

Parish Activities - Week of March 12-19, 2017



Sunday, March 12 - The Second Sunday in Lent

8:00am HE I
 9:15am Adult Class
 9:30am Choir Rehearsal
 10:15am Youth Chapel
 10:30am HE II

Tuesday, March 14

3:00pm Vestry Meeting
 8:00pm Open AA

Wednesday, March 15

6:00pm Lenten Supper in the
 Ministry Center

Thursday, March 16

1:00pm Dorcas Guild (Quilting) in
 the Youth Center

Friday, March 17

Office Closed
 8:00pm Open AA

Saturday, March 18

9:00am Altar Guild
 9:30am - noon Food Pantry
 8:00pm Open AA

Sunday, March 19 - The Third Sunday in Lent

8:00am HE I
 9:15am Adult Class
 9:30am Choir Rehearsal
 10:15am Youth Chapel
 10:30am HE II
 Reception for (Fr.) Willis and family after 10:30 service
 4:00pm Appalachian Vespers at Emmanuel, Eagle Rock

Serving Today

The Rev. Ron Johnson
LEM: (8:00am) J. Howarth
 (10:30 a.m.) R. Manley
Lector: G. Sydnor
Acolyte: Gabriella B.
Crucifer: Jason B.
Altar Guild:
 S. Hays, L. Jacobi
Usher: O. Jacobi
Youth Chapel and Nursery:
 A. Palmer
Counters:
 P. Garrison, B. Heartwell
Coffee Hour:
 Linda Webb

PEWS NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

† 3-14 Vestry Meeting, 3pm Ministry Center
 † 3-15 6:00pm Lenten Supper in Ministry Center
 † 3-16 Dorcas Guild (Quilting) meets in Youth Center, 1:00pm
 † 3-19 First Sunday as our Rector for (Fr.) Willis Logan! Please
 come to a reception following the 10:30 service
 --also-- Appalachian Vespers at 4:00pm, Emmanuel Chapel
 † 3-22 6:00pm Lenten Supper in Ministry Center
 † 3-23 APRIL GOOD NEWS LETTER DEADLINE

We extend a cordial welcome to everyone visiting with us today. If you are a first time visitor, *please fill out a visitation card found in your pew. Return it to the collection plate or to an usher. Please join us for a cup of coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall after the service.*

Take a look at what's coming up at St. Mark's!

- ◇ Lenten Suppers - March 15, 22, 29; April 5 at 6:00pm in Ministry Center
- ◇ (Fr.) Willis's first Sunday & Reception (after 10:30 service) - March 19
- ◇ Appalachian Vespers - March 19, April 23, May 21 - 4pm at Emmanuel Chapel
- ◇ Palm Sunday - April 9
- ◇ Easter Sunday - April 16

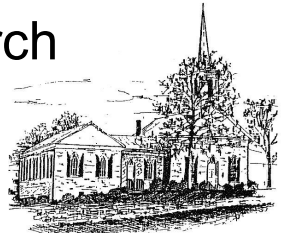
Take this list and a moment of your time to put them on your calendar, in your smartphone or planner, write them on your hand, or however you keep track of things for your schedule!

A very special "thank you" to our priest today,
The Rev. Ron Johnson.



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 Gina Painter, Office Manager
 Sunday morning services at 8am and 10:30am
 Adult Class at 9:15am
 Nursery-Child Care available from 10:15am to 12:15pm
 Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 2:30pm

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
Fincastle, Virginia
 A shared ministry parish, called to:
 Know Christ and make Christ known



The Second Sunday in Lent
10:30am Holy Eucharist II
March 12, 2017

Prelude & Youth Chapel Blessing
 Opening Hymn.....The God of Abraham praises.....Hymn 401
 A Penitential Order: Rite Two.....BCP 351
Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People: His mercy endures for ever.
 The Decalogue: Contemporary (Kneeling)BCP 350
 The Confession.....BCP 352
 The Absolution.....BCP 353
 The Kyrie Eleison.....Hymn S-95
 The Collect of the Day.....BCP 218

Preparing the Word Lectionary Year A

Today's readings invite us to believe and be reborn. Hearing the call of God, Abram (later renamed Abraham), leaves his country and his people, following God into a new life. Paul explains how Abraham's faith, revealed in his willingness to believe and act on God's promises, makes him right with God. In the gospel, Jesus invites Nicodemus, a nighttime seeker, to believe and be born again.

