

**TODAY'S HYMNS** are listed here, on the hymn board above the pulpit and can be found in the blue-covered *The Hymnal 1982* in the pew rack.

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| 1. Hymn of Praise: #390                    | 3. Offertory: # 669 |
| 2. Gospel Acclamation (in service leaflet) | 4. Communion: #699  |
| 5. Closing: # 376                          |                     |

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**WORSHIP**

Sunday, August 20, 2017.....Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist  
8AM – Rite I; 10AM - Rite II  
The Rev. Mark A. Thompson, Priest-in-Partnership  
Celebrant and Preacher

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Wednesday, August 16, 6:30PM.....Meeting of the Vestry  
Sunday, August 20, 11:30AM ...Meeting of the St. James' Foundation Board  
3PM.....Music and Poetry with Oscar Rodriguez  
Sunday, August 27, 11:30AM.....Norman's Attic "Debriefing Forum"  
Wednesday, August 30, 6:30PM.. ....Harvest Fest Planning Meeting  
Wednesday, September 13, 12 Noon... ..Women of St. James'  
Saturday, September 30, 2017.....Harvest Fest

**Today's Bean Counters:** Sandy Vassallo (Preble) & David Durfee  
**Today's Coffee Hour Host:** Parish Life Committee  
**SLP Packers for August 15:** Susan Gratz and Joanna Taylor

***ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)***

**NORMAN'S ATTIC "DEBRIEFING" FORUM** is Sunday, August 27, 11:30AM.  
Bring your ideas, suggestions and comments to an update and review of the 2017  
NA and begin planning for the 2018 version. Never too early to plan!

**HARVEST FEST PLANNING MEETING** is Wednesday, August 30, 6:30PM.  
All Committee Chairs are urged to attend as well as anyone else who would like to  
participate. See Joanna Taylor or Patricia Michael if you need more information.

**TODAY'S COVER ART:** "Christ walking on water", oil on canvas, Henry Ossawa  
Tanner, c. 1907. Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, Iowa. From: *Art in the  
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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 13, 2017



*"Christ walking on water", Henry Ossawa Tanner, c. 1907.  
Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, Iowa*

*O trust the Lord then wholly, if thou wouldst be secure;  
his work must thou consider for thy work to endure.*

*[Hymn #669, v. 2]*

***The Reverend Mark A. Thompson,  
Priest in Partnership***

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# WELCOME

A warm welcome to all and a special welcome to those who are visiting; the addition of your praise and thanks heartens us all. If you are seeking a church home or simply a place to rest for a while on your spiritual journey, we invite you to consider St. James' to be that place. The service leaflet will guide you through the liturgy. In the pew racks you will find the *Book of Common Prayer* (red binding) and *The Hymnal 1982* (blue binding). Please do not hesitate to ask a fellow worshipper for help.

**If you are new to St. James'** and wish to be included in our weekly e-mails (*This Week At St. James'*), please fill in one of the welcome forms (available on the table in the narthex) and leave it in the offertory plate or with an usher. Restrooms are located in the undercroft on the right-hand wall. There is an elevator located in the narthex for those who need it. **Please do not hesitate to speak to an usher or any church member if you have questions or need assistance.** Whether you are a visitor or a parishioner, if you would like a call and/or a visit please call the office at 375-9952 or send an e-mail to [stjamesparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesparishoffice@gmail.com). If you have a need for hospital visitation for yourself or for a family member or friend, **you must call the Parish Office.** The SWVMC, like many hospitals these days, does not inform us of nor do they make available the names of patients being admitted.

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**TODAY WE WELCOME FATHER MARK THOMPSON, PRIEST-IN-PARTNERSHIP,** as Celebrant and Preacher. We are grateful for his ministry to us and look forward to our future with him. Please join us following the 10AM for a reception to welcome him as we begin our journey together. As a courtesy to him, as we would for any newcomer, **please wear your name tag.** If you need one, the materials are on the table in the narthex.

**AN INVITATION FROM FR. MARK:** If you would like to schedule an appointment to meet with him as we begin to get to know each other, please call or email the Parish Office to set a day and time.

