

## This Week at St. Mark's

- Today** **Girl Scout Sunday** 8 a.m. HE, 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal (Lg. classroom), 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum, 10 a.m. HE, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11:15 am. DoK Lenten Study (library), 11:15 a.m. Vestry mtg. (lg. classroom), 11:15 a.m. Mission team mtg. (Patience Hall), 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 3/9** 7-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (Patience Hall)
- Tuesday 3/10** 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 3/11** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 10 a.m. HE at The Fairfax, 12- 3:30 p.m. GS Troop #1914 (Patience Hall), 6:30 – 9 p.m. Lenten potluck dinner and program (Patience Hall)
- Thursday 3/12** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Holy Folders (Lg. classroom)
- Friday 3/13** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 7 – 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
- Saturday 3/14** 6 – 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 7 – 9 p.m. San Marcos Bible study (Lg. classroom)

### Important Upcoming Dates

- March 11** 6:30 p.m. Lenten dinner and program at St. Mark's
- March 29** Palm Sunday
- April 2** 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday Agape meal
- April 5** Easter Sunday
- April 25** Spaghetti Dinner
- August 21 - 23** Shrine Mont

### Adult Forum Schedule

- March 8 – 22** Lent Forum: *Embracing Forgiveness* – 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.”

March 8, 2015

In a Trinity Institute lecture on the disastrous course of continuing to live as if there is no tomorrow, priest and professor, Timothy Gorringer from England spoke of the foolishness of the wisdom of the world. (Timothy Gorringer, “Living Towards a Vision: Cities, the Common Good and the Christian Imagination,”) Gorringer wrote the following: “We all know that we are exceeding the earth’s carrying capacity, living in bio-deficit. For everyone in the world to live like a Londoner we would need three planets.” “If everyone in the world today were to live like a citizen of New York, we would need five planets; like a citizen of Dubai, ten planets. We have unsustainable buildings like the Sears tower in Chicago which uses more energy in 24 hours than an average American city of 150,000 people, or an Indian city of more than 1 million people. New York City uses as much electrical energy as the entire continent of Africa. We know that the richest cities contribute most to worldwide environmental degradation because of their dependency on an unsustainable level of resource use.”

Jesus confronts the authorities of Rome and the Temple in today’s Gospel. Practices were taken for granted, graft and usury were acceptable ways of doing business. But he saw the outrage in different lenses. And eventually, the authorities took him prisoner, tortured and executed him. But, as he predicted, the Temple was destroyed by the very forces that had protected it.

How are you doing in your Lenten journey? Are there places in your life that need new lenses? Take a moment this week to reflect on your place on the planet, and the opportunities you may discover for new life.

## Welcome Newcomers and Visitors

The members, staff, and Vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church welcome you to our services during Lent. 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, Kathy Hughes, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Geoffrey and the Dean family.

Our Extended Family: Donna Mayne, Elizabeth Jenkins, Nancy DeLay, Margo Digan, Phyllis Nezar-Biggs, Daniel Gold, Sylvia Beauchamp, Janet Coco, Danny Butler, David Geeslin, Shelly McDonald, David McDonald, Vicki Rohr, Bob Schaffer, Quinn McLaughlin, Kamryn Jesperson, Don Wills, Bobby Bishop, Sunny Haggard, Young Boon Kim, Cheryl F., Jack, Jane, Gulshan, Paul, Leila, Carlton, Mary, Tom and Gloria.

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

**Today is Girl Scout Sunday** at St. Mark's and we welcome the Scouts of Troops 1914 and 4841 and their families.

**Mission Trip:** There will be a mission trip meeting today after the 10 a.m. service in the parish hall. All missionaries are expected to attend.

**This week's Lenten dinner and program** on March 11 will be held at St. Mark's. Please bring some food to share if you are able. The program starts at 6:30, but come about 5:30 if you can help set up. Childcare will be provided.

**The St. Mark's Book Group** will meet on Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the large classroom.

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

### A "Shout Out" to Amelie Cagle, Red Cross Volunteer of the month

for February 2015 at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. Amelie is a volunteer at the Hematology-Oncology Clinic at the hospital. Some of Amelie's volunteer services include visiting with the patients, providing clinic informational binders to



newly diagnosed patients, assisting in cancer awareness activities for the larger Fort Belvoir community, and facilitating a generous, ongoing donation of blankets to the clinic patients. Thanks for all you do, Amelie!

**We're giving away books!** There are some wonderful books in the library that are yours for the taking.

**Congratulations to two members of Boy Scout Troop 4077** for receiving the Eagle award this past week: Joseph Matthew Dirsar, and Yong-Hyun Kim.

**Mondloch Place is still undergoing repairs** for the damage caused by a broken pipe last month. The staff extends their thanks to all who helped with donations. New Hope Housing will be conducting a tour of Mondloch Place on March 25 at 6:15 p.m. Hear from program staff about programs and philosophy, and from a resident on their experiences and the importance of housing. Reservations are required, so RSVP to Nicole Dillon at [nallen@newhopehousing.org](mailto:nallen@newhopehousing.org) or call 703/799-2293 x 22.

### Birthdays

March 10 – Cheryl Lewis, March 11 – John Youngquist  
March 12 – Pat Drabick, March 13 – Elizabeth Boyd  
March 14 – John Dell

### Anniversary

March 9 – Dawni and Jeff Kissler



### A Girl Scout's Prayer

Grant O Lord, we pray Thee that Thy blessing may rest upon us and all other Girl Scouts. Help us, with Thy grace, to serve our country and to keep our Girl Scout Promise and Law. Make us humble and friendly, eager for adventure, alert and prepared for service. Give us the courage to dare to do right. Make us both strong to fight and steadfast to endure, and may our lives be filled with joy that spreads happiness everywhere. Grant this we pray Thee, for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen