

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"



July 26, 2026

*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 the Church Office*

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Eucharistic Prayer C

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

Proclamation Hymn

Salutations and Responses

Glory to God

Blue Hymnal #293

BCP Page 355

Blue Hymnal #S280

The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading: Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:31-33,44-52
Glory to You, Lord Christ***

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Homily

Homily

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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	

Announcements & Birthday/Anniversary/Traveler Blessings

Offertory

The Holy Eucharist

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 C	BCP 369
Sanctus		Blue Hymnal S125
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	Fraction Anthem	Blue Hymnal S155
Communion Hymn		Blue Hymnal #321
Post Communion Prayer	Going Forth into the World	BCP 366

Vestry and Discernment Committee Prayer

All: Lord, we ask you to guide the members of our Vestry and Discernment Committee so that they may hear Your voice leading St. Mark's and All Saints Church into the future to which you are calling us. Give them wisdom and insight into the qualities of Leadership needed to best serve our precious church. Inspire also the person You intend to be our spiritual leader and pastor. Give us all a sense of happy anticipation as we await the one we know will be the right one according to Your plan for us. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing	BCP366
Dismissal	BCP 366
Recessional Hymn	Blue Hymnal #336

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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 7/26 – 9:00 AM – Mass, Children's Sunday Fellowship Hour

Mon., 7/27- 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Tues., 7/28 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Wed., 7/29 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

5:00 PM Healing service with Eucharist

Thurs., 7/30 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Fri., 7/31 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Sat., 8/1 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you to Lee & Nancy Powers & Sarah & Rich Wisniewski! Hosts needed! Sign up for future weeks to maintain our weekly fellowship hour.

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Announcements

I will usually be in the office on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and available by appointment at other times. I can be reached at 478-234-2697 or by email at donaldcaron1@gmail.com.

St. Mark & All Saints Evening Vacation Bible School

Tropical Trek: "Jesus Comes to Seek and Save"

Join us for four exciting evenings of faith, fun, music, crafts, games, and fellowship!

August 10–13, 2026

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

FREE for all campers!

Children entering **Kindergarten through 6th Grade** are welcome to attend.

Registration - Register by scanning the QR code below, visiting:

<https://forms.gle/3zapEjwWG1oCDPVR8> or

by calling the church office at: **(609) 652-6222**

We look forward to sharing this exciting adventure with your children as we discover how Jesus comes to seek and save!



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 – Looking for real conversation and connection? The Men's Group gathers for a relaxed and meaningful Bible study, where we explore scripture through the lens of everyday life and men's spiritual journeys. All are welcome - come as you are and join the conversation. Next meeting: **July 28 at 4:00 PM** in the parish hall.

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 – From our collection on July 19th we collected 200 lbs. of food, and \$85 in cash- Thank you! The next Peggy's Pantry will be on **August 16th**. 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 – The Guild will be taking a break for the summer and return on **September 17th** For more information, please email: 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.

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, 8/19 at 6:00 PM**. The vestry will not meet in July. 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

Rick & Mary Dovey in thanksgiving for their daughter Kate's birthday on August 1st.



Our Ministers

Jesus Christ, Chief Pastor and Head of the Church

All Baptized Members

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