**A GIFT OF MUSIC** will be offered to us next Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 3PM when Oscar Rodriguez presents a program of music and poetry to St. James' and its parishioners. Oscar first appeared here last September with a program of music for the piano by Mozart, Chopin, Brahms and Liszt. Oscar is visiting this area after another year of study in Italy and he has offered to bring us more music and poetry. If you attended last year, you know that you will have a delightful time. If you weren't here then, now's your chance! Invite your friends and fellow music-lovers to attend. The concert is free and open to all.

**THE WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'** will meet Wednesday, September 13 in Memorial Lounge. Bring your lunch. Tea and dessert will be served. There are many important topics to discuss so please be there! See Pat Clancy if you have questions.

*[Announcements continue on back cover.]*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### NORMAN'S ATTIC

**For the Sick:** Bob Alexander; Lynn Bates; Ken Blackler; Garrett Brewer; Janet Cassell; Peter Garneau; Jo Gillikin; Dot Grout; Thomas Hayton; Esther Jaffee; Jane Jersey; Bruce Keene; John Laughrey; Mary Loring; Alan Mears; Bob McCarthy; Gail McDevitt; Charlie Menghini; Jack Michael; Cecelia O'Brien; Andie Owen; Ralph and Natalia Panelli; Irene Roth;; Suzy Schott; Judy and Bobby Weiss; Dot Whitley; Wilfred Williamson; Ward Wilson; Jeanne Zouck; Barbara; Beth; Bob; Bruce; Celia; Chris; Dennis; Dick; Erika; Helen; Isaac; Jan; John; John and Judy; Kathy; Kay; Rick.

**For the Departed:** All our departed loved ones; the victims of violence, war, persecution and oppression in the United States and throughout the world.

**For Those In Need of Our Prayers:** Andie Owen and her family; Philip Brown; Erika Draper and her children; Charles; Anna, Sherri; Alyce; Sue; Sara; John; Katie; Joan; Cathy; Alex; Sofia; Eleanor; Wanda; the Kluj family; Hank; Ellen; Estelle; Michael; Piper; all who suffer from terrorism, strife, hunger and deprivation throughout the world; the homeless; refugees; for peace and justice everywhere; for all who need our prayers.

### For Those Who Celebrate This Week:

**Birthdays:** 8/14-Allan Tschorn; 8/15-Josiah Durfee, Alan Langlais

**Wedding Anniversaries:** 8/13-Pat and John Clancy (62 years together)

**Baptismal Anniversaries:** 8/11-Shaylen Skye McBride Preble

**For Those Who Serve in the Armed Forces:** Gary Marckres; Margaret; Willow Bucchieri-Sibley

**In Thanksgiving For:** The ministry of the Rev. Mark A. Thompson; God's love, freely given; the gifts of faith and hope; the continuing presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit; the communion of saints.

**For The Church:** For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Thomas, our Bishop; the people and mission of this Diocese; Lynn Bates, Canon to the Ordinary; this parish of St. James' and its mission; the Rev. Mark A. Thompson, Priest-in-Partnership; the Very Rev. Christopher L. David and the Revs. Paul Gratz, Sean Lanigan, John Miller and Keith F. Patterson, priests; Kathleen Moore, seminarian. In the Diocesan Prayer Calendar we pray for the Congregation of Trinity Church, Shelburne; and the Episcopal Church of the Sudan. .

# The Reverend Mark A. Thompson

## Priest-in-Partnership

### A Brief Biographical Sketch

Mark Andrew Thompson was born September 25, 1961 in Anaheim, California into a large family. One of six children—each of whom is distinctly different—he has long known that differing opinions are the spice of life. Mark’s father was a mechanical engineer and his mother is an artist. A lifelong love of poetry and literature was instilled in Mark by his paternal grandmother who was a published poet and teacher.

A cradle-born Episcopalian, the life and liturgy of the Episcopal Church has been the bedrock of Mark’s spiritual formation. He has always found it to be a place where the God of surprises appears.

