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# 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.*

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## Giving Thanks



This year Thanksgiving will be celebrated differently at our house. Aunt Louise's silver won't be freshly polished. Fall gourds won't be arranged on the dining table with less artistic flair than the way my mother would have placed them. There will be no fretting over timing the Sister Schubert rolls to come out warm but not burned aligning with the thoroughly cooked turkey. The son who always comes with the deviled eggs and sweet potato casserole will be in New Jersey with the wife's side of the family. We won't wake early and dress for church. I won't offer prayers in St. Mark's lovely quiet sanctuary. Instead, the husband, the daughter and I will take an uneventful hour long drive to the dark wood paneled dining hall of my parents' retirement community and we will be served a well executed traditional Thanksgiving lunch.

There will be a lot of food options, the service will be gracious and conversation most congenital. We will laugh and appreciate the opportunity to gather. We will know we are so very lucky. We have health. We have means to pay our bills. We have love in our lives. We have work that engages us and doesn't break our spirits. We have friends and companions and a family that treats its members with affection and respect. Yes, we are so very lucky. At some point during the dinner, we will do as we always do on this day. We will share that for which we are most grateful. It will be good stuff. Someone will get teary. Probably more than one someone.

I say our Thanksgiving will be different but only in some details. The essentials will be the same. Giving thanks, acknowledging blessings, giving God God's due for his providence and care for the world will be the business and privilege of the day. I hope you and yours will find space around the holiday table to say things that need to be said. I love you. You're doing a good job in parenting me. I'm proud of you. We don't always agree but I respect you in these things.... God is good to us in easy times and the harder ones too. I see God working in our family in these ways....

To help us focus our gratitude, the Sunday before the holiday we will include Thanksgivings for our Common Life and Thanksgivings for Our Life as a Nation as our Prayers of the People at the 8:30 and 11:00 services. We hope this option from the *Book of Common Prayer* will remind us yet again of the goodness of the Lord.

Sarah +



## Welcome the Newly Baptized

Vincent Allen Perrotta

(pictured here)

with parents

Sadie and Vin

Not pictured but also newly baptized

Eleanor Walseman

Proud parents

Michael and Samantha

## Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served



If you are serving or have served  
in the armed forces

We would like to honor you for your service.

We invite you to wear your uniforms on  
Sunday November 10th (at either service)



## The Feast of All Saints

**All Saints' Day** commemorates all saints, known and unknown, on Nov. 1st. All Saints' Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year, and one of the four days recommended for the administration of baptism. All Saints' Day may also be celebrated on the Sunday following Nov. 1. Names of family and friends who have departed this life and now reside with the Holy Trinity and all company of heaven will be read at the 8:30 and 11:00 services on **Sunday, November 3rd** as we begin the Eucharist. This year the services will include additional time for remembrance of the saints in our lives.

# Save the Date



## A Pie Prelude to Ponder a Purpose

When: Sunday November, 24 @ 9:30

Where: St. Mark's Fellowship Hall

Why: Excellent question! Come, enjoy some pie, and find out



# Formation Info.

WHO  
AM I?

The Great Theologian Dr. Suess once wrote,

"Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is you-er than you. Shout aloud, I am glad to be what I am. Thank goodness I'm not a ham, or a clam, or a dusty old jar of gooseberry jam. I am what I am, what a great thing to be. If I say so myself, happy everyday to be me!"

Over the past several weeks our youth have been exploring a few questions. We have been asking Who am I? Who did God create me to be? We have shared many experiences in trying to answer these questions? Some involving delicious food other experiences include tight roping and zip lining.

If someone asked you today, Who are you, how might you answer the question? What would be the first words you would say in response to answering the question? The good news is, there really isn't a wrong answer. The answers we give to these questions might change and grow into different things, but no matter what we answer the truth remains. You are you. There is no one alive that is you-er than you. You are a beloved child of God. You are fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God.



The next time you have a hard day or wonder what in the world is going on, remember that you were created with a purpose and in the eyes of God you are perfectly and marvelously made just the way you are. Be happy everyday to be you!



