

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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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Eucharistic Prayer A
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 right. 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

Processional Hymn

Blue Hymnal #372

Salutations and Responses

Book of Common Prayer 355

Hymn of Praise

BCP 356

Blue Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the LORD commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #675

Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 14:25-33:

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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, have mercy</i>	Form V	BCP 389
Confession of Sin			BCP 359
The Peace			BCP 360
Announcements			

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory

The Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving	Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
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Sanctus	Blue Hymnal S125
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364	Fraction Anthem -Blue Hymnal S155
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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 #711
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Going Forth into the World

Post Communion Prayer	BCP 366
Blessing	BCP366
Recessional Hymn	Blue Hymnal #345
Dismissal	BCP 366

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THIS WEEK AT SMAS:

Sun., 9/7 – 9 AM – Mass, Fellowship Hour

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

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

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

Wed., 9/10 – 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

5:00PM - Healing Service and Eucharist

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

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

Sat., 9/13 - 9:30 AM - Zoom Morning Prayer

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

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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!**

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 purchase stamps 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 – WILL BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th 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 – The next Peggy's Pantry will be on **Sunday, September 21st**. Your generosity helps support the community food bank.

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.

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!

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 **Tuesday, 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

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

Rich and Sarah Wisniewski in loving memory of Jessica Marie

Church Bulletin

David & Barbara Dunlevy in thanksgiving for Kierstyn's 14th birthday

JoAnn Binette in thanksgiving for son Steven and daughter-in-law Liz

Kathleen Donelly in loving memory of her nephew Sean McCarthy

Jeanette Adams in loving memory of Marianne Smith

Candle Memorials and Thank Offerings

Rich and Sarah Wisniewski in thanksgiving for our granddaughter Nora's birthday

Terry O'Connor, Jr. in loving memory of Anna Conte

Jill and Brent Metzger in loving memory of Margaret Zaugra

Kathleen Donnelly in loving memory of nephew, Sean McCarthy



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