

Today

This Week at St. Mark's

8:00 am – HE, The Rev. Donna Foughty, Preacher
10:00am – HE The Rev. Donna Foughty, Preacher
11:15am – Vestry Meeting
1:00- 4:00p – Iglesia San Marcos (S,PH,GH)
4:00-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S,PH)

Monday, 7/9 7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)

Tuesday, 7/10 7-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)
7:30 – Vestry Meeting

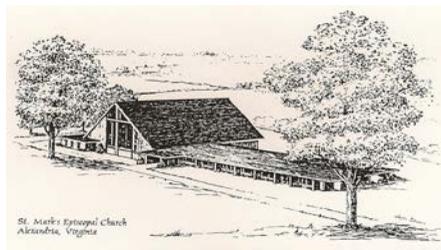
Wednesday, 7/11 10:30am – The Fairfax – Rev. Donna Foughty

Thursday, 7/12 9:30 am – Morning Prayer
10:00 am – Holy Folders

Friday, 7/13 No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, 7/14 1:30pm – Truth Deliverance (S)
4:00pm – 6:00pm – Truth Deliverance (PH)

Sunday, 7/15 8:00am – HE, – The Rev. Donna Foughty, Celebrant
Sheryl Sims, Lay Preacher
10:00am – HE - The Rev. Donna Foughty, Celebrant
Sheryl Sims, Lay Preacher



“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

July 8, 2018

From The Rev. Donna Foughty

A prayer for the times when the world has gotten you down, you feel rotten, you’re too doggone tired to pray, you’re in a big hurry. And besides you’re mad at everybody. Help, lord, help! It is said that when all words are exhausted the best prayer, the most sincere prayer, and the one most frequently used is simply: Help, lord, help! This is exactly what Jairus did when he threw himself down at Jesus feet. Help lord, for my child is at the point of death and all that the doctors have tried, all the prayers we have sent heavenward have failed, and we have nowhere else to turn, help us lord, help. You can almost see Jairus throwing himself on his knees before Jesus. And you can see Jesus as he turns to Jairus and says do not fear – just believe. St. Mark intended for this piece of scripture to help prove that Jesus was the son and god and had the power to even raise the dead. Mark wanted his listeners to believe, not just through the stories Jesus told, not just through the miracles but through that elusive thing called faith. Jairus is afraid, and he panics. All he can see is death. Hopelessness, sadness, failure in finding a way to make things right - a sad ending to the life of his daughter. There are times when we too, may see only hopelessness, sadness and failure. In a world filled with uncertainty there are times when we are frightened, we panic. As Christians we know we belong to a fellowship of the unafraid. But in that moment of being overwhelmed we are! And when that happens everything that Jesus has taught us, everything we have seen and experienced goes – poof. We live in trying times, times where we see wrongs being done, innocent children being hurt and we struggle to learn how we can make things right. Alone of course we cannot make things right, and Jesus does not expect us, alone, to fix the problems of the world. He does expect us to remember we are that fellowship of the unafraid and when it seems like all else has failed we take a deep breath, look to Jesus and say ‘HELP LORD, HELP’. Then we put our walking shoes on and trusting that Jesus is beside us we go forth to do the work he gives us to do.

Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially in the St. Mark’s Parish: Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford, Jeanette Parris, Kimberly Earle, John Dell, Kevannah Campbell, Velma Campbell, Emily Davis, Kent White, the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen, Beth Oakes, Pat Hoppe, Nell Brill, Hailey Heyse, , Kathleen Lemmon, Irrsula Mpouma, Richard Sparks, Kevan Campbell.

Extended family: Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Rod Pearson Sr., Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Elmore, Mike Greenham, Kwan Dae Suk, Jean Blair, Gordon Murchie, Bob Schaeffer & Jenny Crabb, Carol Ostergard, Kevin and Richard Campbell, Baby Iris, Grayson Howard, Isatu Samura, Wendell Patterson, Emmett Sims, Sarif Harding, the Vangroll Family, Sylvia Beauchamp, Sylvia Wren, David, Ellen, and Erin Mitchell, Roger Ray, Sally Belk, John Sims, Shawn, Arlene Washington, Barbara, Robin Groome, Peter Butler, Annie Osborne.

