

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"



October 4, 2026

*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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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Eucharistic Prayer C

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

Proclamation Hymn

Salutations and Responses

Glory to God

Blue Hymnal #525

BCP Page 355

Blue Hymnal #S280

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 80:7-14

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #483
(vs. 1-3)

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 21:33-46

Glory to You, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Donald R. Caron

The Nicene Creed

(Sung to the tune of Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing - Blue Hymnal #686 or Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – Blue Hymnal #657)

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan, earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began. Jesus infant born of Mary He grew up in Galilee.

From the water with John the Baptist, He began his ministry.
Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended. till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above;
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.

So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Savior, Lord and friend.
We shall rise with him in glory. to the life that knows no end.

Prayers of the People

Form II - BCP 385

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

Announcements & Birthday/Anniversary/Traveler/Healing Blessings

Offertory

The Holy Eucharist

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 Fraction Anthem Blue Hymnal S155

Communion Hymn LEVAS #152

Post Communion Prayer **Going Forth into the World** BCP 366

Vestry and Discernment Committee Prayer

All: Lord, we ask you to guide the members of our Vestry and Discernment Committee so that they may hear Your voice leading St. Mark's and All Saints Church into the future to which you are calling us. Give them wisdom and insight into the qualities of Leadership needed to best serve our precious church. Inspire also the person You intend to be our spiritual leader and pastor. Give us all a sense of happy anticipation as we await the one we know will be the right one according to Your plan for us.

We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing BCP366

Dismissal BCP 366

Recessional Hymn Blue Hymnal #555

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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 10/4 – 9:00 AM – Mass, Sunday School, Fellowship Hour

Mon., 10/5- 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Tues., 10/6 - 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., 10/7 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

4:30 PM ESL at St. Mary's

5:00 PM Healing service with Eucharist

Thurs., 10/8 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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

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

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you to Fr. Don & Mel! Hosts needed!
Sign up for future weeks to maintain our weekly fellowship hour.

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Announcements

I will usually be in the office on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and available by appointment at other times. I can be reached at 478-234-2697 or by email at donaldcaron1@gmail.com.

Stewardship Season Is Almost Here!

Matthew 6:21 — “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

There is so much to be thankful for at St. Mark & All Saints—our worship together, our ministries and programs, and most of all, the people who make our church such a caring and welcoming community. As we look toward the year ahead, we invite everyone to prayerfully consider how they can continue to support the life and future of SMAS.

This year is an especially meaningful one as we continue our journey toward calling our next priest. Every pledge, large or small, helps us plan with confidence and continue the worship, ministries, programs, and fellowship that are at the heart of our church community.

Watch for more information about this year’s Stewardship Campaign coming soon!

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 – Looking for real conversation and connection? The Men’s Group gathers for a relaxed and meaningful Bible study, where we explore scripture through the lens of everyday life and men’s spiritual journeys. All are welcome - come as you are and join the conversation. Next meeting: **October 6 at 4:00 PM** in the parish hall.

Peggy’s Pantry – The next Peggy’s Pantry will be on **October 18th**. 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!

Sunday School –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.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4th • 11:30 AM – Noon • Courtyard

Bring your beloved pets and join us for our **Blessing of the Animals!** We'll gather in the courtyard for a special time of prayer and blessing as we give thanks for the animals who bring so much joy and companionship to our lives. Dogs, cats, birds, bunnies—and pets of all shapes and sizes—are welcome! Please have pets safely leashed or in an appropriate carrier. **Invite your friends and neighbors, too. All are welcome!**



Jersey Shore Fiber Arts Guild – The Guild will be taking a break for the summer and return on **October 15th** For more information, please email: 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.

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. Here is the log-on information for Morning Prayer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88415180664?pwd=MoQ5miV9HVg6aW8bqkXHsFg8j4EbnP.1>

Meeting ID: 884 1518 0664

Passcode: 505333

(the hyperlink for Morning Prayer can be found at <https://www.smasnj.org/events>)

Fall/Winter Bible Study with Mother Mag - September 2026 – June 2027

Join us on Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM as we continue studying Matthew's Gospel.

No homework required—just bring your preferred Bible. Here is the log on information for the Bible Study:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88558830465?pwd=O9xmoTGly2PLLhL8vtVKhDrsHaUuBc.1>

Meeting ID: 885 5883 0465

Passcode: 493241

(the hyperlink for Morning Prayer can be found at <https://www.smasnj.org/events>)

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, 10/21 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)

Cub Scouts (Chartered by SMAS) – 3rd Sunday



Memorials & Thank Offerings

Altar Flowers

Scott & Lisa Winneberger in thanksgiving for their anniversary – 48 years!

Vase of Flowers

John & Joann Spencer in loving memory of Helen & John Spencer

Church Bulletin

Christa Atkins in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of
Rosemary and Joe Lucia

JoAnn Binette in thanksgiving for grandson Gavin's 18th birthday

JoAnn Binette in loving memory of Rene Binette on the anniversary of their wedding

Mary & Rick Dovey in thanksgiving for granddaughter Ellie Ann Dovey whose
birthday was October 1st

Donna Taylor in loving memory of Clarence Taylor, husband

Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings

Marie Beall in thanksgiving for her niece Kim on her birthday

Alice & Jim Dougherty in thanksgiving for Courtney DeFalco's birthday

Julia Black in thanksgiving for her brother Logan

Julia Black in thanksgiving for her Mommy, Daddy and Grandparents



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Jesus Christ, Chief Pastor and Head of the Church

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