

16th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist

Bishop Laura Ahrens to Visit



On Sunday, September 23, Bishop Laura Ahrens will lead the worship at services. If you wish to be baptized, confirmed or received during the service, please let Rev. Brian know. He will be

offering two preparatory classes: Sunday, September 16 from 12-1:30pm or Wednesday, September 19 at 7pm.



Youth Group News

St. Mark's Youth Group begins in September! Our youth group will participate in the following monthly outings:

- September 14-15: overnight camping trip at Gay City State Park,
- in October the group will go apple picking (date TBD)
- November 9-10: Nightwatch at St. John the Divine in New York City, and
- December 21 Christmas Caroling.

Please save the dates for your middle school or high school student. Stay tuned for more details.



Choir Update

Many thanks to those who are in the choir loft on Sundays. If you love to sing, please consider this notice as an invitation to join the group. Rehearsals are on Sunday morning at 9:15am. Thursday night choir rehearsals will be on September 13 and 20 from 7-8:30pm.



Organ Rededication Concert!

Save the date, Friday, October 12 at 7pm for a wonderful evening of glorious music on the king of instruments, celebrating the restoration of the magnificent Brombaugh Organ. Ezequiel Menendez, Director of Music at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford and Louis Hanzlik, trumpeter extraordinaire are the performers. There will be a reception following the concert. Invite a friend for a magical and memorable evening!



Amazon Smile

If you designate St. Mark's as your charity of choice, Amazon will send a check for a percentage of money spent. Individually it might not be hugely beneficial but if the entire parish participates, there could be dividends to help the budget shortfall. It is easy to use: go to smile.amazon.com and log in to your existing account (if not already logged in) and follow the prompts to search for St. Mark's. **Thank you.**

Eucharistic Ministers Training

All current Eucharistic Ministers and those wishing to be licensed to participate in this meaningful ministry are asked to attend a training/refresher session with Rev. Brian on Saturday, September 22 at 9am.

Christianity after Religion Book Discussion

On Wednesday, September 19 at 7pm, Rev, Brian will lead a discussion of Diana Butler Bass' book, Christianity after Religion. Most Americans are aware that recent decades have been a time of change in religious belief, behaving, and belonging. Few people understand the complex concepts of these changes.

This three-part book explores these trends.

- Part 1, "The End of Religion," considers the changes within the framework of decline of traditional measures, primarily focusing on the last decade.
- Part 2, "A New Vision," captures the many and varied efforts to reshape Christianity for the future.
- Part 3, "Awakening," moves from possibility to practice by arguing that the current experiences are a Fourth Great Awakening.

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 Be OPENED!
 -Mark SEVEN THIRTY-FOUR

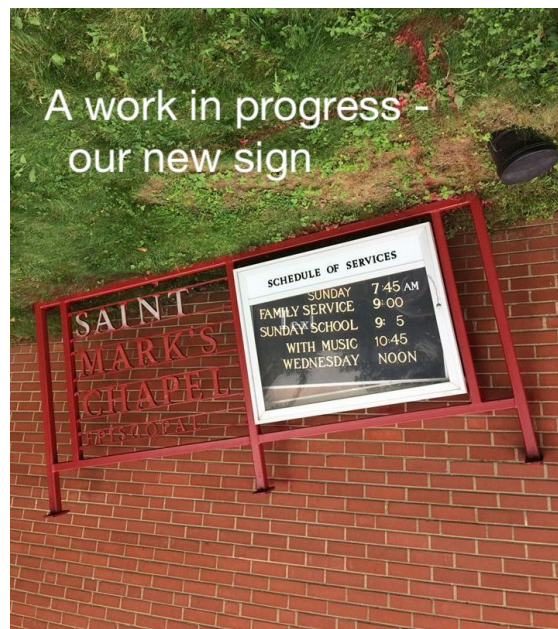
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Bringing St. Mark's Mission to Life

TODAY 10:00 am	Covenant Soup Kitchen Sandwich Making * 2nd Sunday of the month *
Mon., Sept. 10 7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Thurs., Sept. 13 8:00 am	Men's Breakfast- River and Rail Diner, (formerly Track Nine) West Willington * 2nd Thursday of the month * Come and enjoy fellowship with the men of St. Mark's – all are welcome

