

## **WEEKLY MESSAGE – October 14th - Fr. Thomas**

It's that time of year when we re-order our liturgical calendars for the New Year. In looking over some of the photos from the past year, all of the top contenders for the calendar shot are of activities outside the building; e.g. Living Nativity, Stations of the Cross, Easter Eve Vigil "Bonfire," Easter Egg Hunt, and the Blessing of the Animals. Perhaps there's a message here – we seem to be at our best when we take the Church *outside!*

Despite our prime location on a busy corner in Wellington, many people, some of whom have lived here for years, are not aware that there actually is a church behind all the pine trees. The best form of advertising is word of mouth and a personal invitation. Understanding this makes it all the more important that we "market" our parish and its wonderful programs and ministries by word of mouth and the way we live. We have something special to offer in our community, but the message won't be communicated by osmosis or telepathy. Moreover, unlike some of our neighboring vendors across the street, we too have free Wi-Fi *and* more importantly, the Bread of Life! As they say in the Cursillo Movement, "Be a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ."

***How can you help those affected by Hurricane Michael?*** You can contribute by writing a check payable to the Diocese of Southeast Florida; note at the bottom (on memo line) "Hurricane Relief". Your gift will go a long way in helping resettle those who were displaced and feed those who have no way of securing meals. You can either bring your check to the church on Sunday for a special collection, or mail it in to the office. Thanks for your generosity.

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. DAVID'S**

**EPISCOPAL SCHOOL SUNDAY – DID YOU KNOW?** - 1,160 is the number of Episcopal schools and Early Childhood Education programs. The Episcopal Diocese of Haiti has 252 schools, the most of any diocese of The Episcopal Church. Texas has 121 schools in 6 dioceses, the most in the U.S.A. 160,000 is the approximate number of students in Episcopal schools. The students represent significant socio-economic, racial, cultural, and religious diversity. 25% is the approximate percentage of Episcopal school students who are Episcopalians, although this number varies with location and type of school. This means that Episcopal schools serve large numbers of students from other Christian denominations, non-Christian traditions, or no formal faith backgrounds. \$212,000,000 is the estimated value of financial aid Episcopal schools offered in 2013-2014. And lastly, 28,500 is the approximate number of administrators, faculty, and staff members Episcopal schools employ.

**CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH** - Thank you Fr. Thomas for your continued loving service to God and all of us at St. David's. With much love and prayers, "your flock."

**HOSPITALITY HOUR** - is hosted by the St. David's Men's Organization. Next week October 21<sup>st</sup> it is hosted by the Daughters of the King. ***The first of every month, we are in need of volunteers to host Congregation Sunday during our Hospitality Hour. Please take a turn to help set out donated foods/drinks, oversee, and cleanup afterwards.***

**HOLY EUCHARIST** – Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.

**HOLY EUCHARIST AND ROSARY** – Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**ADORATION** – first Wednesdays of every month 6:00 p.m.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – meets on Tuesdays in the Mark Room at 7:00 p.m.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – meets Sundays in the Mark Room at 11:15 a.m.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE KING** – today, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish Center.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mark Room.

**CHRISTMAS & ADVENT WREATHS** – Place your prepay order for a timely delivery prior to Thanksgiving. Sponsored by the St. David's Men's Organization.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN – Fall Luncheon/Fashion Show** - Saturday, October 20th at Breakers West CC, 11:30-2:30 pm. Sunday will be the last day for tickets are \$45.00pp. Our *special raffle* Gift Card Basket valuing over \$325.00 is only \$5.00 per chance. Ticket prize is \$5.00/ticket.

**VESTRY** – next Sunday. October 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:15 a.m. in the Church.

**PLEASE PRAY**... For the **sick**: Kenneth, Renee, Christi, Deborah, Ron, Midge, Tom, Assad, Lora, James, Jan, Rudy, Gina, Pat, Iris, Debbie, Ethan, James, Laura, Tim, Bill, Donna, Ashlyn, Robin, Linda. For those celebrating a **birthday**: Reagan Munro, Laurie Cohen, Yvonne Wolliston. For those celebrating a wedding **anniversary**: Robert & Theresa Falotico. For our expectant **mother**: Chika.

**ALTAR FLOWERS & CANDLES** – your donation is appreciated to offset expenses; fill out form along with your prepayment to memorialize, honor or celebrate a loved one or mark an occasion.