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All Saint's Day

November 1, 2020

Zoom coffee hour 9:30 am; Zoom service 10 am; Zoom coffee hour after the service.

Zoom Meeting ID 500-865-037 or enter via the parish Web link at <http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>.

There is also a telephone number you could call on your phone to join the Zoom service:

1-646-558-8656 (phone charges may apply for the telephone call).

Skype phone service continues at 10:50 am on Sundays. Fr. Shaw would call those who are interested.

Service especially for those who do not have Internet or unlimited phone plans.

A YouTube playlist of short services is in the process of being created, with plans for your use at any time, via a link on the main parish Web page: <http://www.stmarksnewbritain.org>

Hymn 287 "For all the saints, who from their labors rest" vss. 1,2,4

Sine Nomine

(everyone muted except instrumentalist and cantor; everyone else sing where they are)



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:___
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,___
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!___



thee___ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;___
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O___ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
win, with___ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
all are___ one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect For Purity

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.**

The Collect of the Day - The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together, remembering to pause at the punctuation, to let the technology synchronize.

Celebrant sets the pace.

People and Celebrant, remembering to pause at the punctuation:

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The First Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

Lector: Volunteer

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they

fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Lector: Volunteer

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; *
People: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
Leader: I will glory in the LORD; *
People: let the humble hear and rejoice.
Leader: Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
People: let us exalt his Name together.
Leader: I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
People: and delivered me out of all my terror.
Leader: Look upon him and be radiant, *
People: and let not your faces be ashamed.
Leader: I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me *
People: and saved me from all my troubles.
Leader: The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
People: and he will deliver them.
Leader: Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
People: happy are they who trust in him!
Leader: Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
People: for those who fear him lack nothing.
Leader: The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
People: but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
Leader: The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
People: and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Lesson

Lector: Volunteer

1 John 3:1-3

A Reading from Paul’s First letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 231 "By all your saints still striving"

King's Lynn

(everyone muted except instrumentalist and cantor; everyone else sing where they are)



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
2 *(Insert the stanza appropriate to the day)*
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son



your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed.
and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter - nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - tor - ious, that they might wear the crown
till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.
a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

All Saints' Day Verse

**Apostles, prophets, martyrs,
and all the noble throng
who wear the spotless raiment
and raise the ceaseless song:
for them and those whose witness
is only known to you –
by walking in their footsteps
we give you praise anew**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Shaw Mudge

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

**People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **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.]

Prayer FOR SOUND GOVERNMENT:

Leader: O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

People: Lord, keep this nation under your care.

Leader: To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties. Give grace to your servants, O Lord. To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Leader: To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Leader: And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

People: For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray together, the Prayer of Spiritual Communion
Celebrant sets the pace.

People and Celebrant, remembering to pause at the punctuation:

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: God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Offertory reminder: Please remember to support the work of Christ through St. Marks', either by mailing your financial contributions to the parish post office box or by sending a check via your bank's bill-paying Web page to the parish post office box (the address is listed towards the end of the bulletin). Thank you. People like yourself help make St. Mark's special.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Celebrant sets the pace.

People and Celebrant, remembering to pause at the punctuation:
(Traditional)

(Contemporary)

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us to
pray:
**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.**

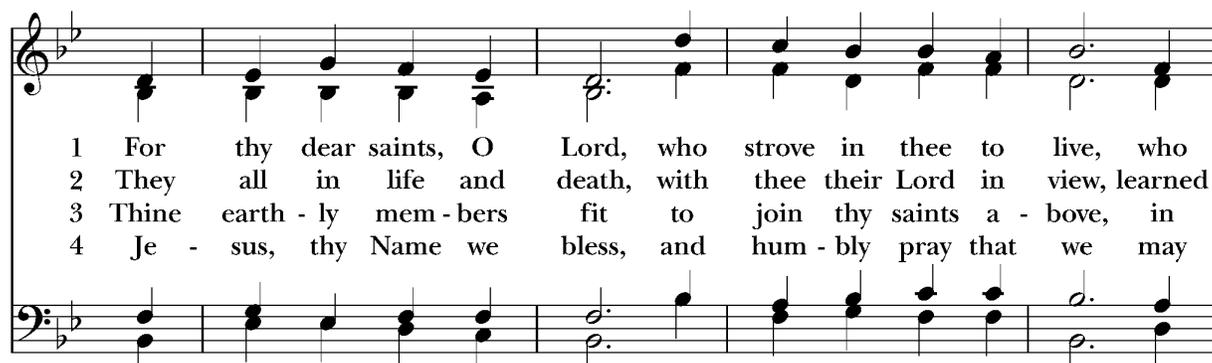
The Blessing

Priest: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Dismissal Hymn 279 "For thy dear saints, O Lord"

St. George

(everyone muted except instrumentalist and cantor; everyone else sing where they are)



1 For thy dear saints, O Lord, who strove in thee to live, who
2 They all in life and death, with thee their Lord in view, learned
3 Thine earth - ly mem - bers fit to join thy saints a - bove, in
4 Je - sus, thy Name we bless, and hum - bly pray that we may



fol - lowed thee, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
from thy Ho - ly Spi - rit's breath to suf - fer and to do.
one com - mun - ion ev - er knit, one fel - low - ship of love.
fol - low them in ho - li - ness, who lived and died for thee.

