

## Your Vestry Wants To Hear From You!

Here is a list of your vestry to contact with any concerns!

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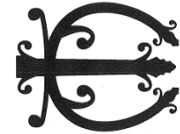
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Emmanuel  
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The Rev'd Canon Dr. Mark Gatza,  
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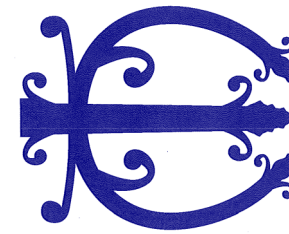
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### Services:

Saturday: Resumes 21 September

Sundays —8 AM, 10 AM & Noon

Tuesdays — 10 AM



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## UPCOMING SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS [\[lectionarypage.net\]](http://lectionarypage.net)

29 September 2019 — Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91; I Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

6 October 2019 — Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

## EUPHROSYNE — “SMARAGDUS” OF ALEXANDRIA, 5TH CENTURY \*

Merciful God, who places all of your children in families, we confess that those whom we love the most are often strangers to us. Give to all parents and children, we pray, the grace to see one another as they truly are and as you have called them to be. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. *Amen.* <http://satucket.com/lectionary/index.htm>



## Calendar Corner

- **Sunday, 29 September:** Sunday services at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12 Noon. *The Sunday School will offer a song at the 10:00 AM Service.* Canon Gatza preaching. 1:00 PM: Centering Prayer and Meditation in All Saints Chapel.
- **Tuesday, 1 October at 10:00 AM:** Holy Communion with prayers for healing in the Maryan Room.
- **Wednesday, 4 October at 9:30—11:00 AM:** Bible Study in the Harward Parlor, led by Heather Costantino.
- **Thursday, 3 October at 7:00 PM:** Choir practice in the choir room in the lower level of the church. Use the Office entrance.
- **Sunday, 6 October:** Sunday services at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12 Noon. *Breakfast served in the Parish Hall at 9:00 AM.* Fr. Bill Smith preaching. Sunday School begins at 10:00 in the Parish Hall. 1:00 PM: Centering Prayer and Meditation in All Saints Chapel.
- **Tuesday, 8 October at 10:00 AM:** Holy Communion with prayers for healing in the Maryan Room. Holy Folders prepare newsletters for mailing. Staff Meeting at 11:00 AM.

## See Something, Snap Something

Halfway through the trimming of the Oak on Main Street in Front of the Parish Hall. The open spaces make the tree look more beautiful. The dead branches removed will make way for new ones.



## Christian Formation

We are

Wonderfully

Made!

Psalm 139

Emmanuel 's Sunday School is off and running. The children gather in the Maryan Room, for some singing before joining their leaders and going to class.

We are still short Sunday School leaders.

As of this writing We need at least one more teacher to share the leadership of a class. Our goal is to have at least two leaders for each class, so teachers can switch off Sundays if they have conflicts or simply want to be in church for worship. We can always use additional substitutes as well. Sunday School lessons are prepared well in advance and all craft or supporting materials are also prepared for the leader, so all you have to do is show up and enjoy our wonderfully made children!!

## Adult Bible Study

Our weekday Adult Bible Study has begun. Thank you to everyone for your patience during this time. It meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 in the Harward Parlor. For the time being, the focus will be the Parables of Jesus. We will end the study promptly at 11:00.

\***Who? What?** Every edition of the Trumpet includes a prayer or “Collect” from the feast day of a saint.

This week's saint, Euphrosyne (You-FRO-sə-nay) was a woman who spent most of her life as a man, living in a monastic community near Alexandria, Egypt. He is one of over a dozen examples of transgender saints, most of whom have been recognized as holy for hundreds of years. Joan of Arc is a more familiar example.





## How Does Emmanuel Church Work?

“Member turnover” is a natural part of the life of a congregation, and so every once in a while I take a minute to review the basic elements and functions that make all that we do together possible. If you are new to the Episcopal Church, or new to Emmanuel, this will help you understand our ways and means. If you are a long standing member, this will refresh your memory, and perhaps fill you in on how things have changed over the last 30 years or so.

The basic unit of our Episcopal tradition is a Diocese — a collection of congregations and institutions under the leadership, care, and oversight of a Bishop. As the Church grew over the centuries, the administrative responsibilities over a diocese made it more and more difficult for Bishops to be active in congregations, and so a system evolved where congregations were led by priests under the direction of the Bishop, with Deacons playing a particular role in looking out for the social welfare needs of the community.

