



HOLY COMMUNION: RITE II at 10:00 A.M.
St. Mark's Sunday worship starts at 10 a.m. in the Erwin Chapel and on Zoom

Today we welcome the Reverend Joseph Pave as our Celebrant and Preacher.

Allison Penick is our e-verger this week.



Entrance Hymn 441 *"In the cross of Christ I glory"*

Rathbun



THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation:

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

People and Celebrant:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Lector: Volunteer

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

[Moses summoned all Israel and said to them,] “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ Then the LORD replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die.’”

The Word of the Lord.

(silence)

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

Volunteer

Leader: Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *

People: in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Leader: Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

People: they are studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

People: and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

People: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

Leader: He gives food to those who fear him; *

People: he is ever mindful of his covenant.

Leader: He has shown his people the power of his works *

People: in giving them the lands of the nations.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

People: all his commandments are sure.

Leader: They stand fast for ever and ever, *

People: because they are done in truth and equity.

Leader: He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever; *

People: holy and awesome is his Name.

Leader: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *

People: those who act accordingly have a good understanding;

his praise endures forever.

The Second Lesson

Lector: Volunteer

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Sequence Hymn 656 "Blest are the pure in heart"

Franconia

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

(silence)

The Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Pace

The Creed

Celebrant sets the pace.

People and Celebrant, remembering to pause at the punctuation:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People III

Leader: Volunteer

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

[People may add their own petitions.]

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and people: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,

**and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

**The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer C**

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People: **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.**

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

People: Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are invited to Communion. Receiving the bread alone is sufficient for full participation. Those who wish to receive from the chalice by intinction are asked to approach the chalice first. Only after those who wish to receive in this way have intincted, should those who wish to drink from the chalice approach to receive.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion *(To be recited by those worshipping on Zoom)*

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live and die in your love. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

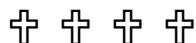
Celebrant: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: Amen.

Dismissal Hymn 556 "Rejoice, "

Announcements

Priest, Deacon or
Worship Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.



Thank you to everyone who participated in putting the service together today.



2024 CHILI COOKOFF!

St. James, Farmington - Tuesday, February 13th



Beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a variety of chilis for the enjoyment of our parishioners and guests. If you would like to make chili OR bring cornbread, sour cream, cheddar cheese, Fritos chips, a dessert to complement the chili OR if you just want to come eat and enjoy all this great food, please signup online at <https://bit.ly/StJamesChili24> or contact the office at 860-677-1564. Our special "judges" will make the rounds of the chili offerings and pick a winner in a variety of categories, all in good fun. Around 6:30 p.m. we will hold a brief service called Farewell to Alleluias, which is great for all, but especially our children, to usher in the season of Lent. Also, we will burn last year's old palms to create ashes for Ash Wednesday, so please bring your leftover palms, if you saved them!

Storm Closings



We will follow South Church lead concerning closures for the weather. South Church will make it's decision by 6 a.m. If South Church is closed, we will have a Zoom only service. We will post on WFSB3 (CBS 3) and WVIT30 (NBC 30) that we are going to a Remote Only service. We will also send out an email and post it on our Facebook page.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, January 28	10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel	The Rev. Joseph Pace
Sunday, February 4	10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel	The Rev. Carol Gadsden
Sunday, February 11	10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel	The Rev. Dr. Gary Sturni
Tuesday, February 13	5:30 p.m. St. James	Chili Cookoff
February 14 Ash Wednesday	12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday services at St. James, Farmington. The 7 p.m. service will be live streamed on Facebook Live
Sunday, February 18	10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel	The Rev. Joseph Pace
Monday, February 19	Parish Office Closed - Presidents Day	
February 25	8 & 10:15 a.m.	St. James, Farmington

There will not be a Vestry Meeting in February.

February 2024 Worship Schedule for St. Mark's

Below is a listing of our Sunday worship schedule for January 2024.
Please note that this list may be subject to change at any time.
Any changes will be noted in our weekly bulletin and on our website:
www.stmarksnewbritain.org.

Date	Time	Place	Celebrant
February 4		10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel	The Rev. Carol Gadsden
February 11		10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel	The Rev. Dr. Gary Sturni
February 14	Ash Wednesday	12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday services at St. James, Farmington. The 7 p.m. service will be live streamed on Facebook Live
February 18		10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel	The Rev. Joseph Pace
February 25		8 & 10:15 a.m.	St. James, Farmington



2024 Annual Reports Available

Pick up your copy of the Annual Report for our Annual Meeting being held on Sunday, February 4, 2024

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany - January 28, 2024

Longterm prayers are asked for: Stacey Albert, Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Aaron, Georgie Bethel, Bill Briggs, Barbara Canzonetti, Elora Cass, Jose Chavez, Bea Chevalier, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Ben Gryk, Cheryl Hanson, Norm Holland, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Mike Krumrine, Florence Kravka, Claire Lucid, Ann Maltais, Manny Monteiro, Kelly Nauss, Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Brody Searle, Harry Thompson, and Frank Williams.

Healing: Patricia Anderson, Mark Giulietti, Barbara Campbell, Norm Holland, Janet Marshall, Betty Ann Hadder, and Manny Monteiro.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; All Saint's, East Hartford; Ministries to, with, and for the deaf and The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Those who serve our country: Ryan Alexander, Tiana Baptiste, Ryan Beaudoin, Parker Browne, Michael Johnston, and Ed Priesser.

Parish families: Thomas and Anna Griffen, Better Ann Hadder, Manny Monteiro and Anthony Hadder, and John and Agnes Hartan and family.

Those who have died, especially Elizabeth Karlames and Ruth Kupfer and those who are remembered today: Deceased members of the St. Mary's and St. Elizabeth's Guilds.

PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email:

Barbara Campbell – Phone: 860-673-7607 Email: campbellba24@gmail.com

Please remember to send in your pledges and offerings to the parish. The mail in the St. Mark's post office box is picked up several times a week. Your pledge payments are compiled at least once a month and deposited.

Mailing address for financial contributions:

St. Mark's Episcopal Church PO Box 1538 New Britain, CT 06050-1538
or send checks electronically to the Church via your bank.

St. Marks keeps going in God's way, God's time, and to God's glory.

The worship services, the parish office, and ministry to the community adapt and continue. Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure are appreciated to make it happen.

The Food Pantry ministry continues on Mondays (9 to 2) and Thursdays (9 to 2).



2024 Stewardship

Pledge Envelopes are Available to be picked up.
Please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office if you need envelopes
If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. You may drop them into the plate on Sundays or mail them to the parish office.

Thank you!

Our service will be available on Zoom with Meeting ID 500-865-037.
You can enter via the parish Web link at <http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>.
You may also enter by calling 1-646-558-8656.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

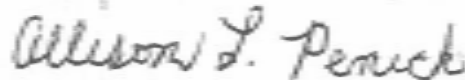
St. Mark's Annual Parish Meeting
will be held on:

Sunday, February 4, 2024

[Blizzard date: February 11, 2024]

**Location: Cooper Hall Following the 10 a.m. Service in
Erwin Chapel - **Zoom will be available.**

The annual meeting is called for Election of
Officers and Vestry and any other business as
designated by the Vestry.



Allison L. Penick
Parish Clerk

**We will have the Zoom room used for our Sunday worship service open to allow remote participation at the Annual Meeting. This works out OK for those who might just want to listen. It's not very good for those who might want to offer input. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting in person if you are able, especially as we move forward with our plans to merge with St. James in Farmington.

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