



# THE ST. MARK'S MESSAGE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Britain

VOLUME XCIX  
ISSUE 3

MARCH 2024  
ISSUE

## THE LION'S PAUSE ALLISON PENICK, VESTRY CLERK

Dear People of St. Mark's,

It is my pleasure to announce the following results of the election held at the Parish Annual Meeting on February 4, 2024.

### **Vestry Officers Term Expires 2025:**

Senior Warden:	Stephen Hard
Junior Warden:	Lenny Nelson
Clerk:	Allison Penick
Treasurer:	Barbara Campbell

### **Elected to the Vestry: 1 Year Term Expires 2025**

- Molly Sherman
- Betty Barden
- David Tompkins

### **Continuing Vestry Members:**

#### **Term expires 2025**

- Mark Giulietti
- G. Norman Holland
- Susan Holland
- Robert Kissel

### **Special points of interest:**

- *The Lion's Pause - Allison Penick, Vestry Clerk*
- *Sunday Services at St. James, Farmington*
- *In-Person and Hybrid Services - Broadcast Instructions*
- *Spring Forward - March 10!*
- *Contemporary Collects and prayers*
- *Palm Sunday Service*
- *Parish Clerk News Corner - Alison Penick*
- *Worship Schedule for March 2024*
- *Save The Date*
- *Holy Week Schedule*
- *March 2024 Calendar*
- *Food Pantry Statistics*

continued next page

## Continuing Delegates to the ECCT Diocesan Convention

### Term expires 2025

- Barbara Campbell
- Stephen Hard

## Alternate to the ECCT Diocesan Convention

### Term Expires 2025

- Mark Giulietti

Congratulations to our newly elected members and to our returning officers, members and delegates!

Allison Penick

Parish Clerk

### **Sunday Services at St. James, Farmington**

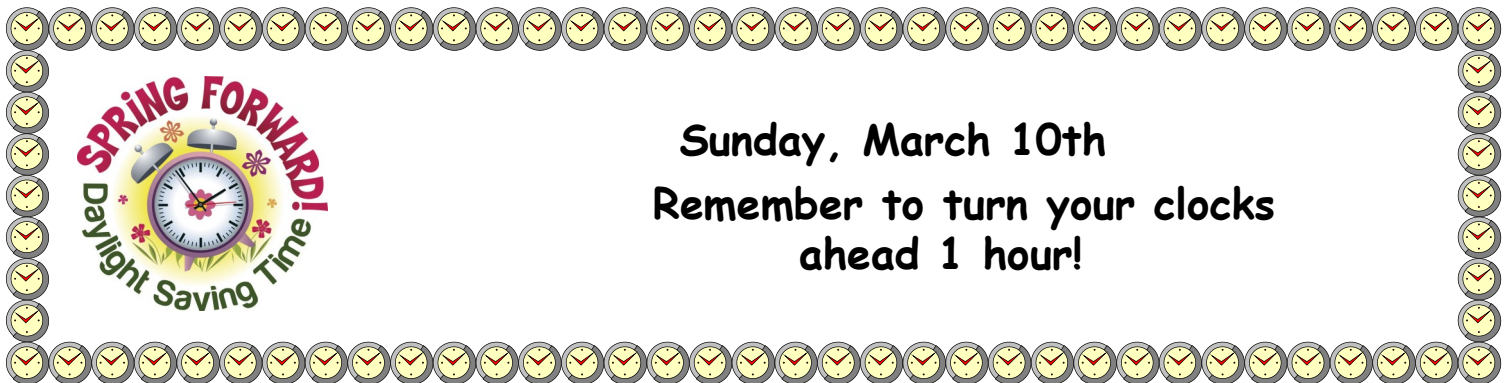
There are two services. Rite 1 is celebrated at 8:00 am, Rite 2 (normally with choir) is celebrated at 10:15 am. This is livestreamed via FACEBOOK LIVE. Livestream connection is by clicking the "F" icon at the top of the St. James Webpage. Only the 10:15 am service is livestreamed.

A parking tip: When approaching the church turn right just in front of the entrance. Parking to the left (behind the church) is difficult and limited. Across the street from the front door of the church there is ample parking available on Sunday mornings.

