

# News and Service Opportunities - Please Take Note:

**Please join us** in the responsibility to safeguard God's children by making sure no child is unaccompanied while in the building. **Our Nursery** is staffed from 10:15am—noon. **Children's Worship** is offered during our service. Best for children ages 4-11ish. We leave after the Gospel and return at the Peace. **"Soft-spots" for families with young children** offer toddler friendly seating in the church. We love having children in church.

**COVID SAFETY: Masks are optional.** We ask that you remain mindful of other's health.

**Children's Worship.** Will not meet this morning or on Sunday, December 31. We're back on January 7.

**Please remember to Pledge your support for St. Mark's ministry.** Cards are on-line and in the church. **We currently have 86 pledges on our way to our 100 pledge goal.** Your pledge in whatever amount is critical to funding the ministry of the church.

**Christmas Services 2023 continue with:** December 24 10:30pm Holy Eucharist (musical prelude begins at 10pm). December 25 Christmas Day Service at 10:30am. *No 4pm service on December 24.* Sunday, December 31 we will have a service of Lessons & Carols with communion at 10:30am.

**Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests, January 6, 10:30am at All Saints, Richmond.** Dale Smith and Emma Wright Brice (with others) will be ordained to the priesthood. Please join in celebrating their ordination. All Saints is located at River Road and Parham just past Roslyn.

**Epiphany Dinner** is January 6 at 6pm. All are welcome.

**The Office is closed through January 2. We reopen at 11am on January 3.**

**Community Dinner is Tuesday, January 2 at 6pm.** \$10 for a complete meal and beverage.

**Please excuse our peeling paint!** We continue to plan for interior improvements determining repair and renovation priorities. Plans are shaping up for some work to begin in 2024. The renovation project will be a financially significant investment on the part of the church. We appreciate your patience.

**Part-time Sexton search.** St Mark's would like to hire a church sexton for 10 hours a week at \$20/hour (Saturday & Sunday mornings). This position requires skills in event set-up, light cleaning duties, moderate lifting (25 lbs. -/+), English language ability, and being a self-starter. Subject to a satisfactory background check. If you know of someone interested; please have them submit a resume to Fr Benjamin at [rector@stmarksrva.org](mailto:rector@stmarksrva.org).



## Outreach:

**Food Pantry service on 2nd and 4th Saturdays!** We distribute bags, offer a meal and time to relax and use the bathroom. If you have donations or questions about the pantry, contact our Food Pantry Coordinator, Karen Franklin, [forpop247@gmail.com](mailto:forpop247@gmail.com). **Please shop for the Food Pantry—lists are on-line and in the church entry.**

**12-Step Ministry** Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **December 27 host is Suzanne Long.**

**CARITAS Meal ministry** returns in January 2024.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:**

December 24 — December 30

**SUNDAY(24)** 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
And Pageant  
10:30 PM Christmas Eve Service  
(Musical prelude at 10:00am)

**Office Closed until January 3, 2024**

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

**NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:**

December 31 — January 6

**SUNDAY(31)** 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Lessons and Carols Service

**TUES(2)** OFFICE CLOSED  
6:00 PM Community Dinner

**WED (3)** 8:00 PM 12-Step

**SAT (6)** 10:30 AM Ordinations at All Saints  
6:00 PM Epiphany Dinner

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

**Serving this Sunday, December 24 (Morning)**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

**Deacon:** The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

**Verger:** Elizabeth Kyser

**Chalicer:** Patrick McDuff

**Acolytes:** Reeves and Hunter Marie Boschen

**Ushers:** Steve and Mark Clark,  
David and Kristin Herman

**Greeters:** All Greeters

**Nursery:** Cassandra Price

**Altar Guild:** Mary Clark, Peter Walker,  
Andrea Lofton, Jean Winne

**Advent Greenery:** Floral Guild

**Coffee Hour:** Parish Life

**Alter Guild Zoom Host:** Nora Thompson

**Serving Next Sunday, December 31**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

**Deacon:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

**Preacher:** N/A

**Verger:** Mike Evranian

**First Reading:** Carter Strite

**Second Reading:** Karen Hardison

**Intercessor:** Douglas D'Urso **Chalicer:** Ryn Kennedy

**Acolytes:** Steve Clark, Howard Pugh

**Ushers:** Elam Jarrells, Harold Wright, Fred Crowley

**Greeter:** Malinda Collier

**Nursery:** Cassandra Price

**Altar Guild:**

Sanford Eberly, Ivy Burnes, Liz Smith, Mary Clark

**Greenery -** Floral Guild

**Coffee Hour:** Parish Life

**Alter Guild Zoom Host:** Nora Thompson