## 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"



## Living Each Day as a Steward!

Today, we begin the first week of our stewardship program *Living Each Day as a Steward!* Our theme for this week is "The Steward's Identity." What identity is most important to you? Does your identity focus on your family, vocation, wealth, hobbies, education, etc.? How important is your identity of being a baptized child of God who has been called and chosen to be God's steward? Through the Gospel, we have our new identity in Jesus.

- TODAY: "The Steward's Identity" October 5
  - "The Steward's Purpose" October 12
  - "The Steward's Lifestyle" October 19
- "New Beginnings Sunday" (Pledge/Commitment Sunday) October 26

# PICK UP YOUR DAILY DEVOTIONAL TODAY! FOR THOSE WHO PREFER A HARD COPY OF FR. TERRY'S INTRO LETTER AND STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES, PLEASE ALSO PICK UP A COPY!

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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## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 5, 2025

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

Salutations and Responses

Stewardship Theme

Blue Hymnal #488

Book of Common Prayer 355

Hymn of Praise BCP 356 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: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous--therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watch post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then he Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-10

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \* do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \* and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \* dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the Lord, \* and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \* and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \* and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord \* and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \* the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \* do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, \* but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

#### Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn** 

Blue Hymnal #660

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 16:19-31 People: Glory to You, Lord Christ

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?

Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, `We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People Lord, have mercy Form V BCP 389

Confession of Sin BCP 359

The Peace BCP 360

**Announcements** 

**Personal Testimony** 

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Bread of the World – arr. Carlton Young

#### **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

## **Directions for the Reception of Holy Communion:**

**To receive the bread and wine separately**, please kneel or stand by the **left-side** of the altar rail. Bread will be distributed first, followed by the wine. If you choose to receive the bread only, please leave the altar rail before the distribution of the wine.

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

**If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion**, you may come to either side of the rail for a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing—**or** you may remain in your pew for prayer/meditation.

#### Going Forth into the World

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

Blessing

BCP366

Recessional Hymn

Blue Hymnal #539

Dismissal BCP 366

#### THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 10/5 – 9 AM – Mass, Sunday Kid's Program, Fellowship Hour

Mon., 10/6 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer 6:00 -8:00 PM - Art Space (all ages & skill levels welcome)

Tues., 10/7 - 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., 10/8 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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

5:00 PM - Healing service with Eucharist

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

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

**6:30 PM -** Church Movie Night – *The Shack* 

**Sat., 10/11 - 9:30 AM -** Zoom Morning Prayer

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## **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 Wednesday Online Meditation - Join Mel Caron and participants from churches across the diocese and beyond for a peaceful and enriching online meditation session every Wednesday 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@amail.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.
- **2** 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.

Mission Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 10/15 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**

Scott & Lisa Winneberger in thanksgiving for their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

#### **Church Bulletin**

Rick & Mary Dovey in thanksgiving for granddaughter Ellie Ann Dovey whose birthday was October  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ 

Christa Atkins in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Rosemary & Joe Lucia
JoAnn Binette in thanksgiving for Gavin's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday
JoAnn Binette in loving memory of René Binette on the anniversary of their wedding
Donna Taylor in loving memory of Clarence Taylor, husband
Stan & Val Kozlowski in thanksgiving for Lydia Lynn Kozlowski

## **Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings**

Alice & Jim Dougherty in thanksgiving for Courtney DeFalco's 29th

#### **Our Ministers**

## Jesus Christ, Chief Pastor and Head of the Church All Baptized Members

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#### Fr. Terry's Office Hours:

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