



“What no eye has seen,
Nor ear heard,
Nor the heart of man
conceived,



What God has prepared for those who love him.”

1 Corinthians 2:9-10



Summer 2016 Loved Twice Update –

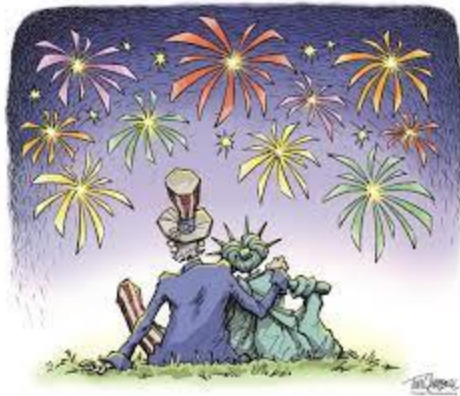
We have shortages in some areas, particularly:

BOYS 3-6 months, warm weather clothing

BOYS 0-3 months, warm weather clothing

Of course, we welcome ANY 0-12 months sized clothing, boys and girls. I'm sending out a special thanks to the St. Mark's angels who have placed clothes in the red bucket near Fr. Jim's office! Jean + Bob Jroofe98@msn.com 978-549-0199 TOTAL – 813 BOXES (FYI: It takes 50-75 items of clothing to fill ONE box.)

Happy 4th of July!



Flowers & Candles for the Month of July

The Aumbry Candle for the Month of July burns in Loving Memory of all Loved ones in the Reynolds, Leger, & Girouard Families; given by Brenda Matthews & family

The Flowers at the High Altar are Given to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory or in Thanksgiving for:

Week One July 3rd : For her father, Richard A. Theobald; given by his daughter, Mary Carignan and Family

Week Two July 10th : For her parents, Lionel & Mary Richards; given by Muriel Paquin and Family

Week Three July 17th : In Thanksgiving for her best friend, Mary Garber; given by Kerry Stone

Week Four July 24th : For his parents, Alec & Blanche Paul; given by Stuart and Joan Paul and Sons

Week five July 31th : For her husband Wayne; given by Jean Robertson

The Aumbry Candle for the Month of August burns In Loving Memory her parents, Elora Velna (Ames) Cowing and Shirley Earl Cowing by their daughter, Christine Downing and Family

The Flowers at the High Altar are Given to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of or in Thanksgiving for:

Week One Aug 7th In thanksgiving for her daughter, Janice Richardson Wing; given by Connie Richardson

Side Altar: For Margaret "Peggy" Hoyt on her birth day; the Macdonald Family,

Week Two Aug 14th : For Duncan & Barbara Soubie and Edith Fallon; given by Linda and Cory Dupuis

Week Four Aug 21th: For our dear friend Bob Murtha; given by Don and Diana Anctil

Week Five Aug 28th: For our parents and grandparents; given by Dana Tusia and Sally Thomas

Graduation Blessing

Dear Lord,

The life that you have given us has many stages.

Please bless these young people today, as they leave one stage of life and begin another. Guide them as they finish this chapter in the story you have written for them and begin a new one, written on a fresh page.

Help them to make the right choices, Lord.

May they always remember that past choices need not sully a bright future, nor good choices in the past ensure that tomorrow will be carefree and easy.

Most of all, remind them Lord, that no one's story is fully lived unless you are allowed to be its one, true author by those who live it.

Amen.

Congratulation to all St. Marks Graduates!!!



Preparedness, Response, and Recovery

This year, powerful earthquakes hit Japan and Ecuador, causing loss of life and massive damage to property. Such events remind us of our vulnerability and underscore the critical importance of preparedness, response and recovery.

It's been more than a year since the Nepal earthquake, in which 8,000 people lost their lives...five years since the Japan earthquake and tsunami, which killed 15,000 people and left 200,000 people displaced...and six years since the Haiti earthquake, when between 100,000 to 316,000 died. While each disaster is unique, lessons can be drawn from how communities and authorities have reacted to these natural disasters.

Local churches and non-governmental organizations can support preparedness recovery and rebuilding. Governments can't do it alone.

I am very thankful for our partners in Japan, Haiti, Nepal and elsewhere, who are providing much needed relief and helping communities recover. I am also deeply grateful for your generous support, which allows Episcopal Relief & Development to be a source of strength and welcome in the face of disaster.

Yours faithfully,

Robert W. Radtke, President

St. Mark's Tidings

July & August 2016

PASTOR'S CORNER

“Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.” (Acts 5:14-16)

I have always been fascinated with the Book of Acts and how Luke laid out for us the beginning of the Church. It all began on the Day of Pentecost, when the disciples were gathered in the Upper Room waiting for the promised gift of God. While in prayer, the Holy Spirit came upon them and they were all empowered by God to continue the mission of Jesus. It tells us in the second chapter that Peter went out in the streets and began to preach with such power that his “words cut to the hearts” of those in attendance and three thousand people were baptized that day.

