

St. Mark's Lion



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Create in me a clean heart, O God.

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Dear St. Mark's:

Last month I was worried. This month, I am amazed.

Essentially everything I was worrying about has been resolved.

- ◇ The Federal Government Shutdown has ended.
- ◇ Patrice and Shirley are making great strides into the next chapters of our life together.
- ◇ Dan Burr and Mike Parrish are meeting weekly with me and YOUR vestry is "going gangbusters".
- ◇ Gareth's formation class is amazing, and we've convened another record sized St. Mark's 1o1 (see the picture below).
- ◇ Your Capital Campaign "Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia" has collected over



\$76,000.00 and, if we keep this up, we will be able to repair or renovate the sanctuary and connected roof systems before hurricane season.

- ◇ Your annual Stewardship Campaign has collected just shy of \$60,000.00 for the mission and ministry of the parish.

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And my own life has settled down a bit too.

- ◇ Harrison has likely chosen his 4-year college (but I'll let him tell you).
- ◇ Evie is becoming more and more a GREAT driver.
- ◇ My brother in law is still battling cancer BUT he's home from the hospital and his plan of care has been adjusted.
- ◇ My nephew (who was hit last month by a fast ball during baseball practice at the University of South Alabama) is home and expected to make a full recovery.

And these are the things I was WORRIED about?!

I am amazed. But I was even more amazed at the way in which this parish wrapped their arms around Alice's family and Peter's too. I was amazed at the way you committed yourselves to helping hurricane victims in Mexico Beach this June and I was amazed at the way you celebrated the wedding of one of our Perry clan (see picture below). Right before the wedding, I got to take a "selfie" with the flower girl...who I got to baptize! (see picture below)



And it occurred to me during all the funerals and weddings and tears of loss and joy: I guess it's a simple truth that we all have two choices in life.

We can either be amazed or we can be worried.

I must admit...I think I like the former better.

In Christ, I am,

Fr. Alan

St. Mark's will observe Ash Wednesday with three services on March 6, including a convocation-wide service here at 6:00 pm, with participation from Holy Nativity, Christ Church Frederica, St. Richards, St. Mark's and possibly Good Shepherd. In addition to 6:00pm, there will be services at 7:00am and noon.

Dear St. Marks Family,

For all you have done to love us through Toni's illness these past 3 years, we are more grateful and moved beyond any words or expression that we can share. Thank you for the prayers, bringing communion and pastoral visit. We also give thanksgiving and appreciate so much those of you who have helped make Toni's cremation and funeral possible. Once again the Lions of St Marks have "roared" to the occasion. God Bless you all for everything you are for the Kingdom here and now.

Peace Be with You. Love,

DeeDee, Deacon RV, and Marilyn

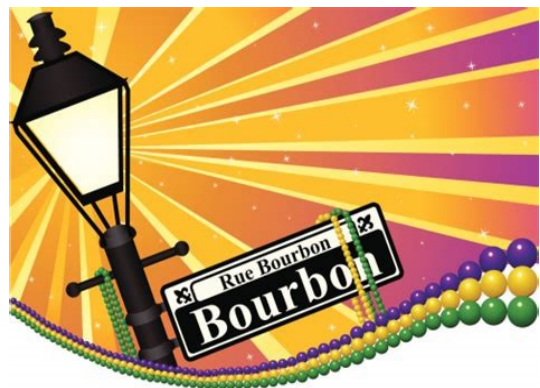


BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Prayer, Study & Service

**5th Annual
Night on Bourbon Street
Low Country Boil
Was a Great Success!
Laissez le bon temps rouler!**



Thank you to everyone who supported our the 5th Annual Night on Bourbon Street Low Country !

Proceeds go to support the outreach projects of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The **next meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be** Thursday, March 21 @ 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

All men of the Parish are always invited



hello, Goodbuy - The Monthly Scoop

- ⇒ During February's First Saturday Sale we were able to raise \$700 for our local Coast Guard Auxiliary to help them in times of need to purchase grocery cards etc. for those who serve us so selflessly.
- ⇒ January was a record month for the store, doing over \$50,000 in sales! We pledged \$5,123 to the church and are on schedule to pledge +\$3,500 at the end of February, which has not been a great sales month for the store



⇒ We gave away +\$3,600 worth of merchandise to people in need in January through walk-ins and our Voucher Program with Community Partners including FaithWorks, Faithful Love, Star Foundation, Saved By Grace, Amity House, et al.

⇒ We are well under way in renovating our Processing area in the main building in order to open the space up, utilize our space to its full potential, and create a more efficient working environment – a big shout out to Johnny Patelidas, Baxter Pepper, and Wally Mathis for all their help!

