

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK & ALL SAINTS (Episcopal)

Worldwide Anglican Communion Diocese of New Jersey Atlantic Convocation

"Loving God and neighbor by word and action"



*Sundays 9:00 AM – Holy Eucharist
Kid's Program (Sunday School) – 9AM*

A Service for Healing with Holy Eucharist – Wednesdays at 5PM

*For Holy Baptism, Private Confession, or Holy Matrimony,
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First Sunday After Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
January 11, 2026
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Eucharistic Prayer A
9:00 AM

WELCOME TO ALL!

It is our privilege to have you worship with us and share in the community of God's faithful as we gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. We celebrate our diversity, knowing that ALL are created in God's image and likeness. At The Church of St. Mark and All Saints, there are no visitors—for this is Christ's Church; therefore, ALL God's children are welcomed here no matter where you are on the journey! Please sign our guestbook in the lobby.

RESTROOMS:

are located in the hall immediately across from the interior entrance doors to the sanctuary. The Ladies' Room is located to the right, with the Men's Room to the left.

An usher will be happy to direct you.

Please join us for coffee/tea and other light refreshments in the parish hall immediately following our worship today!

Helpful Abbreviations:

BCP – *The Book of Common Prayer* (black or red book with the cross on the front cover)

Blue Hymnal – (hardback blue book with year 1982 on it)

LEVAS – *Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal* (multi-colored hymnal)

Praise Hymnal – (paperback light blue book)

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

Processional Hymn

Blue Hymnal #76

Salutations and Responses

Book of Common Prayer 355

Hymn of Praise

Blue Hymnal S280

BCP 356

The Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess

him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Word of God

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading: Ephesians Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #121

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 3:13-17
Glory to You, Lord Christ

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all

righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Donald R. Caron

The Baptismal Covenant

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Prayers of the People

Form III - BCP 387

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory

The Doxology

***Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S125

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem -Blue Hymnal S155

Communion Hymn

LEVAS #146

Post Communion Prayer

Going Forth into the World

BCP 366

Blessing

BCP366

Dismissal

BCP 366

Recessional Hymn

Blue Hymnal #535

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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 1/11 – 9 AM – Mass, Children’s Program, Fellowship

Mon., 1/12 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

6:00 -8:00 PM – Art Space (*all ages & skill levels welcome*)

Tues., 1/13 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

4:30 PM ESL at St. Mary’s

7:00 PM Evening Bible Study with Mo. Mag via Zoom

Wed., 1/14 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

4:30 PM ESL at St. Mary’s

5:00 PM Healing service with Eucharist

Thurs., 1/15 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Fri., 1/16 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Sat., 1/17 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you to Christine & Mark Stanton!

Hosts needed! Sign up for future weeks to maintain our weekly fellowship hour.

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Announcements & Birthday/Anniversary/Traveler Blessings

STEWARSHIP - Many thanks to all who submitted pledge cards already. Pledging helps the church strike a more accurate budget for the upcoming year. If you have not pledged yet, or have never pledged in the past, there is still time. There are extra pledge cards on the table in the center aisle. You can place folded pledge cards in the collection plate. Thanks to all for sharing your time, talents, and treasures to support the Lord's work.

Annual Parish Meeting - Following the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, January 25, 2026, we will gather in the parish hall to conduct parish business and hold elections.

Openings on the Mission Committee include:

- **Junior Warden** – 2-year term
- **Three Vestry Members** – 3-year terms

We also elect Deputies & Alternates to the Diocesan Convention, and Delegates for our Atlantic Convocation. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting! Potluck brunch. Please bring a dish to share on 1/25/26!

SEAMAN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE - A big thank you to all who contributed to our ongoing Christmas at Sea program. Thanks to your generous donations we were able to ship 2 large boxes of knitted and crocheted hats and scarves, ditty bags, toiletries, candy and Christmas cards. Any questions or for more information please see Deacon Rich.

Men of SMAS - Following the January 11 service, all men of SMAS are invited to gather during Coffee Hour to discuss the formation of a Men's Group for our parish.

Kid's Program –for children up to 6th grade! Children will have fun learning Bible stories, how to imitate Jesus, as well as how to worship in the Episcopal Church, etc. Sundays during 9AM Mass.

Peggy's Pantry –The next Peggy's Pantry will be on **January 18th** Your generosity helps support the community food bank.

Jersey Shore Fiber Arts Guild - We're back! Join us this **Thursday, 1/15**, from 7-9 PM in the Fellowship Hall. After a December break, we're excited to kick off the season again and welcome all fiber arts enthusiasts! No membership fees—everyone is invited to come, reconnect, and share in the creative fun. For more details, feel free to email us at: jerseyshorefiberartsguild@gmail.com

Weekly Thursday Online Meditation - Join Mel Caron and participants from churches across the diocese and beyond for a peaceful and enriching online meditation session every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our time together includes a 20-minute meditation, followed by a teaching video from a contemporary contemplative, and a discussion afterward. No prior meditation experience? No problem! We're happy to guide you. For more information and to receive the weekly link, contact Mel at melanieannecaron@gmail.com

Thinking about getting more involved at SMAS? We could really use some friendly faces to help out as ushers! Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the long table.

Fall/Winter Bible Study with Mother Mag - September 9, 2025 – June 2026
Join us on Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM as we study Matthew's Gospel. No homework required—just bring your preferred Bible.

 Please call the office for the Zoom details.

Portrait of a Radical: The Jesus Movement

All are welcome to join Mel Caron for a three-week video study exploring the radical, dynamic, and passionate message of Jesus. The series features Franciscan Fr. Richard Rohr, historian Huston Smith, and Allen Dwight Callahan, Professor at Harvard Divinity School.

The study will meet in the Parish Hall from **10:00–11:30 a.m. on Mondays, January 12, 19, and 26.**

In need of Prayer? Please add name(s) to our parish prayer list at the usher's stand.

Zoom Morning Prayer –Mondays through Saturdays at 9:30 AM. Please contact the church office for the link to Morning Prayer.

SMAS CARE Team – Is there a parishioner who needs a visit? Card? Call? Assistance with transportation to a medical appointment? Please email or call the church office.

Vestry Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 1/14 at 6:00 PM.** ALL Welcome!

Pocket Prayer Squares Ministry – Please take one from the blue basket at the back of the church for someone in need or your comfort.

Important Groups Meeting at SMAS:

Art Space – Mondays 6 PM – 8 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Tuesdays (6 PM) & Wednesdays (4:30 PM)

Boardwalk Chorus – Wednesdays 6 PM – 8 PM

Jersey Shore Fiber Arts Guild – 7 PM – 9 PM

(3rd Thursday of the month)

Easter Seals – Fridays (10:30 AM – 1:30 PM)

Girl Scouts – Every Other Tuesday

Cub Scouts (Chartered by SMAS) – 3rd Sunday

Memorials & Thank Offerings

Altar Flowers

Rick & Mary Dovey in thanksgiving for the birthday of our son Scott on January 12th

Church Bulletin

Christa Atkins in thanksgiving and blessings for wonderful friends

John Dummler in thanksgiving for Alice Dummler – a life filled with faith

Mark Stanton in thanksgiving for celebrating Christine's 70th birthday

Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings

Mark Stanton in thanksgiving for celebrating Christine's 70 birthday

Jeanne Lutz in loving memory of Louise MacPhall, my sister, who was taken too early



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Jesus Christ, Chief Pastor and Head of the Church

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