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## Bulletin Board

March 13, 2020

*Dear Friends,*

Rick Powell, the staff members of St. Mark's and I (Jan Littell) were in a meeting Tuesday regarding what steps we should take in the interest of wellness and safety during this time of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). While in the meeting, an email came in from Bishop Wright on this topic. I edited it for brevity and share with you here:

**With new information and new requests from health officials, I have decided to require the clergy of this diocese to practice the following guidelines:**

- 1. While the common cup, properly administered, has been scientifically proven to be safer than intinction, health officials are now asking us to cease the use of the common cup.** Last week I asked you to consider stopping the practice of intinction. Today, I am directing you to stop the use of the common cup.
- 2. With this in mind, communion will only be offered in one kind, the bread.** Have as few people as possible, preferably priests, to administer the bread, and that those people wash their hands and sanitize often while distributing. Every effort should be made not to touch the hands of those receiving.
- 3. The new request from health officials regards the water in the baptismal font.** I am requesting that when possible, and if possible, water in the fonts be drained, and that the practice of dipping the hands in the water of a font be discontinued.
- 4. The Peace.** Refrain from hugging or shaking hands during the Sign of Peace (a bow, elbow bump or verbal gesture is appropriate). *Side note: Our own Beth Nichols will demonstrate some fun, appropriate ways for greeting.*
- 5. Eucharistic Visitors.** I believe this practice of sending Eucharistic Visitors should be ceased for now. My request is that home visits be restricted to ordained persons for now and that Eucharistic Visitors not be deployed until further notice.
- 6. Passing the offering plate.** We will place the offering plate at the first pew, as we do in the 8:00 service. Please place your offering there.

Additionally, according to the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the simplest and most effective way to prevent illness, is to take extra care to practice basic health habits, including:

- Washing your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds
- Taking advantage of hand sanitizer wherever it's available
- Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing using a tissue or your bent elbow. And always dispose of the used tissue and wash your hands afterwards
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with your hands
- Avoiding close contact with sick people

At St. Mark's we have taken these actions:

- We have placed hand sanitizer in various locations in the church; use liberally.
- Hand sanitizer is being used liberally at the altar; we will also clean/sanitize the altar rails between services, as well as the backs of the pews (where you hold onto it) and door knob
- And remember, if you do not feel well, don't come.

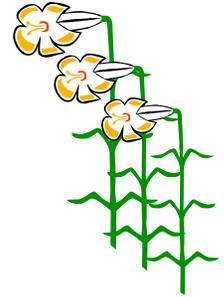
**And finally, from the Bishop:** Let me also say that as we take up these behaviors to help keep ourselves safe, let us take up a new depth in our prayer life. In the days and weeks to come, join me in praying for those who are sick and those who love them, and for those who have died because of this virus; for those who are oppressed by fear and for those who are losing the income that sustains them. Let us also pray for those in the medical, scientific, research and pharmaceutical communities devoting their time and talent to the cause of global health. And, let us pray for all our elected officials and all those who hold the common trust that their wisdom and compassion for all people will increase. Finally, I pray that your faith in our unshakable God will be your consolation during these anxiety producing times.

*In Christ, The Right Reverend Robert C. Wright, Bishop, The Diocese of Atlanta*

*It's time to fill out forms for Easter Lilies and Instrumentalists donations. Easter Sunday is April 12th, so get your forms and checks together and turn them in to the Parish Office by **4/6/19**. Forms are available in the office on the desk, in the box on the door to the Parish Office or in the narthex.*

## Easter Lilies And Instrumentalists

If you wish to make a donation toward Easter Lilies or instrumentalists, please fill out the form below and return it with a check made out to St. Mark's by April 15 so the information can be listed in the Easter bulletin. Thank you—



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**EASTER LILIES:** \$15.00 each  
Altar Flowers: \$120.00

Narthex: \$60.00  
Outside Basket: \$60.00

Name of donor: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate (#) \_\_\_\_\_ lilies

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

in thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of (#) \_\_\_\_\_ lilies  
(and/or) \_\_\_\_\_ flowers.

