

# 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,  
please contact the Church Office*

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**Third Sunday After Epiphany**  
**January 25, 2026**  
**The Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Eucharistic Prayer A**  
**9:00 AM**  
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**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 #381**

Salutations and Responses

Book of Common Prayer 355

Hymn of Praise

**Blue Hymnal S280**

BCP 356

**The Collect of the Day**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## *The Word of God*

### **First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4**

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

***The Word of the Lord.***

***People: Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 27:1, 5-13**

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*

the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, \*

nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;

cast me not away; \*

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

***The Word of the Lord.***

***People: Thanks be to God.***

**Sequence Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #530**

***Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 4:12-23***

***Glory to You, Lord Christ***

When Jesus got word that John had been arrested, he returned to Galilee. He moved from his hometown, Nazareth, to the lakeside village Capernaum, at the base of the hills of Zebulun and Naphtali . This was just as Isaiah prophesied:

Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, road to the sea, over Jordan, Galilee, crossroads for the nations. People sitting out their lives in the dark saw a huge light; Sitting in that dark country of death, daylight dawned. This prophecy of Isaiah came to life in Galilee the moment Jesus started preaching. He picked up where John left off: "Change your life. God's kingdom is here."

Walking along the beach of Lake Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers: Simon (later called Peter) and Andrew. Their regular work was fishing, so they were throwing their nets into the lake. Jesus said to them, “Come with me. I’ll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I’ll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass.” They didn’t ask any questions, but simply dropped their nets and followed him.

A short distance down the beach they came upon another pair of brothers, James and John, Zebedee’s sons. These two were sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, mending their fishnets. Jesus invited them, too, and they were just as quick to follow, abandoning boat and father. From there he went all over Galilee. In synagogues he taught people the good news about God’s kingdom. People from all around brought anybody with a sickness, whether mental, emotional, or physical. Jesus healed them, one and all.

***The Gospel of the Lord.***

***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Children’s Sermon

The Rev. Donald R. Caron

The Nicene Creed (*see insert*)

BCP 358

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**

Post Communion Prayer	<b><i>Going Forth into the World</i></b>	BCP 366
Blessing		BCP366
Dismissal		BCP 366
Recessional Hymn		<b>Blue Hymnal #135</b>

**THIS WEEK AT SMAS:**

**Sun., 1/25 – 9 AM** – Mass, Children's Sunday, Annual Parish Meeting

**Mon., 1/26 - 9:30 AM** - Zoom Morning Prayer

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

**Tues., 1/27 - 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., 1/28 – 9:30 AM** - Zoom Morning Prayer

**4:30 PM** ESL at St. Mary's

**5:00 PM** Healing service with Eucharist

**Thurs., 1/29 - 9:30 AM** - Zoom Morning Prayer

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

**Sat., 1/31 - 9:30 AM** - Zoom Morning Prayer

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**Fellowship Hour** -Please join us after Mass. Potluck Brunch – Annual Parish Meeting!

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 – Today** Following the 9:00 AM Mass, 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!**

**Pancake Supper & Pancake Races** - Mark your calendars and join the fun at our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17, from 5:30–7:00 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal, plenty of laughter, and our always-entertaining *crazy Pancake Races!* Bring a friend (or two!) and come share in the fun and fellowship. There is no set price—a free-will offering will be accepted. Everyone is welcome!

(We need volunteers to help with set/clean-up and pancake flippers, please call or text Val Kozlowski 609-204-1633 if you can lend your talents)

**SEAMAN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE** - We will continue to collect throughout the year **HAND** knitted or crocheted hats and scarves, ditty bags, toiletries, candy, tissues, microwave popcorn, playing cards, etc. Please place it in box provided by entry to the sanctuary. We will be shipping them as soon as shipping boxes are full. Any questions, please see Deacon Rich.

**Men of St. Mark & All Saints** – At our first gathering, the group agreed to meet every other Tuesday. Our next meeting will be held at the church on Tuesday, **February 4th at 4:00 PM**. Join us for a short Bible reflection and plenty of good conversation and fellowship.

**Kid's Program** –for children up to 6<sup>th</sup> 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** – From our collection on January 18<sup>th</sup> we collected 200 lbs. of food, and \$85 in cash- Thank you! The next Peggy's Pantry will be on **February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Your generosity helps support the community food bank.

**Peggy's Pantry Reminders** - Help us serve our neighbors safely! When donating, please avoid glass jars (which break in transit) and perishable items (like fresh produce or bread). We appreciate your kindness and your help in keeping our donations safe and fresh!

**Jersey Shore Fiber Arts Guild** - We're back! Join us this **Thursday, 10/16**, 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

**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** - we were not able to meet this past Monday for session two. We will try again this coming Monday, **January 26<sup>th</sup>** at **10:30** in the Parish Hall. You are welcome to participate even if you didn't attend the first session. Let Mel know if you plan to attend. Our third session will be Monday, **February 9<sup>th</sup>** when Don and Mel return from vacation. Should the weather prevent us meeting on the 26th, we will finish February 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

**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 (*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month*)**

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

**Girl Scouts – Every Other Tuesday**

**Cub Scouts (Chartered by SMAS) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**



**Memorials & Thank Offerings**

**Altar Flowers**

Donna Taylor in loving memory of Elsie M. Garton, mother.

**Church Bulletin**

Alice & Jim Dougherty in loving memory of my father, Francis Longworth, on the anniversary of his birthday.

**Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings**

Dale Sharp in thanksgiving for Vicki Sharp's birthday



### Our Ministers

**Jesus Christ, Chief Pastor and Head of the Church**

**All Baptized Members**

**The Rev. Richard J. Wisniewski, Deacon**

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