

This Week at St. Mark's

Today 8:00 am – HE , The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher
9:10- am—Adult forum
10:00 am-HE and Sunday School, The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher
11:15 am – Confirmation Class, The Rev. Cornelia Eaton(Heffner Room)
1:00-4:00 pm – San Marcos (S, PH, GH)
3:00-7:00 pm – Girl Scouts (PH)
4:00-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Monday, 11/27 7:00-8:30 pm-BS Troop 4077 (PH)

Tuesday, 11/28 7-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)

Wednesday, 11/29 10:30 am – HE and Healing – The Fairfax
7-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)

Thursday, 11/30 9:30 am – Morning Prayers
10:00 am – Holy Folders

Friday, 12/1 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Saturday, 12/2 1:30 – 4:30 pm – Truth Deliverance Center
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (S)

Adult Education Forum

Nov. 26th Thanksgiving: Exploring God's Blessings
Dec. 3rd 8:00am – HE, 10:00am – Confirmation, Bishop's Visit
(Reception to Follow)
Dec. 10th Christmas Pageant
Dec. 17th Lesson and Carols: The Story Behind the Story
Dec. 24th No Forum – Services only at 8:00 am/5:00 pm/9 pm



“Enter to Worship – Exit to Service”

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ's love:
Offering Good News in the midst of a confusing world.”
November 26, 2017

Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially in the St. Mark's Parish: Phil Brown, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford, Jeanette Parris, Kimberly Earle, Carol Farley, John Dell, Kevannah Campbell, Velma Campbell, Emily Davis, Kent White, Tyler Chui, Betty Hughes, Rosemarie Beyma & the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen, Rebecca Carrier, Beth Oakes.

Extended family: Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Rod Pearson Sr., Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Col. Wil Scudder, Elmore, Mike Greenham, Kwan Dae Suk, Jean Blair, Gordon Murchie, John Savage, Bob Schaeffer & Jenny Crabb, Carol Ostergard, Joe Farren, Kevin and Richard Campbell, Baby Iris, Grayson Howard, Isatu Samura, Wendell Patterson, Emmett Sims, Sarif Harding, the Vangroll Family, Carol Rose, Sylvia Beauchamp, Sylvia Wren.

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

Bishop Visitation: Suffragan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff will visit with us on Sunday, December 3rd at the 10:00am service. There will be Baptism and Confirmation. Pot luck items are needed for the reception afterwards—please sign on to help! See Rev. Weatherly for more information.

Great News!! Our mortgage statement shows we now have a balance of **\$157,876.79** Your gift makes all the difference. Let's cut down our payments from 52 more months of debt. To God Be The Glory!!

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

PLEDGES RECEIVED TO DATE: 47
TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED @11/26: \$169,623.00
MORTGAGE PLEDGES@11/26: \$7,540.00

2016 – Units pledged – 50/Totaling; \$178,672
2015 – Units pledged – 51/Totaling: \$171,780

Special Offerings: Special envelopes for Christmas Flower contributions and Special gift contributions for our part-time staff are found in the bulletin today. All names received by **December 17th** for flower remembrances will be included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service bulletin. Please make donations to St. Mark's Episcopal Church and its purpose on the notation line.

Announcements

2017 Inquirers and Confirmation Classes

- Nov. 26th Organization of the Anglican Communion: The Rev. Cornelia Eaton, “What is a Bishop and Why is the Bishop Coming”?
- Dec 3rd 10:00 Visit of The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, Suffragan Bishop
Any Questions? Call 703.765.3949

Wednesdays in December Potluck: Join us for dinner on December 6th and 13th at 6:30 p.m. for Fairfax County’s Nurturing Parent’s Program. We gather for potluck and fellowship the first and third Wednesday of each month. Under the tutelage of Kathy Hughes, we will provide a main course, i.e. lasagna, baked chicken or meatloaf. We need help preparing at 5:00pm, serving at 6:30pm and cleaning up at 7:30pm. Dinner will start at 6:30 and finish by 7:15. Spanish language classes in parenting will begin at 7:30. Come and join us!

Christmas Pageant: In anticipation of the Christmas Pageant, we will have costume sizing on December 3rd after morning service (December 10th with live animals). We are still asking that as you are doing your end of season clothes sorting/donating, you look for bathrobes (for shepherds) and graduation gowns (for angels or wise men depending upon the color). Donations can be given to any Sunday School teacher. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Room for Rent: Spacious basement apartment for college student or professional adult Parish member. For more details, please contact Rev. Weatherly.

New Hope Housing: New Hope Housing, serving the Route 1 corridor has received 200 Thanksgiving meals from individuals, groups and businesses. More are expected for Christmas. Volunteers are preparing meals at each of the shelter sites. If you would like to contribute or volunteer visit the New Hope website contact Sami Smyth, at ssmyth@newhopehousing.org or 703-799-2293 ext. 11 for more information.

Salvation Army Angel Tree: Thank you so much!! All 50 Angels (children) have been sponsored. We appreciate your support of this Outreach Project. Please bring your gift to the church or to Bonnie Wilkins no later than **November 30th**. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at 703-765-4253 or email, greytdog@verizon.net

San Marcos Coat/Glove Drive: San Marcos will be sponsoring a coat/glove drive for the homeless in December. Please bring all donations to St. Mark’s. For more information, please see Rev. Weatherly.

Prayer List: The Prayer List for St. Mark’s is located in the red folder in the Narthex. It will be updated as needed.

An Invitation to join the Vestry: The Vestry is seeking six (6) interested persons who may fulfill the following requirements: a confirmed adult (at least 16 years old) communicant of the Parish in good standing (being regular in attendance); and "known to the Treasurer".

The Canons establish four primary goals for the Vestry:

1. Cooperate with the Rector in the support of the spiritual welfare of the Parish and assist him or her in his duties.
 2. Care and trust of Parish finances.
 3. Care and trust of Parish buildings and property (appoint trustees, enter into contracts pertaining to property, e.g.).
 4. Choose leadership of the church (Rector, Wardens, and representatives to the Diocesan convention) and certify candidates for ordination as a deacon or priest.
- Plus, have a willingness to dedicate time and energy for the health and future of the parish, attend regular worship, events and all vestry meetings.

Vestry members serve for three year terms, unless they are filling an unexpired term.

Any interested persons please let any present member of the Vestry know. The Annual Meeting will be January 28th. The Vestry retreat to Roslyn will be March 3rd and 4th, 2018.

Vestry Declaration

Before becoming a member of the Vestry, under the Canons of the Diocese of Virginia each person must subscribe the following declaration and promise:

“I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do yield my hearty assent and approbation to the doctrines, worship and discipline of The Episcopal Church; and I promise that I will faithfully execute the office of Vestry member of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Potomac Region, Diocese of Virginia, according to my best knowledge and skill”.

Outreach: Please check board in the Narthex to see upcoming opportunities. As St. Mark’s parishioners, positively engage our community by reaching out!

E-giving –Getting started with online giving is easy. Visit stmarksalex.org and click the “Donate Now” link to create an account and make your donation.

Please wear your name tag! If you need one, please let us know.



Upcoming Birthdays

- 11/26 – Zenani Dacosta/Kwabena Marfo
11/27 –Nihal Masih
11/28 –Clara Bottner
11/29 – Max Donaldson
11/30 – Terry Tienken
12/1 – Davis Jenkins

Happy Anniversary to Liz and Justin Petrick who will celebrate 13 years on November 28th.