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### INSTRUMENTALISTS FOR EASTER SERVICE

Name of donor: \_\_\_\_\_

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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in thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

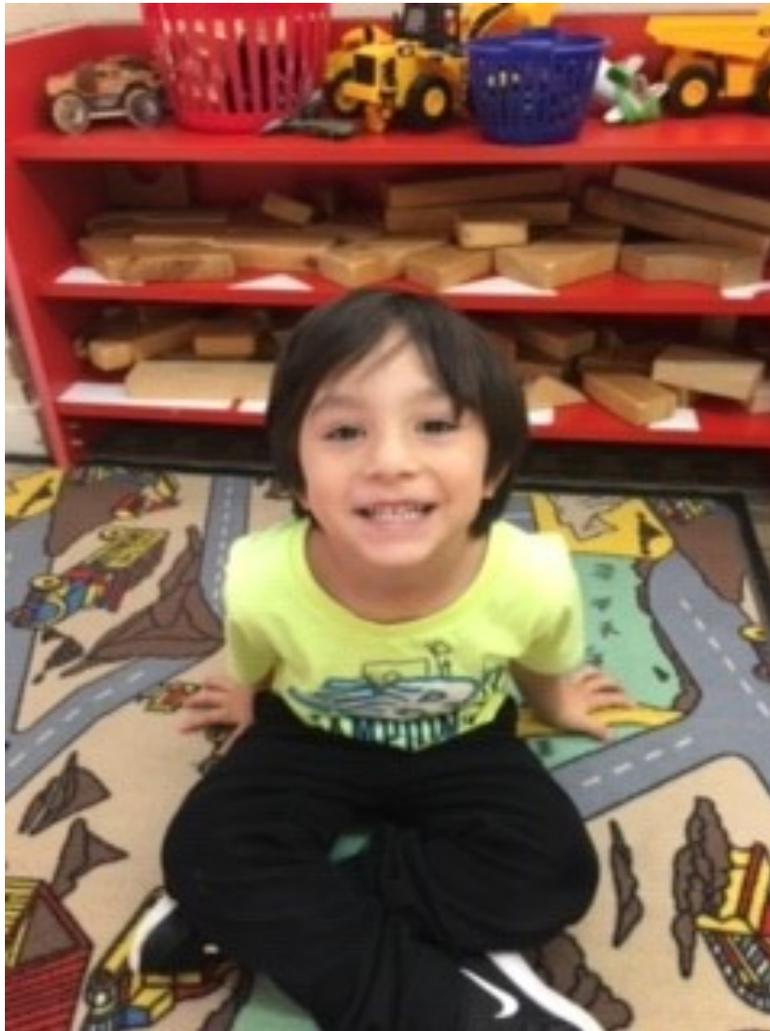
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I enclose a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Preschooler Spotlight

My name is Noel. I am four years old. I like to play with my friends at school. Playing with Playstation is fun!!



## Nature Note by Marilyn Lance

### Spring Peepers – Sound of Spring

Remember when the weather warmed up at the end of January? You could hear the raspy chirp of the tiny chorus frogs called Spring Peepers. When you hear that sound you know spring will come. I have a wet area near my house so I hear the tiny frogs every year, but I've never actually seen one. If you approach them they suddenly get quiet. They are hard to see because they are only an inch long. The scientific name is *Pseudacris crucifer* and it tells us something about them. *Pseudacris* means false locust referring to their sound which is like the insect. *Crucifer* refers to the dark X pattern on the back. Spring peepers live in swamps and wetlands that have no fish. They have pads on the front feet that help them climb on plants. Like other frogs and toads, the males make the noise hoping to attract a female. The female lays 750 – 1200 eggs which attach to submerged plants. Depending on temperature, the eggs hatch in 2 to 14 days. The tadpoles transform into frogs over the course of 6 to 12 weeks. The adults feed on small insects like mosquitoes, ants and flies. They in turn are eaten by snakes, larger frogs and birds. Spring Peepers hibernate by burying themselves in mud or leaves. They are extremely tolerant of the cold conditions. They can withstand freezing in the winter due to a natural "antifreeze" in their blood. They live about 3 years in the wild. Spring Peepers are not in danger at the moment but their numbers may decrease as wetlands disappear. Because they breathe through their skin, all amphibians suffer when the air and water are polluted. But enjoy the Spring Peepers this spring and see if you can actually see one!