# Discovering the Diaconate



**An interactive, informative event for:**

- **Priests, seminarians, and those in the process for the priesthood**
- **Members (or potential members) of Parish Discernment Committees**
- **ANYONE feeling a tug toward serving others who wants to learn more about this order of ministry!**

**Come and meet the Bishop(s), deacons, and persons in the ordination process for informal conversation, hear a panel discussion, and see and learn more about diaconal ministry and the ordination process.**

**LISTEN! God is calling deacons!**

**Two events coming up:**

**Sunday, October 13  
2 - 4 PM  
Church of the Nativity  
8849 Ray Road  
Raleigh, NC 27613**

**Sunday, November 3  
3 -4:45 PM  
Christ Church  
1412 Providence Road  
Charlotte, NC 28207**

## **Contacts:**

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# Rainbows of Promise

La Escuelita San Marcos Sixth Annual Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser

Saturday, November 16th, 2019 6:00pm—9:00pm

Hopewell Presbyterian Church 10500 Beatties Ford Road Huntersville, North Carolina

An initiative of the Kate MacIntyre Foundation, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and Hopewell Presbyterian Church

Advance Ticket \$20

**Advance Tickets are \$20 each \$25 at door**

**Sponsor a table of 8 for \$140**

**Tickets will go on sale soon**

**If you have any items for the auction please**

**contact**

**Kelly Pope**

**[kellytpope@gmail.com](mailto:kellytpope@gmail.com)**

**Can't come?**

**Donations to La Escuelita are also welcome**

La Escuelita San Marcos - Child and Family Services is a 501(c)(3) so tickets are tax deductible. 100% of the funds go toward operating LESM, including paying our wonderful teachers, providing supplies for the children and more.

We're thankful for the support of our partners for making this dinner happen, now it's up to YOU, our community, to make this a night to remember!

Can't attend? Did you know that you can make a donation DIRECTLY from Children & Family Services Center website? It takes less than 30 seconds! Simply go to:

<https://www.childrenfamily.org/> and click our logo at the bottom of our page!

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## *St. Mark's holds it's 13th annual Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale!*



We will sell 2 sizes of wreaths & various sizes of trees.

**Sunday November 3rd through November 24th**

**32" wreaths will be available for \$25**

**24" wreaths for \$20**

**Trees range in height from 4'5" to 8' 9"**

**Prices range from \$25 - \$85**

Both are beautiful, very full and also make great gifts.

Benefits go to support our Escuelita

### **Building Notes for the November Call**



Good progress has been made the past 30 days in land development and finalizing mechanical, electrical, and plumbing plans. Barn Swallows, St. Mark's Volunteers engaged in managing the building project met and reviewed the scope of work for the next 10 – 12 months. Brian Pouliot agreed to manage our comprehensive task assignments and he and I will meet weekly to review progress.

Our general contractor now has all plans to conduct a budget review and when completed we will apply for a BUILDING PERMIT! My estimate for land development is slightly delayed and I continue to 'discover' the nuance of City and County approval process. I will joyfully announce in church when we plan the first shovel in the ground. Plans for the Parish Hall renovation are being finalized and our initial budget review is positive.

If you have questions, please let me know and please also *pray for each other and the workers who will be present on our campus during in this grand project for St Mark's!*

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Macon





### **Birthdays**

Emily Hines – 11/1  
 Liesel Doolittle – 11/2  
 Alan Vanevenhoven – 11/2  
 Phyllis Barnwell – 11/4  
 Jim Wilson - 11/5  
 Suzanne Ferguson - 11/9  
 Julia Williams - 11/9  
 Sawyer Gambill - 11/10  
 Wendy Bynoe – 11/13  
 Avery Lyons – 11/14  
 Ash Hollar – 11/15  
 Sue Bartlett - 11/17  
 Mary Beth Masline - 11/17  
 Christopher Milholland - 11/20  
 Debra Smithdeal – 11/22  
 George Ann Beam – 11/23  
 Bethany Cinq-Mars – 11/23  
 Jacob Sparrow – 11/23  
 Eileen Moreno – 11/27  
 Rebecca Leisey – 11/28  
 Rowan Stein – 11/30

### **Anniversaries**

Brent & Amy Sparks - 11/5  
 Jim & Beth Wilson - 11/6  
 Mike & Tracy Tinsley - 11/21  
 Jeff Haas & Rev. Cathie Caimano – 11/29

### **Prayers for continued healing:**

Willard & Barb Osburn	
Richard & Mary Beth Masline	
Saunders & Billy Black	Martha Ann Springer
Bob Egan	Phyllis Barnwell
Mike Wilson	
Elena Michel and her family	
Teresa Reale	Ty Smithdeal
Marlene Bandis	

