

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"



September 13, 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,
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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 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 #410

BCP Page 355

Blue Hymnal #S280

The Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus, the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *

O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *

you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *

and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #483

(vs. 1-3)

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 18:21-35

Glory to You, Lord Christ

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"

Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

Form IV - BCP 388

9/11 Memorial

See Insert

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

Summer Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People: Glory to you forever and ever.

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S125

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry.

He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People: Glory to you forever and ever.

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

People: Glory to you forever and ever.

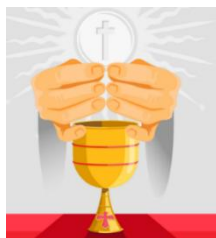
Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us + and on these gifts +, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People: Glory to you forever and ever.

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Glory to you forever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:



The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymn

Post Communion Prayer

Fraction Anthem

Going Forth into the World

BCP 364

Blue Hymnal S155

LEVAS #154

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 #473

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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 9/13 – 9:00 AM – Mass, Sunday School, Fellowship Hour

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

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

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

4:30 PM ESL at St. Mary's

Wed., 9/16 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

4:30 PM ESL at St. Mary's

5:00 PM Healing service with Eucharist

Thurs., 9/17 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Fri., 9/18 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Sat., 9/19 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you to Eric Harrington! 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 donalddcaron1@gmail.com.

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: **September 8 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 –The next Peggy's Pantry will be on **September 20th**. 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!

SALA! A new SALA will be offered on Thursday, September 10 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Ever wonder what all the hullabaloo is about Meditation? Tried it, but couldn't seem to quiet your mind? Practice it now but want to know more? Mel Caron will be offering an information meeting on the various forms of Christ Meditation that exist today and a bit of its history. You can learn how you might consider making one or more of them a part of your prayer life. See Mel or contact her at melanieannecaron@gmail.com with questions.

Cardboard & Duct Tape Boat Regatta – Save the Date!

We're excited to once again participate in the annual **Cardboard & Duct Tape Boat Regatta!**

This year's race will be held on **Saturday, September 19th at 1:00 PM at Port Republic Beach.**

We have plenty of cardboard for our boat, but **donations of duct tape are greatly appreciated!** Duct tape may be placed in the donation box located at the back of the church. More information about building our boat will be coming soon. **Mark your calendars and come cheer on the SMAS crew!**

Sunday School Returns September 13th!

We're excited to welcome our children back to **Sunday School beginning Sunday, September 13th at 9:00 AM!** Our first lesson will be **"Welcome to Sunday School: What Is the Bible and How Do We Use It?"** Children will learn about the Bible, how it is organized, and how we can use God's Word to learn and grow in our faith.

We look forward to a wonderful new year of learning, growing, and having fun together!

Open Dates – Bulletins, Candles & Vase of Flowers - If you would like to sponsor an open date in September, October, November, or December for bulletins, candles, or a vase of flowers on the white pillar at the left front of the church, sign-up sheets will be available in the foyer today, August 23, and Sunday, August 30.

Bulletins – \$7 • Candles – \$5 • Vase of Flowers – \$50

If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Winnie, Christine, or Kathleen.

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. Here is the log-on information for Morning Prayer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88415180664?pwd=MoQ5miV9HVg6aW8bqkXHsFg8j4EbnP.1>

Meeting ID: 884 1518 0664

Passcode: 505333

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, 9/16 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 (**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 Madeline and Harry Porco

Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings

Mary & Rick Dovey in loving memory of Brian c. Faniro

Church Bulletin

Stan & Val Kozlowski in thanksgiving for the birthday of Abigail Kozlowski on
September 16th

JoAnn Binette in thanksgiving for grandson Tyler's 22nd birthday and
granddaughter Jessica's 21st birthday

Marie Beall in loving memory of her husband Tom on his birthday on
September 17th



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