

PROFILE



Calvary Episcopal, Lombard



St. Mark's, Glen Ellyn



*Reflecting Christ's Image through
Love, Inclusion & Service*



*Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith,
Branching out into the World*

Thank you for your interest in learning more about this opportunity to serve the Episcopal communities of Calvary, Lombard and St. Mark's, Glen Ellyn in a newly created position for a full-time priest. Below you will find our vision, information about these churches, and a job description.

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Our Vision

Calvary and St. Mark's are collaborating to provide worship, fellowship and educational resources for all ages and share resources and opportunities. Both churches have long histories and established traditions and are well known in their respective communities. Together they are seeking a priest that is charismatic, pastoral, and warm and who will compliment and guide both communities in an open, enthusiastic way, bringing new ideas as well as welcoming ideas from others. Leading worship at Calvary and contributing to youth ministry at St. Mark's, this newly formed position provides a unique opportunity for a priest to promote a vision of collaboration and inclusivity, while provisioning pastoral care, education and outreach.

The full-time priest will spend 75% of his/her time at Calvary planning and leading worship, providing pastoral care and revitalizing outreach to the community to build membership of all ages. This unique position will also include 10 hours a week dedicated to the youth ministry at St. Mark's. We anticipate bridging a gap between these two churches that will maintain each communities' character and bring the congregations together for worship, fellowship and outreach.

Where We Have Been

Calvary Episcopal Church began in January 1929 in a home on East Hickory Street in Lombard. For the next thirteen years, a small mission group held services in various locations, eventually purchasing a bungalow and settling at Calvary's present location at 105 West Maple. In 1945 the construction of a nave and sanctuary followed by a parish hall, kitchen, and church school rooms completed the conversion of the bungalow into a church. In 1951, Calvary officially became a parish and eight years later purchased the home and property next door at 115 West Maple to serve as a rectory; this house now serves as Calvary's parish offices. In 1990 a new church was built at 105 West

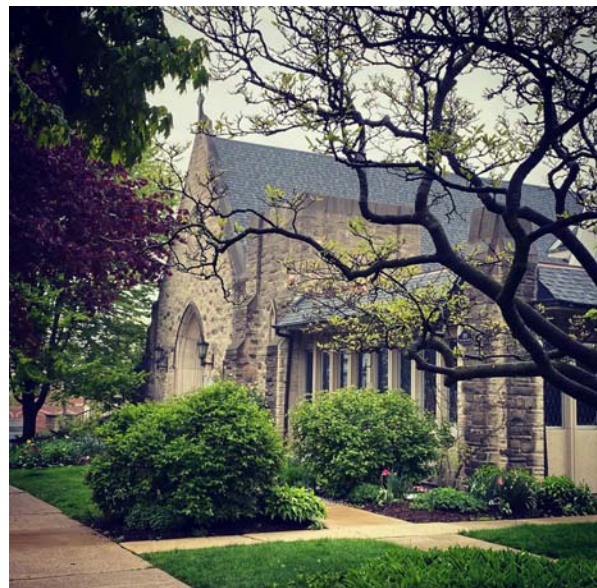
Maple and consecrated by Bishop Griswold to accommodate Calvary's growing congregation; the former church nave and sanctuary area were converted into Calvary's parish hall.



Father Donald E. Castle served as Rector from 1987 until March 2007 when illness compelled his retirement. Under Rev. Emily Mellott's leadership from 2008 to 2016, Calvary expanded its children's and youth ministries, strengthened its relationships with other local churches, as well as the Diocese of Chicago and the Episcopal Church to enrich outreach, education, and congregational vitality. Between 2017 and 2020 the Rev. Maureen O'Connor's ministry inspired and empowered others to live out

Christ's message of all-inclusive love in the world, while fostering the breakdown of barriers such as racial, ethnic, gender, and LGBTQIA+ prejudices that divide and separate God's children.

The origins of St. Mark's can be traced to a first recorded Episcopal service in Glen Ellyn 1897. The name "St. Mark's" was chosen for a new church and during 1900, a frame building was erected on Hillside Avenue and Main Street to serve as a Mission Church. St. Mark's became self-funding and achieved parish status on June 19, 1909. There have been expansions and renovations over the decades which have resulted in a well-used and maintained church



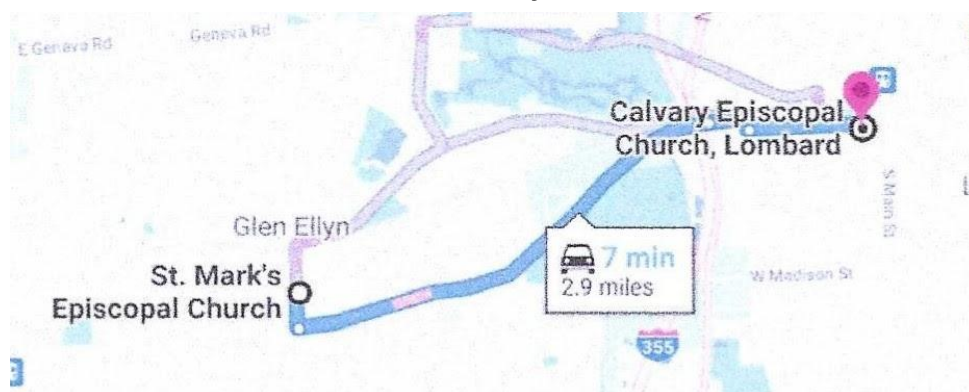
campus that includes spaces for worship, events, classrooms, offices, a Preschool and Parents' Day Out program, a columbarium garden and housing for clergy.

