

Today

**This Week at St. Mark's**

8:00 am – HE, Michaelene Miller, Preacher  
9:15am – Meet River Farm Cooperative with Mike Vick  
10:00am – HE, Michaelene Miller, Preacher  
2:00pm – Hearing on New Suffragan Bishop for Virginia  
1:00- 4:00p – Iglesia San Marcos (S,PH,GH)  
4:00-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Monday, 2/26        7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)  
  
Tuesday, 2/27        10:30am -11:30am - Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
                              7-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)  
  
Wednesday, 2/28    10:30 am – HE – The Fairfax – The Rev. John Weatherly  
                              6:30pm - Lenten Dinner and Discussion at St. Aidan's  
                              7-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)  
  
Thursday, 3/1        9:30 am – Morning Prayers  
                              10:00 am – Holy Folders  
  
Friday, 3/2            5:00-7:00pm – San Marcos  
                              7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)  
  
Saturday, 3/3        1:30PM - Truth Deliverance Church  
  
Sunday, 3/4            8:00am - HE. –The Rev. Michael Pumphrey, Preacher  
                              10:00am - HE, The Rev. Michael Pumphrey, Preacher

**Special Offerings in February**

February 4<sup>th</sup> – Theological Education  
February 11<sup>th</sup> – Virginia Episcopalian  
February 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday

**Adult Forum**

February 25<sup>th</sup> -Meet River Farms Cooperative School with Mike Vick

**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

**February 25, 2018**

**The Parish Survey**

Below are some the first observations of the Parish Survey for St. Mark’s:

- The majority are baptized Episcopalians
- The average number of years as a member is 20.
- The average number of miles driven to church is 10.(Though 75% live within 3 miles
- Some of the general comments about the church were, “generally satisfied with worship but want more spiritual teachings”, “would like a Bible Study”, “it’s a good church” and “members are concerned about social injustice”.

**Please fill out your survey today in time for our vestry retreat this weekend. Once completed, please place it in the provided box.**

Below are some of the first observations of the Parish Survey for Iglesia San Marcos:

- The average number of years as a member is 12.1
- The average number of miles driven to church is 8.8
- The majority are baptized Roman Catholics
- Some of the general comments about the church were, “want more Bible Study” and “youth programs”, members are concerned about social problems and social injustice”. Members want a “good church”.

**Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests**

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially in the St. Mark’s Parish: Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford, Jeanette Parris, Kimberly Earle, Carol Farley, John Dell, Kevannah Campbell, Velma Campbell, Emily Davis, Kent White, Rosemarie Beyma & the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen, Rebecca Carrier, Beth Oakes, Pat Hoppe.

Extended family: Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Rod Pearson Sr., Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Elmore, Mike Greenham, Kwan Dae Suk, Jean Blair, Gordon Murchie, John Savage, Bob Schaeffer & Jenny Crabb, Carol Ostergard, Joe Farren, Kevin and Richard Campbell, Baby Iris, Grayson Howard, Isatu Samura, Wendell Patterson, Emmett Sims, Sarif Harding, the Vangroll Family, Carol Rose, Sylvia Beauchamp, Sylvia Wren, David, Ellen, and Erin Mitchell, Roger Ray, Sally Belk, John Sims.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm’s way, we lift up Colin Maloney, Robert Payne, Tim, Emily and family, Walter Smiley, Andrew Kley, Pat Foughty and Brian Talay. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation.

## Announcements

### Important Lenten Calendar Dates

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:15am – Meet River Farm

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm – 4:00pm Listening Session for new Suffragan Bishop in the Diocese of Virginia at St. Mark's

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:30am – Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Second Lenten Dinner at St. Aidan's

March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – Vestry Retreat at Roslyn

March 4<sup>th</sup> – The Rev. Michael Pumphrey, Celebrant and Preacher

**Mardi Gras Brunch:** A very special thank you for a successful Mardi Gras Brunch to all who participated. We are delighted to announce that **\$850.00** was raised toward the Youth Mission Trip! Great job everyone!!



**Prayer for the Vestry on its Retreat:** Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in our Vestry for the renewal and mission of thr Church.

Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Vestry!!:** Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Vestry Retreat in Roslyn on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Our facilitator will be Julie Simonton of the Diocese.

**Shrine Mont:** The mountains are calling. Will you go?? Shrine Mont is looking for Camp Counselors. Whether you used to be a camper or not, they will teach you what you need to know to make a positive impact on kids. Transform your summer. Challenge yourself. Join the team. For more information go to [shrinemontcamps.net/counselor-applicants](http://shrinemontcamps.net/counselor-applicants).

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Please join us at our Tuesday Morning Bible Study from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Below is more information on the topic we will be exploring:

Names are important to us. "What is your name?" is often the first question we ask a person. And as we get to know people, their names take on deeper significance, bringing to mind the personality and character of the person. Throughout the Old Testament, God revealed different aspects of His Holy character with different names. This Bible study examines six of these names in the context in which they were given, allowing us to see the infinite character of our loving God. Workbook \$8.00

Session titles below:

2. Our Healer (Exodus 14:29-31; 15:22-27) Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>

3. Our Banner (Exodus 17:8-16) March 6<sup>th</sup>

4. Our Peace (Judges 6:11-16,22-24) March 13<sup>th</sup>

5. Our Shepherd (Psalm 23:1-6) March 20<sup>th</sup>

6. Our Righteousness (Jeremiah 33:3-8,14-16) March 27<sup>th</sup>

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming soon. Donations of small individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs are needed for the hunt. For more information, please contact Pam Hamrin.

**Outreach:** Please check board in the Narthex to see upcoming opportunities. As St. Mark's parishioners, positively engage our community by reaching out!

**Church Directory:** If you did not get your picture taken for the Church Directory but would like to be in the directory, please send your picture to Bonnie Wilkins at [greytdog@verizon.net](mailto:greytdog@verizon.net).

**E-giving** –Getting started with online giving is easy. Visit [stmarksalex.org](http://stmarksalex.org) and click the "Donate Now" link to create an account and make your donation.

**Please wear your name tag!** If you need one, please let us know.



### Upcoming Birthdays

2/25 – Hannah Luxner

2/26- Bonnie Wilkins/Jessica Rapisarda

3/2 - Shelley Luxner/Maxwell McIntyre

3/5- Kosi Dominic