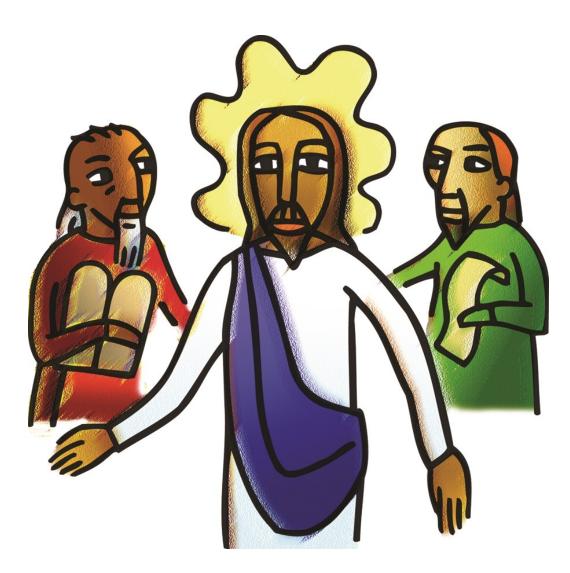
St. Mark's



Episcopal Church



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ANTECOMMUNION: RITE II at 10:00 A.M. In COOPER HALL St. Mark's Sunday worship starts at 10 a.m. on Zoom

ZOOM & IN-PERSON SERVICE INFORMATION

Welcome! Our service will *always* be available on Zoom with Meeting ID 500-865-037. You can enter via the parish Web link at <u>http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org</u>. Please either print or have this bulletin open on a separate browser tab to participate fully in the service. (For more information on the Zoom service, please go to the back page of the bulletin.)

If New Britain is red on the weekly Thursday (about 3 p.m.) update on the Connecticut COVID-19 Data Tracker map, the Sunday service will be on Zoom only.

For the map, please go to: <u>https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker</u>.

An e-mail will be sent out to the parish every Friday to let you know if the service will be in-person or on **Zoom** only.

For in-person services at 90 Main St., everyone is required to wear a mask and maintain a safe distance inside the buildings of South Church. We will have masks available if you need one. Thank you.

Stephen Hard is our e-verger this week.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation:

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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

Celebrant sets the pace.

People and Celebrant, remembering to pause at the punctuation:

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.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

Exodus 34:29-35

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

R. Thanks be to God.

The Word of the Lord. *(silence)*

Psalm 99

Volunteer

Leader:	The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *
People:	he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
Leader:	The Lord is great in Zion; *
People:	he is high above all peoples.
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Leader:	Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
People:	he is the Holy One.
Leader:	"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
People:	you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
Leader:	Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; *
People:	he is the Holy One.
Leader:	Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
People:	they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
Leader:	He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
People:	they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
Leader:	O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
People:	you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
Leader:	Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
People:	for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

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

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

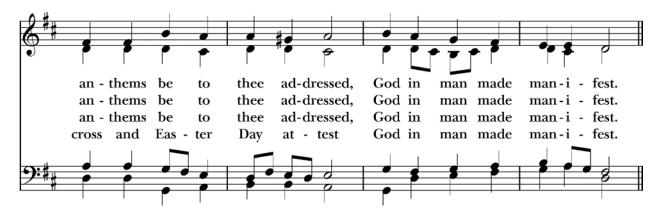
Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Sequence Hymn 135 "Songs of thankfulness and praise" Salzburg Songs of thank-ful -Jes - us, Lord, to ness and praise, thee we raise, 1 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme; 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal-sied limbs and faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest on 4 moun - tain height, shin - ing in re splen-dent light, man - i - fest - ed bv the star to the sa ges from a - far; and Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, thy God-head man - i - fest; at in man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might; where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw. Da - vid's stem branch of thy birth Beth - le - hem: rov al in at man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine; man - i - fest gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill; in When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast Ie to ru - sa - lem,



The Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-43a

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord. *(silence)*

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Reverend Dr. Shaw Mudge

The Sermon

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 VI

Leader: Volunteer Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work; People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone. Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world; People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. **Leader:** For the just and proper use of your creation; People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble: People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy. Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God; People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth. Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Ian and Laura our Bishops; and for Shaw our Priest, and for all bishops and other ministers; People: For all who serve God in his Church. Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. The People may add their own petitions Leader: Hear us, Lord; People: For your mercy is great. Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the ministry and care that Fr. Shaw has shown St. Mark's. The People may add their own thanksgivings Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King; People: And praise your Name for ever and ever. Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. The People may add their own petitions Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; People: Who put their trust in you.

