



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY FEB. 11, 2018

OFFICE CLOSED - BC Family Day falls on Monday, February 12 so the Office will be closed that day.

THIS WEDNESDAY – there is a 7pm Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary at St. Mark's.

NEXT SUNDAY – February 18, the Tax Receipts will be in the Narthex, available for pick up.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

St. Mark's has a deal for you!! Hot pancakes right off the grill, with fruit toppings, sausages and ham for only \$10. Youth 13-18: \$5.

Kids free. Proceeds are shared between the Men's Club and the Ladies Guild to further their mission work. Come and celebrate with our church family and our neighbours. Tue. Feb. 13 5:30-6:45 pm. Tickets available after church from Les and at the door from Kerry Zeal. See you there!!!!

Parish Council Nominations for 2018

In the Narthex you will see a poster listing nominations for Parish Council for 2018. Should you have a person that you would like to suggest to run for Parish Council, and that person has agreed to let his/her name stand, please contact Catherine Featherstone, Barbara Carington Smith or David Soy with your nomination.

The Nominations Committee will then contact that person, provide him/her with the Ministry Description and other paper work, and add him/her to the nominations list. We will also take nominations from the floor at Vestry, but we would prefer to have names in advance to help us prepare for an election. Thank you.

LENTEN LUNCHES

This year Lent begins on Wed. Feb. 14 and once again a number of area churches are hosting a Lenten Lunch at noon on Thursdays. We are the organizing church this year and would really like to see members of St. Marks parish participating in these special times of fellowship and worship. The first lunch will be on Thurs. Feb. 22 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church at noon. Please join us.

Linda O'Donovan. 604-536-7983

Change of Heart Contemplative Evening Prayers

We will gather this evening at 7pm in the Family Room for Contemplative Prayers. Inspired by the writings of Jean Vanier, Founder of the L'Arche Communities, we will consider community and the gift it is to us in our daily walk as Christians. Everyone is welcome! Please consider joining us! - Janet Scott, Coordinator

2017 ANNUAL REPORT – The Annual Report for 2017 is available in the Narthex today and next week which is Vestry Sunday, February 18. We have printed only enough copies to provide one Annual Report for each family. When you pick up a copy, please add your name and signature to the "Pick-Up" sheet provided. Please read your Annual Report and bring it to the February 18 Vestry Meeting. If you wish, you may download a digital copy of the 2017 Annual Report from our St. Mark Ocean Park website (www.stmarkbc.org) or facebook page. Thank you and God bless. – Your Wardens

BIBLE READINGS FOR ASH WED., FEB. 14 **7pm Holy Eucharist Service at St. Mark's:**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 18

Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN

is provided this week by Carolyn Brown to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Don.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR – are provided this week by Irene Snow to the honour and glory of God, and in remembrance of my beloved husband Bill.

VESTRY MEETING Sunday, February 18, 2018

The Annual Vestry Meeting of St. Mark Ocean Park will take place on Sunday, February 18, 2018 following a combined Morning Prayer Service at 10am, and a lunch in the Parish Hall.

We encourage every member to attend our Vestry as it is an important time to gather as a community and make important decisions based on where we see the Lord leading us as a Parish.

PRAYERS FOR UPCOMING VESTRY

Please pray for our upcoming Vestry meeting, especially that those suitable and available for the various Parish Council positions would consider this important and fulfilling ministry.



Library News

Chava is shocked when she is sold into slavery by the Egyptian princess she thought of as her closest friend. How will she decide between her own desires and God's will for her life? **Angela Hunt** has once again produced another page turner in her new book **Egypt's Sister**.



St. Mark's Semi-Annual Metal Recycling on Sat. March 3, from 9am to 11am. For earlier drop-off please contact Anne at 604.536.0072. Please do not leave metal anywhere outside on the Church grounds except on Sat. March 3, 9-11am.

