

Hello Everyone,

On Sunday, June 19th, Co-Chair Shirley Instasi introduced the Rector Search Committee to the congregation. The members of this Committee include: Shirley Instasi and Cindy Bergevine, Co-chairs, Jennifer Ooi, Clerk; Chris Schneider, Vestry Liaison; and members John deRis and Amy Van Dell. These parishioners are working closely with Elinor Horner, our Diocesan-assigned Search Consultant to conduct a thorough, thoughtful, and prayerful search to find our next rector.

In the coming weeks, we will be emailing a series of questions about our St. Mark's community, your faith journey and what you think we should seek in our next rector. While we did similar work a few years ago through the Mission and Visioning process, a lot has happened since then. We encourage you to engage with us to help build a comprehensive picture of St. Mark's post-pandemic to present to our potential next Rector.

Below is a visual which explains the phases of the search process. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments at any time. You can email us at office@stmarksfx.org.



The search for a new Rector is a spiritual process, allowing us to honor our past as we seek God's guidance for the future. Below is a prayer that we have created to guide us. We will continue to use this prayer throughout the process. Please join us in reflecting on these words as a way of supporting the work we have been chosen to do.

Heavenly Father, we the beloved community of St. Mark's place before you the entire search process, the discernment of our actions and decisions, and our hopes in the outcome. Grant us patience as we search for the right person to enter into communion with us. Help us to accept that all things will happen in your time.

Lord Christ, we know that we rest in your compassionate grace in this moment. Help us to listen to each other gracefully.

Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves for your guidance. Join us as we gather in prayerful fellowship.

Thank you for your prayers, support and involvement as we continue our work. We look forward to many conversations in the months ahead and we will regularly update you on our progress.

Blessings,

The Search Committee