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The Prayer of Spiritual Communion (For those who are watching on Zoom)

Celebrant sets the pace.

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.

- 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: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, and offering and sacrifice to God.

P THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

- Eucharistic Prayer A
- Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **And also 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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

People and Celebrant:

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 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion is open to all baptized Christians, and for precautionary measures, only consecrated bread is distributed. If coming forward to receive the bread, please keep a respectful 6 foot distance from the people in front of you, if you do not live in the same dwelling.

To receive the bread, please extend your hands and keep them level. The priest will drop the wafer into your hands. Please take the bread back to your seat and consume it there, briefly moving your mask, to do so. In Anglican liturgy, receiving bread is equivalent to receiving bread and wine.

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.

Liturgy for Departure of a Priest in Charge

Wardens: Dear Friends: Today we share the time of farewell with Fr. Shaw, whose term as our Priest in Charge is at an end.

- People: Fr. Shaw, as members and participants of this congregation, we bid you farewell and God speed in your next chapter of life and ministry.
- Fr. Shaw: And I bid the people of God who are St. Mark's farewell and Godspeed in your next chapter of life and ministry.

[symbolic handing over of the keys]

People: We wish you God's blessing.

Fr. Shaw: I wish you God's blessing.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, loving God, we ask that your Holy Spirit would guide us all with wisdom, peace, love, and joy in the decisions and on the different paths ahead, that all would be done in your way, in your time, and to your glory. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

The Priest Blessing

Priest: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Worship Leader or Deacon: Let us bless the Lord

People:Thanks be to God.If using Zoom, the People unmute themselves.Priest, Deacon orWorship 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.

There will be an extended "Coffee Hour" today in celebration of Fr. Shaw Mudge and his time with St. Mark's



Black History Month - February 2022 Harriet Tubman - March 1822 - March 10, 1913



Harriet Tubman was an American abolitionist and political activist. Born into slavery, Tubman escaped and subsequently made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people, including family and friends, using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad.

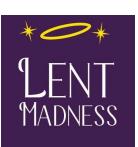
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Here are more resources that are available to you:

Yale Youth Ministry Institute: https://yaleyouthministryinstitute.org/resources/hot-button-topics/confronting-racism/

Episcopal Church Racial Reconciliation: https://www.episcopalct.org/advocacy-racial-justice-and-reconciliation/

Black History Month 2022: https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month



Want a different Lenten discipline? Try Lentmadness. You know the brackets of March Madness and the basketball teams. This is choosing brackets of saints striving for a Golden Halo. How to play? Go to Lentmadness 2022. <u>http://www.lentmadness.org/</u>

Subscribe to the blog. Click on Bracket 2022 to get the names of saints pitted against each other. Everyday there will be a new matchup. Read the bios on the saints and vote for your favorite.

God Our Creator Prayer (A prayer from the Bishop Transition Committee)

"God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, without you nothing can be done. Send your Holy Spirit to guide the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, especially the Bishop Transition Committee, during this time of transition.

Bless and continue the good work begun in your name. Open the committee's ears to the hurts and hopes expressed to them and broaden our vision to see where you lead. Enliven their hearts with honesty and compassion to do the work that lies ahead, within our church and beyond its walls. Grant us the gifts of wisdom, humility, and empathy.

Guide the committee as they discern your will for a new shepherd, inspirational leader, and willing advocate as we further your work in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

Bless and be with our bishop, Ian, as he transitions to a new life serving you.

