

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am – HE - The Rev. Donna Foughty 10:00am – HE - The Rev. Donna Foughty 11:15am – Adult Forum 1:00pm -4:00pm – Iglesia San Marcos (S, PH, GH) 4:00pm-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S, PH)
Monday, 4/ 15	7:00pm-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 4/16	7:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 4/17	10:30am – The Fairfax 6:30pm – Lenten Soup Supper 7:15pm – Wednesday Lenten Program
Thursday, 4/18	9:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – Holy Folders 4:00pm – Nurturing Families 7:30pm – Maundy Thursday Service (No Footwashing)
Friday, 4/19	7:30pm – Good Friday Service (No Tenebrae)
Saturday, 4/20	8:30am – Decorating the Church 1:30pm – 4pm – Truth Deliverance Church (S, PH)
Sunday, 4/21	8:00am – HE – The Rev. John C.N. Hall 10:00am – HE - The Rev. John C.N. Hall

(Note: River Farm Cooperative School will be on Spring Break - April 15-19, 2019)



“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ's love:

April 14, 2019

From the Desk of the Interim Rector

Communication in a church congregation is so important. During the week, in churches all over the country, clergy and staff members prepare newsletters and bulletins to bring you the latest information you need. Constant, clear, concise messaging is an art form. And like any form of art, it needs both the artist and the audience – the give and take – the message and the feedback. Yet, how interesting it is to note how often members of the church feel as if they never know what's going on. Perhaps they don't read what we write! Just take these actual bulletin bloopers for example: “Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use large double door at the side entrance;” “Potluck supper this week: prayer and medication to follow;” “Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers;” and my personal favorite, “The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, ‘Break Forth Into Joy.’” Well now, just to see if you are reading the announcements we produce at St. Mark's, let's have a little contest. Be the first person reading this note to email me at jcnhall@gmail.com. Let me know you're reading our announcements and keeping up with all the latest information and St. Mark's – and I'll give you a gift card to Starbuck's as a thank you. Wouldn't that be a great way to break your Lenten fast?

Fr. John Hall



Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially Pat, Nell, Richard, Mary, Nihal, Earl, Jeanne, John, Warren, James, Virginia, Richard, Annie, parents of Joy and Tim and family.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation.

Announcements

Rector Search Prayer: Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will direct our paths and open our hearts to hear God's will and to discover where God is leading us to be in the future.

We thank you Lord for the community of St. Mark's church. For the love among us, and the ministries we do. Be with us now as we prepare to call a new Rector. Guide the search committee as they help us to discern our future and how we may continue to know Your will for our parish family. Strengthen us as we look to a new future built on the foundation of the past. Help us to know what to keep and what to let go. Enlighten the heart of the person who will be our new Rector that they will hear Your call. Give us all courage and faith to trust You to lead us to a new and exciting future.



**RECTOR
SEARCH**

The announcement for our next rector was posted on the national Episcopal Church website (www.otmportfolio.org) on April 1 and will remain on the website until May 13. A notice that we are receiving names is on the Virginia Diocese website under "Open Positions." The Rev. Mary Thorpe, Office of Transition Ministry, sent an email to the nationwide network of Diocesan Transition Ministers who will share it with priests outside of Virginia who are seeking new calls. She also sent emails to a couple of priests who are gifted and seeking a new call. An announcement was also posted on the Digital Job Board of the Episcopal News Service. At this point, we just need to pray for God to send us the person He has selected to be our next leader.

A Peek into Life at St. Mark's Video: A 7 minute video showing St. Mark's family and our various activities is on YouTube, our Facebook page, and the homepage of our website. If you want to watch it from YouTube, search for St. Mark's Episcopal Church Alexandria VA. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KbS5vBNJyC8>

Decorating the Church: Please come out on Saturday, April 20, 2019 beginning at 8:30am to help decorate St. Mark's for Easter Sunday. Everyone is welcome-with or without experience. For more information, please contact Delsa Chui.

Smile.Amazon.com: We are happy to announce that St Mark's Episcopal Church has been added to the list of charities on Smile.Amazon.com. When you order through Amazon use Smile.Amazon.com. If you use this link it will set your default charity to St. Mark's Episcopal Church: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-0911830> Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Marks. You can always select charity lists under your account and enter St. Mark's Episcopal Church – VA. Continue to look out for a list of items the church needs as we will be updating this list periodically

Where's The Prayer List?? The Pastoral Care Committee is making changes to the policies governing St. Mark's Prayer List. Going forward, St. Mark's is requesting that individuals submit names to be on the prayer list for a period of 30 days at a time. Once a name is added to the prayer list, it will remain on the list for one month. After 30 days, the name will be removed. However, the name may be resubmitted for additional prayers – one month at a time – simply by contacting the Church Office. Privacy is extremely important to us at St. Mark's. To increase the confidentiality of those seeking prayers for themselves or for friends or family members, each person appearing on the prayer list will be listed by his or her first name only. This will allow parishioners to seek the support of church-wide prayer while maintaining a greater level of privacy. Remember that all information provided to St. Mark's is used for administrative purposes only. In order for a name to be added to the prayer list, we will need the following information: 1. Requester's full name and contact information. 2. Prayer recipient's full name and contact information. 3. General reason for prayer request. If you have any questions regarding the Prayer List, please reach out to Father John.

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday – April 18, 2019, 7:30pm (no foot washing)

Good Friday – April 19, 2019, 7:30pm (no Tenebrae)

Easter Egg Hunt: Please bring plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy (no nuts) for our annual Easter egg hunt. There will be a collection box in the Narthex .

For Your Information: The roofing shingles will be delivered to St. Mark's on April 22nd. The work will begin on that day through April 26th. (weather permitting). Please be aware of this as there may be workers in the building to survey any leaks in the sanctuary, hallways, etc. If you are using the church during the day, please be aware of potential hazards.

Eucharistic Minister Training: Would you like to be a Eucharistic minister? If so, please join the members of St. Mark's Pastoral Care Committee on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 11:15am to approximately 1:15pm for training. If you have questions or need more information please contact Father John.

VIC Meeting: The VIC Steering Committee meeting will be held on April 15, 2019, 11:30am at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria, Va. All are invited to attend.

Spring Cleaning? UCM's The Back Porch Thrift Store, (at the heart of community) welcomes all donations at the back door of Sacramento Center, on Rte1. For pick ups of large items,703/768-7106. Check out in-store for needed bargains!

Adult Forum

April 14th – Discussion on the Future of the Adult Forum

Happy Birthday !!

4/14 – Ben Bluey

4/16 – Stacie Moats

4/17 – Eric Murchie-Beyma

4/18 – Al Dominic

Happy Anniversary!!!

4/8 –David Powers & Karen Ashworth