

This Week at St. Mark's

- Today** 8 a.m. HE and Healing, 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal (Lg. classroom), 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum (Patience Hall), 10 a.m. HE and Healing, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 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)
- Monday 2/2** 7 p.m. – St. Mark's Book Group (large classroom), 7-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (Patience Hall)
- Tuesday 2/3** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 7 – 8:30 p.m. GS Troop #4841 (Patience Hall), 7 – 9 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible study (Sanctuary)
- Wednesday 2/4** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 10 a.m. HE at The Fairfax, 12:30 p.m. HE at The Pentagon
- Thursday 2/5** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Holy Folders (Lg. classroom)
- Friday 2/6** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 7 – 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 6 p.m. – 7:30 a.m. Saturday BSA Troop #4077 Lock-In (Patience Hall)
- Saturday 2/7** 6 – 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 7 – 9 p.m. San Marcos Bible study (Lg. classroom), Vestry Retreat at Roslyn (through 2/8)

Important Upcoming Dates

- February 6-8** Vestry Retreat, Roslyn
February 15 Installation of New Vestry Members
February 17 Shrove Tuesday Talent Show and Dinner



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 1, 2015

From Diocesan Council

Amendment C1: Amend to Canon 10 to Allow for Missions of Virginia Theological Seminary

Submitted by The Rev. Dr. Bob Prichard

Are there historical examples of missions founded by VTS?

Virginia Theological Seminary supported a series of missions from before the Civil War through 1952. The diocesan journals listed them as “Missions under the Virginia Theological Seminary.” Seven such mission were listed in the 1941 Journal: Immanuel Chapel, Theological Seminary; St. John's Chapel, Glencarlyn; St. John's Chapel, West End; Christ Chapel, Groveton (St. Mark's Alexandria); St. Paul's Chapel, Baileys Cross Roads; All Saints Chapel, Sharon; and St. Luke's Chapel, Wellington Villa. The last listing was in 1952 and included three congregations: St. John's Chapel, Glencarlyn; Christ Chapel, Groveton (St. Mark's Alexandria); and All Saints Chapel, Sharon. In the early years, the professor of Pastoral Theology took responsibility for oversight of the missions; by the 1940s, the dean began to play a more active role in leadership. Students provided much of the pastoral and liturgical leadership.



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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, 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, Keith Derringer, Rich Line, Kamryn Jesperson, George Daebelar, Danny Butler, David Geeslin, Shelly McDonald, David McDonald, Vicki Rohr, Jan, Catheline, Mike, Carolyn, Tess, Mal, Jack, Jane, Gulshan, and Navy Yard employees.

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

Everymember Canvass Update: As of January 28, we have received 71 pledges, for a total of \$214,921. Please send us your pledge card if you have not already done so.

Your 2015 pledge envelopes are ready. Please don't forget to pick yours up in the narthex today before you leave. If you don't have a set of envelopes but would like one, contact the church office (703/765-3949 or stmarksalex@netzero.net). Statements for 2014 have been mailed. Let us know if you have any concerns.

The 2015 Mission Team and Youth Group will meet today after church for pizza, mission trip information, and to pack and send the boxes of books to our friends at the Rosebud Reservation.

The St. Mark's Book Group will meet on Monday, February 2 at 7 p.m. in the large classroom.

An 8-week Lenten study, sponsored by Daughters of the King, will begin on Sunday, February 8 at 11:15 a.m. in the large classroom. The book, *The Workbook on Abiding in Christ – The Way of Living Prayer*, is \$5. It is a daily reading, reflecting and journaling workbook. Attendance at scheduled meetings is expected. Meeting dates are: February 8, 15, 22; March 8, 15, 22; and April 12 and 19.

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, please see Tracy!

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

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

The next VIC meeting is Wednesday, February 4 at 11:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. This topic will be "Volunteer Fairfax." Contact Rosemary Kley if you are interested in attending.

Birthdays

February 2 – Candace Fisher, Heather Tomaszek
February 7 – Tracy Tienken

Adult Forum Schedule

February 1 *Seeing Christ in Our Guests*
The Rev. John A. Weatherly

February 8 *Saints and Their Importance Today*
The Rev. Donna Foughty

February 15 *What We Learned on Our Retreat*
St. Mark's Vestry