A key moment in St. Mark's history occurred in 2003 when the rector, half of the vestry and many members strongly disagreed with the direction of the national Episcopal Church and the election of Gene Robinson, an openly gay man, as bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire. Unable to find common ground, the congregation experienced a split, with the clergy resigning and over half of the membership transferring to other churches.

Saddled with significant debt from a recent building project and an uncertain future, a search committee was formed and called the Rev. George Smith as St. Mark's 10th rector in February, 2006 to lead the church in a new direction. With a new rector and a congregation committed to an Episcopal identity that welcomes everyone, St. Mark's set forth a new vision for itself: ***“Rooted in baptism. Growing in Faith. Branching out into the world.”*** Between 2006 and 2019, membership and attendance at Sunday services grew significantly to an average Sunday attendance of 400. Part of this growth can be attributed to the introduction of a Spanish speaking service in 2011.

Our Communities

Calvary and St. Mark's are just three miles apart in the neighboring communities of Lombard and Glen Ellyn.





Lombard is located about 20 miles west of Chicago and has a population of about 44,000. The village is probably best known for Lilac Time held during the first two weeks of May, when Lilacia Park, fragrant with flowering lilacs and tulips, is visited by residents and guests from near and far. Lombard is a welcoming community with good schools, a growing downtown

area and the established Yorktown Mall.

More information: <https://www.villageoflombard.org>

Glen Ellyn is located just west of Lombard with a population of 28,000. With a highly educated workforce and high quality of life, it has been called “The Jewel of the Western Suburbs.” The choices for life-long learning and skill building are easily accessible and abundant in Glen Ellyn with award-winning schools, the prestigious College of DuPage, and other area colleges and universities. The downtown area is filled with interesting shops and restaurants.

More information:
<https://www.glenellyn.org/>



Current Programs

Calvary's worship services are rooted in the traditions of the Anglican Communion and the liturgy of The Book of Common Prayer. This is reflected not only in Sunday Mass, but in all of Calvary's sacramental celebrations as well as traditional devotional practices such as the Stations of the Cross during Lent and the observance of the Easter Triduum. Currently Calvary holds one Sunday service at 9:00 a.m. which is also streamed to Facebook. During this



time of transition, we have been blessed with the ministry of our Priest in Charge, Father Alonzo Pruitt, who leads us in worship on Sundays and other occasions, and who cares for the pastoral needs of our congregation.

Our **Music Director**, Sabina L. Lilly, hired in 2020 during the pandemic, selects music for worship, plays

keyboard and/or sings during services, and recruits instrumental and vocal soloists for various services both from within and outside of our congregation. When we return to full in-person worship services, we expect to include traditional as well as modern hymns, contemporary music, contemplative music, and music from around the world in our Sunday services.

In 2021 Calvary will completely overhaul and upgrade its audio and visual systems to elevate the acoustical quality of both in-person and virtual services as well as to improve the visual resolution and reliability of the virtual services.

Calvary is a parish whose members deeply care for and support one another through the challenges of sickness, grief, and family struggles or in celebrating the joys of life's simple hallmarks such as birthdays and anniversaries.

During the pandemic members of our congregation offered Compline on Monday evenings in compliance with health and safety guidelines for any who missed gathering for in-person worship and another member has continued to

hold Tuesday morning devotionals via Facebook. Our **Daughters of the King** chapter has remained active and recently returned to in-person meetings. Our Thursday evening book group successfully transitioned from in-person meetings to Zoom and has continued without interruption. We have also resumed in-person **Bible study** under appropriate guidelines after our Sunday service.



Calvary has always been a congregation that participates in outreach beyond the walls of our church with joyous and loving hearts. **Ashes to Go** at the Lombard METRA station has been a tradition at Calvary for many years. Our **Prayer Blanket Ministry** continues to be a very integral part of Calvary's outreach and we are blessed to have so many loving volunteers who make this possible.

We have also partnered with other groups in our community such as the Tri-Town YMCA and Immigrant Solidarity DuPage to distribute food and toiletries to those in need and to provide meals to schoolchildren during the pandemic. Calvary also actively supports Magdalene House and one of our members serves on its Board of Directors. This year our Lenten Project raised funds for Episcopal Relief and Development. More information at <https://calvarylombard.org/ministries/>

Calvary strives to serve God and one another with love. Calvary's vision is to be a welcoming, loving community that reaches out to a changing society and to a diverse community with all its various needs, while enthusiastically serving God and humanity. We look forward to welcoming a new priest to continue our traditions and support our strengths in pastoral care as well as continue our outreach ministries and develop our youth program.



