



# THE ST. MARK'S MESSAGE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Britain

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

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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 7, 2021.

### Vestry Officers Term Expires 2022:

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

### Elected to the Vestry:

- Curtis Searle—Term expires 2022

### Continuing Vestry Members:

#### Term expires 2022

- Donna Griffen
- G. Norman Holland

#### Term expires 2023

- Susan Holland
- Mark Giulietti
- Manny Monteiro

### Continuing Delegates to the ECCT Convention

#### Term expires 2022

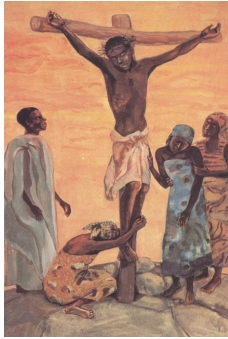
- Barbara Campbell

Congratulations to our newly elected member and to our returning officers, members and delegate!

Allison Penick  
Parish Clerk

### Special points of interest:

- *The Lion's Pause by Allison Penick, Vestry Clerk*
- *Holy Week and Easter Service Schedule*
- *Safe Church Training Information*
- *Zoom Services and Meetings*
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## **Holy Week and Easter Services**

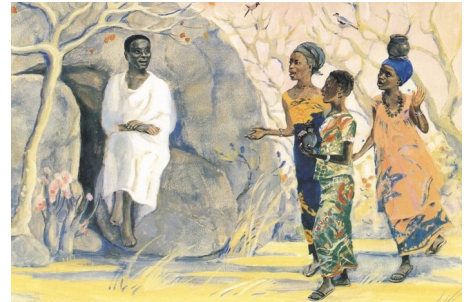
Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021 - Zoom Service at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021 - Zoom Service at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, Friday, April 2, 2021 - Zoom Service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 4, 2021 -

Zoom Service at 10:00 a.m.



## **Safe Church Training**

If you need to re-certify or take the training for the first time, please go to:  
[www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/General-Parish-Operations/Safe-Church-Resources/](http://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/General-Parish-Operations/Safe-Church-Resources/)  
For training dates and to register online.



### **ZOOM SERVICES**

**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 will be 1 service on Sundays: Zoom coffee hour 9:30 am; Zoom service 10 am;**

**Zoom coffee hour after the service. Zoom Meeting ID 500-865-037**

**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 if you don't not have unlimited calling).

**If you would like the bulletin mailed to you for this service,  
please let Cheryl in the parish office know.**

Please remember to turn your phone volume down slightly – this may help with the feedback sound. Please contact Cheryl in the Parish Office if you have any questions.

# Lenten Quiet Day

in the Outdoor Chapel at Camp Washington  
Saturday, March 27, 2021 · 9am - 1pm

Join us for a time of reflection and renewal in the midst of your Lenten journey.

Our time together will be held outside in the chapel (weather-permitting) while observing all physical distance guidelines.

The day will consist of four sections: Each presenter will offer a reflection/meditation followed by an activity such as journaling, discussion, walking, and other hands-on activities.

You are welcome to bring a bag lunch to enjoy after the program.

There is no charge for this program.

Please call 860.567.9623 or register online at [campwashington.org](http://campwashington.org)



This day has been co-sponsored by Camp Washington & the NW Region



[campwashington.org](http://campwashington.org) 860.567.9623 [camp@campwashington.org](mailto:camp@campwashington.org)

# Please bring your donations to the St. Mark's Food Pantry any day, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Stephen Hard had offered to bring the items collected to Christ Church Cathedral. Thank you!



Companions in Christ,

In the Gospel of Matthew 25:35 Jesus says to the disciples:

“ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me in.” *The disciple's response: Lord when did we see you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink. In verse 40 Jesus replied; Truly I tell you just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.*”

Many university and college students across the U.S. report lacking access to a reliable supply of nutritious food, a concept known as food insecurity, which can affect their ability to learn, according to research presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association.

After a successful collection of food for Capital Community College (CCC) Food Pantry using a Reverse Advent Calendar, Christ Church Cathedral is inviting you to join in a Lenten Discipline of loving and caring for our neighbors.

Let us support our college students. The statistics are concerning. 41% of undergraduates and 48% of community college students suffer from food insecurity. Many of the students are beneficiaries of SNAP Vouchers (formerly called Food Stamps), which does not allow for the purchase of personal hygiene products.

Therefore, we invite your community and its members to weekly collect one personal care hygiene product for each week of Lent to benefit Capital Community College (CCC) Food Pantry. Please note, and share with your community, the Director of CCC Food Pantry has identified the most needed hygiene products:

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Conditioner
- Men's and Women's Razors
- Feminine hygiene products
- Large size Poise and Depends products.

These items can be delivered to our Cathedral from Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m or Sunday April 11 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Imagine what we as the North Central Region of ECCT can collectively accomplish for the students.

For more information contact Cathedral Deacon Bonnie Matthews at [bmatthews228@comcast.net](mailto:bmatthews228@comcast.net).

Faithfully,

Deacon Bonnie

## Allison's Parish Clerk News Corner

February 2021

The newly elected vestry had their 2021 retreat February 13<sup>th</sup>. It is time to brainstorm! Significant changes are not far away. Hopefully, the pandemic will be brought under control in the months ahead as vaccinations reach the wider population. How will we return to more in-person activities? St. Mark's has been able to continue financially with the proceeds from its rectory sale. How will we supplement that revenue? Father Shaw will retire March 1, 2022. We need to plan now for a new priest in charge. What might God have in mind for St. Mark's and us as individuals? What would Jesus want us to do?

