



The Call



May the words of our mouths and the mediations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight oh Lord our strength and our redeemer.

A Monthly Newsletter

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I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a Holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

See what some of our members hope to get out of Lent this year.

I want to learn more about sacrifice - *Camdyn Addington*

I would like to be more prepared for the meaning of Easter - *Kylee Addington*

My Lenten discipline this year is to commit to prayer at the same time every day, regardless of whether it's convenient or I'm in the mood. My goal is to establish a practice (a habit, if you will), during this solemn time of the year, that I can sustain. In the spirit of Benedict - *Beth Hunt*

My prayer for this Lenten Season is to find my center with the Holy Trinity - *Philip Lloyd*

I sincerely hope by thoughts and prayers to cleanse my moods and my feeling with the hope to be in a way renewed when Easter comes. That's what my plan is once Lent starts besides reducing the temptation of sweets and other dietary habits I have during the year. - *Willie Scholz*

I hope to gain some new insights by reading The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ, by Fleming Rutledge. I've found that new insights into God's being are best taken in very small steps, so we'll see what this heavy tome might offer in enlightenment. - *Stephanie Herrin*

To make my way back to the path of my spiritual journey. - *Marty Fulton*

To reflect and renew my faith that will help me to get back to the basics of commitments to our Christian faith. - *George Ann Beam*

In a world full of despair, my hope for Lent is to immerse myself in prayer to feel God's tenderness and mercy. - *Fiona Brown*

I would love to have a guide for a brief daily spiritual discipline throughout Lent that encourages personal reflection and helping others. I do not like the culture of denial as it just becomes a meaningless Facebook status update that encourages binging at the end and has no lasting spiritual meaning (i.e. "I'm giving up chocolate"). Lent is not a fad diet (and we all know those do not work in the long run). I would like to focus on giving a meaningful moment of my time daily during Lent vs. denying myself something. - *Amy Weeks*

To take more time to be silent, to listen, and to reflect on God's word. Use God's words and through his grace transform my life in a way that enables me to be his servant in the community and world. His will be done. - *Brian Pouliot*

During Lent, I endeavor to be more reflective in my prayer time. - *Genny Hinkle*

To nurture a closer, more intimate relationship with God. - *Debra Smithdeal*

To use the season of Lent as one of reflection and then subsequently transformation rather than the typical self-denial of years past. I hope this opportunity for growth and preparation will allow God to prepare me for the work He may call or is calling me to do - *Sarah Benes*



**Welcome the Newly Confirmed
Pryor Justis Rhinehardt
With Rev. Hollar
&
Bishop Sam Rodman**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

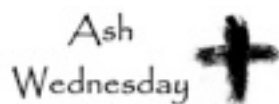


The youth will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on March 5 from 6-7:30pm. Have you ever wondered what Shrove Tuesday means or why pancakes are the food of choice join us for answers to these questions and pancakes...lots of pancakes.



An Invitation to a Holy Lent

Walk the way of our Lord from promise through betrayal, crucifixion to resurrection – a time of finding grace



March 6th

7:00-9:00 AM	Ashes to Go	Huntersville Park & Ride
12:00	Imposition of Ashes & HE I	Church
7:00PM	Imposition of Ashes & HE I	Church

Sundays in Lent

March 10, 17, 24, 31 April 7

9:30 AM Adult Formation 40 Day, 3 page Devotional Book Study and Discussion

Accessible, engaging stories, bracing insights, questions to carry us through the day and guidance for new exercises to try, Mary Bea Sullivan in Living the way of Love invites us on pilgrimage to the deepest desires of our hearts. We'll read the daily reflections through the week and talk about their impact on Sunday mornings.

Tuesdays in Lent

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

6:30 PM Shared Meal Eucharist

Modeled after the many meals Jesus had with his disciples, a simple meal is prepared and awaits us. The place is set with meditative music and lighting. We gather around the collective table for general conversation. At the appointed time, we have prayers around the table, read a scripture, discuss the scripture and then, remembering the Last Supper, we pass the bread and wine around to one another. All ages are welcome. The experience will last 90 minutes or less. No preparation is required for participants. Each Eucharist stands alone so come to as many or few as fits your life.



