



## 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.”**

**May 29, 2016**

**From the Rector**

Memorial Day Weekend, May 28<sup>th</sup> 2006 Al Asad, Iraq

Memorial Day is not just a time to remember those who died. Still less is it a time to say that war is good or honorable. Rather it is a time when we can dedicate ourselves to living in such a way that we do not break faith with those who died to bring peace to the world; a time to commit ourselves to the struggle against evil - the struggle against the very things to lead to war in the first place.

The Prophet Zechariah spoke, that if you forgot your God, if you fail to keep the commandments to love God and to love your neighbor, whoever that neighbor may be, if you do evil rather than good and act unkindly towards foreigners and refugees, if you steal, lie or cheat, if you take bribes and pervert justice and slander your neighbors, then your land will be destroyed, your men killed, and your women and your children enslaved.

But if you do good, if you care for the widows and the orphans, if you give justice in the courts, if you seek to follow God rather than to grow wealthy, if you obey God's laws rather than worship success and seek popularity, if you are kind and merciful to each other, then your land will prosper and you will live long and be happy.

These are the things that Memorial Day asks to call to mind each year as we recall those who died that we may be free. What shall we do? Live in the way that God meant you to live, in freedom and with the intention of preserving that freedom, by doing all that makes for perpetual freedom and for perpetual peace; by doing justice, and loving mercy, and walking humbly with your God. AMEN

## Welcome Newcomers and Visitors

The members, staff, and Vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church welcome you to our services. 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.

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, especially in the St. Mark's Parish: Beth Oakes, Richard Sparks, Phil Brown, Shirley Hunter, Clara Bottner, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford and Jeannette Parris. Also for our Extended Family: Donna Mayne, Elizabeth Jenkins, Nancy DeLay, Margo Digan, Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Daniel Gold, Sylvia Beauchamp, Janet Coco, Kamryn Jespersion, Susan Oldow Patterson, Josephine, Linda, Ashley, Avery, Doug, Victoria and family, Walter, Father Paul Platt, Rosalie Duncan, Robert, Smith, Sr. and Jr., Matt, Bill, Al, Gretchen, Gerry Massey, Shawn West, Martise Williams, Juliana, Vicki Robb, Janet Davis, Shaina Friend, James Kent, Chris Coley, Carol Ostergard, Sandra Robinson, LaVonne T., the Chatmon and Fullerton families, Julie Stockstill, Charlie Brannon, DonnaLee Strawbridge, Sue Austin, Karen Mendonca and Rosalie Duncan. For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way, we lift up Andrew Kley, Colin Maloney, Tim, Emily and family and Walter Smiley. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation.

## Announcements

**Mission Trip Update:** *Thank you for attending the Italian Dinner. We raised \$1,000! Special thanks to the Social Saints. Please continue to pray for our group: Chloe Lewis, Katherine Larson, Tyler Chui, Ryan Lear, Afia Marfo, Andrew Alonzo, Daniel Williams, Amber Wihshi, Grace Heffner, Reuben Geissner, Yuris Guzman, Rev. Meredith, Fr. John; seven young people from San Marcos: Joseph Buenostro, Emily Marquez, Gabriella Pineda, Natalie Pineda, Fernando Rubio, Justin Baker and one from St. Andrew's, Burke, Emma Jones.*

Our upcoming fundraising events include:

Today!	Car Wash, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yard Sale, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Team Meeting, 11:30 am
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Car Wash, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Thank you for your prayers and support

**Yard Sale - June 4th!** Support our mission team by donating used items for our Yard Sale. Donations are welcome now and can be stored in the red shed. The shed will be open during worship and as needed. Call the Church office to make arrangements. Please NO clothing!

**Celebrate our high school seniors!** Join us on June 5<sup>th</sup> when we will recognize our high school graduates: Ben Slobodin, Ben Garcia, Will Miles and Zach Heffner.

**Seminarians:** We are looking for members willing to work with our new seminarians next year, The Rev. Cornelia Eaton, from the Diocese of Navajoland and Michaelene Miller, from the Diocese of Arkansas. They are working on their MDiv. and will be with us in September through the school year. Please see the Rector, if interested.

**Women of Spirit:** We will meet this Wednesday, June 1st. Please finish the book.

**Fall Children's Music Program** is seeking volunteers to help launch Cherub Music. No music experience required. You just need a heart to share music with kids. If interested, contact Ashley Bryda at [ashpearson@aol.com](mailto:ashpearson@aol.com) or 571-435-0676.

**Walk, run or bike** on Tuesday morning with Tia Murchie-Beyma at Huntley Meadows Park across from the Shops at Telegraph. Meet in the parking lot at 8:30 am, exercise and meet after at Grounded Coffee.

**Shrine Mont Camps:** St. Andrew's Camp is a program specifically designed for children with particular social, environmental or behavioral needs. *If you know of a child or family for whom this camp would be an excellent fit, please contact Paris Ball, Director of Shrine Mont Camps.*

### **Upcoming Birthdays**

Today – Elizabeth Biddle, 6/1 – Stacey Grigsby, 6/2 – Abena Genfi, 6/4 – Len Slobodin and Karen O'Hara, 6/7 – Tia Murchie-Beyma, Ian Morrison, 6/8 – Christopher Williams, 6/9 – Frida Cruz, 6/10 – Andrew Weatherly, Joseph Bradley, 6/11 – Julia McIntyre

### **June Anniversaries**

6/20 – Kingsley and Janet Davis, 6/21 – Elizabeth Biddle and Michael Pumphrey, 6/22 – Michael and The Rev. Donna Foughty, 6/24 – Wally and Terry Tienken

## **This Week at St. Mark's**

<b>Today</b>	8:00 a.m. HE, 9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal (large classroom), 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum (PH), 10 a.m. HE, 1:00-4:30 p.m. San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-6:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
<b>Monday, 5/30</b>	7:00-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (PH)
<b>Tuesday, 5/31</b>	8:45-10:00 am - workout class, if raining (PH), 7-8:30 pm – GS Troop 4841 (PH), 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary)
<b>Wednesday, 6/1</b>	10:00 am HE and Healing, The Fairfax, 12:30 pm – HE and Healing, The Pentagon, 7:30-9:30 pm – San Marcos (PH)
<b>Thursday, 6/2</b>	8:45-10:00 am – workout class, if raining (PH), 9:30 am – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am – Holy Folders, 5-9:30 pm – Fairfax County Foster Care and Adoption Training (PH) , 7:30-9:30 pm – San Marcos (large classroom)
<b>Friday, 6/3</b>	7:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida
<b>Saturday, 6/4</b>	6:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (Sanctuary, PH)

### **Adult Forum**

Today	Memorial Day – Bible Study on the Centurian
June 5	Introduction on Islam, beginning of Ramadan
June 12	Study on the Propers of the Day
June 19	Study on the Propers of the Day
June 26	Ch. Michael Pumphrey