

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

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Diocese of New Jersey
Atlantic Convocation

"Loving God and neighbor by word and action"



New Beginnings Sunday

Living Each Day as a Steward!

Today is the fourth Sunday of our stewardship program known as **New Beginnings Sunday!** Thank you for journeying with us these past few weeks and for the blessing you are to SMAS every day! It is through your generosity in sharing your time, talents, and treasure that our parish family is able to continue the work of Jesus. Thank you for the many ways that you support our parish and its important ministries. We are grateful that you have considered making a pledge for the upcoming year. If you forgot your pledge card this morning, please do not worry. We have extra ones available. There are many ways that you can submit your pledge card: placing it in the offering plate, placing it in the donation box, coming forward at a point during our worship today, or even mailing it to the office. Please join us for a celebratory potluck brunch following our worship this morning and a brief congregational meeting in the parish hall for a vote on our parish status. God is good! All the time!

*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 Fr. Terry*

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 2025
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!

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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 #686

Salutations and Responses

Book of Common Prayer 355

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

BCP 356

Blue Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-6

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.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from

the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #641

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 18:9-14

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Sermon

The Rev. Terrence O'Connor, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People

Form VIII - BCP 387

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

Presentation of Pledges

Give Thanks –

Praise Hymnal - P11

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory

Creator of Beauty and Giver of Life – arr. Mark Schweizer

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

Blue Hymnal S125
BCP 364

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem -Blue Hymnal S155

To receive the bread dipped in the wine (intinction), please kneel or stand by the right-side of the altar rail.

Communion Hymn Blue Hymnal 335

Post Communion Prayer	BCP 366
Blessing	BCP366
Recessional Hymn	Blue Hymnal #680
Dismissal	BCP 366

THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Mon., 10/27 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Tues., 10/28 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

4:30 PM ESL at St. Mary's

Wed., 10/29 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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5:00 PM Healing service with Eucharist

Thurs., 10/30 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
7:00 PM - SALA Fellowship – Women Mystics

Fri., 10/31 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Sat., 11/1 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Potluck Brunch and Congregational Meeting!
Hosts needed! Sign up for future weeks to maintain our weekly fellowship hour.

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Attention Delegates! Annual Fall Atlantic Convocational Gathering - Thursday, November 13th at 7:00PM in our parish hall. Dinner will be provided.

SALA FELLOWSHIP - WOMEN MYSTICS: Thursday, October 30th at 7PM. Christian Mysticism is Christianity's best kept secret. Both men and women mystics were well known for their ancient wisdom teaching, their experiences with the Divine, and their service to the Church and their communities. It was profound that the women spoke out to the authority of the church giving their messages from Christ. During our time together, we will look more closely at the women mystics, i.e. Teresa of Avila, Hildegard de Bingen, and Julian of Norwich. Their lives and ministries are fascinating and inspiring! Join us for food, fellowship, and learning. ALL are welcome!

ADVENT POTLUCK & STUDY: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus - AN ADVENT TO CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE* by Andy Langford, Ann Langford Duncan. YOU are invited “on an Advent-to-Christmas pilgrimage to draw closer to Jesus! Traditional Scripture readings and acts of worship reveal anew the treasures of God’s grace for all people. Let this book guide you to open your heart to the priceless gifts of the good news. Start your pilgrimage today and experience the full riches of God's love” (taken from Cokesbury.com). Please sign-up on the bulletin board **no later than Sunday, November 16th. Please purchase book on your own at least one week prior to the start of the study.**

If anyone needs assistance with the purchase of a book, please reach out privately to Fr. Terry or Deacon Rich. **Mondays at 6PM: 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, & 12/15. Potluck Meal, fellowship, discussion/learning! Bring a dish to share! ALL WELCOME!**

SEAMAN’S CHURCH INSTITUTE - Have you been thinking about how you can become involved with the parish’s ministry to the Seamen’s Church Institute, but you don’t knit or crochet?

Well, here are some ideas...

❖ **Donate loose change or other denominations to help pay for postage/shipping costs for holiday mailings. A basket is located at the back of the church. It costs \$20 to mail a package.**

❖ **DONATE YARN...#4 Medium worsted weight (avoid pastels)**

- ❖ **DO YOU SEW?**... Make Ditty Bags, there is a simple pattern in the book in the box in the back of the church or online @ <https://seamenschurch.org>
- ❖ **DONATE ITEMS TO FILL THE DITTY BAGS**... travel sized toiletries, granola bars, gum, individual packages of hot chocolate and microwave popcorn, playing cards and puzzles
- ❖ **AMAZON WISH LIST**... Christmas at Sea has an Amazon wish list, if you use Amazon, you can use this to send items to them, be sure to add a gift note so they can acknowledge your gift
- ❖ **Knitting/Crocheting for the Seamen's Church Institute continues!** Please place items in the box. We are also collecting the front covers of used Christmas cards. Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

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 – From our collection on October 19th we collected 92 lbs. of food, and \$50 in cash- Thank you! The next Peggy's Pantry will be on **November, October 16th**. Your generosity helps support the community food bank.

Jersey Shore Fiber Arts Guild

Knitters, crocheters, weavers, spinners & quilters—come join us!

Meetings are held the **3rd Thursday of each month – 7 – 9 PM** in the fellowship hall. No membership fees—everyone is welcome! Email: jerseyshorefiberartsguild@gmail.com for details.

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 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.

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.

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

Marie Beall in thanksgiving for Ron & Janet's wedding anniversary

Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings

Terry O'Connor, Jr. in loving memory of Mary Stouch, grandmother



Our Ministers

Jesus Christ, Chief Pastor and Head of the Church

All Baptized Members

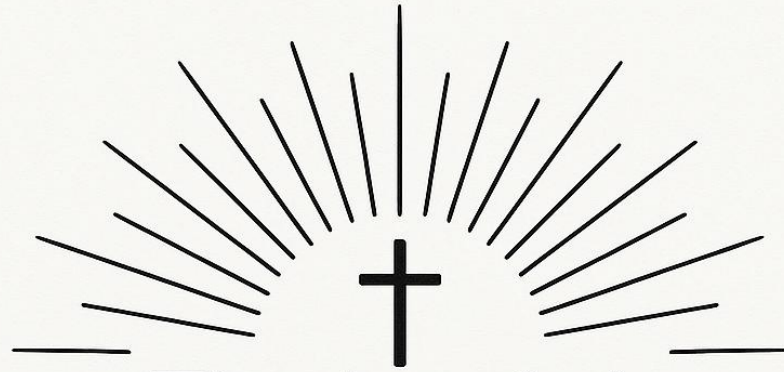
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**Behold,
I make all
things new**

REVELATION 21:5

