

St. Mark's SnapShot

St. Mark's tenant, **Vietnamese American Services (VAS)**, hosts a weekly Seniors Club in the Parish Hall and provides access to affordable health care resources, food distribution and other services. Although VAS was established to serve the local Vietnamese population, services they provide at St. Mark's, Fairland are available to our congregation and all area residents, regardless of their national origin or religious affiliation. Montgomery County Council President Thomas Hucker visited the VAS Seniors Club on December 23, 2021. Rev. Wilkins and Parish Administrator Janis Smith attended. For more information about VAS and the services they provide, call the church office at 301-622-5860.



We Need YOUR Help!

We would like to make the St. Mark's SnapShot a regular monthly newsletter, but we can only do this with support from the congregation. Please send in your photos. Submit your story ideas, or write a brief article about the work of one of our ministry areas. Share a bit of St. Mark's history that may not be known to everyone. Send in an announcement. Volunteer to be editor for a month, with help! We want your input and feedback and look forward to hearing from you at administrator@stmarks-silverspring.org.

COVID-19 Test Kits

Have you had close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19? Or, do you have symptoms? Even if you are fully vaccinated, you may be vulnerable to the highly contagious omicron variant. A COVID-19 rapid antigen test can be done at home, with results generated in 15-30 minutes. Test kits have been very hard to find, but Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services will be distributing kits free to residents at public libraries starting on Monday, January 10th. For more information, go to www.MoCoCOVIDTesting.org.

What's Happening at Mark's Fairland?

St. Mark's Fellowship Committee met last month and made plans for 2022 activities and events. Additional information will be announced as we grow closer to each date. We will also monitor the news for information on the pandemic and postpone or cancel events if they cannot be conducted safely in-person.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 13, 2022
St. Mark's Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 26, 2022
Mardi Gras Dinner Dance

Friday, April 8, 2022
Fish Fry Fundraiser

Sunday, April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday Breakfast

Saturday, July 30, 2022
Annual Parish Picnic

Saturday, October 1, 2022
Fall Dinner Dance

Saturday, December 4, 2022
Advent Dinner



Thank You to St. Mark's Angels!

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of St. Mark's parishioners, we were able to provide Christmas presents, gift cards and grocery cards to four families from the Paint Branch High School community. St. Mark's also helped three other families purchase food and other grocery items at Thanksgiving. Without support from St. Mark's, observing the holidays would have been difficult (or in some cases impossible) for these families. **YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!**