

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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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Eucharistic Prayer A
9:00 AM

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

Processional Hymn

Blue Hymnal #401

Salutations and Responses

BCP 355

Hymn of Praise

BCP 356

Blue Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Word of God

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The Lord looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #644

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:32-40

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 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. Terrence O'Connor, Jr.	
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer</i>	
Confession of Sin		BCP 359
The Peace		BCP 360
Announcements		

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory	
The Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom all blessings flow...</i>

The Great Thanksgiving	Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus		Blue Hymnal S125
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364	Fraction Anthem -Blue Hymnal S155

Communion Hymn

LEVAS #152

Going Forth into the World

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Blessing

BCP366

Recessional Hymn

Blue Hymnal #636

Dismissal

BCP 366

Welcome!

At SMAS, there are no visitors. This is Christ's Church, and ALL are always welcome!

With us for the first time or after a long time? *Please sign the guestbook in the foyer.*

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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 8/10 – 9 AM – Mass – Fun with Jesus for Kids, Fellowship Hour

Mon., 8/11 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Tues., 8/12 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Wed., 8/13 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

5:00PM - Healing Service and Eucharist

Thurs., 8/14 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Fri., 8/15 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Sat., 8/16 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you Dale & Vicki Sharp! Hosts needed! Sign up for future weeks to maintain our weekly fellowship hour.
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SEAMAN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE - Have you been thinking about how you can become involved with the parish's ministry to the Seamen's Church Institute, but you don't knit or crochet?

Well, here are some ideas...

- ❖ **DONATE YARN...#4** Medium worsted weight (avoid pastels)
- ❖ **DO YOU SEW?...** Make Ditty Bags, there is a simple pattern in the book in the box in the back of the church or online @ <https://seamenschurch.org>
- ❖ **DONATE ITEMS TO FILL THE DITTY BAGS...** travel sized toiletries, granola bars, gum, individual packages of hot chocolate and microwave popcorn, playing cards and puzzles
- ❖ **AMAZON WISH LIST...** Christmas at Sea has an Amazon wish list, if you use Amazon, you can use this to send items to them, be sure to add a gift note so they can acknowledge your gift
- ❖ **Knitting/Crocheting for the Seamen's Church Institute continues!** Please place items in the box. We are also collecting the front covers of used Christmas cards. Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

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.

Children's Sunday! On the 4th Sun. of each month – next one is 8/24 - children will have the opportunity to assist in worship and take part in a special children's sermon or reflection.

Peggy's Pantry – The next Peggy's Pantry will be on **Sunday, August 17th**. Your generosity helps support the community food bank.

Cardboard & Duct Tape Boat Regatta – Donations Needed!

We're excited to once again participate in the annual Cardboard & Duct Tape Boat Regatta! To help with boat construction, we're requesting donations of cardboard and duct tape.

- **Duct Tape Donations:** Please drop off at the box located at the back of the church.
- **Cardboard Donations:** Leave outside at the back of the church under the overhang.

We will be building the boat later this month (date to be confirmed soon), and we invite you to join in the fun! The race will take place on **September 14th at 1 PM** at Port Republic Beach. Mark your calendars and help us make this year's boat the best yet!

Picnic Potluck – August 17th – 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Absecon United Methodist Church, Great Hall, 100 Pitney Road, Absecon, NJ

Bring your favorite summertime dish or dessert.

RSVP: Abseconumc@comcast.net (609) 641-1265

Guest Speaker, Brad Zabelski, from CASA will present.

(CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children)

Thinking about getting more involved at SMAS? We could really use some friendly faces to help out as ushers! If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, just add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.

Fall/Winter Bible Study with Mother Mag – The Study has ended – Mother Mag thanks everyone that attended and wishes everyone a great summer! The study will begin again in the Fall and will be studying the Book of Esther.

Education for Ministry - Want to study the Bible, church history, and theology with others? Mother Mag leads an *Education for Ministry* group on Monday evenings via Zoom. The group starts back up in September. If you're interested in learning more or would like to join, please email Mother Mag at margaretotterburn@msn.com.

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.

Mission Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 8/20 at 6:00 PM**. ALL Welcome! The committee will not meet in July.

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

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

Faith Penrose in loving memory of James Brandt, Jr.

Church Bulletin

JoAnn Binette in loving memory of her mother, Peggy Cook

Winnie Gaupp in loving memory of my husband, Edwin Gaupp, Jr., in remembrance of our wedding anniversary

Val & Stan Kozlowski in thanksgiving for Peter & Phillip Kozlowski

Marie Beall in remembrance of my twin sister Elaine and brother-in-law, Jerry

Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings

Donna Taylor in loving memory of Charles R. Garon, father

Robert & Valerie Bush in thanksgiving for our anniversary

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Jesus Christ, Chief Pastor and Head of the Church

All Baptized Members

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Sundays 11 AM – 1 PM

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Wednesdays 6 PM – 8 PM

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