

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/ 1	7:00pm-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 4/2	7:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 4/3	10:30am – The Fairfax 6:30pm – Lenten Soup Supper 7:15pm – Wednesday Lenten Program
Thursday, 4/4	9:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – Holy Folders 4:00pm – Nurturing Families
Friday, 4/5	3:30pm-6:30 – River Farm Cooperative (PH)
Saturday, 4/6	9:00am – 12:30pm – River Far, Cooperative (Clean-up day) 1:30pm – 4pm – Truth Deliverance Church (S, PH)
Sunday, 4/7	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:

March 31, 2019

From the Desk of the Interim Rector

When was the last time you were quiet? No. I mean really quiet. Still. Silent. Quiet. When was the last time your quiet went way beyond not talking? When did your quiet not include noise – the TV, jets landing in DC, email, traffic, the hum of the refrigerator, and the neighbor's barking dog? When were your thoughts quieted enough to not obsess over your to-do list, your bills, your shortcomings, your demands, your future, and your worries. If you are like I am, your last really quiet moment may seem distant. Silence hides. It is so fleeting. Usually, at least in my experience, quiet doesn't just happen. Quiet must be sought. Silence needs kindling. Stillness takes practice. Kathy Staudt, a seminary professor and spiritual mentor once wrote, “Five minutes of silence a day is the spiritual equivalent of flossing your teeth.” Perhaps it's a bit uncomfortable or even painful at first. But, oh my, how healthy and healing in the long run. Lent is a great time for rediscovering silence. Be quiet and heal. Even for just a moment.
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, Kevannah Campbell, Velma, Emily Davis, Kent White, Pat Hoppe, Nell Brill, Hailey Heyse, Irrsula Mpouma, Richard Sparks, Jeff Gray, Mary Magnini, Eloida Reyes, Sheyla Cornwall, Nihal Masih, and Jeanne Shafer.

Extended family: Rod Pearson Sr., Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Elmore, Mike Greenham, Kwan Dae Suk, Jean Blair, 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, Ron Graves, Kimberlee, Mary and Patty Klosky and Bob and Maggie Hohnberger, Kevin Lopez, Brandon Lane, James Hall, Annie Kim and Tim Shaub and family.

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 **Rector Search Prayers:** 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.

How we are using your comments: Your comments are valuable and were used to write the Community Ministry Portfolio that will be posted on the national Episcopal Church website (www.otmportfolio.org) to call our next rector. It gives candidates a description of what we are seeking in a new rector and what qualities are important to us as a congregation (similar to a vacancy announcement). The portfolio has been reviewed by our vestry and was sent to the Office of Transition Ministry (OTM), Diocese of Virginia for approval and uploading to the OTM website.

What's next: The announcement will be on the OTM Portfolio website until May 13. The OTM website is only accessible by priests. A notice that we are receiving names will also be published on the Virginia Diocese website under "Open Positions." We have asked OTM office to send an email to the nationwide network of Diocesan Transition Ministers who will share it with priests outside of Virginia who are seeking new calls.

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

Pastoral Care Committee: 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.

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 starting today.

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.

Flowers: The envelopes in the bulletin today are for Easter flower offerings. Please indicate who the flowers are in memory of or in thanksgiving for. Please submit to the church office no later than April 16th.

VIC Meeting: The next VIC meeting will be held on April 3, 2019, 11:30am at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria, Va.

Way of Love Topics and Dates:

April 3rd – Bless – Share faith and unselfishly give and serve.

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

Adult Forum

TODAY – Overview of the Focus Group Results – Ashley Bryda, Presenter

March 3^{1st} – Anxious for Nothing Video by Max Luciano

April 7th – Presentation by Fr. John Hall

Happy Birthday !!

4/1 – Stephanie Miles

4/2 – Tam Slobodin

4/4 – Eulie Campbell/Zyen Cole/Joy Haggard/David Powers

4/5 – Chris Foster