

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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**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Eucharistic Prayer A
9:00 AM**

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!

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 #390

Salutations and Responses

Book of Common Prayer 355

Hymn of Praise

BCP 356

Blue Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *
praise the Name of the Lord.

2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, *
from this time forth forevermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of

God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #550

(vs. 1-3)

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 16:1-13

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

Lord, have mercy

Form V

BCP 389

Confession of Sin
The Peace
Announcements

BCP 359
BCP 360

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory

Lead Me, Lord – Wesley

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 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

Directions for the Reception of Holy Communion:

To receive the bread and wine separately, please kneel or stand by the ***left-side*** of the altar rail. Bread will be distributed first, followed by the wine. If you choose to receive the bread only, please leave the altar rail before the distribution of the wine.

To receive the bread dipped in the wine (intinction), please kneel or stand by the ***right-side*** of the altar rail.

If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may come to either side of the rail for a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing—***or*** you may remain in your pew for prayer/meditation.

Communion Hymn

Blue Hymnal #341

Going Forth into the World

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

Blessing

BCP366

Recessional Hymn

Blue Hymnal #594

Dismissal

BCP 366

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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 9/21 – 9 AM – Mass, Sunday Kid’s Program, Fellowship Hour

Mon., 9/22 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Tues., 9/23 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Wed., 9/24 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Thurs., 9/25 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Fri., 9/26 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you Tom & Julie Hirschlein! Hosts needed! Sign up for future weeks to maintain our weekly fellowship hour.

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SMAS Under the Stars – Church Movie Night on Friday, October 10th at 6:30PM. We will be watching ***The Shack*** (Rated PG-13). Bring a sweet or salty snack to share, and enjoy some fellowship. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board. Everyone is welcome—invite a friend!

Blessing of the Animals - In honor of St. Francis, we invite you to bring your pets for a special blessing on Sunday, September 28th from 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM in our parking lot. Bring your furry or feathered friends to receive a blessing. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

Attention Delegates! Annual Fall Atlantic Convocational Gathering - Thursday, November 13th at 7:00PM in our parish hall. Dinner will be provided.

ADVENT POTLUCK & STUDY: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus - AN ADVENT TO CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE* by Andy Langford, Ann Langford Duncan. YOU are invited “on an Advent-to-Christmas pilgrimage to draw closer to Jesus! Traditional Scripture readings and acts of worship reveal anew the treasures of God’s grace for all people. Let this book guide you to open your heart to the priceless gifts of the good news. Start your pilgrimage today and experience the full riches of God's love” (taken from Cokesbury.com). Please sign-up on the bulletin board **no later than Sunday, November 16th. Please purchase book on your own at least one week prior to the start of the study.**

If anyone needs assistance with the purchase of a book, please reach out privately to Fr. Terry or Deacon Rich. **Mondays at 6PM: 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, & 12/15. Potluck Meal, fellowship, discussion/learning! Bring a dish to share! ALL WELCOME!**

SMAS COOKIE RECIPE SWAP - Please email one or more of your favorite cookies, bars, or sweet treats to **SMASspecial@gmail.com** by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH**. We'll compile them all into one document to be shared in a link that will be downloadable and printable. This is a great way to share our favorites with one another! We can only accept recipes by email so that we can "cut and paste" to compile recipes. Let's help make this year's holiday season a "sweet" one!

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 loose change or other denominations** to help pay for postage/shipping costs for holiday mailings. A basket is located at the back of the church. It costs \$20 to mail a package.
- ❖ **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. Sundays during 9AM Mass.

Children's Sunday is the fourth Sunday of the month. Children will have the opportunity to hear a special children's message or reflection.

Peggy's Pantry – Today, 9/21 - Your generosity helps support the community food bank. Your generosity helps support the community food bank.

JERSEY SHORE FIBER ARTS GUILD

Knitters, crocheters, weavers, spinners & quilters—come join us!

Meetings are held the **3rd Thursday of each month – 7 – 9 PM**

in the fellowship hall. No membership fees—everyone is welcome!

Email: jerseyshorefiberartsguild@gmail.com for details.

Weekly Wednesday Online Meditation - Join Mel Caron and participants from churches across the diocese and beyond for a peaceful and enriching online meditation session every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our time together includes a 20-minute meditation, followed by a teaching video from a contemporary contemplative, and a discussion afterward.

No prior meditation experience? No problem! We're happy to guide you.

For more information and to receive the weekly link, contact Mel at

melanieannecaron@gmail.com

Cardboard & Duct Boat Race – Special thanks to all who assisted with the building of our boat, “Holy Rowers II”! Also, thanks to Eleanor, Charlotte, Erika & Avery for representing us well in the race and to the many who came out to cheer us on! We were awarded the Best Work Effort Trophy! A fun day was had by all!

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 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, 10/15 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

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

Linda Fenton in loving memory and celebration of Joe Fenton on his birthday and in thanksgiving for the birthday of Kim Ashton

Church Bulletin

Dale & Vicki Sharp in thanksgiving for Lilli's 15th birthday

Winnie Gaupp in loving memory of Deacon Tom Sweeney on the anniversary of his birthday on September 27th

Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings

Terry O'Connor, Jr. in loving memory of Joan Callahan Butterworth

Andrea Sarnowski in thanksgiving of her wedding anniversary



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