Bless our candidates. Bestow them with the abilities to lead and serve. Let us learn from them and they from us, so we may live your word serving all.

All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. Amen"



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Feel free to use your new pledge envelopes.

Remember prayers carry no viruses!



The St. Mark's Message Mailing List

Newsletter If, at any time, you would like to receive the Message by email instead of USPS mail, please contact Cheryl in the parish office. Thank you.

By phone: 860-225-7634 By email: parishoffice@stmarksnewbritain.org



Sunday, March 13 - Daylight Savings Time begins. Remember to "Spring" forward! Help the St. Mark's Food Pantry



For every bouquet purchased at the New Britain Stop and Shop during the month of March 2022, St. Mark's Food Pantry will receive \$1.00

Brighten someone's day and help the food pantry at the same time!



South Church New Britain Free Vaccination Clinic Monday, February 28th AND March 21st 9am – 1 pm

For everyone ages 12 and up - NO appointment required. All boosters available

Please bring a health insurance care and photo ID if you have them, but it is not necessary to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID.

<u> The Last Sunday After Epiphany – February 27, 2022</u>

Longterm prayers are asked for: Irene Alibrio, Patricia Anderson, Sophia Anderson, Russell Atkinson, Bill Briggs, Cletus Cone, Patricia Cone, Dave, Debbie, Joseph Howard, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Rachael Johnston, Katherine, Florence Kruvka, Linda, Lindsay, Louise, Ann Maltais, Christopher McLaughlin, Ron Napper, Gabriella Nauss, Kelly Nauss, Lori Nauss, Nancy Nowlak, Joseph O'Tulak, Benjamin Pisseri, P.J., Rae Robinson, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Debbie Spak, and Zachary.

Healing: Manny Monteiro, Elissa Clarke, Allison Penick, Molly Sherman, Patty and Joe Arcari, Mike Roy, Pat Scarlett, Betty Barden, Colin Rhoads, Cheryl Hanson, Mike Krumrine, Claire Lucid, Laura Rocco, Danny, Edward Dubois, Gail Bates, and Mary Gould.

Thanksgiving: For the ministry and care that Fr. Shaw Mudge has shown St. Mark's.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Good Shepherd, Hartford; Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford; prison ministry and prison chaplains; and the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network.

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

Parish families: Robert and Mary Ann Kissel, Kent, and Sonia Klepacki and family, Jean Koziol, Florence Kruvka, and Ronald and Tory Lepak and family.

Those who have died, and those who are remembered today: Marie Conti.

PRAYER CHAIN: To activate the chain call or email: Barbara Campbell – Phone: 860-673-7607 Email: <u>campbellba24@gmail.com</u>

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).

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, February 27 - Fr. Shaw's Final Sunday with us. Join us for an extended Coffee Hour following the service to say Good-bye to Fr. Shaw.

Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday - 12:00 noon - Ashes in the Chapel. Masks required and social distancing rules apply.

Monday, March 28 - Bishop Candidates for a new Bishop Diocesan of Connecticut will be announced.

Zoom Service Information

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Broadcast Instructions

You can enter the Zoom service via the parish Web link at <u>http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org</u>.

There is also a telephone number that can be used to join the Zoom service: 1-646-558-8656 (phone charges may apply for the telephone call if you do not have unlimited calling).

If you are using a telephone to dial into the service: dial the zoom phone number, and then wait to be prompted by the voice to enter the meeting number.

Then, enter the meeting number, and as part of the meeting number, please add the "pound" sign (#) at the end of the meeting number (as the verbal instructions direct).

The Zoom broadcast opens at 9:45 am when remote participants can be admitted and will be greeted by the e-verger.

Remote participants are encouraged to stay connected after the service and greet and be greeted during the coffee hour.



Issues that have come to our attention: Issue: "my screen goes back and forth between speakers." Response: you may be in "speaker" view. If so, change to "gallery view".

Please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office if you have any questions.

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