### **ZOOM & IN-PERSON SERVICE INFORMATION**

#### **Broadcast Instructions**

Our service will always be available on Zoom with Meeting ID 500-865-037. You can enter via the parish Web link at <http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>. Please either print or have the bulletin open on a separate browser tab to participate fully in the service.



**Sunday, March 10th**  
**Remember to turn your clocks**  
**ahead 1 hour!**

## Contemporary Collects and Prayers

**March 3 - 3 Lent** - Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**March 10 - 4 Lent** - Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**March 17 - 5 Lent** - Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**March 24 - Palm Sunday** - Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**March 28 - Maundy Thursday** - Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**March 29 - Good Friday** - Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**March 31 - Easter Sunday** - Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



### **PALM SUNDAY SERVICE- MARCH 24, 2024 - 10:00 A.M.**

We will begin in Cooper Hall with the Blessing of the Palms and then process into the Erwin Chapel for our service.

See the bulletin board outside the Parish Office to sign up to read a part in the service.

Allison's Parish Clerk News Corner

March 2024

Greetings from the desk of your parish clerk who is wondering what to write..... It is an in-between time of year. Winter is hanging on with cold temperatures, and the possibility of snow still very real. It is the season of Lent, a quiet time of prayer, contemplating our faith and recognizing the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Yet, on the horizon are Easter and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Spring will be popping out in warm sunlight and green buds on the trees.

St. Mark's has been busy during this "quiet time". We had our Annual Meeting and elected our "new" vestry, all familiar faces. Thank you to all for agreeing to serve in our last year as "St. Mark's". Our merger committees have been meeting to sort the details of by-Laws, financial accounts, property and mission work of both St. Mark's and St. James parishes.

Here's what to expect during the coming weeks:

1. We will continue to worship in Erwin Chapel with supply priests or our worship leader, Stephen Hard. Holy Week and Easter will be at St. James. We had hoped to have our final service as St. Mark's in Erwin Chapel with Mother Pat Hames on Pentecost Sunday. This has been postponed until Mother Hames is available.
2. We need to choose a new name! We had some discussion about it at our Annual Meeting. One of the suggestions was "St. James Episcopal Church, Farmington, with St. Mark's Ministries, New Britain". Let's talk about it! Give your ideas to the vestry or Cheryl. Both parishes will have a vote.
3. We will have a Parish Meeting to officially vote to "merge". We hope to do this before summer so all necessary details may be settled with the diocese ahead of the final approval vote at the CT Annual Convention on Oct. 26, 2024.

As time goes on, we will find out more steps to follow, so stay tuned for updates.

***"Open to God's Love, Serving Our Neighbor"***

May the Holy Spirit continue to support and guide us in God's way, in God's time.

Peace,  
Allison



## March 2024 Worship Schedule for St. Mark's

Below is a listing of our Sunday worship schedule for March 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](http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>
March 3	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	The Rev. Carol Gadsden
March 10	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	The Rev. Cathi Bencken
March 17	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	The Rev. Joseph Pace
March 24 - Palm Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Erwin Chapel	The Rev. Carol Gadsden

Holy Week Schedule will be available soon.

### SAVE THE DATE

<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Erwin Chapel</b>	<b>The Rev. Carol Gadsden</b>
Tuesday, March 5	5:45 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	
Wednesday, March 6	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting	
Sunday, March 10		Day Light Savings Time Starts - Spring Forward!	
<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Erwin Chapel</b>	<b>The Rev. Kathi Bencken</b>
Tuesday, March 12	6:45 p.m.	Cooper Hall	Vestry Meeting
<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Erwin Chapel</b>	<b>The Rev. Joseph Pace</b>
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Erwin Chapel -</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>The Rev. Carol Gadsden</b>
<b>Thursday, March 28</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>St. James, Farmington - Maundy Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday, March 29</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Erwin Chapel - Good Friday - Stephen Hard,</b> <b>Worship Leader</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>St. James, Farmington - Easter Sunday</b>	

## Holy Week Schedule - 2024



### **Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday - Time TBA St. James, Farmington**

MAUNDY THURSDAY gets its name from 'mandatum' meaning commandment – the commandment to the disciples and to us, to 'love one another' as Jesus loves. This commandment came within the setting of the Last Supper and so on this day we recall the institution of the Holy Eucharist as we break bread together for the last time before we celebrate the risen Christ. Jesus himself enacted the commandment to love by washing the disciples' feet and in our liturgy we are given the opportunity to do likewise and wash one another's feet as a sign of the ways we serve one another as Christ served us. Following the Eucharist the altar is stripped as we remember how Jesus goes from the upper room to the Garden awaiting his trial and arrest.



