

St. Mark's Events & Announcements

Holy Season of Lent

Worship at St. Mark's and most churches is different during the **Holy Season of Lent**. The forty days of Lent make up a season that is more somber and reflective. Purple represents the color of Lent to signify repentance. The absence of flowers and the draping of crosses in purple reminds us that we are in a season of austerity, purification, and spiritual cleansing.

St. Mark's Lenten Book Study *The Problem of Pain* by C.S. Lewis

This Lent we will read Lewis' *The Problem of Pain* as we explore questions of evil, suffering, and freedom. Led by Father Groff, this study will be held on Tuesdays in Lent from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Peace Chapel, followed immediately by our weekday Eucharist at 7 p.m. The study will be held on March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9. Copies of the book are for sale in the Lion's Den.

Lenten Study with the Rev. Peggy Tuttle

The Rev. Peggy Tuttle is leading a Lenten study of the Book of Habakkuk, which is found in the Old Testament. The study is held on Fridays, March 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12. All are welcome to attend the weekly gatherings at 10 a.m. in Community Room B, followed by Prayers for Peace at noon in the Peace Chapel.

Morning of Prayer | Saturday, March 16 9 a.m. - Noon | St. Mark's Peace Chapel

Join us for a Morning of Prayer with the Rev. Mimi Howard, the Rev. Hap Warren, the Rev. Peggy Tuttle, Bill Powers, and Mandy Frantz on Saturday, March 16 in the Peace Chapel. This is an opportunity to experience three different forms of prayer for various personality types. You will be enriched through these methods of prayer and discover which type is best suited for you. Following the closing worship, we will all enjoy lunch together at noon. St. Mark's ECW will provide lunch, so please RSVP so that we have an approximate headcount for the meal. **RSVP:** Mandy Frantz at 561-346-5317.

St. Mark's to Host Family Promise - March 17 - 24

St. Mark's will host Family Promise guests on Sunday, March 17 through Sunday, March 24. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up. Please email Marsha Perkins mperkins403@comcast.net to volunteer.

St. Mark's Stewardship Campaign 2019-2020

During all three services next weekend, we will renew our financial pledges to the 2019-2020 operating budget at St. Mark's as we kick off this year's stewardship campaign called *First Fruits of the Heart*. You will receive your pledge card when you come to church, and you will be invited to fill it out and return it during the services. Please read the special insert, *First Fruits of the Heart*, and prayerfully plan your pledge.

St. Mark's Hearts of Palm | March 9 - 16 Welcomes Auburn University Mission Trip Participants

St. Mark's Hearts of Palm is excited to extend our warmest welcome to Brianna Spark and her group of 12 students from Auburn University. They will be housed on campus this week for their Spring Break mission trip. They arrived Saturday and will be with us through Saturday, March 16. The mission team will be working at the Loggerhead Marinelife Center.

St. Mark's Peace Lecture Series 2019 Thursday, March 28 | 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Coleman Hall

Mark your calendar to join us for St. Mark's sixth annual Peace Lecture series. We are delighted to welcome the **Rev. Dr. Barbara R. Rossing**, Professor of New Testament, from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, as our featured speaker for the one night only event, "**Just Tell Me How It Ends: Hope and Peace in the Book of Revelation.**" Watch for next week's issue of the *Weekly News* for all the details.

St. Mark's Vacation Bible School - ROAR! June 10 - 14 | 9 a.m. to Noon



Save the date for St. Mark's Vacation Bible School! This year's program, *Roar!*, is an epic African adventure that engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. We will start VBS registration as follows: **March 24** (Church families), **April 7** (School families), and **April 21** (Community families).

Additional Announcements

Join us for today's **coffee hour** with host Carol Milling and Audrey Halder at 9 a.m. and Irene Turton and Bunnie Stevens at 11 a.m. in the Staluppi Center lobby.

St. Mark's Middle School **baseball season** is in full swing. Join us as **J.W. Porter**, St. Mark's parishioner and former major league baseball player, throws out the first pitch on Tuesday, March 12, at 3:30 p.m. at Bert Winters Park, 13425 Ellison Wilson Road, North Palm Beach. Play ball!

Many Thanks to Our Volunteers & Sponsors!

