

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 Fr. Terry*

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First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025
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

Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Wreath (*see insert*)

Blue Hymnal #56
(*vs. 1 & 2*)

Processional Hymn

Blue Hymnal #65

Salutations and Responses

Book of Common Prayer 355

Hymn of Praise

BCP 356

Blue Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #66

***Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 24:36-44
Glory to You, Lord Christ***

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily	The Rev. Lee Powers
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People	<i>Form III</i> - BCP 387
Confession of Sin	BCP 359
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements	

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory	<i>Gabriel’s Message – Basque Carol</i>
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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 B	BCP 367
Sanctus		Blue Hymnal S125
The Lord’s Prayer		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364	Fraction Anthem -Blue Hymnal S155
Communion Hymn		Blue Hymnal #73
Post Communion Prayer	<i>Going Forth into the World</i>	BCP 366
Blessing		BCP366
Dismissal		BCP 366
Recessional Hymn		Blue Hymnal #68

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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 11/30 – 9 AM – Mass, Children’s Program, Fellowship

Mon., 12/1 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
6:00 PM – Advent Book Study & Potluck

Tues., 12/2 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
7:00 PM - Evening Bible Study with Mo. Mag via Zoom
7:00 PM - Community Thanksgiving Service
Absecon Presbyterian Church, 208 New Jersey Ave.

Wed., 12/3 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
5:00 PM - Healing service with Eucharist

Thurs., 12/4 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Fri., 12/5 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Sat., 12/6 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Fellowship Hour - Please join us after Mass. Thank you to the Link Family! Hosts needed! Sign up for future weeks to maintain our weekly fellowship hour.

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STEWARDSHIP - 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.

IT'S OFFICIAL - Special thanks to all who were able to join us last Sunday for our special congregational meeting. Following the unanimous vote to return to parish status, the Certificate of Incorporation was submitted to, and recorded by, the county. God is good! Please join us in-person to be acknowledged at the annual Diocesan Convention at Christ Church, Toms River on Sat., 11/22. Information about the convention can be found at dioceseofnj.org. We hope you will join us for this important blessing and milestone!

Advent Wreath Workshop – Please join us in the Parish Hall **immediately following the service** for Advent wreath making. Supplies will be provided, and all ages are welcome to participate as we begin the Advent season together.

Next Sunday is Service Bulletin Sign-up Sunday. Candles are \$5, bulletins are \$7 and Altar Flowers are \$50. Please check the sign-up sheets in the foyer next Sunday to see if there are dates you would like to sponsor. Don't forget to list your name as the sponsor. Please PRINT the message as legibly as possible.

Upcoming Vestry Vacancies – January 2026

As we prepare for our Annual Meeting in January 2026, parishioners are invited to prayerfully consider serving in the following leadership roles:

- **Junior Warden** – 2-year term
- **Three Vestry Members** – 3-year terms

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.

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!**

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 –The next Peggy's Pantry will be on **December 21st** Your generosity helps support the community food bank.

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*

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.

Vestry Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 12/17 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)

Girl Scouts – Every Other Tuesday

Cub Scouts (Chartered by SMAS) – 3rd Sunday

Memorials & Thank Offerings

Altar Flowers

Rosie Rainer in loving memory of Toni LoSasso



Our Ministers

Jesus Christ, Chief Pastor and Head of the Church

All Baptized Members

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Sundays 11 AM – 1 PM

Tuesdays 4:30 PM – 7 PM

Wednesdays 6 PM – 8 PM Other

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