



THE PARISH VOICE

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CONGRADULATIONS SENIORS!

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday May 24th

St. Mark's Episcopal Church



The Gospel will be shared in German
The Epistle will be shared in Flemish
The Old Testament will be shared in Hebrew

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: BERTHA AND ETHELBERG, CHRISTIAN RULERS OF KENT

THIS WEEK ON MAY 27 WE LOOK AT 2 RULERS THAT PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIANITY IN ENGLAND. CHRISTIANITY WAS BROUGHT TO ENGLAND DURING THE ROMAN OCCUPATION IN THE EARLY CENTURIES AND MANY OF THE NATIVE CELTIC PEOPLES WERE CONVERTED. WHEN THE ROMANS LEFT, THE ISLAND WAS FLOODED BY WAVES OF PAGAN ANGLES, SAXONS AND JUTES AND THE CELTIC TRIBES WERE PUSHED INTO WALES, SCOTLAND AND IRELAND. ETHELBERG, AN ANGLO-SAXON, BECAME KING OF KENT ABOUT THE YEAR 589 AD. HE WAS A PAGAN BUT MARRIED A CHRISTIAN FROM THE CONTINENT NAMED BERTHA. BERTHA ENCOURAGED CHRISTIANITY IN THE ROMAN TRADITION TO BECOME ESTABLISHED IN CANTERBURY. POPE GREGORY THE GREAT SENT AUGUSTINE AND 40 MONKS TO KENT IN 596 TO FURTHER THE CONVERSION OF THE ANGLE AND SAXONS TO CHRISTIANITY. SOON ETHELBERG WAS CONVERTED, BECOMING THE FIRST ANGLO-SAXON RULER TO BE A CHRISTIAN. LATER ETHELBERG AND BERTHA WERE CANONIZED FOR THEIR ROLE IN ESTABLISHING CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE ANGLO-SAXON PEOPLE. ETHELBERG'S CODE OF LAWS FOR KENT WAS THE EARLIEST WRITTEN CODE IN A GERMANIC LANGUAGE.

NATURE NOTE: DOVES

THIS SUNDAY IS THE FEAST OF PENTECOST, WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED ON THE DISCIPLES. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OFTEN PORTRAYED AS A DOVE, SO THAT SEEMS LIKE A GOOD TOPIC FOR NATURE NOTE. THE BEST KNOWN MEMBER OF THIS BIRD FAMILY IS THE ROCK DOVE, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE PIGEON OF CITIES AND TOWNS. MY FAVORITE IS THE MOURNING DOVE WHOSE MOURNFUL CALL SOMETIMES IS MISTAKEN FOR AN OWL. THIS BIRD IS A GRAYISH BROWN COLOR WITH A SMALL HEAD. THE WINGS MAKE A WHISTLING SOUND WHEN THE BIRD TAKES OFF. MY FIRST WILDLIFE RESCUE WAS A MOURNING DOVE. I WAS IN THE 3RD GRADE AND I FOUND A BIRD WITH A WING INJURY. I KEPT IT IN A CAGE ALL WINTER AND RELEASED IT IN THE SPRING. THEIR DIET IS OVER 99% SEEDS OF WEEDS, CORN, WHEAT, SUNFLOWERS AND WILD BIRD SEED. MOURNING DOVES FEED ON THE GROUND AND WALK RATHER THAN HOP. MOURNING DOVES LIKE ALL MEMBERS OF THE PIGEON FAMILY HAVE AN UNUSUAL REPRODUCTIVE STRATEGY. MOST SMALL BIRDS HAVE 1 OR 2 CLUTCHES A YEAR WITH 3 TO 7 EGGS PER CLUTCH. DOVES AND PIGEONS LAY ONLY 2 EGGS AT A TIME BUT DO THIS AS MANY AS 6 TIMES A SEASON. ONE REASON FOR ONLY 2 YOUNG AT A TIME IS WHAT THEY FEED THE NEWLY HATCHED BABIES. SEEDS ARE TOO HARD SO BOTH PARENTS SECRETE A LIQUID CALLED PIGEON'S MILK FROM THE LINING OF THEIR CROP. AFTER 4 DAYS THE YOUNG CAN BE FED SEEDS. MOURNING DOVES MATE FOR LIFE AND BOTH PARENTS SHARE INCUBATION AND FEEDING DUTIES. THE MALE IS ON THE NEST FROM MORNING TO AFTERNOON WHILE THE FEMALE IS ON THE NEST THE REST OF THE DAY AND ALL NIGHT. ANOTHER INTERESTING MEMBER OF THIS FAMILY IS THE RACING PIGEON. THESE BIRDS ARE TAKEN 100 TO 600 MILES AWAY AND RELEASED. THE FIRST TO FIND ITS WAY BACK TO ITS LOFT IS THE WINNER. THESE BIRDS WERE USED IN WWII TO CARRY MESSAGES FROM THE FRONT. ABOUT 25 YEARS AGO I FOUND A DEAD PIGEON IN MY DRIVEWAY WITH A RACING BAND ON ITS LEG. I CHECKED WITH THE RACING CLUB IN LOUISIANA AND FOUND THAT THAT BIRD HAD BEEN LOST IN A RACE 10 YEARS BEFORE AND HAD BEEN HANGING OUT WITH SOME LOCAL BIRDS UP THE ROAD. MOURNING DOVES HAVE A FAMOUS RELATIVE, THE NOW EXTINCT PASSENGER PIGEON. SO LOOK AND LISTEN FOR MOURNING DOVES!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quilting for Others June
22nd
@ 10am
Meet in Parish Hall

