

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am – HE - The Rev. Donna Foughty 10:00am – HE - The Rev. Donna Foughty 1:00pm -4:00pm – Iglesia San Marcos (S, PH, GH) 4:00pm-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S, PH)
Monday, 2/ 25	7:00pm-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 2/26	7:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 2/27	10:30am – The Fairfax
Thursday, 2/28	9:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – Holy Folders 4:00pm – Nurturing Families
Friday, 3/1	3pm – 7pm – River Farm Meeting (PH)
Saturday, 3/2	11am – 4pm – Truth Deliverance Church (S, PH) 6:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (PH)
Sunday, 3/ 3	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:

February 24, 2019

From the Desk of the Interim Rector

As I write these words, the weather forecasters are calling for 6-inches of snow to fall with a layer of ice to follow. Snow and ice happen in Virginia in the winter. We expect them. We live with them. We get used to them. After all, it's winter. But thank God, spring comes. The snow and ice bow and make their exit. The crocus and daffodils push up, bloom, and take the stage. The cherry trees bud and flower. The oaks put on their green finest. Everything is changed. Organizations, like a church, are stable during the time of a long pastorate. Some things almost seem frozen in place. Behavioral scientists call this homeostasis – things are done one way “because we've always done it that way.” In a time of transition, like we are experiencing at St. Mark's, the static equilibrium has the chance to thaw and become unfrozen. Changes once thought impossible, like a blossom in the dead of winter, can and will materialize. As we move toward a new season with a new rector, watch for the buds of change.

Fr. John Hall

Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially in the St. Mark's Parish: Lindsay Drabick, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford, Kimberly Earle, John Dell, Kevannah Campbell, Velma, Emily Davis, Kent White, the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen, Pat Hoppe, Nell Brill, Hailey Heyse, Irrsula Mpouma, Richard Sparks, Jeff Gray, Mary Magnini, Eloida Reyes, Sheyla Cornwall, Nihal Masih, Wally and Terry Tienken.

Extended family: Rod Pearson Sr., Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Elmore, Mike Greenham, Kwan Dae Suk, Jean Blair, Gordon Murchie, Bob Schaeffer & Jenny Crabb, Carol Ostergard, Kevin and Richard Campbell, Baby Iris, Grayson Howard, Isatu Samura, Wendell Patterson, Sarif Harding, the Vangroll Family, Sylvia Beauchamp, Sylvia Wren, David, Ellen, and Erin Mitchell, Roger Ray, Sally Belk, John Sims, Warren Sims, Shawn, Arlene Washington, Barbara, Robin Groome, Peter Butler, Janis Becker, Richard, Reed, Josh, Steve Ellis, Indira Murillo, David Haggard, Ron Graves, Sook Ja You, Kimberlee, Mary and Patty Klosky and Bob and Maggie Hohnberger, Kevin Lopez and Brandon Lane.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way, we lift up Tim, Emily and family, 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

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 Discernment Committee met last Sunday, 2/17 to discuss the outcome of the focus groups. The most often cited skills and qualities you identified for our next rector is being prepared in a summary and will be used when we announce our call for a rector on the national Episcopal Church database. Highlights will be shared with you, our parish family, when the summary is complete. A list of some of your concerns has also been shared with the vestry. We ask your continued prayers during this time of transition. Last week, Father John said in his sermon: The Spirit of God is with us whether we see it or not. Please hold on to this truth and know that the Lord has already picked out the person who will be our next rector. Continue to trust in Him.



The Rector Discernment Survey Results. The results of the survey are still available on our website and in the tract rack in the narthex over the name tags. Look for the "Rector Search Corner" sign on right hand side of the tract rack.

2019 Vestry: Please congratulate the 2019 members of our Vestry – Jim Bailes, Rob Bluey, Belinda Appiah, Charlotte Brown, Rodney Fisher, Pam Hamrin, Nihal Masih, Tracy Tienken, David Walton and Eric Bryda. We thank them for their willingness to serve.

Vestry Retreat: The annual Vestry Retreat is taking place this weekend at the Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn in Richmond, Virginia. Please keep our Vestry in your prayers during this time.

Thank You!! Thank You!!: We would like to graciously thank the Daughters of the King for responding to the clarion call for help with the very important ministry of the Altar Guild. They have spent many hours training and preparing the sanctuary for services and cleaning up afterwards. We are indeed thankful and appreciate their dedicated service.

Pledge Envelopes: The pledge envelopes for 2019 are ready for pick up. They are in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Administrator.

Ash Wednesday Services: The services for Ash Wednesday will be held on March 6, 2019 at 12:30pm and 7:30pm. All are invited.

SAVE THE DATES!!! Please save the following dates for our upcoming Lenten program entitled "The Way of Love". The program will begin the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday - March 13th, 20th, 27 and April 3rd, 10th and 17th. More information will be forthcoming.

VOICE: The annual meeting of VOICE will be held at Vienna Baptist Church, March 3, 2019 from 3:45pm to 5:45pm. Topics to discuss include our consistent commonalities with our Jewish and Muslim friends at the local level and in Richmond, also bail bonds, more school counselors, affordable housing and more. Please visit and become acquainted. Membership is \$50 per person annually. For more information, please contact Rosemary Kley.

Ventures in Community: The Ventures in Community (VIC) will hold its next meeting on March 6th, 7:30pm at the Mt. Vernon INOVA Hospital. The topic will be –Medicaid Updates. All are welcome.

Adult Forum

TODAY - Introduction to "The Way of Love" – Rev. Donna Foughty, Presenter
March 3rd – Exploring the Apocrypha (Part I) – Steve Mitchell, Presenter
March 10th – Exploring the Apocrypha (Part II) – Steve Mitchell, Presenter

Happy Birthday !!

2/24 – Ashley Bryda
2/25 – Hannah Luxner

2/26 – Bonnie Wilkins
3/2 – Shelly Luxner/Maxwell McIntyre