

## ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:  
Offering Good News in the midst of a confusing world.”

**September 10, 2017**

### A Note from the Rector

The Communion Prayer for today is from “Eucharistic Prayers,” by Samuel Wells & Abigail Kocher. “Too often, what should be the most dynamic moment of a congregation's liturgical life becomes a low-energy, low-engagement event. Tying the sacramental rite to the words of Scripture for the day, these theological, pastorally fitting, and linguistically satisfying prayers change the Great Thanksgiving prayer from a lull in the liturgy to a focused, fresh, and engaged moment for the congregation.”

The Sursum Corda and the People's "Amen" at the close of the Eucharistic Prayer have always been common elements to all Eucharistic prayers. Other elements common to the Eucharistic Prayers in Rite One and Two include:

- The Opening Dialogue: "Lift up your Hearts."
  - The Praise and Thanksgiving (in this book, it changes every week)
  - The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)
  - The Apostolic Constitution (where one is invited to stand or kneel)
  - The Institutional Narrative: "For in the night He was betrayed"
  - The Memorial Acclamation "We remember His death, we proclaim His Resurrection, and we await his coming in Glory."
  - Anamnesis (the opposite of amnesia): "To know who you are, to whom you belong, and where you are headed, you must remember."
  - The Oblation: "Remembering His death and resurrection, we offer you the bread and the cup."
  - The Epiclesis or Invocation (when we invoke the Holy Spirit over the elements)
  - The Doxology: "Through your son Jesus Christ, through whom be glory and honor to you."
- We finish with "Amen!" or "So Be It!"

### 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.

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, Timmy Carper, Bob Schaeffer & Jenny Crabb, Carol Ostergard, Joe Farren, Kevin and Richard Campbell.

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 and Pat Foughty. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation.

### This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am – HE, 9:15-9:50 am—adult forum, 10:00 am-HE, 11:15 am – Vestry Meeting, 1:00-4:00 pm – San Marcos (S, PH, GH) 3:00-7:00 pm – Girl Scouts (PH) 6:00-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Monday, 9/11	7-8:30 pm-BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 9/12	7-900 pm-Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 9/13	10:30 a.m. HE and Healing, The Fairfax 7:00-9:00 p.m. – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 9/14	9:30 am – Morning Prayer 10:00 am – Holy Folders
Friday, 9/15	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S) 7:00-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)
Saturday, 9/16	7:00 - 9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

### Adult Education Forum

Sept. 10th	A Passion for Christ: Paul: The Rev. Donna Foughty
Sept 17th	Out Into the World: The Rev. Donna Foughty
Sept. 24th	What I Did on My Summer Vacation: Ms. Michaelene Miller
Oct. 1st	Feast of St. Francis Observed: The Rev. Cornelia Eaton
Oct. 8th	“Invite, Welcome, Connect”
Oct. 15th	Honoring, Creation, Restoring Relationships: The Rev. John A. Weatherly
Oct. 22nd	Our 2018 Every member Canvass
Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup>	“A Kingdom Without Walls”
Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	All Saint's Day Observed/ Reports from Diocesan Convention
Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	“Social Justice, Realizing God's Vision
Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Dedication Sunday. What Now?

## Announcements

**Annual Intercultural Summit:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Intercultural Summit Will be held on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at Epiphany, Herndon, (3301 Hidden Meadow Drive, Oak Hill, VA 20171) from 9:30am – 3:30pm. Because we are a multicultural church in a multicultural world, we hope you and members of the congregation will attend, even if you are not currently engaged in multicultural ministry. The cost of the event is \$15 per person or \$10 per person for groups of 4 or more.

**Episcopal Relief and Development Organization Offering:** The Episcopal Relief and Development Organization of the Episcopal Church, a long established and trusted relief agency, is receiving funds for South Texas and Louisiana. An envelope is provided in today's Sunday bulletin for any gifts you may like to make.

**Fairfax County's Nurturing Parent's Program:** Beginning in October, we want to invite St. Mark's and San Marcos congregations to join Fairfax County's Nurturing Parent's program for pot luck and fellowship. We have been providing two meals a month for these Wednesday night programs and we hope that folks will continue to join us. Under the tutelage of Kathy Hughes, we will provide a main course, i.e. lasagna, baked chicken or meatloaf and we invite the parish family to come with a salad or desert. Dinner will start at 6:15-6:30 and finish by 7:00. Spanish language classes in parenting will begin at 7:00 and we will clean up and make our way home. The first dinner will be hosted by the Rector grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Again, food donations are welcome but not essential. Come and join us!

**Mount Vernon Day to Serve:** Thank you for the outpouring of food gifts for hungry children! Please take another step and join us in assembling the "Power Packs" for 2 hours, 9 to 11 on Sept. 16, along with neighbors and friends, at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Rd. This is a great volunteer activity for young children, school volunteer requirements, and to commemorate 9/11 by giving back to our community! Rosemary Kley (703) 719-6238.

**Acolytes:** There will be an acolyte training/refreshers on Sunday, September 24, after the 10:00am service in the sanctuary. All current acolytes and those interested in serving should attend. For more information, see Pam Hamrin or Jeanne Shafer.

**Christmas Pageant:** In anticipation of the Christmas Pageant (it will be here before you know it), we ask 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.

**Parish Pictorial Directory:** If you did not have your family photograph taken for our Parish Directory, we are having a make-up session on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30-6:00pm. More sign-up information to follow.

**Lay Reader and Lector Training:** The training will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am.

**Women of the Spirit:** Are you interested in coming together this fall? If so, please see the Rector.

**"Invite, Welcome and Connect":** Our area Episcopal Churches are hosting a conversation on how to build communities of hospitality, Saturday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark's. We need hosts and greeters to join us this day. The theme is to create worship communities of welcome and incorporation.



**Do you have church keys?** If you have keys to the church doors that you no longer need, please turn them in to the office or to the clergy. Please put your name with the keys so we can remove your name from the key log. If you have a key and still need it, please let the office know.



**Sunday School:** Children's Sunday School will begin on September 17. There will be registration on September 3 and 10. Also on September 10 we will have the Sunday School teachers available during the Coffee Hour.

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

**St. Mark's Summer Music Program for Children:** Today is the final day for our children's music program. They will offer a selection after the Peace.

**Help Wanted:** Mr. Albert Mertz, husband of our former Parish Administrator, is looking to hire a strong person to assist in cleaning up after his cats. This will be a compensated position. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

**E-giving** –Getting started with online giving is easy. Visit [stmarksalex.org](http://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**

9/8—Delta Youngquist 9/10—John Weatherly, T. Daniel Murphy

9/13—Reginald Thompson, Andrew Kley, Frank Cavanaugh, Johnathan Kissler