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 9:30	Liturgy of the Palms and Passion Narrative Life in Jerusalem recreated on the grounds
Monday	7:00	Seder Meal with traditional readings
Tuesday	7:00	Healing Service
Wednesday	7:00	Stations of the Cross
Thursday	7:00	Footwashing & Stripping of the Altar
Friday	7:00	Good Friday Liturgy, Collects and Hymns
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00	Easter Liturgy

Formation Info

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes!

March 5th - 5:00pm-7:30pm

The youth will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Please plan to be at the church by 5pm. Dinner will begin at 6! Many hands make light work!

Civil Rights Museum - All Youth (Rescheduled)

March 30th - 8am @ St. Mark's cost is \$10

We will be traveling to Greensboro to the original Woolworth store where the first sit-ins in the Civil Rights movement happened. See your email for the registration link.

Seder Prep (April 14th) & Seder Service (April 15th)

Prep - 4-6pm Service 4:30-until

This is one of the few times of the year when the youth lead our church in worship. Please make all efforts to be at both the prep and the service. We need lots of youth to make this happen. Each year our youth set the tone for Holy Week by helping us Journey through the Israelite History and by modeling the same meal Jesus shared with his disciples at the Last Supper. We will need kitchen help (adults) and service help (youth) to make this another special service.

Junior/Senior Retreat RISING JUNIORS-GRADUATED SENIORS ONLY

July 8-12 - cost will be no more than \$450

We will travel to Washington DC and explore much of the history of the US and the world. While there we will ask questions like what was the church's response to Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, or the Holocaust? We will ask what our answers should be to events impacting us today? We will seek to find how the church made a difference in the world through the good, the bad, and the ugly with the hope we can continue to be the difference makers in the world going forward. The most common thing said from this experience is, "I've seen all this stuff before, but I never understood it like this."

Wilmington Mission & Civil Rights Experience rising 9th-graduated seniors

July 21-25 - Cost is still being worked out

Did you know there were race riots in Wilmington? For this National Church experience, we will be doing some hurricane Florence repair and exploring the Race Riots that happened not too far from our home. As more details are planned, I will keep you posted.

Episcopal Outreach Camp (EOC) - Rising 6th-Rising 9th Grade \$100

July 28-31 @ St. Peter's Downtown

For more than 20 years this camp has introduced our youth to mission experiences while making a difference in our local communities. There is no better summer camp offered in our area. This I know to be fact. Our youth worship, work, play, experience the church and the of love Jesus and our communities in deep and meaningful ways. If you have or are a youth in this age group and can only pick one thing this summer, this is it! We will sleep at Peter's Downtown and impact the greater Charlotte area (From Ranson Middle School to areas of Waxhaw) in a significant way!

fel·low·ship

friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests.

This year St. Mark's is creating additional opportunities for **parish wide fellowship**.

Our goal is to host **6 fellowship events** throughout the year that are **not labor intensive** but create opportunities for us to come together for some fun and to get to know each other better.

Three events will be held on our church grounds and Three events will be held offsite
(most likely at planned venues in in the community)

Our first opportunity will be a Chili Cook off (see below for details)

We invite any one interested in generating ideas, planning the events or just helping out on the date of the event to let us know.

Inquiries can be sent to Amy Sparks at aetsparks@gmail.com or 704-947-6071

We look forward to getting together and getting to know each other better.



Chili Cook Off

Saturday March 2nd @ 6pm

Osborne Hall

It's chili time! Join friends and family of St. Mark's for a night of chili tasting and fun.

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We will sample and vote for the categories of:

Best Overall

Most Creative

Tongue Burner

Help us kick off our 2019 fellowship gatherings by attending and participating in the chili cook off. If you have a great recipe that you think will earn you bragging rights, bring it. If you just want to see what St. Mark's folks can do with a crockpot and some ingredients than come on!

Adult Beverages will be available for purchase.