CALL TO PRAYER

This coming week the Clergy & Wardens Meeting takes place on Tuesday, February 13. We thank God for those He has called into leadership in our church, and look forward to what He is going to accomplish through them and us. It is particularly important in this pre-Lenten season that we lift our leaders up in prayer. Please pray as you are inspired and enabled by the Holy Spirit.

A QUICK LOOK AHEAD

Tues. Feb. 13 2pm ACW meeting
Tues. Feb. 13 3pm Clergy & Wardens Meeting
Tue. Feb. 13 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wed. Feb. 14 10am & 7pm Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs. Feb. 15 1:30pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Thurs. Feb. 15 7pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Sun. Feb. 18 11:30am Annual Vestry Meeting
Tues. Feb. 20 2pm Ladies Guild meeting
Wed. Feb. 21 10am Healing Service
Thurs. Feb. 22 1:30pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Thurs. Feb. 22 7pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Sat. Feb. 24 3:30pm Coldest Night of the Year at White Rock Beach; a walk to help the homeless.
Sun. Feb. 25 7pm Contemplative Prayer
Tues. Feb. 27 7pm Parish Council

Thurs. March 1 1:30pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Thurs. March 1 7pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Sat. March 3 9am to 11am – Metal Recycling
Tues. March 6 Prayer Shawl meeting
Thurs. March 8 1:30pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Thurs. March 8 7pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Fri. March 9 6pm Parish Council Retreat
Sat. March 10 9am Parish Council Retreat continues
Sat. March 10 9am – 2pm Grounds Clean-Up
Sun. March 11 Souper Sunday
Sun. March 11 7pm Contemplative Prayer
Tues. March 13 2pm ACW meeting
Tues. March 13 3pm Clergy & Wardens Meeting
Tue. March 13 6pm Men's Club dinner meeting. Guest speaker: George Garrett, CKNW investigative reporter 1956-99
Thurs. March 15 1:30pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Thurs. March 15 7pm "Led by the Spirit" course

Sun. Mar. 11 Souper Sunday
Tues. March 20 Ladies Guild meeting
Wed. March 21 10am Healing Service
Thurs. March 22 1:30pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Thurs. March 22 7pm "Led by the Spirit" course
Tues. March 27 7pm Parish Council
Wed. March 28 7pm Holy Wednesday Service
Thurs. March 29 6pm Parish Supper, foot-washing, short Service
Fri. March 30 9am Walk of Faith to LaRonde Park
10:30am Good Friday Service
11:30am Stations of the Cross

Tues. April 10 9am to 12noon Gardening Party
Tues. April 10 6pm Men's Club dinner meeting; Guest Speaker is Barbara Walks, Embrace Rwanda missionary

Tues. May 15 6pm Men's Club dinner meeting; Guest Speaker is Bishop Biswas from the Diocese of Calcutta; Topic is Cathedral Relief Service (CRS) & how it delivers empowerment programs, free education, and health care services to families who live in Kolkata slums.

Tues. May 22 7pm Parish Council meeting
Sat. May 26 Diocesan Mission Conference

LENT PROGRAM

This Lent, you are invited to join a conversational group called "Led by the Spirit," facilitated by the Rev. Shelagh Huston, Deacon. We have two sessions available each week, one from 1:30-3:30pm, and one from 7:00-9:00pm. We will meet Thursdays, in the Christian Education Centre, the Sunday school, downstairs.

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 12

OFFICE CLOSED

9am to 4pm – Set Up for Shrove Tuesday Dinner – Hall

Tuesday, February 13

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room

2pm – ACW meeting – Family Room

5:30pm – Shrove Tuesday Dinner

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

Wednesday, February 14

9am – Yoga – Education Centre

10am – Service – Sanctuary

7pm – Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15

9am – Outreach Committee Meeting - Hall

1:30pm – Lenten Series – Education Centre

7pm – Lenten Series – Education Centre

7:30pm – ESL Bible Study – Family Room

Friday, February 16

9am – Exercise – Hall

Sunday, February 18

Following the 10am Service and a lunch in the Parish Hall – Vestry Meeting - Hall