

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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Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 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
(vs. 1 - 4)**

Salutations and Responses

Book of Common Prayer 355

Hymn of Praise

BCP 356

Blue Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #67

***Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 3:1-12
Glory to You, Lord Christ***

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

Form III - BCP 387

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory

Gabriel’s Message – Basque Carol

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 #324
Post Communion Prayer	<i>Going Forth into the World</i>	BCP 366
Blessing		BCP366
Dismissal		BCP 366
Recessional Hymn		Blue Hymnal #72

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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 12/7 – 9 AM – Mass, Children’s Program, Fellowship

Mon., 12/8 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
6:00 PM – Advent Book Study & Potluck

Tues., 12/9 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
7:00 PM - Evening Bible Study with Mo. Mag via Zoom

Wed., 12/10 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
5:00 PM - Healing service with Eucharist

Thurs., 12/11 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Sat., 12/13 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you to the Winnie Gaupp & the Spencers! 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.

Today 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 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:, 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.

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 Joan Buckow on the anniversary of her birthday

Church Bulletin

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Gen creamer in thanksgiving for Reese Maguire who celebrates her 14th birthday today,
12/7

Alice & Jim Dougherty in loving memory of my mother Louise Longworth on the
anniversary of her passing

Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings

Terry O'Connor, Jr. in thanksgiving for the birthday of Terrence X. O'Connor, Sr.

Terry O'Connor in loving memory of Genevieve Pleis, aunt

Val & Stan Kozlowski in loving memory of Lydia Kozlowski



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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