

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

February 4, 2018

<u>This Week at St. Mark's</u>	
Today	8:00 am – HE, Chaplain Michael Pumphrey, Preacher 10:00am – HE, Chaplain Michael Pumphrey, Preacher 1:00- 4:00p – Iglesia San Marcos (S,PH,GH) 4:00-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Monday, 2/5	7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 2/6	4-5:00pm – The Girl Scout for Home Schooled Children (PH) 7-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 2/7	10:30 am – HE – The Fairfax – The Rev. John Weatherly 12:30 pm – HE, The Pentagon – The Rev. John Weatherly 7-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 2/8	9:30 am – Morning Prayers 10:00 am – Holy Folders
Friday, 2/9	5:00-7:00pm – San Marcos 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Saturday, 2/10	1:45 - 4:00pm – Truth Deliverance Center (S) 4:00 – 10:00 p.m. River Farm Event (PH)
Sunday, 2/11	8:45am – 11:45 am – Mardi Gras Brunch

Upcoming Special Offerings in February

February 4th – Theological Education

February 11th – Virginia Episcopalian

February 14th – Ash Wednesday

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. The **Four Chaplains**, also sometimes referred to as the "Immortal Chaplains" or the "Dorchester Chaplains", were four United States Army Chaplain who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship SS Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II. They helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. The relatively new chaplains all held the rank of first lieutenant. They included Methodist minister the Reverend George L. Fox, Reform Rabbi Alexander D. Goode (Ph.D.), Roman Catholic priest Father John P. Washington, and Reformed Church in America minister the Reverend Clark V. Poling. Their backgrounds, personalities, and denominations were different, although Goode, Poling and Washington had all served as leaders in the Boy Scouts of America. They met at the Army Chaplains School at Harvard University, where they prepared for assignments in the European theater, sailing on board Dorchester to report to their new assignments. In 1988, February 3 was established by a unanimous act of Congress as an annual "Four Chaplains Day." The day is observed as a feast day on the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America. The Dorchester Chaplains: Lieutenant George Fox, Lieutenant Alexander D. Goode, Lieutenant Clark V. Poling, and Lieutenant John P. Washington, 1943

Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially in the St. Mark's Parish: 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, Rosemarie Beyma & the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen, Rebecca Carrier, Beth Oakes, Pat Hoppe.

Extended family: Phyllis Nezar-Biggs, Rod Pearson Sr., Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, 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, David, Ellen, and Erin Mitchell, Roger Ray, Sally Belk.

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.

Please pray for the family of the late George Mullins, husband of former Parish Administrator, Linda Mullins who passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. His services will be held on Monday February 5, 2018, 11am at the Jefferson Funeral Home, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22315. Mrs. Mullins was St. Mark's Parish Administrator from 2002 until 2007.

Announcements

Re-Registering for the Workshop “Seeing The Face of God In Others”: The Diocese has now assumed the registration process for the workshop to be held here at St. Mark’s February 16-17, 2018. Please read the instructions below carefully:

Each of you needs to repeat your registration for the February 16-17 Seeing The Face of God In Others to be held at St. Marks, Alexandria. To re-register please go to <http://www.thediocese.net/forms/anti-racism-workshop/> and fill out the form, even if you have recently signed up and were told that you were registered. This new registration process will give the Diocese information it wants to know about attendees and will allow the Diocese to collect the \$25 requested donation and to work directly with the host parish on purchases and reimbursements. The Diocese will be managing all aspects of the registration process and the logistics of the workshop. Someone from the Diocese should contact you after they receive the form and provide details on how to make the requested \$25 contribution. If you have contacted others about attending the workshop please send them these new instructions. The Diocese will be managing the 25 person attendee cap. They will honor the commitment to carry over registrations from the original scheduling of the workshop last November, however please take a moment to fill out the form so they have a good count. Thank you again for your interest in being part of the solution. There will be some read ahead material sent out for you to use to prepare for the workshop. When you receive it please reply with a short summary of how familiar you are with the material and experiences the workshop provides. Knowing this will help the team to tailor the workshop to your needs. Thank you again for your cooperation.

Mardi Gras Brunch: Our Mission Team will be hosting a Mardi Gras Brunch on February 11th from 8:45am – 11:45am. Come One, Come All, to celebrate the end of Epiphany and the beginning of Lent. More information will be forthcoming!

YOUR PLEDGE IS NEEDED!

PLEDGES RECEIVED TO DATE: 67
TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED @2/4: \$213,693.00
MORTGAGE PLEDGES @2/4: \$7,540.00

2016 – as of December 24, 2016 - Units pledged – 66/Totaling: \$199,752
2015 – Units pledged – 63/Totaling: \$212,208

Lenten Season: The season of Lent is upon us. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Lenten services: **February 11th – Mardi Gras Brunch; February 14th – Ash Wednesday Services at 7:30am and 7:30pm and February 21st - the first Lenten Dinner at St. Mark’s.**

Vestry!: Don’t forget to mark your calendars for our Vestry Retreat in Roslyn on March 3rd and 4th, 2018. Our facilitator will be Julie Simonton of the Diocese.

Volunteers Needed! UCM would love to have volunteers to help distribute food from their pantry on Monday’s. If you are interested, please call 571-255-8973 or see Rosemary Kley for more information.

VIC Meeting: The February VIC meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2018, 7:00pm at the INOVA Mt. Vernon Hospital. The topic will be **Community Affordable and Inclusive Healthcare.**

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

Annual Report: An updated copy of the Annual Report is available on the website for your review. If you desire a hard copy, please contact the Parish Administrator.

Church Directory: If you did not get your picture taken for the Church Directory but would like to be in the directory, please send your picture to Bonnie Wilkins at greytdog@verizon.net.

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

2/2 – Candace Fisher
2/7 – Tracy Tienken
2/9 - Kristina Campbell



“Enter to Worship—Exit to Serve”