When a priest is present, the service ends with the dismissal:

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

When a priest is not present, the service ends with the Grace, led by a worship leader or deacon:

Worship Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

People: **Amen.**

Announcements, as had.

Reminder: Fr. Shaw Mudge phone numbers are:

Cell: 518-577-2578 and Skype: 518-632-4058 (Please do NOT call this number if you wish to reach Fr. Shaw. Only use his cell phone.) Thank you.

Planned Meetings and ministries for November:

November 4th 5:45 p.m. – Executive Committee Zoom Meeting

November 4th 7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee Zoom Meeting

November 10th 6:45 p.m. – Vestry Zoom Meeting

The Food Pantry ministry continues on Mondays (9 to 2) and Thursdays (9 to 12).

All Saint's Day – November 1, 2020

Longterm prayers are asked for: Irene Alibrio, Sophia Anderson, Russell Atkinson, Bill Briggs, Patricia Cone, Cletus Cone, Henry Coutere, Dave, Debbie, Ron DeRobertis, Elaine, Nancy Fields, Thomas Hard, Gary Hudkins, Margaret Hughes, Rachael Johnston, Katherine, Florence Kruvka, Pauline Liese, Lindsay, Louise, Carolyn Mansolf, Christopher McLaughlin, Fran Montoya, Gabriella Nauss, Lori Nauss, Nancy Nowlak, Joseph O'Tulak, Olivia Pike, Benjamin Pisseri, P.J., Jack Polinco, Francis and Joann Rusczyk, Debbie Spak, Frank Williams, Zachary.

Prayers are offered for:

Healing: John Pilla, Robert Haydasz, Patricia Anderson, Kelly Nauss, Bill Briggs, Claire Lucid, Laura Rocco, Danny, Irene Alibrio, Sue Savage, Ann Maltais, Rae Robinson, Edward Dubois, Barbara Campbell, Gail Bates, Mary Gould, Linda, Gary, and Ron Napper.

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: Holy Spirit, West Haven; St. Paul's, Westbrook; Emmanuel, Weston; clergy peer groups and the Clergy Family Assistance Program.

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

Parish families: Christin and Paul LaBelle, Jessica Labieniec, Michelle LaRochelle, and Ronald, Tori, Brad and Jess Lepak.

Those who have died, especially Robert "Booby" Burgos and all those who have died in

Connecticut from COVID-19 and those who are remembered today: Deceased Members of the Altar Guild and those listed on the Altar Guild Memorial List.

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.

People can gather and talk at Coffee Hour before the service or after the service.

Please remember to turn your phone volume down slightly on the Skype call.

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

Connecticut's Coronavirus Phase 3 began on October 8; June Diocesan protocols for Phase 3 incorporate some previous protocols by reference, as of this writing (29 September 2020, at 12:49 pm).

"Stay home, stay safe" continues to be encouraged for 65+ and those with co-morbidities such as diabetes.

St. Mark's online, Skype, and YouTube services continue.

STEWARDSHIP

I know I've received my Pledge Card...now where did I put it?...

Here it is on the kitchen counter!

Think about our blessings...my prayers for others...what would Christ want us to do?

That's the Pledge I can make, sign the Pledge Card

The scissors are in that drawer...cut off the right hand portion of the Card for my records.

Pledge Card in the envelope...seal the envelope...put a stamp on it...

before Nov 8th

Nice the stamp doesn't have to be licked.

Now the fun part – what hymn will I hum as I walk our Pledge to the mailbox...

HYMNALS FOR HOME USE



If you would like a hymnal to use at home during Zoom services, please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office (860-225-7634 or parishoffice@stmarksnewbritain.org)

Hymnals will be available for “No Contact” pick up.

To pick up, please come to the lower parking lot door and ring the door bell.

Cheryl will bring the hymnal the doorway and will place it on the step for you to take. We are sorry, but they cannot be mailed.

In-Person

Thursday Noon Day Prayer



In person Noon Day Prayer will resume on Thursday, October 8th. It will be held every Thursday, at 12:00 noon in Cooper Hall. It will be limited to 5 people in person.

Masks are required to be worn at all times while you are in the building and appropriate COVID-19 protocols will be observed.

And, as an added bonus, you may pick up a hymnal to use at our Sunday Zoom services when you attend Noon Day Prayer. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

All Soul's Day Daily Prayer Zoom Service

Thursday, November 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting ID: 985 6443 2802

<https://www.missionstclare.com/english/November/morning/02m.html>

Please let Cheryl in the Parish Office know if you will attend.

Please send in names of those you would like to remember at this service to the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, November 4th

From the meeting of Bishops and Lay Leaders:
[What is God calling us to explore that is new?](#)

St. Mark's: "Open to God's Love - Serving Our Neighbor"