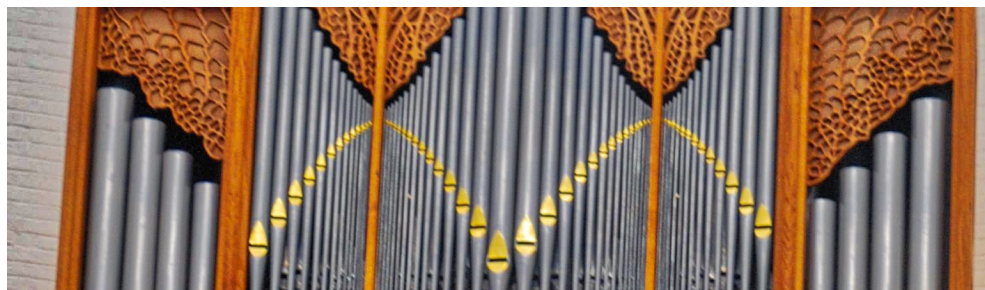
Eucharist – Wednesdays 12 Noon

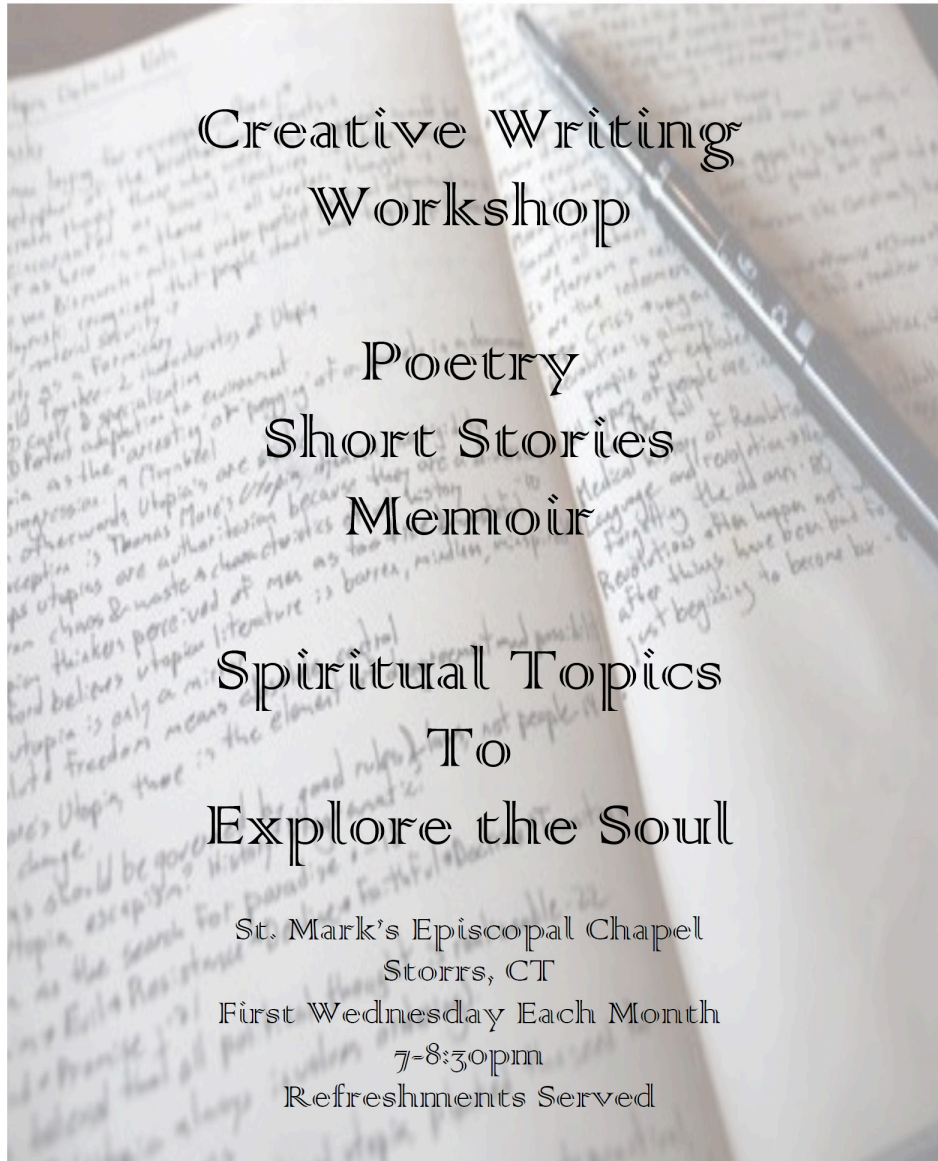
Please join us in the chapel when we celebrate the Eucharist as part of a service of prayer, silence, and scripture reading.



Thanks to our Sunday Ministers who sustain the worship life of our community

September 9, 2018			
Ministry	Service	Today	Next Sunday
Altar Guild	7:45	Barbara Rossiter	Gale Morrow
	10:00	John Doiron	Bob Kliminsky Dave Moske
Flowers		Barbara Rossiter	Gale Morrow
Ushers	7:45	Help!	Help!
	10:00	Art Engler	Ted Urbanski
Acolyte	10:00		Steve Paasch
Chalice Bearer	7:45	Barbara Rossiter	Jim Morrow
	10:00	Will Hooper	Laurie Gypson
Lector	7:45	Barbara Rossiter	Jim Morrow
	10:00		Bruce Steinway
Intercessor	7:45	Judy Hopkins	Sue Gagnon
	10:00	Mary Jo Tryba	Bruce Steinway
Sunday School Teachers		Madison Day Barbara Depray Mateu Healey-Parera Magda Parera	Madison Day Art Engler Will Hooper Magda Parera
Eucharistic Visitor		Bill Morgan	Bruce Steinway
Counters	10:00	Sue Gagnon Troy Sutterfield	<i>Volunteers?</i>
Coffee Hour		Acey Neel Sonya Owen	<i>Volunteer?</i>





Creative Writing Workshop

Poetry
Short Stories
Memoir

Spiritual Topics
To
Explore the Soul

St. Mark's Episcopal Chapel
Storrs, CT
First Wednesday Each Month
7-8:30pm
Refreshments Served

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