# Opportunity for Adult Formation during Lent at The Thorne Sparkman School of Religion at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chattanooga

The early followers of Jesus fashioned the season of Lent as an intentional time of spiritual practice and devotion to prepare for the Resurrection of Christ at Easter and the baptism of new believers.

Thorne Sparkman offers an opportunity to join Christians across time and space in renewing our commitment to growing in knowledge and love of God through learning, study, self-examination, and meditation on the Scriptures in a community devoted to excellence in scholarship and a lively faith for the good of all creation.

Registration for the School includes all five classes. Eucharist begins at 5:15 each evening, dinner will begin at 5:45 and will feature a vegetarian and meat option. Speakers will begin at 6:30.

March 4 - Bishop Phoebe Roaf

March 11 - Rev. Dr. Gary Mason

March 18 - Fran McKendree

March 25 - Rev. Dr. Laura Winner

April 1 - Bishop Brian Cole

To order your tickets (\$30 for all the sessions, \$30 for all 5 meals) call the church at 423-266-8195 or register online [here](#).

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**EPISCOPAL  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**  
FOR MIDDLE AND NORTH GEORGIA

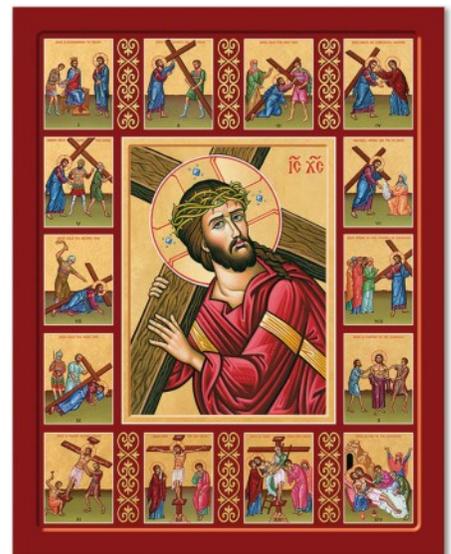
Join parishioners from across the Diocese  
in the fight to end hunger with the  
**2020 Hunger Walk Run on March 15, 2020**  
The Home Depot Backyard, 1 Backyard Way, Atlanta, GA 30313

10:30am: Episcopal Eucharist with Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright  
*(across the street at the Georgia World Congress Center, Room C203)*  
12pm: Onsite Registration & Festivities  
2pm: 5K Walk & 5K Run

For more information contact Juli Hayes at 706-217-9519



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH  
THROUGH  
THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH  
EVERY EVENING AT 6:15PM**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH  
THROUGH  
FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD EVERY FRIDAY AT 12:15PM**

*COMING SOON*

Visiting Clergy for upcoming weeks:

March 15th	Rev. Rocki Proffitt
March 22nd	Cannon C. John Thompson-Quartey
March 29th	Rev. Susan Butler

**STAY TUNED for more.....**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

" THE RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY WITH PARTYING, COSTUMES,  
DANCING & MASKS BUT IS NOT MARDI GRAS & THE  
OTHER BIBLICAL BOOK THAT DOES NOT MENTION GOD"

Classes at 9 & 9:45 in the Parish Hall.

ARE ALL INVITED AND YOUTH ARE WELCOME

Refreshments Provided By Daughters Of the King

# Friendly Reminder

## **Daughters of the King**

**will meet after 10:30 service on March 22.**

**Marilyn Lance will be discussing Joan Of Arc.  
Light refreshments will be served.**

**All women are invited**

**Thank you!**

**Deloris Hefner**

Just to remind you =

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to turn your Pledge Card in: Our Annual Pledge cards are still available in the pews or you can contact the office and Curry will mail you one. Thank you for your support -

Rick Powell, Vestry person for Stewardship

# *CONFIRMATION CLASS 2020*

St. Mark's largest Confirmation Class since 2009 will be traveling to St. Philip's Cathedral in Atlanta on March 22 to be Confirmed or Re-Affirmed by The Right Reverend Rob Wright, Bishop of the Atlanta Diocese. Five youth will be Confirmed while four adults will be Confirmed & two Re-Affirmed.