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

Announcements

Prayer for the General Convention: Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel on July 5th through July 13th for the renewal and mission of your church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Vestry Meeting: Thanks to the many parishioners who joined us for last Sunday's Vestry meeting. Following a robust discussion about the process for hiring our next rector, the Vestry voted unanimously to pursue the traditional process of hiring an interim rector and selecting a search committee to interview candidates to be our new rector. We'll have more details to share in the coming days and weeks. You're invited to join us today at our Vestry meeting at 11:15 a.m. in the large classroom at St. Mark's.

Sunday School Teachers: As we plan for the upcoming year, we are looking for 2 volunteers to teach Sunday School on a rotating basis. Please contact or see Pam Hamrin, Belinda Appiah or Nana Marfo for more information.

Vacation Bible School: Registration forms are now available in the Church Office during normal hours of operation for Vacation Bible School. If you would like to register your child, please do so no later than July 10, 2018. Vacation Bible School runs from July 23-27, 2018. For more information, please contact Ashley Bryda.

Upcoming Dates in July

Today – 8:00am and 10:00am - The Rev. Donna Foughty, Celebrant and Preacher
July 10th – 7:30pm – Vestry Meeting
July 15th – 8:00am and 10:00 – The Rev. Donna Foughty, Celebrant, Ms. Sheryl Sims, Lay Preacher
July 15th – 11:15am – Vestry Meeting
July 18th – 10:30am – The Fairfax Eucharist, The Rev. Donna Foughty, Celebrant

Adult Forum

Today – The Book of Forgiveness (part 3) – Russell Bradley
July 15th – The Rev. Donna Foughty/Ms. Sheryl Sims
July 22nd – Creating Safe Places for Worship
July 22nd – General Convention Wrap-up
July 29th – The Episcopal Church in Dialogue

Diocese of Virginia Stewardship Workshop: At its heart, stewardship is about “using the gifts God gives us to do the work God calls us to do.” Come to cultivate and nourish momentum in annual giving and social media communications. After all, churches that tell their stories well are also churches that are vibrant in giving! Join **Julie Simonton**, Director of Congregational Development and Stewardship, for presentations and conversations on “annual giving,” “social media communications,” and “what’s trending in stewardship.” Don’t miss it! It will held on **Saturday, July 28, 2018 , St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22308 from 9:30am-12:30pm**. Registration forms may be found on the Diocese of Virginia website under the Stewardship and Communication page.

Women of the Spirit: Please join the Women of the Spirit as they attend a performance of Jesus Christ, Superstar at the Little Theater of Alexandria, Sunday Matinee, July 29 at 3:00pm. Tickets are \$34.00. Please contact Rosemary Kley at 703-822-7178 or mykley@gmail.com by July 11th.

Thank You!: The Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement of Northern Virginia (VOICE) would like to thank St. Mark’s for their generous donation of \$100.00 to support VOICE of Mt. Vernon. Your gifts along with other contributions will enable VOICE to continue its hard work to assist low and middle income families throughout the Northern Virginia areas. Without you as a partner, these successes could not happen. Thanks to the St. Mark’s family for being a part of VOICE’s team.

Shrine Mont 2018: Please mark your calendars for the Shrine Mont Retreat to be held August 10-12, 2018. For more information, please contact The Rev. Donna Foughty.

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 – Please note: *The MyOffering app for electronic giving has been down for a couple of weeks. We are hopeful that it will be back up and running shortly according to the company. Please keep up your pledges through the summer. Thank you so much !* Over 25% of pledges at St. Mark’s are received through E-giving. Getting started 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

7/9 – Julian Cole
7/11 – Annalise Norman
7/14 – Irrsula Mpouma/Becky Sanders