Family Fun Day was fantastic because of the support of our **dedicated volunteers**: Jeanne Murphy, Jane Lill, Cathy Harrington, Ashley Kastrenakes, Jeff Johanson, Ian Simmons, Susan McClellan, St. Mark's Handyman Ministry, Mark's Men, Boy Scout Troop 150, and many more volunteers! **Thank you to our generous event sponsors**: First Republic Bank; Palm Beach Orthodontics, Angela deFabrique-Abiusi, DMD, PA; Mark's Men; Amanda J. Buckley "Give a Smile to a Child" Foundation; Nozzle Nolen Pest Solutions; Redline Services, Inc.; A Beautiful Occasion Event Décor & Design; Jupiter Bounce.com; Keller, Keller, Caracuzzo, Cox & Belluccio, Attorneys at Law; and Nothing Bundt Cakes.

We are **grateful for our vestry and to the volunteers** who worked diligently to orchestrate our wonderful **Cantus spring concert**: Ginny Coykendall, Linda Duhy, Terry Ferguson, Tara Harris, Ashley Johnson, Janet Tracy, and Michele West! **Thank you to our generous sponsors**: Gary and Susan Adkin, Betsy Barr, Mark and Ashley Busse, Paul and Helen Corry, David and Ginny Coykendall, Steve and Michele Eassa, Episcopal Church Women, Patsy Elliott, Sherlock and Paola Elliott, Gray Payne and Marlene Everitt-Payne, Michael Grattendick and Charles Freeman, Cathy Harrington, Gib and Pam Harris, Zachary and Ashley Johnson, Scott and Janna Keller, Pat Kent, Alex and Jennifer Kramer, Bill and Sue Moore, Phil and Marge Odeen, Dr. Elizabeth McKeen and Barry Walker, Bob Pearce, Larry and Charlotte Pelton, Dr. Tom Rofrano, Joseph and Alison Samarias, Charles Schlumberger, St. Mark's Choir, Sid and Annette Stubbs, Lloyd and Terri Trotter, Bill and Sharon Turnbull, Jon and Peggy Tuttle, Ken and Diana Trout, and Michael Woody.

St. Mark's At a Glance...

Attendance Last Weekend	548
Offering Last Weekend	\$21,757
Attendance Ash Wednesday	856
Weekly Goal	\$19,000



THE WEEKLY NEWS

March 10, 2019
The First Sunday in Lent

A Beacon of Faith, Hope and Light

Welcome to St. Mark's!

If you are new or visiting, please complete a *Welcome to St. Mark's* card located in the pew pocket.

Church office hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Weekend Services

- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Holy Eucharist
- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with music
- 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Child care for infants to age 3 (Nursery)
- 10 a.m. Sunday school
 - PK - Kindergarten - (Community Room A)
 - 1st - 3rd grade - (Community Room B)

Weekday Services (Peace Chapel)

- 7 p.m. Tuesday Holy Eucharist
- 10 a.m. Wednesday Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayer
- 12 p.m. Friday Prayers for Peace

Assisted listening devices are available in the narthex.

Please silence cell phones. Services are video/audio recorded.

Restrooms are located down the hallway from the nursery and in the hallway leading to Isadore's Garden.

Leading Worship This Weekend

5:30 p.m. Service - Saturday, March 9

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| Presiding | The Rev. James B. Cook |
| Preaching | The Rev. James B. Cook |
| Chalistic | Pete Colella |
| Lessons | Pete Colella |
| Prayers | Jane Bauch |

8 a.m. Service - Sunday, March 10

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| Presiding | The Rev. Sanford H. Groff, Jr. |
| Preaching | The Rev. James B. Cook |
| Deacon | The Rev. Mimi Howard |
| Verger | Leni Bane |
| Chalistic | Gwen Gerety-Hays |
| Lessons | Gwen Gerety-Hays |
| Prayers | Neil Stevenson |

10 a.m. Service

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| Presiding | The Rev. Sanford H. Groff, Jr. |
| Preaching | The Rev. James B. Cook |
| Deacon | The Rev. Mimi Howard |
| Verger | Leni Bane |
| Chalistics | Susan Adkin, Gary Adkin, Paul Corry |
| Lessons | Tony Rizzo |
| Prayers | Joe Moaba |
| Acolytes | D'Natela Okorie-Agidi, Cal Pirozzi, Lochlan Smith, Alyssa Stephens, Elizabeth Swanson, Katherine Swanson |