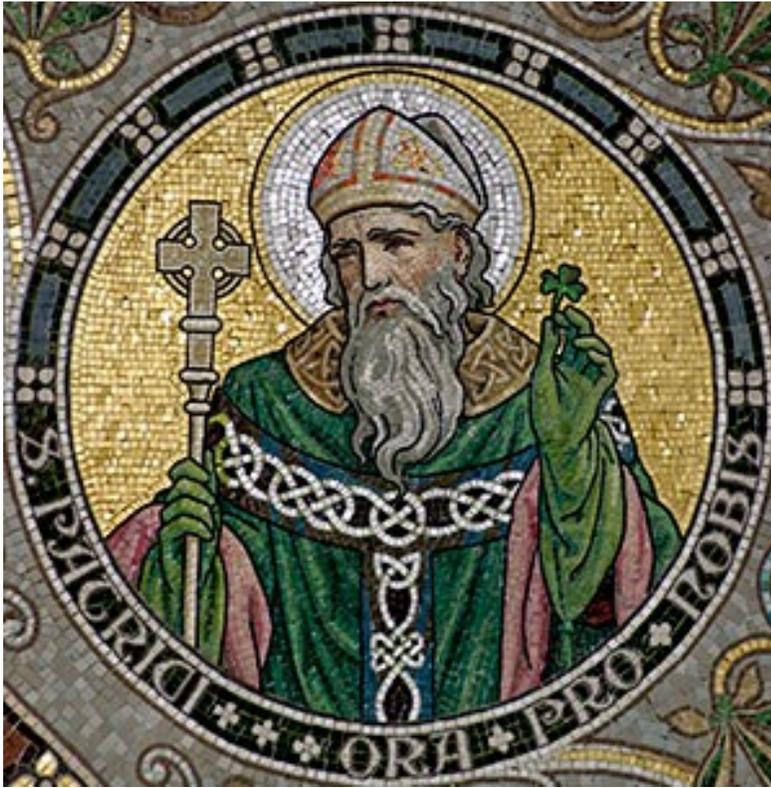
Pictured below is the Youth Confirmation Class:

(Left to right): Julia Nichols, Grace England, Jonah England., Adam Davenport, Vestry Member for Youth Formation, Will Bates & Sawyer Vaquera-Linke.



## Saint of the Week by Marilyn Lance

### St. Patrick, Missionary to Ireland



If there's one saint that almost everyone in America knows, it's St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. March 17 has become an unofficial holiday here in the U.S.A. Up until about 20 years ago, this day was primarily a religious holiday in Ireland. The silly cards, green beer and wild parties were invented by Americans of Irish descent. Green is worn on March 17 here and in Ireland. Green has become a symbol of Irish identity and patriotism. The Irish were forbidden by the English to wear green during the Rebellion of 1798. A

famous myth about St. Patrick says he drove all the snakes out of Ireland. In fact, there were no snakes on the island after the glaciers receded. Another myth says that Patrick used the 3 leaf shamrock to explain the trinity. So who was the real St. Patrick? He was a missionary who converted all of Ireland to Christianity. Patrick was born on the west coast of England or Scotland about 387. The Romans had occupied England for over 3 centuries pushing aside the native Celts. It's not clear whether Patrick's family was Roman or Celtic but they were Christian. When Patrick was about 16 he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave. During his time as a slave he became interested in religion. Patrick escaped after 6 years and returned home. He studied religion in France, was ordained, and sent by the Pope to Ireland in 432. He spent the rest of his life converting the pagan Irish to Christianity. Patrick left behind an autobiography and other writings including the poem we know as "St. Patrick's Breastplate". This poem has been set to music, Hymn #370 in our hymnal. We usually sing it on Trinity Sunday. "I bind unto myself this day the strong name of the Trinity". It is believed that St. Patrick died on March 17, 463.

