

# 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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**First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 22, 2026**  
**The Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Eucharistic Prayer A**  
**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***

Processional Hymn

**Blue Hymnal #688**

Salutations and Responses

BCP Page 355

Collect of Purity

BCP Page 355

Hymn of Praise

**Trisagion**

**Blue Hymnal S102**

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ***The Word of God***

### **First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

***The Word of the Lord.***

***People: Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 32**

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

### **Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

***The Word of the Lord.***

***People: Thanks be to God.***

**Sequence Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #142**

***Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 4:1-11***

***Glory to You, Lord Christ***

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

***The Gospel of the Lord.***

***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Children’s Homily

The Rev. 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	<i>Form III</i> - BCP 387
Confession of Sin	BCP 359
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements	

***The Holy Eucharist***

Offertory                      ***What Wonderful Love - Southern Harmony***

**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	<b>Eucharistic Prayer A</b>	BCP 361
Sanctus		Blue Hymnal S125
The Lord’s Prayer		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364	<b>Fraction Anthem -Blue Hymnal S164</b>
Communion Hymn		<b>Blue Hymnal #334</b>
Post Communion Prayer	<b><i>Going Forth into the World</i></b>	BCP 366
Blessing		BCP366
Dismissal		BCP 366
Recessional Hymn		<b>Blue Hymnal #559</b>

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**THIS WEEK AT SMAS:**

**Sun., 2/22 – 9:00 AM** – Mass, Children’s Sunday, Fellowship Hour

**Mon., 2/23 - 9:30 AM** - Zoom Morning Prayer

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

**Tues., 2/24 - 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., 2/25 – 9:30 AM** - Zoom Morning Prayer

**4:30 PM** ESL at St. Mary’s

**5:00 PM** Healing service with Eucharist

**Thurs., 2/26 - 9:30 AM** - Zoom Morning Prayer

**Fri., 2/27 - 9:30 AM** - Zoom Morning Prayer

**Sat., 2/28 - 9:30 AM** - Zoom Morning Prayer

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**Fellowship Hour** -Please join us after Mass. Thank you to Faith Penrose & Kathleen Donnelly! Hosts needed! Sign up for future weeks to maintain our weekly fellowship hour.

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**Announcements & Birthday/Anniversary/Traveler Blessings**

**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** – At our first gathering, the group agreed to meet every other Tuesday. Our next meeting will be held at the church on Tuesday, **February 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM**. Join us for a short Bible reflection and plenty of good conversation and fellowship.

**Kid’s Program** –for children up to 6<sup>th</sup> 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** – From our collection on February 15<sup>th</sup> we collected 98 lbs. of food, and \$65 in cash- Thank you! The next Peggy’s Pantry will be on **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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!

**Jersey Shore Fiber Arts Guild** - We're back! Join us, **Thursday, 3/19**, from 7-9 PM in the Fellowship Hall. No membership fees—everyone is invited to come, reconnect, and share in the creative fun. For more details, feel free to email us at: 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.

**Fall/Winter Bible Study with Mother Mag** - September 9, 2025 – June 2026  
Join us on Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM as we study Matthew's Gospel. No homework required—just bring your preferred Bible.  Please call the office for the Zoom details.

**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, 2/25 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**

### **Church Bulletin**

Marie Beall in loving memory of my sister Gail's birthday on February 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings**

Robert & Valerie Bush in thanksgiving for Andrew's birthday



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**All Baptized Members**

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