

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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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Eucharistic Prayer A
9:00 AM

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

Processional Hymn

Blue Hymnal #376

Salutations and Responses

BCP 355

Hymn of Praise

BCP 356

Blue Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore, the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last forever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 14:1, 7-14
People: Glory to You, Lord Christ

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Lee Powers

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People

Lord, hear our prayer

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow...

The Doxology

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

Blue Hymnal #321

Going Forth into the World

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Blessing

BCP366

Recessional Hymn

Blue Hymnal #344

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., 8/31 – 9 AM – Mass – Fun with Jesus for Kids, Fellowship Hour

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

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

Tues., 9/2 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Wed., 9/3 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

5:00PM - Healing Service and Eucharist

Thurs., 9/4 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Fri., 9/5 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Sat., 9/6 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you Winnie Gaupp, John and Joann Spencer! Hosts needed! Sign up for future weeks to maintain our weekly fellowship hour.

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Change in Reception of Holy Communion Coming!

Next Sunday, 9/7/25, we will return to reception of Holy Communion at the altar rail. When facing the altar, bread dipped in wine (intinction) will be offered at the right-side rail, and bread followed by the chalice will be offered at the left-side rail. If one wishes to receive the bread only, please leave the rail before the distribution of the wine. If you are unable to kneel, please feel free to stand at the altar rail. Please let an usher know if you need Communion brought to you in your pew.

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 9/28 - 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, September 21st**. Your generosity helps support the community food bank.

Cardboard & Duct Tape Boat Regatta!

We're thrilled to once again join the annual Cardboard & Duct Tape Boat Regatta! Huge thanks to everyone who donated duct tape and cardboard—we couldn't have built this year's boat without you. The boat is now constructed, and we'll be taping it up after today's service. Come lend a hand and share in the fun!

The big race is on Saturday, **September 14th at 1 PM** at Port Republic Beach. Mark your calendars and help us make this year's boat the best one yet!

JERSEY SHORE FIBER ARTS GUILD

Knitters, crocheters, weavers, spinners & quilters—come join us! Our first meeting is

Thursday, September 18, 7–9 PM.

We'll meet on the **3rd Thursday of each month** in the fellowship hall.

No membership fees—everyone is welcome! Email: jerseyshorefiberartsguild@gmail.com for details.

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 - 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.

Mission Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 9/17 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



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