St. Mark's Remarks

Seek God ✦ Serve Others ✦ Transform Lives

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

Services: 10:00 am-Praise Service/Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II on alternating Sundays.— Spanish 8:00 am Sunday School 9-9:45 am Lion's Den 9:00 am Wed. 10 am-Healing Service

Vicar's Message . . .



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As some of you have noticed we have been without our wonderful newsletter for several months, but it seems like this is the right time to start with this important tool again.

We are blessed to have a great group of people working hard in our communications ministry, just as we are blessed with ALL of our ministry leaders and volunteers and the work each performs for our church and community. As a result of so many people's tireless efforts, it is possible, for very valid reasons, to get burned out. The Bible says: "there is a good harvest but very few laborers"; aka "it has been written".☺

I would like to invite you to participate more actively with us, ALL OF YOU PLEASE, in a different way: when you receive your newsletter this time and going forward, please let us know, that you have received it. If you don't mind, you can just send us an email with the words "I have received our most recent newsletter". If you receive it by regular mail or choose to receive a hard copy at church, please also write back to us or comment in person that you received the newsletter.

We further welcome any feedback regarding the content: did you like the articles; are you getting useful information from the publication regarding our past and upcoming events; is there other information you would like to see in the newsletter?

Please be assured that we appreciate and value all of your questions, comments and suggestions about this important church communications link and resource.



Thank you so much for your patience, your understanding and your kind attention.

In Christ name
Fr. Gerardo Brambila+



Schedule of Sunday Services…

8:00 AM — Spanish Service
9:00 AM — Sunday School
9:00 AM — Lion's Den (Fellowship Hour)
10:00 AM — Holy Eucharist Rite II

Blessing of the Animals

September 30th

Diocesan Convention

October 19th and 20th

Halloween Party

October 28th

(Judy Hossack and/or Dianne Nunez, Leaders)

All Saints Day

November 4th

Night at Carrabbas

November 8th

Thanksgiving

November 21st

East Valley Pops Concert

November 27th



Welcome to St. Mark's . . .









The ***St. Mark's Singers*** have begun rehearsing again at the beginning of September. They are looking for new singers! If anyone is interested in helping out please contact the music director, Chris Perry. Also, moving forward, the choir will no longer sing every week in the chancel but they will still sing about twice a month and at special holidays and events. If you have any questions, please feel free to send Chris an email at chris_perry@me.com.

Kid's Korner . . .







Vacation Bible School

Summer 2018



Children's Chapel





Every Sunday From 9am to 10am

Cursillo Happenings . . .

The Diocese of AZ's annual Cursillo Weekend was held July 19-22, 2018, at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale. There were 18 candidates, one of whom was Cyndi Armstrong of St. Marks; and 30 team members including Monica Larsen also from St. Marks. Chalys Stephens of St. Luke's, Prescott, one of the candidates, sent the following that I believe sums up the event:

"Dear Cursillo Team in Mesa: Monica Larsen and Elaine… thank you for your caring, support and love you showed me in Scottsdale at Cursillo #119. [Elaine was not on the Team this year but sent words of encouragement to the candidates.]

Cursillo is such a profound experience to attend and I feel so blessed to have been with all of you in July.



Now there is the continuing joy of weekly Cursillo groups here at St. Luke's, Ultreya and so much more. Truly, Cursillo can make our world a time here on earth a better place. Thank you again for all you continue to do for others.

With love. Chalys Stephens."

[See photo – Chalys is second from right.]

PS: The next Cursillo Weekend takes place next September at the same venue.



This plastic mat for the homeless was made by ***Margie Nakamura*** -- yes, we are still making them for the endless amount of homeless in this state, this country. Margie also crochets baby blankets and hats. Please thank her for her service to the community and if you feel so inclined, the Cursillo Ministry could use your skills and your talents crocheting blankets for the needy in our society.



Congratulations & Blessings, Etc. . . .



In April, ***Caleb Collins*** received his acceptance letter from Bishop Smith and the Diocese as a postulant to ordained ministry. Congratulations Caleb!

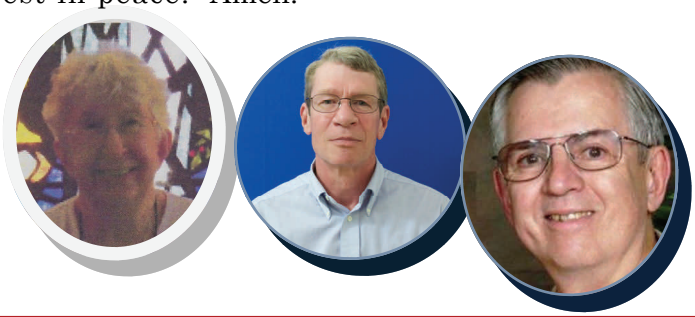




Congratulations ***Michael Clark*** . .. As a Boy Scout he gathered over 900 pairs of socks which were donated to Jacob's Journey House Ministries and subsequently earned the Eagle Scout award by completing more than 300 requirements including hours of volunteer work!