A priest in charge of a congregation is usually called a Rector — and at Emmanuel that’s me. Rectors come and go over the years, so congregations have boards of lay members to provide ongoing assistance to the Rector, and to provide expertise in areas of property and financial management and to assist in community outreach. Our board is called a “Vestry,” a term dating back to the days when board members would meet with the Rector in the little room off the sanctuary where the priest dressed or vested for worship. We select Vestry members at our annual meeting, four each year to serve three year terms. In many communities over Maryland’s history, to serve on a Vestry was a great honor and something that would be featured prominently on a personal résumé and, finally, in an obituary.



Spesutia Parish Vestry House, Perryman

The Vestry has officers, chosen by the Rector and approved by the body. The “Senior Warden” serves as a confidant and counselor to the Rector and assists in the running of Vestry meetings. The term comes from the days when the word Warden referred to someone in charge of the keys, and the Senior Warden’s original role was to open and close the church for the Rector. The Junior Warden in many congregations also carries keys, but largely because she or he oversees the physical plant and property of the church. A Clerk or secretary keeps minutes of Vestry meetings and signs off on official documents like the Annual Congregational Report. And finally, a Treasurer manages our financial accounts and reports on them to the Vestry on a regular basis. Emmanuel also has an Assistant Treasurer, who writes checks and records the income from parishioners who “pledge” their support to Emmanuel each year.

We have three paid part-time staff members: our Christian Education Coordinator, our Organist-Choirmaster, and our Sexton, who cleans the church buildings. Fr. Bill Smith, our Priest Associate, volunteers his time with us except on the Sundays when the Rector is away — for which he receives a very modest honorarium. The Vestry is considering the addition of a staff position in Outreach to oversee and expand our current programs.

We believe that the more perspectives and experience we bring to our life together, the better it will be. The Vestry counts on the work of a Finance Committee and a Property Committee to assist them. *Ad hoc* groups are currently meeting around Saturday Worship, Stewardship and Planned Giving, and Fellowship events. On Sundays we count on volunteers to assist in worship as readers, prayer leaders, acolytes, chalice bearers, choir members, and members of the Altar Guild.

There is much more that could be included here. The point is that it takes all of us, with the talents that God has given us and a little time that we offer ourselves, to make it all work. We need you too!

*Totidem Verbis*

*Mark Gatza+*

## COMING TO A CHURCH KITCHEN NEAR YOU!



Save the Date: **Sunday, 27 October 2019 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM.**

Join us for our first ever **Chili Dinner and Championship Cook-off**, as Emmanuel looks to crown its first Chili Queen or King, and enjoy a free mini-concert from our friends, **The Bay Country Gentlemen**, in between courses.

Here’s how it will go down. Doors will open at 5:00 PM for the Chili Cook-off tasting. Contestants will serve small portions and parishioners will get to vote for their first, second, and third favorites. Beverages of several sorts will be available to cleanse your palate between trials. At about 5:30, we will move to the Church for the concert. The BCG have often performed for us during our fall fellowship dinners, and they love singing for

us as much as we love hearing them. While they are singing, the kitchen will reset for service and the votes will be tallied to determine the winner. We all will sit down for a proper supper with at least two kinds of chili available — very mild for some, a little more spicy for others — and salads on the side. Cornbread is another traditional side — and here’s where you can help. Bring six or eight servings of your favorite cornbread recipe so that we can try each other’s. Your favorite combination of buttermilk, cornmeal, add-ins, and (if you are from the North like I am, sugar!) will make yours unique. And we want to try them.

This is primarily a fellowship event, not a fund raiser, but we will need to ask for a modest donation to cover the costs of the food. Adult tickets will be available for \$10 each. Tickets for children under the age of 14 are free, though we ask that parents make an appropriate contribution given their age and appetite. Soft drinks will be available for free, with a small surcharge for beer and wine. More about all that as tickets are made available beginning 6 October 2019.

**COMPETITORS:** If you’d like to be a contestant, please fill out the Registration Form that can be downloaded from the website at [www.emmanuelbelair.org](http://www.emmanuelbelair.org). All of the rules and procedures can be found there as well.

## Property Updates

Thanks to all who have been faithful to their garden plots this summer. The compliments keep rolling in on how beautiful the campus looks.

The work continues. ArborX is spending the week doing long-neglected tree trimming and removal, most from trees behind the parish hall. If you plan to visit the campus this week, please note that the parking area near the office door and the driveways that serve it will be closed for the week to permit the trucks to have free access.

We are looking for a cabinet maker to install the newest section of our All Saints Chapel Columbarium. The ones who have worked for us previously are all booked up. If you have a recommendation, we’d love to hear from you — just give the office a call.

We are also prioritizing many other projects that need attention. If you notice something that needs fixing, give us a ring!