Save the date:

Adventure Seekers, gathering on
May 21

Event starts at 11:30

VIP wine tour at Rue Mountain
Vinyard



For more information or sign up, contact
Father Rick or Martha Wassum.

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The Daughters of the King, will not be
meeting for a while until further notice.



Confirmation Announcement!!

Confirmation will take place at 4pm,
at the Cathedral in Atlanta on
Sunday, May 31st.

For more info, contact Don
Hoffmeyer at
donhoffmeyer@optilink.us

CONGRATULATIONS 2026 GRADUATES!!



COME CELEBRATE OUR SENIORS ON MAY 31ST AT OUR 10:30AM SERVICE.

Go Forth Into The World In Peace!

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



St. Mark's Preschool of Dalton

OPEN PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Open For 2026-27 school year

We are a half-day inclusive preschool

- classes for 2,3 and 4 year olds.
- enrichment activities each week (chapel, creative movement, music)
- two art rooms
- two sensory rooms
- stem room
- therapy room
- indoor play area
- outdoor playground
- classes are small with max of 12 students with 2-3 teachers in each class

For more information:



Please Email:

director@stmarksdalton.org



ST. MARK'S PRESCHOOL
Where young minds and hearts discover

JUNETEENTH

DALTON - WHITFIELD
NAACP

LET'S CELEBRATE!!!

13
JUN

SPADES TOURNEY AND FISH FRY

DALTON STATION | 1PM

14
JUN

NANA'S FAMILY FUN DAY

MACK GASTON COMMUNITY CENTER | 1PM

19
JUN

SUMMER CONCERT

BURR PARK | 6:30PM

20
JUN

JUNETEENTH PARADE

DOWNTOWN DALTON | 10AM

20
JUN

JUNETEENTH GALA

DALTON CONVENTION CENTER | 6PM

For more info visit:
<https://dwjuneteenth4.wordpress.com/>

STRENGTH IN STILLNESS

A time in prayer and quietness.

6.28.26 | 12PM

St. Marks Episcopal Church Sanctuary
901 W Emery St, Dalton, GA 30720

Cotti Meetings for May

5/24/2026 Module 13&14: *Care for the Caregiver/
commitment to ministry*

Last Meeting!

ALL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAYS FROM 2-5 PM IN THE LIBRARY

BIBLE STUDY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE
STUDY:

NO ZOOM

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE
STUDY:

5/28/2026
MATTHEW 28: 16-20

STUDY WILL BE AVAILABLE ON ZOOM

WEEKLY SERVICES:

8:00 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I
9:00 AND 9:45 - ADULT EDUCATION
10:30 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

EVERY THURSDAY:
BIBLE STUDY - 6PM LIBRARY
AL-ANON - 7PM PARISH HALL

OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00AM-2:00PM

CHURCH STAFF

PRIEST: REV. RICK TIFF
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We celebrate the lives that make up the community of St. Mark's Church

Is a birthday or anniversary missing? Please contact the church office at admin@stmarksdalton.org

Birthdays: Lisa Ranelli, Whitney Fincher, Eunice Cooper, Bryce Southerland, Sarah Morris

Anniversaries: John & Beverly Carmichael, Paul & Janet Johnson, Jim & Deb Sneary, David & Nancy Chapman