In Memoriam . . .

"Eternal rest grant unto your servants, ***Betty Fitchet, Paul Breuninger and Deacon Don Twentyman*** O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." Amen.





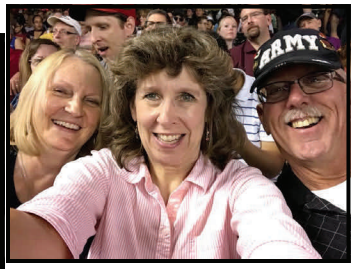
Congratulations to Cyndi Armstrong on become a member of the Episcopal Church's order of the Daughters of the King on June 3, 2018.

JULY 2018









Take me out to the ballgame . . .



Take me out to the crowd. Buy me some peanuts and crackerjacks . . . I don't care if I ever get back! Hail, hail—the gang was all there at the Episcopal Night Diamondbacks Game. Everyone had fun . . . We'll do it again next year!

Upcoming Events



September

September 29 — **Paint Party** -Knight Hall, 4 pm-7pm

September 30 — **Blessing of the Animals**-Knight Hall, 10 am (one service-not bilingual)

October

October 19-20 — **Diocesan Convention**-All Saint's Episcopal Church, 6300 N Central, Phoenix

October 28 — **Halloween Celebration** — following the 10 am service with treats and games for the children

November

November 4 — **All Saint's Day**; — one bilingual service at 10 am —and First Communion for Viviana G. and Bruno Brambila

November 8 — **Night at Carrabbas** — See Ad

November 21 — **Thanksgiving Service** and Dinner at 10 am-dinner to follow

November 26 — East Valley Pops Concert—See Ad

December

December 9 — **Our Lady of Guadalupe** — during 8 am Spanish service

December 16 —**La Posada** —following 10 am English service in Knight Hall

December 24 (Monday)— **Christmas Eve Service**, — 6 pm with Children's Pageant-one bilingual service

December 25 (Tuesday) — **Christmas Day Service**, — one service (not bilingual), 10 am

Lion's Den Café — Open every Sunday between 9-9:45 am

Follow the Calendar on the Web Site for updates and additions

Room Reservation Forms are available in the Church office

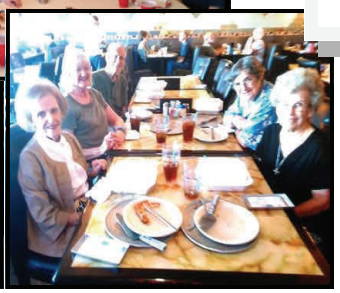
Divine Diners . . .

Everyone in the "Divine Diners" group was busy this summer meeting and greeting — celebrating friendships, birthdays — and enjoying fellowship. If you would like to join please contact Teresa Gordon or Bobbi Degnon. New groups will be chosen in October, so don't delay . . .











The BIBLE . . .

Read it . . . and wonder what it means? Get confused and quit trying? You're not alone!! Join with friends from St. Marks to read and discuss the Bible for about an hour on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8.

Current study: Book of Romans

Home of Mary Lou & Carl Burgess in Leisure World

See Mary Lou or Carl for directions

Mburg37114@aol.com

(480) 218-5434



The East Valley Pops Orchestra

is pleased to present a concert for the support of
The Bill & Cynthia Richey Fund for Music Education
Tuesday, November 27, 2018 • 7pm



** No Admission charge**
Please join us for a concert of popular tunes and great classics!

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
322 N. Horne Street, Mesa AZ
(Located just south of University on Horne
1/2 mile east of Mesa Drive)

A goodwill offering for the Richey Fund will be collected during the concert, which will be shared with St. Mark's Church.
Visit our website for more information: www.eastvalleypops.com

A Big THANK YOU!



Bobbie Degnon, Secretary,
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Rev. Dr. Stephen Post
Good Shepherd Mission



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Dear Bobbie and DOK,

My wife, Shermaine, told me of your prayers for the children, and I give thanks to the Lord for you for praying for the children here at the Mission. For you have truly blessed these children here through your prayers.

You reached out so willingly to meet their needs by praying for them. You are such a wonderful blessing to them, and you mean so very much to the children here. The Children, plus Shermaine and I pray that God will bless you as much as you've blessed us.

Again, we thank God for you and your prayers. I know that they came from a heart of love and the children and I pray that God would touch you in a very special way, and fill you more with more of His love, each and every day.

In the Service of the Good Shepherd,
Dr. Post

PS: This enclosed coloring page is colored by one of the little children here who is so grateful for you, and who really counts you as a true friend. Please continue to pray for her and for all of the children here, and may God bless you always and in all way for the way that you care about these children.