I have to ask myself, “What has happened to the church today?” I remember hearing about John Wimber, the founder of the Vineyard Church. He tells us, of when he had a powerful encounter with Jesus that radically transformed his life. Like many people, he had been swallowed up by the world and drifted far away from the Church. After his transformation he began attending church regularly and immersed himself in prayer and studying Scripture. One Sunday after the church service he asked his pastor, “When do we do the stuff”? His pastor was confused and asked him what he meant.

John replied, “In the Bible it tells us how Jesus and His disciples would preach the Good News and then heal the sick, the lame, the deaf and mute, the blind and even raised the dead. When do we do that stuff?”

The pastor responded by saying, “Well, we believe in the stuff, we just don’t **do** the stuff.”

It was then that John began the Vineyard Church which has grown over the years and believe me they “do the stuff” with the same power and anointing of the early church.

You see I think this is one of the reasons the church is in such decline. Not only are there far too many people (including clergy) not devoting themselves to prayer and study, the church as a whole has stopped “doing the stuff”. In a large extent, we have turned too many pulpits into a wing of a political party or made our social agendas the topic of most sermons.

I thank God every single day for the people of St. Mark’s!! We still do “the stuff” and proclaim the Good News with boldness; “reaching forth our hands in love to bring those who don’t know Jesus into the love and knowledge of him, and always to glory of God.”

In Jesus’ love

Fr. Jim+



In your prayers this week, please remember those in need of Jesus' healing touch: Leonor C. &

Family, Prudy & Ray B., Tim S., Sara G., Rollie & Pat G., Miguel, Elisabeth, Francoise, Sandra, Jen L., Sandy C., Allen M., Joe C., Eben P., Tanner, Maya, Brittany B., Barry Y., Debra S., Bernice Y., Greg C., Debbie C., Jack G., Michael C., Anne O'N., Brenda M., Robert H., Alivia A., Anita D., Margaret S., Donna P., Hunter W., Kerry B., Annetta, Michele, Karen L., Matt R., Matthew, Cheryl, Deborah M., Stephen, Kathy H., Jane, Marilyn C., Nancy, Julie, Christina, Dolores, Connie E., Barbara & Charlie D., Dot P., Julie A., Dick, Janet, Roy & Dot F., Steve B., Eileen D., Jimmy H., Shelley A., Jason D., William N., Roger B., Philip B., Alex, Kathy, Katie, Emil, Christina, Lil, Lee, Patty, Alaina, Jill B., Roger H., Emily, John J., Stephanie, Breanne, John G.,

Bobby C., Howard R., Rosemary, Gail, Chuck, Ed, Rita, Marylou, Megan, Scott, Leo, David, Helen, Chad, William, Thomas, Kara, Ayguny, Christine, Ken, Phyllis, Kelly, Phyllis K., Danielle, Tom, Howie, Mindy, Allen, Evelyn, Scott Jr., Donna, Richard, Karen, Jerry, Veronica, Robert, Mary, Theresa, Archie, Claire, Jessica, Florence, Lisa, Brian, Cathy, Erin, Hank, Michelle, Natalie, Oliver, Phillip, Kristin, Bobby, Donna, Larry, Marjorie, Tom M., Dan S., John B., Ida, Kate, Howard, Jerry B., Marilyn, Ellie, Patricia R., Jonathan F., Sherry S., Ryan D., Andy S., Jim, Kelly, Paul, Jackie S., Linda D., Jeanette R., Diana R., Ken., Brian B., Michael G. Sr., Greg F., Paul, Lee, Edna A., David H., Norman, Marlene P., Beth & Brian, Judy F, Lisa F, Kaitlyn, Emily, Tony & Lorraine, John, Olivia, Evelyn, Phil, Marilyn, Jody, Derek, Lois, Margaret, Norman, Tim, Adolph, Dick, Ned, Jennifer, Michael, Jane, Ralph, Molly, Mary, Susan, Kevin, Kelley & Chris A., Brandy, Cynthia H., Donny N., John M., Sabrina, John G, Hannah Faith, Jordan N., Corrine E., Jackie R., Diane R., Karen M., Tom M., Cheryl H., John F., Jack F., Carol W., Karen, Frank A., Jean H., Roberta C., Ellen, Aida S., Joe L., Rose Mary, Myles T., David L., Diana B., Chris F., Gail D., Irma C., Jacob D., Barry, Casandra, Maddie, Marc J., Darcey G., Beth, Elizabeth, Lennon, Debbie L. Stanley Z., Joanne K., and Persecuted Christians around the world.

For those in the Armed Forces of our Country

Mark Schneider, Alex Paul, Zachary Young, Christine Sheehan, Jonathan McNamara, Bo Hume, Adam Bowdin, Matt Cullen, Kris Hulett, Greg, Shawn, Jack, Kenneth, Noelle, Frank, CJ, Jacob, Gregg, Joe, Jonah, Laurel, Tom S., 2nd Lt. Colin Smith, Airman Patrick Flathers, and Nicholas B. Rice, Kelly W. and Lance Corporal David Elenbaas.