Serving in the Armed Forces: Will, Blane, Jordan, Matthew, James, Emerson, Owen

St. Mark's Prayer Chain - If you have a prayer request, you may contact the prayer chain, Cathy Houser 706.624.8913, 404-219-8139; housermc@aol.com

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
FOR 5/17/2026**

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|------------------------|----------------|
| WEEKLY GIVING | \$14,954.00 |
| TOTAL GIVING FOR MONTH | \$33,946.00 |
| MTD BUDGETED FOR MONTH | \$25,269.21 |
| DIFFERENCE FOR MONTH | (8,676.79) |
| YTD BUDGETED | \$168,461.40 |
| YTD GIVING | \$165,240.25 |
| YTD DIFFERENCE | (\$3,221.15) |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY AND
SUPPORT!
FOR THE WORK OF GOD
AT ST. MARK'S**

DONATING STOCK IS A TAX FRIENDLY WAY TO MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHURCH. PLEASE ALWAYS ASK YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO CONTACT THE ST. MARK'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR SO THAT THE CHURCH WILL KNOW WHO MADE THE DONATION TO ENSURE PROPER CREDIT IS GIVEN TO THE DONOR.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

COME JOIN THE NEW ADULT ED SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 TO 9:30 – SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – MEET IN PARISH HALL

THE BIBLE RECAP REBOT – MEET IN LIBRARY- LED BY CARTER THOMAS- FEEL FREE TO DROP IN AND JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE OUR READING THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE.

9:45 TO 10:15 – SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS– MEET IN PARISH HALL

THE BIBLE RECAP REBOOT - MEET IN LIBRARY - LED BY NANCY NELSON - THIS DISCUSSION BASED GROUP IS OPEN TO ALL, JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE TO JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE.

DON HOFFMEYER'S TEACHING THIS WEEK.

GO BAPTISE TEACH

[HTTPS://YOUTUBE.COM/SHORTS/-SWAWA2PWXU](https://youtube.com/shorts/-SWAWA2PWXU)

ST. MARKS CALENDAR

MAY

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|----------------------------|--|-----------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | 7PM SNEARY BAND PERFORMS AT HAMILTONS | 5PM: PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 12:30PM SEAN SNEARY MEMORIAL 2PM: COHI TRAINING | | | | 10AM: ROYAL OAKS 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM AL-ANON | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 12PM SUNDAY POTLUCK 2PM: COHI TRAINING 6PM: ROYAL OAKS | 10AM: QUILTING FOR OTHERS | 5PM: CHURCH WOMEN UNITED 7PM PRAYER SHAWL | | 11AM: PRESCHOOL GRADUATION 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM: AL-ANON | LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL | 10AM AMIGO DAY |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| NOON: STRENGTH AND STILLNESS 2PM: COHI TRAINING 5PM: JAZZ MUSICAL | | 6PM: VESTRY MEETING | | 11:30AM ADVENTURE SEEKERS 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM AL-ANON | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 10AM: PENTECOST | MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED | | | 6PM: BIBLE STUDY 7PM AL-ANON | | 9AM: VESTRY RETREAT @ THE CARPENTRY |
| 31 | | | | | | |
| 10:30 SERVICE: HONOR OUR GRADUATES 4PM: CONFIRMATION AT CATHEDRAL | 10AM: QUILTING FOR OTHERS | | | | | |

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST – MAY 2026

PEOPLE ON THIS LIST HAVE BEEN MOVED HERE AFTER BEING ON THE
SERVICE BULLETIN LIST FOR FOUR WEEKS.

PARISHIONERS INDICATED BY *

*ANDY BAKER
*RUTH BAKER
* WILLIAM BRAMMER
*CATHIE COPE
*PAUL JOHNSON
*PHYLLIS JORDAN
*MALLORY JORDAN
*HUGH KEMP
*JOHN KENEMER
*PHIL MASON
*ANNE MORRIS
* MARTHA MOSES
*JOHN AND JUDY SCHWENN
*MARY SQUIRES
*CAROL TAYLOR
*BO THOMPSON
*CELIA WILLIAMS
BETSY ALLEN
GREG ALLEN

HARRIET ADAMS
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DANA EASLEY
LORI BETH EICHOLTZ
ELLEN HUOPPI
LEANDRA HULL
JODIE HUNT
BEN HYDE
HYDE FAMILY
MARY JENNUS
CLYDE JOHNSON
CLIFF JOHNSON
REESE LUKEI
KHLOE
PAULA MORROW
MIKEY

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JIM SPORTIELLO
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ISAAC
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