In the news:

1. Our asking price for our 147 West Main St. property has been lowered to \$599K.
2. Our Community Ministries committee has recommended several Smith Fund donations to benefit the New Britain community. (Vestry voted to approve.)
  - a. \$5K grant to Literacy Volunteers
  - b. \$500 to the newly opened warming center at 57 Arch St. which is staffed by the Friendship Center and provides access to programs to help the homeless.
  - c. \$400 to New Life II Ministries to support their recovery house.
  - d. \$500 for coats for New Britain school children.
3. Our CT diocese has mandated that clergy will lead Sunday worship services 3 out of 4 Sundays a month. This means that certified worship leaders will act in Father Shaw's place one Sunday a month. Barbara Campbell and Stephen Hard have accepted this ministry. Thank you! If anyone else feels called to do the same, please let Father Shaw know. At present, we are finding out details about worship leader training and certification.

God Bless you in this season of Lent. We are traveling the path of Jesus to do God's mission and be embraced in God's infinite love on Easter Day.

Allison Penick

Parish Clerk



## A WORD FROM FR. SHAW

Dear friends,

Welcome to March!

It does not seem possible that one year ago, my retirement began, about two weeks later COVID washed up along the shores of Connecticut, and we began online services. It's been an interesting year; St. Mark's has made a valiant effort.

This year, Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, on March 28, and we begin our Zoom liturgical walk with Jesus in his last week of his earthly ministry, culminating with Easter on April 4.

And there are new beginnings. Daylight Savings Time returns on March 14. Spring begins on March 20. And the Feast of the Annunciation is commemorated by the Church on March 25, the beginning of Mary's pregnancy with Jesus, nine months before December 25th.


In the meantime, Lent marches on, no pun intended. Well.... maybe. Services continue online; prayer continues wirelessly with God. Scriptures are available in hardcover, softcover, and online. Alms-giving - taking care of the needy - continues, no matter what. God's vision continues!

So, a question. What might the Holy Spirit be inspiring you to do, in preparation for the celebration of Jesus' rising from the death for us and our salvation on Easter Day? What comes to mind? Need an idea? Reach out to a friend. Pray for a friend. Do not know what to pray for a friend? Perhaps either a generic prayer or ask them.

God bless you, and take care,

Fr. Shaw

## MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry	<b>2</b> 9:30 a.m. Zoom Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 5:45 p.m. Executive Com. Meeting 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee	<b>4</b> 9:00 - 12:00 Food Pantry	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 3 Lent 9:30 a.m. Zoom “Coffee Hour” Ante-Communion 10:00 On Zoom	<b>8</b> 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry	<b>9</b> 9:30 a.m. Zoom Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Vestry Dwelling in the Word 6:45 p.m. Vestry	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 - 12:00 Food Pantry	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins— Remember to “Spring” ahead tonight!
<b>14 4 Lent</b> 9:30 a.m. Zoom “Coffee Hour” Ante-Communion 10:00 On Zoom Daylight Savings Time begins.	<b>15</b> 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry	<b>16</b> 9:30 a.m. Zoom Staff Meeting	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> 9:00 - 12:00 Food Pantry	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 5 Lent 9:30 a.m. Zoom “Coffee Hour” Ante-Communion 10:00 On Zoom	<b>22</b> 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry	<b>23</b> 9:30 a.m. Zoom Staff Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 - 12:00 Food Pantry	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. Zoom “Coffee Hour” Ante-Communion 10:00 On Zoom	<b>29</b> 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry	<b>30</b> 9:30 a.m. Zoom Staff Meeting	<b>31</b>			

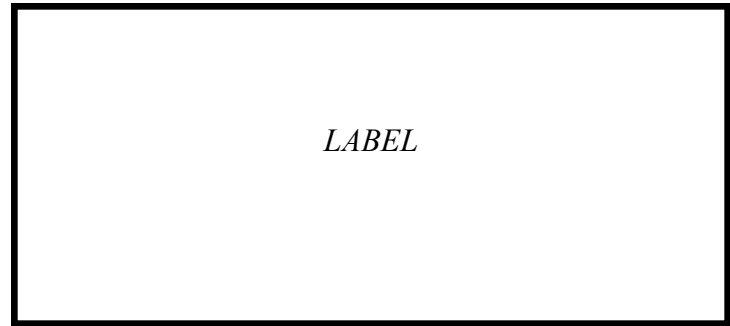
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**PRAYER CHAIN: to activate the chain call  
Barbara Campbell 860-673-7607,  
Campbellba24@gmail.com**

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



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

**Due date for all articles for the April Issue of the  
St. Mark's Message is  
March 24, 2021**

**Parish Office Hours.  
Monday through Friday  
from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Food Pantry  
Monday: 9 - 12 & 12:30 - 2  
Thursday: 9 - 12**



**Weekly Parish Services:**  
During the COVID-19 crisis, services will be held on Zoom (Go to page 3 or our website—[www.saintmarksnewbritain.org](http://www.saintmarksnewbritain.org) for information on joining the service.)

**Pledges and Offerings**

Please remember to keep sending in your pledges and offerings to the parish. Mail in our P.O. Box is picked up several times a week. Your pledge payments are compiled at least once a month and deposited.

The parish ministries to the community and worship services adapt and continue, even in these most challenging times.

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

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

**SAVE THE DATE**

- ♦ **Tuesday, March 9 - 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting.**
- ♦ **Sunday, March 14 - Daylight Savings Time Begins - Remember to “spring” your clocks forward 1 hour**
- ♦ **Sunday, March 28 - 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Service**
- ♦ **See our Holy Week Schedule on page 2**