



THE ST. MARK'S MESSAGE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Britain

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 6, 2022.

Vestry Officers Term Expires 2023:

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

Elected to the Vestry:

- G. Norman Holland - Term expires 2023
- Curtis Searle - Term expires 2024
- Donna Griffen - Term expires 2024

Continuing Vestry Members:

Term expires 2023

- Susan Holland
- Mark Giulietti
- Manny Monteiro

Continuing Delegates to the ECCT Convention

Term expires 2023

- 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 - Allison Penick - Clerk*
- *Contemporary Collects for March*
- *Save The Date*
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Contemporary Collects

Ash Wednesday, March 2: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Sunday in Lent, March 6: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Second Sunday in Lent, March 13: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Third Sunday in Lent, March 20: 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.*

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 27: 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.*

Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 3: 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.*

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, March 2 - 12:00 Noon - Ash Wednesday Zoom Service in the Chapel - Face Masks and social distancing rules apply.

Wednesday, March 2 - 5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, March 2 - 7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 13 - Daylight Savings Begins - "Spring" your clocks ahead 1 hour.

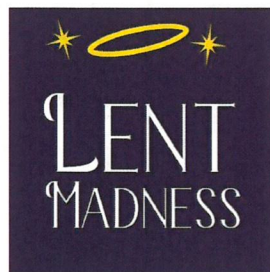
Allison's Parish Clerk News Corner

February 2022

Because of the Annual Meeting, there wasn't a Vestry Meeting in February.



**Sunday, March 13 -
Daylight Savings Time begins.
Remember to "Spring" forward!**



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. <http://www.lentmadness.org/>

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.

MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
In person services will be held as long as New Britain's positivity rate is NOT red.	We have listed the services as Antecommunion/Zoom and will change it as warranted. Zoom service will	1 9:30 a.m. Zoom Staff Meeting	2 12:00 Noon Ash Wednesday 5:45 p.m. Exec. Committee Mtg 7:00 p.m. Finance	3 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night	4	5
6 Antecommunion/ Zoom Service 10 a.m. 1st Sunday in	7 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry	8 9:30 a.m. Zoom Staff Meeting 6:45 p.m. Vestry Zoom Meeting	9	10 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night	11	12 Remember to "Spring" your clocks forward 1 hour!
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27 Antecommunion/ Zoom Service 10 a.m. 4th Sunday in	28 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry	29 9:30 a.m. Zoom Staff Meeting	30	31 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night		



ZOOM & IN-PERSON SERVICE INFORMATION

Our services 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>. The bulletin is also available on our website. Please either print or have the bulletin open on a separate browser tab to participate fully in the service.

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: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>.

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.

Broadcast Instructions

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

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.



The St. Mark's Message Mailing List

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

By phone: 860-225-7634

By email: parishoffice@stmarksnewbritain.org

Thank you.

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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 parish office.**

LABEL

***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 23, 2022**

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

**The Food Pantry will be closed on January 17
for the MLK Day Holiday.**

Weekly Parish Services:

**While New Britain is in a Red Zone, we will
only have Zoom Services. We will hold in
person services along with Zoom once we are
no longer in a red zone. . To attend on Zoom,
go to our website—**

**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.**

St. Mark's Food Pantry

Monthly Statistics: January 2022

Unduplicated households - 158

Children - 102

Adults - 176

Seniors - 47

Total Food Donated to St. Mark's - 555 lbs.

Total food from Food Share - 1,996 lbs.

**Please give Cheryl a call in the parish
office if you can help us a few hours a
week.**