### **New Members:**

**Maxine Phillips**

**Wendy Bynoe & Nicole Clarke**

**Welcome Back**

**Michael & Samantha Walseman  
child, Eleanor**

### **Panera Bread Pick-Up**

**Don & Debbie Siegel – 11/1**  
**Scott Hundertmark – 11/8**  
**Mark & Lacy Hamilton – 11/15**  
**Don & Debbie Siegel – 11/22**  
**Andrew & Libby James – 11/29**



Join the men of the church for

**“Thirstday”, Thursday**

(A testosterone friendly answer to WINE.)

**November 8th at 6:30pm**

We will gather at  
Killington's

10010 Rose Commons Dr.

Huntersville

For additional information please contact David Fahey 704-562-7587.  
No RSVP required but texts are welcome.

**W.I.N.E.**



**Women in Need of Entertainment**

**November 18th @ 6:30pm**

at the home of

**Linda Amidei**  
8502 Heron Glen Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28214

**We will be collecting donations of lip balm  
and finger nail clippers for Project Outpour.  
A nonprofit that provides showers for the  
homeless.**

**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](mailto:allibrett@gmail.com) or  
Dawn Middleton [dawnmittleton@bellsouth.net](mailto:dawnmittleton@bellsouth.net)  
with any questions

St. Mark's Muses Book Club

We will meet on  
Thursday November 14th  
at 10am at St. Mark's

We will read.

**America Is Not The Heart**  
by: Elaine Castillo



If you would like a copy of the book or need  
additional information please contact  
Genny Hinkle at [gnvvhinkle@yahoo.com](mailto:gnvvhinkle@yahoo.com)

## First Fruits



If you were not able to return your pledge cards on October 13, 2019

There is still time to do so

Please return your pledge certificate with or without a designated amount in the offering plate or to the church office, so we know you have been included in our invitation to support our parish ministries.



**Save the Date**  
**2019 Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday December 8th**  
**at the 9:30 hour**

Join us for important updates about the state of the church,  
vote for three new vestry members as three roll off,  
enjoy a delicious breakfast hosted by our Hospitality Ministry.



Greetings from Göttweig Abbey in Krems, Austria.  
The Abbey is 900 years old and overlooks the Wachau Valley and the Danube River.

They said they were in somber prayer.  
What do you think?

Lynnda Jordan, Malinda Bivens, Linda Amidei and friend.

**Day Light Savings Time Ends Sunday November 3rd @ 2am**





## 2019 Stewardship Update

	2019 Budget	September 2019 YTD Actual
Current Pledged Income	\$343,410	\$261,528
All other anticipated income		
<b>Non-Pledge Offerings</b>	\$20,000	\$20,019
<b>Other Income (use of space by outside groups)</b>	\$17,000	\$ 9,745
<b>Sales Tax Refunds</b>	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,145
<b>Daisy Shipp McCoy Foundation Trust Income</b>	<u>\$33,360</u>	<u>\$25,420</u>
<b>Total Budgeted Operating Income</b>	<b>\$418,770</b>	<b>\$320,858</b>
2018 Budgeted Expenses Approved by Vestry		
<b>Staff</b>	\$264,950	\$199,309
<b>Diocesan Support</b>	\$40,512	\$ 30,384
<b>Campus Maintenance &amp; Utilities</b>	\$55,447	\$ 30,172
<b>Office Administration &amp; Other</b>	\$27,450	\$ 20,926
<b>Youth &amp; Christian Formation</b>	\$12,190	\$ 6,370
<b>Outreach &amp; Escuelita Support</b>	\$14,400	\$ 10,727
<b>Parish Life, Pastoral Care, Stewardship &amp; Parish Retreat</b>	\$ 7,100	\$ 3,047
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	\$ 2,765	\$ 2,179
<b>%4 pledges unfulfilled based on historical average</b>	<b><u>\$13,736</u></b>	
<b>Total 2018 Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$438,550</b>	<b>\$303,115</b>
Current Excess/ <b>Deficit</b> of receipts over disbursements	<b>\$19,780</b>	<b>\$17,743</b>

**\*Year to Date Pledge Fulfillment 76%**

**2020 Pledge update 71 families for a total of \$271,951.96**

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