



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.”**

October 25, 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 begins TODAY and concludes November 22nd, with Dedication Sunday, but we ask you to consider the following words from James 1:17, “Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Creator, who created all the lights in the heavens. God never changes or casts a shifting shadow.”

On the Beginning of Baseball Playoffs and the Everymember Canvass: From “A Great and Glorious Game: Baseball Writings of A. Bartlett Giamatti” “The Green Fields of the Mind”.

It breaks your heart. It is designed to break your heart. The game begins in the spring, when everything else begins again, and it blossoms in the summer, filling the afternoons and evenings, and then as soon as the chill rains come, it stops and leaves you to face the fall alone. You count on it, rely on it to buffer the passage of time, to keep the memory of sunshine and high skies alive, and then just when the days are all twilight, when you need it most, it stops. Somehow, the summer seemed to slip by faster this time.

It breaks my heart because it was meant to, because it was meant to foster in me again the illusion that there was something abiding, some pattern and some impulse that could come together to make a reality that would resist the corrosion; and because, after it had fostered again that most hungered-for illusion, the game was meant to stop, and betray precisely what it promised. Of course, there are those who learn after the first few times. They grow out of sports. And there are others who were born with the wisdom to know that nothing lasts. These are the truly tough among us, the ones who can live without illusion, or without even the hope of illusion. I am not that grown-up or up-to-

date. I am a simpler creature, tied to more primitive patterns and cycles. I need to think something lasts forever, and it might as well be that state of being that is a game; it might as well be that, in a green field, in the sun.

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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 Jespersion, 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., Lynne Luxner, Julie Knight, Heather Harris, 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 and Walter.

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.

Announcements

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

Nurturing Parenting Program – This Wednesday at 4:30, 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.

Nursery Attendant Needed: The diocese requires that we have two adults caring for the children in the nursery. If you know someone who might be interested in earning some money and helping Pacita, please contact Rev. Meredith at revmeredith@cox.net. Until we find someone, we will need parents..

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.

It's College Care Package time! We'd like to support our 20 college students by sending them care packages prior to exams. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please drop 20 items off outside Rev. Meredith's office. Items might include candy, snacks, post its, pencils, gum, etc. The deadline is November 1st. this coming Sunday.

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. Our last meeting will be on December 7th. Please join us!

All Saints Day is coming on November 1st! This year we are celebrating by encouraging everyone to bring their favorite saint to church! Who has been a saint to you? Invite them to worship with us on All Saints Day! Also, daylight savings time ends so you'll get an extra hour of sleep!

Save the Date: November 8th has been selected as the day that the United Thank Offerings will be collected. This worldwide outreach is sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Virginia. UTO envelopes are in the pews.

Salvation Army Angel Tree: This is a fun opportunity to touch the lives of less fortunate children on Christmas morning by providing them with 2-3 toys or clothes. Please consider sponsoring a child or going together with another family. This year you can sign up online or in the narthex after services. Contact Bonnie Wilkins at St.Marks22306@verizon.net or 703-765-4253 for more details. The new unwrapped gifts must be purchased and returned to the church by November 29th.

Concert at Good Shepherd – Tonight at 6:00 pm. Washington Bach Consort, directed by J. Reilly Lewis. 9350 Braddock Road, Burke. www.good-shepherd.net/music. Tickets \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

One is a Whole Number single day conference from 9-3 on November 7th at St. George's, 915 N. Oakland Street, Arlington. Come spend the day with fellow single adult Christians of all ages and types: always single, divorced, separated, widowed. We will learn, talk, listen participate and celebrate with fellow single members of the church. Keynote speaks is the Rev. Dr. Katherine Grieb, the Meade Professor in Biblical Interpretation at VTS. Continental breakfast and boxed lunch provided. Street parking and metro accessible. For more information or to register, send your name, contact info and number of guests to Katherine_spinney@yahoo.com by Monday, November 2nd.

Birthdays

Today – Kelechi Dominic, October 26 - Daisha Lee

Anniversaries

October 26 – Rosemary and Ed Kley

This Week at St. Mark's

Today

8:00 a.m. HE, 9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal (large classroom),
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum (PH), 10 a.m. HE, 11:30-1:00 –
Youth Group, 1:00-3:00 p.m. San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH,
GH), 4:00-8:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)

Monday, 10/26

7:00-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (PH).

Tuesday, 10/27

7:00-9:00 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible Study, 7-8:30 pm – GS
Troop 4841 (PH).

Wednesday, 10/28

10:00 am HE, The Fairfax, GS Troop 1914 1:00-3:45,
Nurturing Parenting Dinner at 5:30 and program at 6:15
pm. **!! (please note new time) !!**

Thursday, 10/29

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10:00 a.m. Holy Folders

Friday, 10/30

7:00 -9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)

Saturday, 10/31

7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farm Market, 9:00-3:00 – Boy Pan
de Vida (Sanctuary), 7-9:00 p.m. San Marcos Bible Study
(lg. classroom)

Adult Forum

Today

The Rev. Donna Foughty, The Book of Common Prayer.

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St. Mark's Everymember Canvass.