# March 2020

## Sunday, March 15 Lent 3

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 am Early Adult Sunday School  
9:45 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:45 am Confirmation class

## Monday, March 16

10:00 am NO QUILTING back 4/6  
4:00 pm Book Club  
6:00 pm Vestry Meeting

## Wednesday, March 18

12:15 pm Healing Service  
4:45 pm Handbell rehearsal  
6:00 pm Yoga  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, March 22 Lent 4

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 am Early Adult Sunday School  
9:45 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:30 am Daughters of the King meeting

## Office Hours:

### Monday, March 16

Office Closed (Volunteer Only)

### Tuesday - Friday, March 17 - 20

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Thursday Feb. 27 - Wednesday, April 8

6:15 pm Lenten Evening Prayer Service

### Fridays, weekly Feb. 28 - April 3

12:15 pm Stations of the Cross

## CHURCH STAFF

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We celebrate the lives that make up the  
community of St. Mark's Church.

**Happy Birthday**

March 16 - March 22

Jonathan Smith    Jean Corbin

Norman McCoy      Nancy Johnson

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving for the week ending 03/01/2020:

Weekly Giving	\$	4,033.00
Total Giving for March	\$	4,033.00
MTD Budgeted for March	\$	5,769.23
Difference for March	\$	(1,736.23)
YTD Budgeted	\$	51,921.00
YTD Giving	\$	47,938.00
YTD Difference	\$	(3,983.00)

Thank you for your generosity and support for the  
work of God here at St. Mark's!

# Intercessory Prayer List – March 2020

***People on this list have been moved here after being on the Service Bulletin list for four weeks.***

(Parishioners indicated by \*)

*Geneva Albertson	Melvin Adams	Pam Lewis
*Joan Anderson	Kelly Allgood	Hannah Locke and family
*Walter Arms	Thad Arms	Jim Lord
*William Brammer	Bobby Ray Armstrong	Reese Lukei
*Max Buckner	Lynn Bailey	Ann Lumpkin
*Jon Burchfield	Jean Bivens	Minnie Marsh
*Tracey Burke	Brenda	Steve Masingill
*Patti and Gary Cole	Maxine Broecker	Bridget McClure
*Cathie Cope	Shirley Brown	Maryanne McDaniel
*Nola Culverson	Margie Bruner	Michelle
*Lisa Dinverno	Mary Bucy	Esme Miller
*Scott Hamlin	Susan Butler	Teresa Mitchell
*Carolyn Hawkins	Marita Cantrell	Vicky Morris
*Brenda Hoffmeyer	Judith Catalano	Charlie Neal
*Jacob Jones	Carole Cook	Rebekah Nichols
*Steve Jordan Family	Sheila Couch	Jeremy Norton
*Sue Killcreas	Crystal	Martha Painter
*Emilie Leyssens	Jack Dale	Mary Elizabeth Paris
*Jan Littell	Debbie	Randy Perry
*Sandy Martin	Janelle Fergueson	Steve Plott
*Norman McCoy	Tiffany Fritz	Diana Poarch
*Kim Miller	Phil Gailey	Michelle Pritchett
*Teresa Noble	Harrison	Shirley Puckett
*Alice Oosterhoudt	Mary Haughie	Bob Rodric
*Ethel Rutledge	Janet Hayes	Sarah
*John Schwenn	Tasha Hemphill	Mary Schaugh
*Bernadette Smith	Hyde Family	Edwina Schwegmann
*Pete Smith & Family	Katherine Kelehear	John Sewell
*Mary Squires	Beverly Kellett	Laura Stephens
*Carol Taylor	Aaron Kitchings	Terese
*Virginia Weaver	James Lambert	Bailey Underwood
*Celia Williams	Austin Lansing	Christine Williams
	Becky Lewis	Melanie Wilson
		Jason Yates