

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am – HE - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 10:00am – HE - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 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/ 8	7:00pm-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 4/9	7:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 4/10	10:30am – The Fairfax 6:30pm – Lenten Soup Supper 7:15pm – Wednesday Lenten Program
Thursday, 4/11	9:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – Holy Folders 4:00pm – Nurturing Families
Friday, 4/12	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, 4/13	9:00am – 12:30pm – St. Mark's Spring Clean-up Day 1:30pm – 4pm – Truth Deliverance Church (S, PH)
Sunday, 4/14	8:00am – HE – The Rev. John C.N. Hall 10:00am – HE - The Rev. John C.N. Hall



“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ's love:

April 7, 2019

From the Desk of the Interim Rector

This past Sunday, it hit me. I realized that our relationship as congregation and interim rector passed the five-month mark. Five months of a ten-month process are behind us, and five months still lay ahead. We've reached the middle of the bridge connecting St. Mark's previous Rector with St. Mark's new Rector. It is a rare thing to be able to mark the beginning and ending of a relationship so accurately. Most often, we neither know when we will meet another for the first time nor when we will bid farewell to that person for the last time. Perhaps this is one reason the Psalmist counsels us, “to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.” How appropriate it is for this countable day to occur in the midst of the Season of Lent—in a time set aside for examining our heart in light of the grace of God. What a pointed reminder that, ultimately, our time is brief. In this Season of Lent, let us heed the words of Henri-Frédéric Amiel, often used as part of the final blessing at the Eucharist's conclusion: “Life is short. We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.”

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, Annie 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.

Please keep the family of Elizabeth Boyd, a former member in your prayers. We recently learned that she passed away in November.

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>

St. Mark's Spring Cleanup: Spring is almost here! As Easter approaches, it's time once again for our pre-Easter church cleanup day. There are many tasks that we need to complete together. Many hands make light work. Please join us on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 9am – noon. This is an important activity in order to get the church ready for Easter. There are cleaning activities both inside and outside including raking leaves. Save the date now and join us for a few hours to help beautify the church and grounds. A free pizza lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the cleanup. For information please contact David Walton either in person or via email dmwalton2003@yahoo.com

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.

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!

Way of Love Topics and Dates:

April 10th – Go & Rest – Cross boundaries, listen deeply and live like Jesus/Receive the gift of God's grace, peace and restoration.

Adult Forum

April 7th – Presentation by Fr. John Hall

April 14th – Anxious for Nothing Video

Happy Birthday !!

4/10 – The Rev. John C.N. Hall

4/13 – Maddie Murchie-Beyma