St. Mark's is living out its mission with a broad range of worship, education and outreach. Over the past 10 years St. Mark's has become a multicultural community with programs and ministries every day of the week. In 2015 St. Mark's completed the Walker Pipe Organ and hired Daniel Segner in 2016 as the Director of Music. St. Mark's continues to have growing and dedicated choirs for children and adults.



In 2008, the St. Mark's **Parents' Day Out** program expanded from two to five days a week and grew from 40 to 100 children and soon after started offering a summer program. The **St. Mark's Preschool** inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy, opened in Fall of 2010 and now has 95 preschoolers enrolled. The Preschool offers morning and afternoon programs and a kindergarten enrichment program. During the pandemic, the Preschool offered instruction on Zoom and opened outdoor all-season classrooms. More information available at

<http://www.stmarksglenellyn.org/preschool/>

Soon after he arrived in 2006, the Rev. George Smith organized a mission trip to Mexico and led 9 youth and adults to what is now our companion parish, **San Marcos in Nigromante, Mexico**. This partnership continues with annual trips and financial support.

In 2011 St. Mark's added a **Spanish language service** to the Sunday worship schedule, which grew rapidly and has continued uninterrupted. The weekly service in Spanish sees over 100 in attendance and bi-lingual services are held on selected feast days. What is now an annual celebration, La Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe was introduced in 2013 with over 300 people attending.



“CREO DuPage” – a program that provides tutoring and mentors for Latinx students to prepare them to apply and experience success in college was introduced in 2019. More information available at

<http://stmarksglenellyn.org/bienvenidos/programas-y-horarios/>



In 2007, a **Pumpkin Patch** was held on the front lawn of St. Mark’s. Now an annual tradition the Patch has netted over \$100,000 for DuPagePads and its mission of ending homelessness in DuPage County.

In 2013, St. Mark’s brought in a ground-breaking exhibit, “Icons in Transformation,” with art and talks by Russian-born artist Ludmilla Pawlowska which was visited by over 3,000 people. Exhibitions of art continue to be shown throughout the year.

Since 2006, Rev. George Smith has made it a priority to meet regularly with local religious leaders of all faiths, inviting government leaders to participate in these conversations as well. As a result, St. Mark’s has played an active role in community interfaith prayer breakfasts, working for affordable housing, and getting a Village of Glen Ellyn resolution passed that opposes racism, hate, and bigotry. In 2020, the vestry approved the installation of a Black Lives Matter sign in front of the church.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Mark’s continued to offer worship services, formation and group gatherings on Zoom, which has successfully shifted to a combination of hybrid Zoom / in-person formats.

St. Mark’s looks forward to welcoming a priest who will lead our youth program while helping create a vibrant partnership with Calvary that will connect our faith communities in worship, formation and outreach.

Financials and Attendance

	Calvary	St. Mark's
Operating Budget 2021	\$161,000	\$1,093,198
Average Sunday Attendance	50	400

Please note: Calvary has the resources for a three-year commitment by utilizing reserves and investments.

Job Responsibilities

- Plan and manage all elements of the weekly church worship service at Calvary on Sundays and Holy Days, including coordination with the liturgical calendar and in keeping with church tradition
- Conduct baptisms, funerals, weddings and other services at Calvary and administer the sacraments at every worship service
- Lead the administration of the Calvary parish and report to the bishop of the diocese on a periodic basis as stated by the bishop
- Initiate short-term counseling in times of parishioner crisis or joyful occasions, referring to local mental health professionals as appropriate
- Set annual goals for the worship ministry at Calvary that are in line with our vision and mission and be open to change and the shifting of responsibilities as growth and ministry develop

- Lead by promoting a vision of growth and revitalize outreach to and retention of all ages at Calvary and in the larger community through education, activities and increase involvement of youth in worship life
- General oversight of the youth program at St. Mark's for grades 6 through 12 with a focus on a junior high confirmation program for 6th, 7th and 8th graders.
- Coordinate with senior high youth and parents to offer monthly social gatherings and outreach projects for St. Mark's and Calvary youth
- Provide pastoral care as related to youth program participants and their families at both churches
- Participate in preaching and presiding rota and attend weekly staff meetings
- Spanish speaking a benefit

More Information and How to Apply

www.calvarylombard.org

www.stmarksglenellyn.org

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarksglenellyn/wall/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryLombard/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsNU2lzPC837kwtBj5weUdA>

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To apply for this position please complete the Clergy Information Form for Transitions found on the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago website. For more information please contact Andrea Mysen, Director of Ministries, at 312-751-4203 or amysen@episcopalchicago.org.