### **Friday, March 29 - Good Friday - 7:00 p.m. - Erwin Chapel - Stephen Hard, Worship Leader**



### **Sunday, March 31 - Easter Day - 6:30 a.m. - South Church**

**10:15 a.m. St. James, Farmington**

# MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>** Daylight Savings Time begins</b>  <b>Set your clocks ahead 1 hour!</b></p>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<p><b>3</b>            In-Person/Hybrid Service            10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel</p>	<p><b>4</b>            9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry</p>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<p><b>7</b>            9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry            7:00 p.m. Thursday Night</p>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<p><b>10 **</b>            In-Person/Hybrid Service            10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel</p>	<p><b>11</b>            9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry</p>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<p><b>14</b>            9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry            7:00 p.m. Thursday Night</p>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<p><b>17*</b>            In-Person/Hybrid Service            10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel            Palm Sunday</p>	<p><b>18</b>            9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry</p>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<p><b>21</b>            9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry            7:00 p.m. Thursday Night</p>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<p><b>24</b>            In-Person/Hybrid Service            10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel            Palm Sunday</p>	<p><b>25</b>            9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry</p>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<p><b>28</b>            9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry            Maundy Thursday            St. James, Farmington</p>	<p><b>29</b>            Good Friday            Erwin Chapel</p>	<b>30</b>
<p><b>31</b>            6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with South Church            10:30 a.m. St. James, Farmington</p>		<p><b>*Happy St. Patrick's Day!</b></p>				

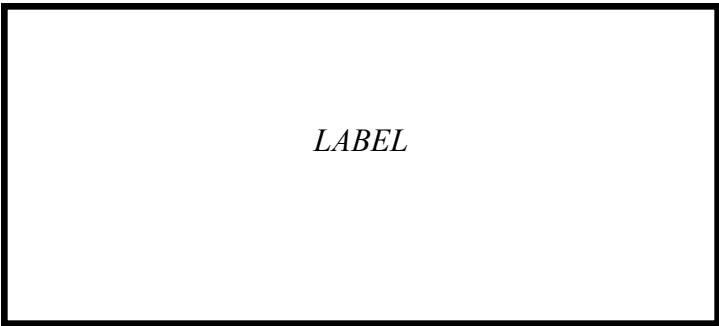
**St. Mark's Episcopal  
Church, New Britain**

**PO Box 1538  
90 Main Street  
New Britain, CT 06051**

**Phone: 860-225-7634  
Email: parishoffice@stmarksnewbritain.org  
Website: www.stmarksnewbritain.org**

**PRAYER CHAIN: to activate the chain call  
Barbara Campbell 860-673-7607,  
Campbellba24@gmail.com**

**If you or someone you know is hospitalized,  
please inform the parish office.**



---

***Open to God's Love -  
Serving Our Neighbor***

**Due date for all articles for the April 2024  
Issue of the St. Mark's Message is March 20th.**

**Regular Parish Office Hours.**

Monday through Friday  
from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Food Pantry**

Monday: 9 - 12 & 12:30 - 2:00  
Thursday: 9 - 12 & 12:30 - 2:00  
(Closed for lunch from 12 - 12:30)



**Weekly Parish Services:  
Sundays: In-Person and Zoom - 10:00 a.m. -  
Erwin Chapel at 90 Main St. unless otherwise stated.  
Please check the St. Mark's Calendar for our monthly schedule.**

**St. Mark's Food Pantry**

- Monthly Statistics: January 2024**
- ! Unduplicated households - 233
  - ! Total Unduplicated people - 628
  - ! Total food donated to St. Mark's - 768 lbs.
  - ! Total food from Food Share - 4,048 lbs.
  - ! Year to date food donations - 768 lbs.
  - ! Year to date from Food Share - 4,048 lbs.

Connecticut residents may  
receive food from our Food  
Pantry once every 30 days.  
Please bring your own bag,  
if possible, to receive food.