First Lesson.....**Genesis 12:1-4a**
 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The **Psalm 121**.....BCP 779
 Second Lesson**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**
 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of

Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Gradual Hymn.....Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit...LEVAS 121
(v. 1-2 before the Gospel; v. 3 after the Gospel)

The Holy Gospel.....**John 3:1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Sermon.....The Rev. Ron Johnson
The Nicene CreedBCP 358
The Prayers of the People, Form III.....BCP 387
The Peace.....BCP 360

Offertory.....Hear me when I call.....Shephard

The Presentation HymnHymn 380 (Vs. 3)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A.....BCP 361
Sursum Corda..... “The Lord be with you”.....BCP 361

SanctusHymn S-129
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Consecration PrayerBCP 362
The Lord’s PrayerBCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread.....BCP 364
The Fraction Anthem.....BCP 364

The Communion
Communion Hymns
..... The great Creator of the worlds.....Hymn 489
..... Let thy Blood in mercy poured.....Hymn 313

Post Communion PrayerBCP 365
The Blessing.....BCP 365
The Recessional Hymn.....Lift high the cross.....Hymn 473
Silent Prayer
Parish Announcements
Dismissal
Postlude

March 12, 2017 — 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
The Second Sunday in Lent

THE WORD OF GOD

A Penitential Order: Rite One.....BCP 319
Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
People: His mercy endureth for ever.

The Decalogue: Contemporary (Traditional Kneeling).....BCP 317
The Confession.....BCP 320
The Absolution.....BCP 321
The Collect of the Day.....BCP 166

First Lesson**Genesis 12:1-4a**
The **Psalm 121**.....BCP 779
Second Lesson.....**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**
The Holy Gospel.....**John 3:1-17**
Sermon.....The Rev. Ron Johnson
The Nicene Creed.....BCP 326
Prayers of the People.....BCP 328
The Peace.....BCP 332
The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer I.....BCP 333
Sursum Corda.....BCP 333

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory & Doxology
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer I).....BCP 333
Sanctus.....BCP 333
The Consecration Prayer.....BCP 334
The Lord’s Prayer.....BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread.....BCP 337
The Fraction Anthem.....BCP 337
The Communion
Post Communion Prayer.....BCP 339
The Blessing.....BCP 339
Silent Prayer

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Prayers of the People

Prayer requests for individuals and families are left on for 4 Sundays unless requested. If you wish for someone to be left on longer, please let the office know at the time you make the request.

ANGLICAN CYCLE AND COMPANION PRAYERS:

Our Companion DIOCESE OF LEEDS (The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Baines, Bishop).

MINISTRIES OF ST. MARK’S: Endowment Committee.

IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Nicholas Borsa; David Diaz; Patrick Funkhouser; Steve Funkhouser; Erin Funkhouser; Catharina Lindsey.

THANKSGIVING: For those celebrating birthdays this week: **Sally Waid (3/14); Robert Bowman (3/17).** For **Willis Logan** and his family.

THOSE IN NEED: Daniel Beasley; Carol Brenner; Brooks Cabe & his family; Mel Carico; Charlene; Jae-Woon Choi; Lynn Clark; Chris; Christine E.; Dan Collins; Angela Coon; Cora; Jane Daniel; David and Kathy Davis; Dabney Weaver Dwyer; Bill Eddins; Audrey Fontenot; Rosalie G.; Steve Gibson; Steve Gordon; Helen Gregory; Gretchen Greiner; Jack Guarino; baby Roman Halton; Tammy Hamilton; Stuart Hickey; Charles Holland; Laura Holt; Jan; Fran K.; Yvonne Killers; Cindy Lanford; Christine Lawhorne; Joyce Layman; Tom Levis; Terry Loeschen; Bette Mahony; MaryStone; Greg Miller; Mary Lou Mullis; Edward Neil; Noah; Janet P; David Peszko; Flash Reynolds; Denise Robertson; Brook Roncinske; Helen S.; Savannah; Butch Thompson; Ethan Todd; Kelly Van Aken; Sherry Vinson; Isabelle W.; Susan W.; Reddie Waid; Bob Webb; Nancy Wells; Edwin Yarter.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Malanie Parker Jones; Mr. Stanley; Martha Wood Funkhouser; Jake Austin.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING: Jones and Parker families and the Fincastle Community; Stanley and Palmer families; Funkhouser and Wood families; the Austin family and the Buchanan community.

OUR 2017 VESTRY: Pam Garrison, Carole Geiger, Peter Howarth, Gret Kidd, Ola Manley, George Sydnor, and Bruce Wilsie.