

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 27, 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 27, 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 #450

BCP Page 355

Blue Hymnal #S280

The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 25:1-8

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #489
(vs. 1-3)

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 21:23-32

Glory to You, Lord Christ

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Homily

Testimony

The Rev. Lee Powers

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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

Form IV - BCP 388

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

Announcements & Birthday/Anniversary/Traveler/Healing 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		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	Fraction Anthem	Blue Hymnal S155
Communion Hymn		Blue Hymnal #343
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 #344
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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 9/27 – 9:00 AM – Mass, Children’s Sunday, Fellowship Hour

Mon., 9/28- 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
6:00 -8:00 PM – Art Space (*all ages & skill levels welcome*)

Tues., 9/29 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
4:30 PM ESL at St. Mary’s
7:00 PM Evening Bible Study with Mo. Mag via Zoom

Wed., 9/30 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer
4:30 PM ESL at St. Mary’s
5:00 PM Healing service with Eucharist

Thurs., 10/1 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Fri., 10/2 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

Sat., 10/3 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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Fellowship Hour -Please join us after Mass. Thank you to Rosa Terminelle & Jay Kurkowski! 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.

Stewardship Season Is Coming!

As we prepare for our upcoming Stewardship Campaign, we ask everyone to prayerfully consider their support of St. Mark & All Saints in the year ahead. Our pledges are especially important this year as we continue the exciting process of searching for and calling our next priest. Your faithful support helps us plan for the future and continue the worship, ministries, and programs that make SMAS such a special church community.

More information about this year's Stewardship Campaign will be coming soon!

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 22 at 4:00 PM** in the parish hall.

Peggy's Pantry – From our collection on September 20th we collected 110 lbs. of food, and \$85 in cash- Thank you! The next Peggy's Pantry will be on **October 18th**. 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!

Sunday School –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.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4th • 11:30 AM – Noon • Courtyard



Bring your beloved pets and join us for our **Blessing of the Animals!** We'll gather in the courtyard for a special time of prayer and blessing as we give thanks for the animals who bring so much joy and companionship to our lives. Dogs, cats, birds, bunnies—and pets of all shapes and sizes—are welcome! Please have pets safely leashed or in an appropriate carrier. **Invite your friends and neighbors, too. All are welcome!**

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

(the hyperlink for Morning Prayer can be found at <https://www.smasnj.org/events>)

Fall/Winter Bible Study with Mother Mag - September 2026 – June 2027

Join us on Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM as we continue studying Matthew's Gospel.

No homework required—just bring your preferred Bible. Here is the log on information for the Bible Study:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88558830465?pwd=O9xmoTGly2PLLhL8vtVKhDrsHaUuBc.1>

Meeting ID: 885 5883 0465

Passcode: 493241

(the hyperlink for Morning Prayer can be found at <https://www.smasnj.org/events>)

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, 10/21 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)

Cub Scouts (Chartered by SMAS) – 3rd Sunday



Memorials & Thank Offerings

Altar Flowers

Andrea Sarnowski in loving memory of her parents

Church Bulletin

Winnie Gauppin loving memory of Deacon Tom Sweeney on the anniversary of his birthday today, September 27th

Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings

Faith Penrose in thanksgiving for Samantha Brandt's birthday



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