If you would like to enter a pot of chili into the competition

Please complete the following form

<https://goo.gl/forms/OaoMkjDvusj7YRKt2>

or contact Amy Sparks aetsparks@gmail.com

AN INVITATION TO MAKE BAR COOKIES (for Ranson Middle School)



Outreach would like to invite anyone who wishes to provide bar cookies for the March 13th Teacher Workday luncheon to bring them to the Church by 10am on Wednesday, March 13th. If you bring them on Sunday, March 10th they need to be well wrapped. Do not cut into squares, we will do that just before serving. If you wish to bring another type of cookie please bring 2-3 dozen. So we can ensure we have enough,

Please email Malinda Bivens at malindabivens@bellsouth.net if you will be able to provide cookies.



Save the Date

**St. Mark's Knights Baseball
Outing**

April 26th 7pm

Tickets on Sale Now

\$17 each

See Marsha Phillips on Sunday mornings
to reserve yours



Friendly Reminder

**March 10th
is Daylight Savings.**

**Don't forget to turn your clocks
forward an hour**



Join the men of the church for

"Thirstday", Thursday

(A testosterone friendly answer to WINE.)

March 14th at 6:30pm

We will gather at

Parry's Pizza - 6851 Northlake Mall Drive, Charlotte

**We will have a brief biblical reflection, food, beverages and some prayer.
Ask for the St. Mark's Group**

For additional information please contact David Fahey 704-562-7587.

No RSVP required but texts are welcome.

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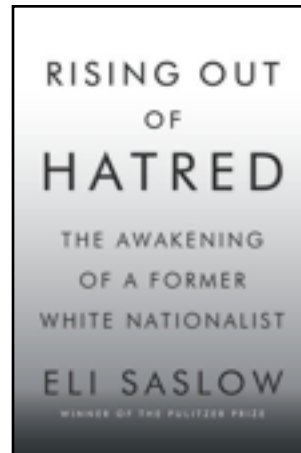
Women in Need of Entertainment

March 18th @ 6:30pm

at the home of
Dawn Michael
101 Marin Court
Mt. Holly, NC 28120

**Bring a a bottle of WINE or a dish to share.
If you don't have time for either, just bring
yourself.**

Please contact Allison Rhinehardt allibrett@gmail.com
or Dawn Middleton dawnmiddleton@bellsouth.net
with any questions



St Mark's Muses Book Club
Join us on Thursday

**March 21st
@ 10am**

We will meet at the home of

Amy Weeks
9906 Avon Farm Lane
Charlotte, NC

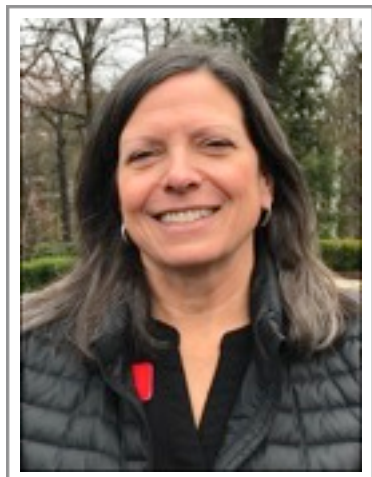
We will be discussing
Rising out of Hatred
by
Eli Saslow

Join us even if you haven't read the book.
New bookclub selections will be given out at this
time.

For more information please contact
Genny Hinkle for more information.
gnvhinkle@yahoo.com or 704-595-7957

Get to Know our Members

Did you know they are sisters?



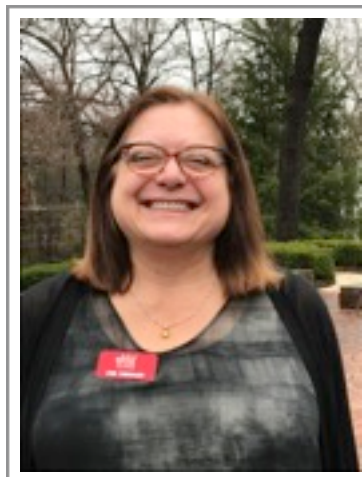
Kay Knosby

I am from Perry, IA. I lived in Charlotte for 20 years and just moved to Huntersville 2 years ago.

