



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.”**

November 1, 2015

Welcome Newcomers and Visitors

The members, staff, and Vestry of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church welcome you to our services this Pentecost season. If you are looking for a church home, or want more information about St. Mark’s, please make use of one of our visitor’s cards and give to our clergy or place in the offertory plate.

St. Mark’s Everymember Canvass and Pledge campaign began last week and concludes November 22nd, with Dedication Sunday, but we ask you to consider the following words from 2 Corinthians 7: “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

From the Rector

All Saints Day first appeared in the Antioch Church around the early fourth century as a day to honor the Church’s martyrs. Originally occurring on the first Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints Day was adopted by the Western Church in the early seventh century by Pope Boniface IV, who designated the May 13th for its observance.

In the ninth century, the All Saints Day celebration was modified to include *all* saints, becoming a church-wide observance of the Feast of All Saints on November 1st. By changing the date, the Western Church sought to incorporate a Christian focus into the ancient festival of the dead that many European clans celebrated during the first part of November. The Church’s observance of a vigil the night before All Saints Day coincided with the beginning of the festival to honor the dead. That night, known as [All Hallows Eve](#) (or Halloween), retains many of the old European customs and traditions.

Episcopalians remember the day by giving thanks to God for all saints, living and dead. It is one of the feast days for Baptism, and the color is traditionally white. The Orthodox Churches continue to honor all Christian martyrs on the first Sunday after [Pentecost](#).

Dia de los Muertos or 'Day of the Dead' Celebrations. Throughout Latin America, *Dia de los Muertos*, or the Day of the Dead, is a two-day celebration that combines Catholic and pre-Columbian traditions. The first day is dedicated to "angelitos" (little angels), the infants and children that have died. Adults who have died are memorialized on the second day. Common traditions include joyous family gatherings at local cemeteries, and parades. Within the Church the day is dedicated to martyrs and saints, with prayers and litanies offered for their faithful service to God. All Saints Day is a time to thank God for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A Prayer at the Consecration of The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry as Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Sunday, Nov. 1st., 2015

“O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by Him through whom all things were made, your son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. Amen

Prayer for An Election Almighty god, to whom we must account all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of this community in the election of officials this week, that by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation enabled to fulfill your purposes, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Hailey Keenon, Muriel Hughes, Mary and Wendy Delay. Also for our Extended Family: Donna Mayne, Elizabeth Jenkins, Nancy DeLay, Margo Digan, Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Daniel Gold, Sylvia Beauchamp, Janet Coco, Kamryn Jesperson, Don Lopez, Vicki Robb, Susan Oldow Patterson, David Raj, Bud Woodson, Fr. Stephen Plumlee, Josephine, Emma Jane, Vincent, Renee, Charlotte Douthit, Morris Davis, Keith Derringer, Michelle Smith, Kelly Clark, Keith Scott, Linda, Ashley, Avery, Fr. R. Stephen Powers, Doug Smith, Sr. and Jr., Matt, Bill, Al, Gerry Massey, Shawn West, Martise Williams, J.W. White, the family of Martha Irish, the Fullerton family, Isaiah, Peter, Martin, Logan and Libby Wingate, Imogene Biddle and friends and family of Angel Allen, Walter and Keleigh.

We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation. For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way. We lift up especially Andrew Kley, Robert Payne, Karl Lautenschlager, Colin Maloney, Tim, Emily and family.

Those we remember this All Saint's Day who have entered the Church triumphant: Judith Ann Fender, Lt. Gen. Ray Shoemaker, Jan Columbus, Phyllis Scudder and Sherrie Lyn Johnson.

Announcements

Mail box key found. It is on a *Washington Post* key ring and in the Parish Administrator's mail box by the offices

Youth Group meeting November 8th from 11:30 to 1:00. Lunch and fun provided! RSVP to Rev. Meredith at Revmeredith@cox.net.

Nurturing Parenting Program – St. Mark's is again assisting Fairfax County in their Spanish language Nurturing Parenting program by providing meals for the families. Our next meals will be the Wednesday of November 11, 18 and December 9. Help is needed in cooking, setting up and cleaning up. **Volunteers** are needed at 4:00 and 6:00 for clean-up. Volunteers are invited to join the families in the meal, served at 5:30 pm. Program with our clergy follows.

Salvation Army Angel Tree: Thanks for everyone who signed up last week to purchase gifts for the less fortunate children on Christmas morning! We have 13 children left out of the original 50. Please consider sponsoring a child or going together with another family. You can sign up online or in the narthex after services. Please consider sponsoring a child or going together with another family. You can sign up online or in the narthex after services. The new unwrapped gifts must be purchased and returned to the church by November 29th

Women of Spirit: We will begin meeting on Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 pm. We are reading Nadia Bolz-Weber's "Accidental Saints", which can be purchased on-line or from your favorite book store. Please read the first three chapters. Our last meeting will be on December 7th. Please join us!

UTO Ingathering Reminder: November 8th is the collection date for the ingathering of monies from the "blue boxes." Please place your donation of quarters, dimes and nickels in the "box" with thanks, prayers and generosity. These blessings are used for grants of financial aid extending the church's faithfulness to God's mission. This year the Diocese of Virginia received a

grant for a special project called “Child and Human Trafficking Awareness”, serving the I-95 corridor. Please contact Delta Youngquist at 703-758-9012 if you would like to receive a “blue box.” Thanks for your assistance. UTO envelopes are in the pews.

Walk, run or bike on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 with Tia Murchie-Beyma at Huntley Meadows Park across from the Shops at Telegraph. Coffee follows.

November Birthdays

11/1 – Mikala Brunson, 11/2 – David Diaz, 11/10 – Dennis Scott, 11/11 – Donna Foughty, Dawni Kissler, 11/12 – Laura Landon, 11/16 –Francisco Robles, 11/20 – Charlotte Gorman, Beth Oakes, 11/23 – Barbara Foster, 11/26 – Zenani DaCosta, 11/28 – Clara Bottner, 11/26 – Sarah Heffner, 11/30 – Terry Tienken

Anniversaries

11/2 – Irene and Roland Parris, 11/19 – Delta and John Youngquist, 11/21 – Donna and Geoffrey Anderson

This Week at St. Mark’s

Today	8:00 a.m. HE and Healing, 9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal (large classroom), 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum (PH), 10 a.m. HE and Healing, 1:00-3:00 p.m. San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-8:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Monday, 11/2	7:00-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (PH).
Tuesday, 11/3	7:00-9:00 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible Study, 7:00-8:30 pm GS Troop 4841 (PH).
Wednesday, 11/4	10:00 am HE, The Fairfax, 12:30 pm – HE, The Pentagon
Thursday, 11/5	8:45–10:00 am – workout classes (PH), 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10:00 a.m. Holy Folders
Friday, 11/6	7:00 -9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Saturday, 11/7	6:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 7:00-9:00 p.m. San Marcos Bible Study (lg. classroom)

Adult Forum

Today	St. Mark’s Everymember Canvass, Annual Giving Campaign, Ms. Sara Dillich, Mr. Eric Bryda
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