Father Mark’s first formal theological education took place in the Diocesan Study Program in Vermont. In addition, the spiritual classics of the church were opened up to him in a reading in the classics of Christian Spirituality. His educational and work experiences include:

- 1981-1984. Historical Spirituality. Readings in the Christian Contemplative Tradition.
- 1982-1985. Vermont Diocesan Study Program. Designed for the education of lay people in the basics of theological reflection with the goal of providing a solid grounding for their work of ministry.
- 1989 Bachelor of Arts, Castleton State College. Major in World Literature, Minor in History. Winner of Presidential Scholarship, Steel Fellowship.
- 1990 Clinical Pastoral Education. Clinical experience with Alzheimer’s patients, Chaplain Interns, death and dying training, grief work, the aging process, pastoral identity, pastoral responsibility.
- 1992. Education for Ministry Mentor Training.

- 1992. Master of Divinity, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. Emphasis on Liturgics, Hebrew Scriptures, and Philosophical Theology.
- 1995-1999. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training, Journey to Adulthood, Miracle Stories, Men’s Spirituality, Church Leadership Facing Change: A Systems Approach. Work in family systems theory and Spiritual Direction.

Father Mark was ordained into the (transitional) Diaconate, June, 1992, and into the Priesthood, December, 1992. The parishes where God has called him to serve include:

- 1992-1995 Vicar, All Saints Episcopal Church, Syracuse, IN.
- 1992-1995 Assistant Priest, St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Warsaw, IN.
- 1995-1997 Associate Rector, St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Warsaw, IN.
- 1997-1999 Interim Rector, St. George’s Church, Minneapolis, MN.
- 1999-2000 Interim Rector, Church of the Epiphany, Plymouth, MN.
- Jan. 2000-September 30, 2004 Priest-in-Charge, Saints Martha and Mary Episcopal Church, Eagan, MN.
- March 2005-November 2015, St. Paul’s on-the-Hill, St. Paul, MN

As one part of the search process, Father Mark was asked to describe his practice of incorporating others in ministry. He answered: “Central to my understanding is the reality that baptism is the foundation of our life in Christ, and roots our communal life in respect for every person. It grounds the community in God’s mission. The following are a few of the ways this reality is manifest in the ministry I share with those I have been called to serve: coach and mentor; a catalyst for others to discover their own particular ministry; spiritual direction both to individuals and groups; three of my wardens have discovered a vocation to ordained ministry as deacons and priests, as well as a number of members of the parish; training others in the catechumenal process, including team training (lay facilitators, deacon, and worship leaders), and utilizing strategic planning as a whole parish process to

crowd source ideas and arrive at a shared vision for future engagement of God's mission."

In response to the question "What excites you about joining the people of St. James' in ministry?" Father Mark answered: "I love Vermont. It is the home where my priestly vocation was developed. I have been serving the church in other places for twenty-three years. To give back to this diocese as it has given me in the context of Arlington would be totally cool. St. James' love of liturgy as the formative grounding of service to the community, and its energy in engaging outreach efforts is intriguing. I am passionate about worship that offers the best we have to God. A love of music and the arts are part of who I am, so finding them at St. James' is grand. The settings of the church and graveyard are beautiful. They speak to me of a God who not only saves, but inveigles, and draws all into love. Place matters as a tool for ministry and a sign of a heaven's gate.

The possibility of joining a community of individuals "who continue in the Apostles' fellowship, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers" and seek to become saints – not in a "stained glass" sort-of way, but in word and deed, would be a delight. The chance to sing, laugh, and learn the stories of these specific people would be a gift."

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### ***WHAT IS A "PRIEST-IN-PARTNERSHIP"?***

*"Priest-in-partnership" is a Vermont title; technically, the canonical term is "priest-in-charge" but our emphasis in Vermont is on partnership. The PIP has all the canonical responsibilities of a priest-in-charge but does not have tenure as a rector would. When a congregation chooses to call a Priest-in-Partnership, the Bishop and the Canon to the Ordinary, using the information the congregation provides through its discernment, seek candidates for the position and ultimately take our "Nominee" to the vestry for its consideration. When a call results from this process, the expectation is that this is a serious commitment of all parties (the priest, the congregation, and the bishop) that will lead to the priest being called to a tenured position at the end of a three-year period. During the three-years, there are regular 6-month check-ins to be certain the relationship is developing and deepening for the benefit of all parties and advancing God's mission in the community." [Canon Lynn Bates, June 2017]*