

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am – HE, Healing - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 10:00am – HE, Healing - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 1:00pm -4:00pm – Iglesia San Marcos (S, PH, GH) 4:00pm-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S,PH)
Monday, 1/ 7	7:00pm-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 1/8	7:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 1/9	10:30am – The Fairfax – The Rev. John C.N. Hall
Thursday, 1/10	9:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – Holy Folders 7:00pm – Girl Scouts
Friday, 1/11	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, 1/12	1:30pm – 4:30pm – Truth Deliverance Church (S) 6:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (PH)
Sunday, 1/ 13	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:

January 6, 2019

From the Desk of the Interim Rector

Happy New Year! And what an exciting new year it will be here at St. Mark's. God willing, we will be led by God's guiding hand to find our new Rector this year. Please remember to pray for our parish and our Search Committee as we work to discern God's plan in the days ahead. And, of course, please continue to pray for the person God has already selected to answer the call to St. Mark's to become our new Rector. In the meantime, great opportunities await as we prepare for this new chapter in our ministry. For example, our Choir is busy working on new music selections for worship. Our Vestry is revisiting our governing documents and procedures. Our building will undergo needed improvements (like a new roof!). And our congregation will explore new ways to minister jointly with our sister congregation of San Marcos. Additionally, I am excited to begin offering a “teaching minute” in the context of our Sunday services. Each week, this “minute” will provide a few words of instruction about a portion of the liturgy. To help answer the “why do we do that?” and “what's that all about?” questions – as new learning for some and as a good refresher for others – to help us grow more seasoned as Episcopalians and more faithful as followers of Christ.

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, Jackie Cerio, Jeff Gray, Mary Magnini, Eloida Reyes, Sheyla Cornwall and Warren Sims .

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, Shawn, Arlene Washington, Barbara, Robin Groome, Peter Butler, Annie Osborne, 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 .

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 Progress: After a short Christmas break, your search committee is back to work gathering information to identify the gifts St. Mark's congregation desires in our next rector. We are analyzing the 49 surveys that we received from you and will be sharing the results soon. We are planning focus group discussions and will schedule meetings of small groups later this month and in early February to hear more of your desires. Remember the words of Father John's Dec. 30th sermon when he said to look with anticipation towards the New Year and God's blessings that we will receive this year. God has wonderful things in store for us—we are God's chosen people! Please continue to pray for direction.

2019 Worship Schedules: Please, Please! Submit your 2019 Worship Schedules to the Parish Administrator as soon as possible. If you have any questions or require additional information, please call the church office. Thank you!

Help Needed: The Lay Eucharistic Ministers are in need of a worship scheduler. The current scheduler, Donna Anderson is stepping down from the position. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Anderson or the church office.

St. Mark's Website: Curious about St. Mark's organization and ministries? See *What We Do* (<http://www.stmarksalex.org/What-We-Do/>), *How We Serve* (<http://www.stmarksalex.org/How-We-Serve/>), as well as the pages for Getting Involved with our *Worship Ministries* (http://www.stmarksalex.org/Worship_Ministries/), and *Fellowship Ministries* (http://www.stmarksalex.org/Fellowship_Ministries/).

2019 Stewardship Campaign Pledges: We have received 40 pledges to date in response to our 2019 Stewardship Campaign totaling **\$144,564.00** Thank you for your continued generosity.

Choral Evensong at St. Paul's: An inspirational choral evensong in celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 6, at St. Paul's Old Town, 228 S. Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA. This contemplative service is a wonderful way to decompress from the holidays. Composers featured will be Palestrina, Smith of Durham, Vaughan Williams, and Archer. A reception will follow the service.

Book of Common Prayer: Please note that we have “**Selections From the Book of Common Prayer Large Print**” in the back of the church on the bookshelf. Parishioners should ask the ushers for a copy and **PLEASE** return the copies after service. Thank you!

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

Thank you! Thank you! A very special thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas flowers and the staff gifts. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Adult Forum

Today – “Anxious for Nothing – Finding Calm in a Chaotic World” (video)
January 13th - VOICE Interfaith Outreach Activities- Rosemary Kley, Presenter

Upcoming Birthdays !!

1/1 – Jackie Cerio/Nana Marfo
1/3 – Jeanne Shafer
1/6 – Ann Sparks
1/8 – Sheryl Sims/Linda Larson
1/11 – Stacie Moats/Brenda Huber