

# 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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## Second Sunday After Christmas

January 4, 2026

### The Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Eucharistic Prayer B

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!*

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### 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 #109**

Salutations and Responses

Book of Common Prayer 355

Hymn of Praise

**Blue Hymnal S280**

BCP 356

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## *The Word of God*

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

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

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

### **Psalm 84:1-8**

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

[9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

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

**Sequence Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #616**

**(vs. 1 – 3)**

***Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:1-12***

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

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

Homily

The Rev. G. Douglas Eberly

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



**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 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.

**All Hands Welcome – Christmas Cleanup - Today** - immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service (around 11:00 a.m.), we will change the altar hangings to green for the Epiphany season and take down, clean, and store the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work, and any help—big or small—is greatly appreciated. If you are able, please plan to stay after the service. Thank you for helping care for our church.

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

**Adult ESL** – Classes resume on Tuesday, January 6th in the new year. Thank you again for all the help. St. Mary's is very grateful for our partnership in Christian service.

**The Jersey Shore Fiber Arts Guild** will pause for the month of December. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for our first meeting of the New Year on **January 15, 2026!**

**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](mailto: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 the Book of Esther. No homework required—just bring your preferred Bible.

- 📌 Sign up on the bulletin board or call the office to be added to the list.
- 🔗 Zoom details will be provided closer to the start date.

**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.

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### **Important Groups Meeting at SMAS: Art Space**

**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**

Winnie Gaupp in loving memory of Edi Bankert and Edwin Gaupp, Sr.

### **Church Bulletin**

Val & Stan Kozlowski in thanksgiving for Stephen's Kozlowski's birthday on January 6<sup>th</sup>

JoAnn Binette in thanksgiving for her daughter Tracey's birthday

Dave Stalhuth in loving memory of Patricia Aiken Stalhuth

### **Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings**

Winnie Gaupp in thanksgiving for Dan Paulis, Jr. on his birthday on January 9<sup>th</sup> and  
thanksgiving for his help with the alter work



**Our Ministers**

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

**All Baptized Members**

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