

## This Week at St. Mark's

<b>Today</b>	8 a.m. HE, 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal (Lg. classroom), 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum (Patience Hall), 10 a.m. HE, 11:15 a.m. DoK Lenten study (lg. classroom), 1 – 3 p.m. San Marcos Eucaristía (Sanctuary, Patience Hall, Gibson Hall), 3:30 – 5:45 p.m. Amazing Grace Ghanaian Fellowship (Patience Hall), 4 – 8 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), Youth Group returns from ski trip
<b>Monday 2/16</b>	<b>Presidents' Day Holiday</b> – church office closed 7-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (Patience Hall)
<b>Tuesday 2/17</b>	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b> 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 5 p.m. Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner and Talent Show, 7 – 9 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible study (Sanctuary)
<b>Wednesday 2/18</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 7:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 10 a.m. HE at The Fairfax, 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy with San Marcos
<b>Thursday 2/19</b>	9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Holy Folders (Lg. classroom), 7 – 9 p.m. Girl Scout Service Unit mtg. (Patience Hall)
<b>Friday 2/20</b>	9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 7 – 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary),
<b>Saturday 2/21</b>	6 – 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 7 – 9 p.m. San Marcos Bible study (Lg. classroom)

### Important Upcoming Dates

**August 21-23** Shrine Mont

### Adult Forum Schedule

<b>February 15</b>	<i>What We Learned on Our Retreat</i> St. Mark's Vestry
<b>February 22 – March 22</b>	Lent Forum: <i>Embracing Forgiveness</i> – video & discussion

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## ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

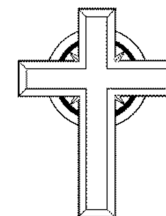
“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:  
an inviting, embracing and serving  
community offering Good News in the midst  
of a confusing world.”

February 15, 2015

**Lent Madness begins this week!** For the sixth year running, people worldwide are gearing up for Lent Madness, the “saintly smackdown” in which 32 saints do battle to win the coveted Golden Halo. Calling itself the world’s most popular online Lenten devotion, Lent Madness brings together cut-throat competition, the lives of the saints, humor, and the chance to see how God works in the lives of women and men across all walks of life. The materials to participate are in the Narthex.

### Four Wednesday Nights in Lent on the Book of Psalms

- February 25 at St. Mark's  
6:30 pot luck dinner and 7:30 program with Denise D. Hopkins
- March 4 at All Saints  
6:30 pot luck and 7:30 program: *Psalm 23*
- March 11 at St. Mark's  
6:30 pot luck and 7:30 program: *The 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm* with The Rev. Donna Foughty
- March 18 at Olivet  
6:30 pot luck and 7:30 (program TBD)



## Welcome Newcomers and Visitors

The members, staff, and Vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church welcome you to our services during this season of Epiphany. If you are looking for a church home, or want more information about St. Mark's, please introduce yourself to the Vestry Person of the Day or to the Clergy.

### Prayer List

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, especially:

In the St. Mark's Parish: Shirley Hunter, Clara Bottner, Beth Oakes, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Richard Sparks, Donna Anderson, Pete Farley, Kathryn Weatherly, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, and Geoffrey.

Our Extended Family: Donna Mayne, Elizabeth Jenkins, Nancy DeLay, Margo Digan, Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Daniel Gold, Pat McDonald, Sylvia Beauchamp, Janet Coco, Danny Butler, David Geeslin, Shelly McDonald, David McDonald, Vicki Rohr, Bob Schaffer, Jack, Jane, Gulshan, Paul, Leila and Carlton.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way. We lift up especially Andrew Kley, Robert Payne, and Tim, Emily and family. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation. If you would like to add anyone to the list, please call the church office or let the clergy know.

*If you would like someone who is sick or in need added to the prayer list, please write their name in the blue book on the table in the Narthex, or give the name to Father John or Rev. Meredith. Names will be kept in our intercessions for four weeks, unless notified otherwise.*

### Announcements

**Our first mission trip fundraiser** is our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show on February 17. We begin serving at 5 p.m., winding up for the start of the talent show at 7. Tracy Tienken has graciously volunteered to coordinate the talent show. If you would like to perform, see Tracy or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**Services on Ash Wednesday** will be at 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The evening service will be with San Marcos. Please join us.

**The youth group would like to thank everyone** for their donations for the book drive. We sent 500 pounds of books to the children of the Rosebud Reservation! Special thanks to Will Miles for coordinating our efforts.

**If you are interested in serving as a substitute teacher for Sunday School**, please contact Karen Ashworth at 703/768-3576.

**There are two important envelopes** included with your pledge envelopes every year – one for Theological Education, which goes to our Seminarian and one for the *Virginia Episcopalian*, for those who wish to have a subscription to that publication.

**Steal this book!** Help yourselves to the books in the library.

**Serving on Ash Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.:** LEM: Jeanne Shafer, 1st Reader: Jeff Gray, 2nd Reader: from San Marcos, Acolytes: Tyler Chui, Danica Plihcik

### Birthdays

February 15 – Rev. Meredith

February 20 – Sarah Hardy

February 21 – Sergio Escalier

### 2015 Vestry



L to R: Russ Bradley, Mike Foughty, Meredith Heffner, Sara Dillich, David Boyd, Elizabeth Boyd, Nihal Masih, Kathy Hughes, Linda Berg, John Weatherly, Pam Smith, Eric Bryda, Ashley Bryda. Not pictured: Wally Tienken