- ⇒ We are in GREAT NEED of VOLUNTEERS to donate a couple hours of their time a week – our greatest need at the moment is in our Clothing Department – Please CALL or STOP by the store to find out more information on what you can do to help! When we fall behind due to a lack of help it really hurts our production, sales, and ultimately limits our ability to GIVE BACK!



- ⇒ A BIG SHOUT OUT to 360 Securities & Technology for the great work they did on our new Security system and for DONATING \$1,000 to our Outreach Ministry!

****Remember to Like, Follow, and Share our posts on Facebook & Instagram****

Festival of New Life

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH AND GARDEN

Bake Sale
Bounce House
Face Painting
Petting Zoo
Popcorn
Hotdogs

Butterfly Release
11am & 1pm

900 Gloucester Street
912-265-0600

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Backpack Needs

The cupboard has been bare at the Food Bank recently. We need your help to fill the backpacks of food we send to the children at Burroughs Mollette each week. We need: packets of instant oatmeal, cheese crackers, granola bars, raisins, breakfast bars and fruit chews. There will be a basket at the entry to the church to collect the items. The Backpack Team will really appreciate your help.



St. Mark's Episcopal Day School



The children at the Day School have had a busy month! We've had several special visitors come to our school including reptiles from the 4-H Center and Mrs. Heather from Dr. Yeargan's office to talk to us about dental

health. The children even got to take a trip to the post office to mail Valentines and get a behind the scenes tour. It's been a month of non-stop fun and learning. We especially enjoyed the mild weather and exploring the wonders of our beautiful church garden!





ECW News...

ECW&M News for March 2019 Lion

Altar Guild

It is with much sadness that we lost a dear friend and great leader, Alice Smith. She was a true steward for and of the Altar Guild. She will always be in our thoughts. We will miss her. God bless you, Alice.

With a wedding, Lent and Easter coming, it will be a very busy time for the Altar Guild. We have been planning and starting to prepare for all these events. Marian will be ordering and supplying lilies and azaleas for Easter. It is a great honor and privilege to serve on this group, to help prepare for worship services at St. Mark's. If you would like to join the Altar Guild, please contact Steve Crowder.

St. Agnes Guild

Several members of St. Agnes Guild helped with Alice Smith's reception. We were blessed by St. Margaret's Guild with the leftover chicken strips to use the next day at the fellowship hour after Sunday's 10:15 service. We also held our monthly meeting on 2/21 in the Mixon's Hall. We again collected a large number of cereal boxes for the needy, elderly and young children. We also have agreed to have a necessary box for church members who have a death in the family as we did in the past.

St. Margaret's Guild

We provided coffee hour during February and were honored to contribute to the funeral reception for Alice Smith.

St. Mary's Guild

St. Mary's guild members had a great time at our February meeting where we presented newest member Carol Pyle with her official guild apron. We have collected 104 items for St. Athanasius Food Pantry so far. We hosted the 10:15 reception on February 3rd. Our busy March will include hosting the second Lenten Supper on March 20th. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13th in the Parish Hall and any interested ladies are invited to attend!

The Church Garden

The Brubaker Memorial Garden is gearing up for a record spring crop of delicious organic vegetables to help meet the needs of our less fortunate, shut-ins, and homeless community. We are excited about growing vegetables vertically on arches and traditionally on the ground this season with an emphasis on tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers peas and beans. Watch for our beautiful, new Pergola to be installed during this month! We welcome any new volunteers who would love to play in the dirt with us! Contact the garden ladies: Linda Dorsey: 404-859-1233, or Edith Gross: 704-466-6633.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!

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Carole Goad	1	Ruth Williams	12	Maggie Lyons	23
Mike Parrish	2	Piper Eubanks	12	Lexi Snyder	23
Ethan Redanz	3	Ralph Dembowczyk	13	Leighton Emery	23
Kathy Friedman	6	Larry Sellars	13	Margaret Butler	24
Hank Fahl	7	Marsha McGaughey	14	Sharon Cacase	24
Sandra Fowler	8	Julia Garrett	16	B J Sellars	25
Jesse Katharine Owens	8	Keturah Cranz	16	Shirley Redanz	25
Graham Olivieri	9	Jill Smith	16	Denzil Sellers	26
Anne Cranz	9	Madysson Patron	17	Melanie Hatcher	27
Gene Wilson	10	Kel Quarterman	17	Bob Thompson	28
Alice Johnson	10	Lee Cranz	17	Kaki Thurber	28
Bill Turner	10	Carter Jones	17	Daniel Burr	28
Kenneth Bernatz	11	Jessica Snyder	17	Grayson Lane	29
David Berg	11	James Freeman	20	Bea Newnam	30
Kaelyn Crews	11	Michelle Whatley	20	William Banks	30

Jim & Louise Atwood 2 Stephen & Marcember Lyons 31

Roger & Ann Baker 14