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We accept Donations

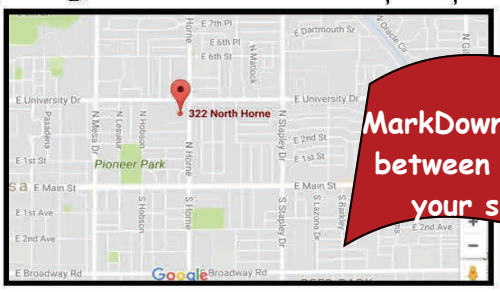
Mark Downs Thrift Store

We are Open:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9 am—Noon

Thursday and Friday, 9 am—1 pm

Supporting the Ministries of the Episcopal Church



MarkDowns is open every Sunday between 9:00 am—9:45 am for your shopping convenience!

Donations for the Thrift Store will be accepted between the hours of 9 am and 1 pm on THURSDAYS and FRIDAYS (Sundays too) **ONLY**. Please do not leave your donations in front of the store at any other time. Thank You.

St. Mark's ECW&M Presents . . .

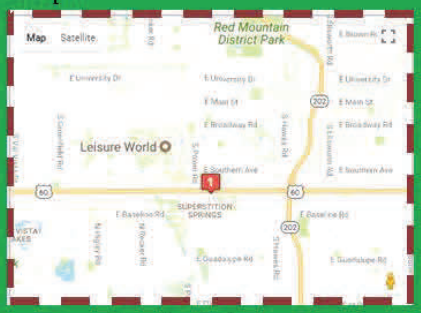
CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL "A Night at Carrabba's" . . .

Please join us on **November 8, 2018** at the **Carrabba's Italian Grill**
For a night of feast & fun!
$20 per person/$10 children
5:30 pm

I'm in love with every food,
But Italian is the best.
Each dish is so unique and yummy,
It out does all the rest.
I love the pizza,
Spaghetti and meatballs,
And the calamari, too.
I love the veal,
The meaty baked ziti,
And the Pasta E. Fagioli.
All the flavors ae so tasty,
When they come together as one.

CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL

1740 S. Clearview, Mesa



Five Entrees Available – Prosciutto-wrapped Pork Tenderloin, Spaghetti, Chicken Parmesan, Wood-grilled Tilapia, and Tuscan-grilled Sirloin

Help support this ministry while enjoying a great dinner with friends, family and neighbors!

FUNDRAISING DINNER . . .

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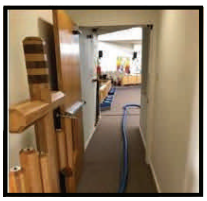
Tickets on sale starting September 30, 2018 before or after services.



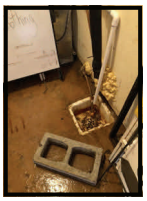
The only thing you can do with a mess is to start cleaning it up, a little at a time! *"One man with a broom cannot clean the whole world but if the whole world starts knowing that man has an idea of cleaning the whole world, then this idea can come true! One man is one man, but one idea is one thousand men or one million or one billion men!" — Mehmet Murat ildan* T'was a summer of challenges and mess at St. Mark's . . . Air conditioners, plumbing, roof leaks, electrical issues, landscape cleanup following monsoon storms, etc. etc. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Fr. G, Randy Rogers, Salvador with Camlu Carpet, Inez and Eloy Hermandez, members of the Bishop's Committee as well as a whole host of other parishioners I suspicion that I am not aware of at this writing. But still . . . There is much more to do. Watch for roofers and contractors throughout the fall working diligently to "patch" the roof and shore up the awnings and perhaps even clean carpets. Share the gratitude and your time, talent and resources when you can. **Many thanks.**











Parish Directory

The Rev. Gerardo Brambila	Vicar
The Rev. Steven Ford	Assistant Priest
Chris Perry	Director of Music
Gloria McManus	Parish Administrator
Deb Cannon	Licensed in Children's Ministries
Teresa Gordon	Senior Warden
Randy Rogers	Junior Warden
Al Rausch	Treasurer

Bishop's Committee Members

Caleb Collins	Maureen Davies
John Ddamba	Judy Hossack
Anali Perry	Charlie Vaughn

Ministry Leaders

Acolytes	Paige Stalcup
Altar Guild	Teresa Gordon
St. Mark's Singers & Musicians	Chris Perry
Christian Formation for Youth	Deb Cannon/ Dianne Nunez
Communications	Kathy Cheatham/ ML Burgess

Ministry Leaders(Cont'd.)

Cursillo	Monica Larsen
Daughters of the King	Marge Fountain
Divine Diners	BDegnon/TGordon
ECW&M (Women's & Men's Ministry)	Jeanette Rogers
Food Pantry	Penny Place
Greeters	Judy Hossack
Hispanic Ministry	Fr. Brambila
Liturgical Arrangements	Viviana Brambila
Ministry Counsel	Terry Gordon
Office Angels	Gloria McManus
Pastoral Care	Elaine Austin
Sunday Lay Ministries	Fr. Brambila/ Gloria McManus
Thrift Store	K Cheatham, B Haug, G Gordon
Ushers	Kathy Smith

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Join us every Sunday morning, before the 10 am Service, in our Lion's Den Café, Knight Hall, at 9 am for welcoming fellowship, a cup of coffee plus a variety of tasty treats.