

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:
Offering Good News in the midst of a confusing world.”
January 28, 2018

<u>This Week at St. Mark's</u>	
Today	8:00 am – HE, The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher 10:00am – HE, The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher 11:15am – Annual Meeting 1:00- 4:00p – Iglesia San Marcos (S,PH,GH) 4:00-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Monday, 1/29	7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 1/30	4-5:00pm – The Girl Scout for Home Schooled Children (PH) 7-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 1/31	10:30 am – HE – The Fairfax – The Rev. John Weatherly 7-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 2/1	9:30 am – Morning Prayers 10:00 am – Holy Folders
Friday, 2/2	5:00-7:00pm – San Marcos 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Saturday, 2/3	1:45 - 4:00pm – Truth Deliverance Center (S) 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (S)
Sunday, 2/4	Scout Sunday 8:00am – HE, , Chaplain Michael Pumphrey, Preacher 10:00am – HE, Chaplain Michael Pumahrey, Preacher 3-4:00pm – Girl Scouts

Adult Education Forum

Jan 28th Annual Meeting Preview, Meet the Vestry Nominees

We warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today!!

“If it is of the Spirit of God, then it will flourish. (1 Cor. 12: 1-11)” I begin as we ended last year, with the reflection that this parish continues to be challenged, and enriched, by the presence of God. Many events shaped this year, and I think particularly of our mission trip to Window Rock, Arizona on the Navajo Reservation the end of June. Our 13th mission trip since 2004, it was again amazing experience; exhausting and exhilarating. I thank our adult leaders especially, Yuris Guzman, Reuban Geisner, Russell Bradley, Linda Larson, Michaelene Miller and Bill Baker. It was great to be with the Rev. Cornelia Eaton, who has served as a Seminarian at St. Mark’s for the past year and a half, and to have her introduce us to her people and their stories. We were blessed with tremendous support again from the Fairfax Community, and our own congregation of St. Mark’s

2017 was a year when we said goodbye to our long time Associate Rector, The Rev. Meredith Heffner, who was called as Rector in the Diocese of Washington. Sadly we also said goodbye to our relatively recent addition, Mrs. Mari Gibson Merz, who died in May after only two years as our Parish Administrator. In the months that followed this parish reached out to her husband Al, and enjoyed his presence in worship until his death in December. Their mortal remains now lie side by side in our Memorial Garden.

We enjoyed a great year of celebrations, including our Vestry Retreat last February at Roslyn, and our parish retreat to Shrinemont in August. We welcomed the area wide workshop on “Invite, Welcome and Connect”, and proved hosts for over 40 participants. We will welcome an equally important discussion in February, entitled “Seeing the Face of God in One Another”. This will also be our theme for our upcoming Lenten program. With Kathy Hughes and Joy Haggard taking lead, we fed and entertained Fairfax County’s Nurturing Parent’s program for a fifth year in the fall. Our Sunday School enjoyed St. Mark’s in the Park, and our live animal Christmas Pageant in December.

We cannot leave 2017 without acknowledging a remarkable Vestry, and I give thanks especially for our Rector’s and People’s Wardens, Jim Bailes and Rob Bluey. Jim has served as our Warden off and on for the past 16 years, while this is the second time Rob has been our Warden. They led an outstanding Vestry and we give thanks for those who are completing their terms: Wally Tienken, Donna Anderson and Ana Ventura.

As I reflect over a year of many changes, and many blessings, I pray that you will continue to see God as a vital presence in your life and in the life of St. Mark’s, and let us look forward in grateful expectation to 2018!

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.

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 @1/28: \$213,693.00
MORTGAGE PLEDGES @1/28: \$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.

SOUPer SUNDAY! Please mark your calendar—SOUPer SUNDAY is February 4, 2018. Please help us fill the soup kettle with healthy soups for UCM Food Pantry.

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.**

Lost Items: If you have some lost or left behind items in the kitchen, i.e. plates, bowls, gold spoons, etc., please retrieve them from the kitchen shelf. Thank you!

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

1/29 – Sarah Mendez
1/31 – Nina Dominic



“Enter to Worship—Exit to Serve”