

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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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 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)*

Processional Hymn

**O Come, O Come
Emmanuel**

**Blue Hymnal #56
(all verses)**

Salutations and Responses
Hymn of Praise

BCP 356

Book of Common Prayer 355
Blue Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

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

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

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

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

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

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #54

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 1:18-25

Glory to You, Lord Christ

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily	The Rev. Terrence O’Connor, Jr.
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358

Prayers of the People	<i>Form III</i> - BCP 387
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Confession of Sin	BCP 359
The Peace	BCP 360

Announcements

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory	<i>What Child is This - Greensleeves</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
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Sanctus	Blue Hymnal S125
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The Lord’s Prayer	BCP 364
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The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364	Fraction Anthem -Blue Hymnal S155
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Communion Hymn	Blue Hymnal #336
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Post Communion Prayer	<i>Going Forth into the World</i>	BCP 366
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Blessing	BCP366
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Dismissal	BCP 366
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Recessional Hymn	Blue Hymnal #100
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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 12/21 – 9 AM – Mass, Children’s Program, Fellowship

Mon., 12/22 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Tues., 12/23 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Wed., 12/24 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

4:30 PM – Holy Eucharist with Children’s Story

6:10 PM - Carols/Hymns

6:30 PM –Holy Eucharist with Choir

Thurs., 12/25 - 8:00 AM – Spoken Holy Eucharist (no music) followed by fellowship and refreshment

Fri., 12/26 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Sat., 12/27 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Announcements

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!

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you to Mel Caron! 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.

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.

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.

Today - Decorating the Church—*Please stay to help decorate our beautiful nave for Christmas. Grab a quick bite in the parish hall, and we will start decorating around 10:30-ish. There are plenty of jobs to be done. In the past this has taken about 2 hours of effort. But many hands make light work, and it doesn't seem like work at all if we all pitch in.*

Peggy's Pantry – Today, 12/21 - Your generosity helps support the community food bank. 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**](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 - will pause for the Christmas holidays and resume on Tuesday, January 6, continuing with a study of the Gospel of Matthew. No homework required—just bring your preferred Bible.

 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, 1/21 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.

Christmas Service Schedule:

Wednesday, 12/24 - 4:30 PM - Holy Eucharist with Children's Story

6:10 PM - Carols/Hymns

6:30 PM – Holy Eucharist with Choir

Thursday, 12/25 - 8:00 AM - Spoken Holy Eucharist (no music) followed by fellowship and refreshments

Sunday, 12/28 - 9:00 AM – Holy Eucharist & Ending of a Pastoral Ministry
(a service for the Ending of Pastoral Relationship & Leave Taking from a Congregation)

Wednesday, 12/31 – 5:00 PM New Years Eve Service

(no Eucharist, Fr. Terry's Official last day serving SMAS)

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

Christa Atkins in loving memory of Mary Margaret Polisano

Church Bulletin

Adele Hook in loving memory of my sisters, Catherine, Dorothy and Marion and their husbands Jerry and Clarence

Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings

Rick and Mary Dovey in loving memory of Frances Scott Dovey

SMAS family in thanksgiving and Happy Birthday to Father Terry on December 25th,
Christmas Day

Val & Stan Kozlowski in loving memory of Teddy Kozlowski



Our Ministers

Jesus Christ, Chief Pastor and Head of the Church

All Baptized Members

The Rev. Terrence O'Connor, Jr., CFC (Fr. Terry), Priest-in-Charge
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Fr. Terry's Office Hours:

Sundays 11 AM – 1 PM

Tuesdays 4:30 PM – 7 PM

Wednesdays 6 PM – 8 PM Other

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