

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week...

Holy Hikes

Feeling close to God
in nature.
Not all Churches
have 4 walls.

Weekly Parish Schedule

Add your group's event to
the calendar: email
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Marc Cheban

He supports our
worship here. Let's
support him at SAMS.

"There is no such thing as 'human community' without the earth and the soil and the air and the water and all the living forms. Without these, humans do not exist. In my view, the human community and the natural world will go into the future as a single sacred community or we will both perish in the desert." -Fr. Thomas Berry

Do you feel close to God in nature? Do you love the beauty of the Holy Eucharist? Holy Hikes brings the Holy Eucharist outdoors in monthly liturgical hikes offered throughout the country. Since 2010, Holy Hikes has been inviting people to deepen their relationship with the earth through strengthening our communion with all of God's creation.

In 2018, Holy Hikes received a grant from the Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation, enabled by Resolution A030, and was featured in Episcopal News Service and Living Lutheran Magazine. With this support, Holy Hikes has grown and now has seventeen chapters across the country.

It has been said that "people will protect what they love." The ultimate goal of this ministry is to help individuals be renewed in their love-relationship with the earth, the universal church, and with their Creator. The environmental crisis today is, at its core, a broken relationship between the human community and the earth. There is legislation being pushed to address environmental issues and advocacy groups working to bring change to our destructive and unsustainable ways. Those are important. History has also proven that a broken relationship is ultimately mended, not by the force of law, but rather by the slow laborious work of rebuilding that relationship. Even in the environmental movement, the earth can be subjugated and treated as just an object that we care for, rather than as a subject with which we are in relationship.

Holy Hikes calls us to relate to all of creation in a communion-centered way. Change will come with legislation and cheaper green products, but we believe transformation will come as we reestablish our communion with all of life. Holy Hikes calls us beyond the walls of comfort, to take a step, perhaps even a hike, towards reunion with the earth and all its life and beauty.

*And into the forest I go,
to loose my mind and find my soul
-John Muir*

Mark F. Cheban



February 16th at 4pm Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew & Matthew

BM West Chester (PA) University; MM Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester; Westminster Choir College; University of Kent, England; General Theological Seminary, New York City

Marc has served as Director of Music for St. Thomas's Episcopal Parish in Newark, DE since 2004. Before that he was Organist/Choirmaster of St. Andrew's School in Middletown, Delaware for 30 years. Among his many duties, he formed and directed a select ensemble of about 16-18 singers chosen by audition. The Concert Choir made numerous concert tours of Western Europe, appeared several times at the White House, and issued many recordings.

While in college Marc was an active "Theatre Organist," playing every Friday evening at the historic Lansdowne Theatre, just outside Philadelphia. He has performed many times on the well-known John Dickinson Theatre Organ in Wilmington.

He is known for his accompaniments to major silent films, having played for numerous films over the years all over the Delaware Valley.

Marc has appeared countless times as a recitalist. His programs are marked by a delightful combination of serious organ works, orchestral transcriptions, and colorful novelty works. Since 1981 he has been a regular recitalist (especially during the Christmas season) on the renowned Ballroom Organ at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA, and has been fortunate to play informally many of the great cathedral organs of England and France.

Recently he has become a regular organist on the Midmer-Losh organ in Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City. This is the largest pipe organ in the world.

A prolific choral composer, Marc also writes and arranges extensively for the organ. Three of his works are published by Warner, Inc.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 9

- 8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00am (U) Youth Confirmation
- 9:15am (C) Novel Theology
- 9:15am (P) Parlor Group- adult edu
- 9:15am (U) Nursery
- 9:30am (U) Children's Worship
- 10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:45am (GH) Coffee, Fellowship
- 12:00pm (C) Prayer Beads
FUN all ages program
- 2:00pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 513
- 6:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance

Monday, February 10

- 6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
- 7:30pm (GH) Scottish Dance

Tuesday, February 11

- 6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
- 4:30pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 719
- 5:00pm (CO) AIDS Delaware
- 6:00pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 513
- 6:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance
- 8:00pm (U) KIS AA

Wednesday, February 12

- 6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
- 10:30am (C) Lectionary Bible Study
- 12:00pm (N) Intercessory Prayer
with Holy Eucharist
- 4:00pm (C) Blue Hen Bounty
- 5:00pm (C,K) ECM
- 5:45pm (P) Centering Prayer
- 8:30pm (GH,K) S College Speakers AA

Thursday, February 13

- 6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
- 3:00pm (C) Blue Hen Bounty
- 7:30pm (U) Blue Grass Jam
- 7:30pm (MR) St Gregory's Choir

Friday, February 14

- 6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
- 12:00pm (P) Al-Anon
- 6:30pm (P) Women's AA

Saturday, February 15

- 4:00 (N) Poets' Corner
Devon Miller-Duggan

Sunday, February 16

- 8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00am (U) Youth Confirmation
- 9:15am (C) Novel Theology
- 9:15am (P) 6-week series
History of Christianity
- 9:15am (U) Nursery
- 9:30am (U) Children's Worship
- 10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:45am (GH) Coffee, Fellowship
- 12:00pm (C) CREW Youth
- 2:00pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 513
- 6:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance

location key:

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| (C) Classroom | (MR) Music Room |
| (GH) Great Hall | (U) Undercroft |
| (N) Nave | (BO) Business Office |
| (P) Parlor | (RO) Rector's Office |