I have been at St. Mark's for

around 6 months. We were attending St. Mark's Catholic Church and decided we really followed the beliefs of the Episcopal Church more than Catholic so we switched over. St. Mark's Episcopal has been very welcoming.

My hobbies include reading and zumba. I have three grown children.



Lynn Cavanaugh

I moved from Iowa a year and a half ago and have been at St. Mark's a couple of months.

We were going to the Catholic

Church in Huntersville and were not happy with it, we visited St Marks and liked the parish.

I love to swim, read and spend time with family. I have a two year old grandson that lives here in Charlotte.

Shannon Hunt

(Get to know our Youth)



I'm in 8th grade and have been at St. Mark's for 4 1/2 years. My favorite food is pizza. The coolest thing I have done is youth is gone to a retreat at Look Up Lodge in South Carolina. I had a really amazing and fun experience. I enjoyed every second of it and learned a lot. My favorite part of youth is the people in it and the things we talk about and learn.

The advice I give to a new youth member is to be yourself and don't worry about anyone judging you. I would also give the advice of being there most weeks because we do a lot of things that build off of the previous weeks. Sorry for the late response.



Birthdays

Steph Ryan Herrin - 3/2
 Riley Milholland - 3/3
 Vincent Boyle - 3/6
 Alan Kathman - 3/7
 Jessica DuBois - 3/9
 Mallory Savage - 3/11
 Greg Weeks - 3/15
 Robert James - 3/17
 Jordana Gheraibeh - 3/21
 Elizabeth Wilson - 3/25
 James Woolley - 3/25
 Aiden Hollar - 3/27
 Chris Kendrick - 3/27
 Hannah Savage - 3/27
 Don Siegel - 3/28
 Jerry Schroeder - 3/29
 Jim Wilson - 3/30

Anniversaries

Philip & Melanie Blythe - 3/5
 Michael & Elizabeth Havens - 3/5
 Rev. Ty & Debra Smithdeal - 3/18
 Richard & Mary Beth Masline - 3/19

Prayers for continued healing:

Willard Osburn
 Saunders & Billy Black Martha Ann Springer
 Bob Egan Joe Brown
 Phyllis Barnwell Mike Wilson
 Elena Michel and her family
 Richard & Mary Beth Masline

New Members:

Kari Swogger child Taylor
Connie & Blair Swogger
Ginger Stensby
Mona Depew
Jonathan & Emily Hines children
Thomas & Emma

Panera Bread Pick-Up

Don & Debbie Siegel - 3/1
Scott Hundertmark - 3/8
Mark & Lacy Hamilton - 3/15
Ian & Liesel Doolittle - 3/22
Andrew & Libby James - 3/29

2019 Stewardship Update

	2019 Budget	January YTD Actual
Current Pledge Total	\$339,910	\$55,281
All other anticipated income		
Non-Pledge Offerings	\$20,000	\$2,370
Other Income (use of space by outside groups)	\$17,000	\$500
Sales Tax Refunds	\$5,000	
Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income	<u>\$33,360</u>	<u>\$ 2,780</u>
Total Budgeted Operating Income	\$415,270	\$60,931
2018 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
Staff	\$264,950	\$21,762
Diocesan Support	\$40,512	\$ 3,376
Campus Maintenance & Utilities	\$69,547	\$ 4,084
Office Administration & Other	\$27,450	\$ 2,845
Youth & Christian Formation	\$12,190	\$ 1,678
Outreach & Escuelita Support	\$14,400	\$ 2,800
Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Stewardship & Parish Retreat	\$ 7,100	\$ 135
Worship & Music	\$ 2,765	\$ 165
%4 pledges unfulfilled based on historical average	<u>\$13,596</u>	
Total 2018 Budgeted Expenses	\$452,510	\$36,460
Current Excess/ Deficit of receipts over disbursements	\$37,240	\$24,471

***Year to Date Pledge Fulfillment 16%**



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