Pitts Michael Fairchild	Jonathan Cole Abbie George	Logan Waite Shirley Mills	Samantha Karas Jonathan Cole
<b>Ushers</b>	Don Gray Bob Stock	Bob Kuzelka Susan Rehn	Michelle Waite Lisa Sutton	Jack Merritt Roger Wait
<b>Lector (OT)</b>	Laura Waldman	Donna Harler-Smith	Pamela Starr	Bette Sperry
<b>Epistler</b>	Michelle Waite	Peg Sheldrick	Leroy Svec	Todd Sneller
<b>Intercessor</b>	Ray Lowther	Bob Stock	Pippa Lawson	Lyn Forester
<b>Greeter</b>	Leroy Svec	JoAnn Hruban	Jim Karas	Bob Kuzelka
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Jeanne Vannorsdall	Opal Doerr	Nan Graf	Jim Karas
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Laura Waldman	Marcia White	Loris Purtzer	Kathy Schmutte
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Opal Doerr	Don Gray	Kathy Schmutte	Joyce Wagner
<b>Tellers</b>	Richard Toren Jerry Frobom	Stan Sipple Karen Vogeley	Larry Krebsbach Dorothy H. Nelson	Anne Puls Shirley Mills
<b>Crucifer</b>	~	~	~	~
<b>Thurifer</b>	~	Ardyce Welch	~	~
<b>Banner Bearer</b>	~	~	~	~

## February Birthdays

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2 - Dennis Alfrey    | 17 - Dave Holmquist  |
| 3 - Mary Lutz        | - Barbara Banks      |
| 7 - Janna Shrewsbury | 21 - Don Nelson      |
| 12 - Nan Graf        | 24 - Margo Young     |
| 14 - Richard Quinn   | 26 - Natalie Shepard |
| - Barbara Boyce      | - Richard Sutton     |
| 15 - Barbara Stock   | 27 - Ferd Anderson   |
|                      | - Leroy Svec         |

**Remember,**  
**the March ROAR**  
**DEADLINE**  
**is**  
**February 15**  
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