



# THE ST. MARK'S MESSAGE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Britain

THE LION'S PAUSE with  
MARK GIULIETTI, Vestry Member

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"Let us pray."

Those words can be so embracing, so soothing. But there are times when they simply remind us that we don't have time to pray - not the way we long to. We want to pray without ceasing.

Still, the call to prayer is strong. The call to pray throughout the day has sounded for centuries as a way to deepen our faith. Sometimes we ask God for a special intention through prayer, sometimes we pray for forgiveness, sometimes we pray in thanksgiving but prayer sustains us regardless of how, where, why, or in what form we pray. People in all kinds of religious traditions, including Judaism and Christianity, have been marking time with prayer for almost as long as we've had hours. "Praying the hours," as it's called, has always reminded us that God walks with us throughout each day; "praying the hours" is also a way that the community of faith comes together, whether we're all in one place or scattered like raindrops. Praying at set hours links us, both to God and to all God's people. We know this, and we are comforted. And remember....when we gather Sunday mornings and sing our entrance song, sequence hymn, and dismissal hymn, or any time for that matter...."(s)he who sings prays twice!"

#### Special points of interest:

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## **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. (For more information on the Zoom service, please go to the back page of the bulletin.)

If there is a significant negative change in the trajectory of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will switch to Zoom-only worship. An email will be sent out to the parish to alert everyone if the service is to be Zoom only.

In-person services at 90 Main Street **will no longer require** that everyone wear a mask and maintain a safe distance inside the buildings of South Church. Please use your best judgement concerning mask use if you have been exposed to someone who tested positive. Masks will be available for those who need them. Thank you.

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

### **🔊 SAVE THE DATE! 🔊**

Ordination and Consecration of The Rev. Jeffrey William Mello  
XVI Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

**Saturday, October 15**

**Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford**

Service at 11 a.m. - Doors open at 10 a.m.

Go to [episcopalct.org/consecration](http://episcopalct.org/consecration) to register.

To livestream the Ordination on the ECCT YouTube channel, go to [www.episcopalct.org/consecration/](http://www.episcopalct.org/consecration/) and click on the link to the YouTube channel.



### **BISHOP-ELECT GIFT FUND**

It is customary for the people of the diocese welcoming a new bishop to join in giving the new bishop various signs of the episcopal office and vestments they will use in their ministry. We are honored to be gifting Bishop-elect Jeff with his episcopal ring and purple set of vestments to be used during Advent and Lent on parish visitations.


The vestments are being designed and made by vestment artisan Patrick Boylan, out of Brooklyn, New York. The set will include a chasuble, two priest stoles and a deacon's stole. It will be accompanied by a plain white miter, the customary choice of miter for the Advent and Lenten seasons.

The episcopal ring is a traditional signet ring. It will feature the diocesan seal (in reverse) on its face and will be used to create wax seals. One side of the ring will have engraved on it an ox yoke, an important symbol from the Bishop-elect's years spent in ministry at the Episcopal Conference Center in Pascoag, RI. The other side of the ring will feature a nutmeg branch, in reference to Connecticut as "The Nutmeg State." Together, they remind the Bishop-elect where his ministry began, and where it has sent him to serve.

The total cost of these gifts is \$12,000. Every gift amount is welcomed, no matter how big or small. We thank you for your generosity in welcoming our new bishop diocesan to the Episcopal Church in Connecticut!

To donate, go to: <https://www.episcopalct.org/consecration/gifts-for-bishop-elect-mello/>

## **SAVE THE DATE**

<b>Sunday, October 2</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>St. James', Farmington</b>
Tuesday, October 4	5:45 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 5	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
<b>Sunday, October 9</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Service in the Erwin Chapel with the Rev. Joan Phelps</b>
Monday, October 10		<b>Office Closed</b> - Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
Tuesday, October 11	6:45 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Saturday, October 15	11:00 a.m.	Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Jeffrey William Mello as the XVI Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in CT
<b>Sunday, October 16</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Grace Church, Newington</b>
<b>Sunday, October 23</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Service in the Erwin Chapel with the Rev. Joan Phelps</b>
<b>Sunday, October 30</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Service in the Erwin Chapel with the Rev. Joan Phelps</b>
Monday, October 31		Happy Halloween 

### **Contemporary Collects and Prayers**

**October 2** - Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**October 9** - Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**October 16** - Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**October 23** - Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**October 30** - Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

September 25, 2022

Dear Faithful of St. Mark's:

This Sunday we welcome to St. Mark's our Regional Missionary, Maggie Breen. Father Pace will be our celebrant and homilist, but Maggie will be joining us for our regular coffee time following services to discuss all issues regional. This meeting is especially timely for us as the following Sunday (October 2) we commence our visiting of local parishes with an eye to merging. Maggie, obviously, is very familiar with all the parishes in our area and should be able to provide valuable insights. I hope as many as possible will join us for this important conversation in Cooper Hall following our services on Sunday.

On October 2 we will be celebrating the Eucharist with the community of St. James in Farmington. Please remember that on the visitation Sundays we will not be having services at 90 Main, although remote participation will be available for those who cannot attend in person. Two things, in particular, need to be noted. The first is that the time of the services at the parishes we will be visiting varies. The service at St. James, for instance, starts at 10:15 a.m. The second thing to keep in mind is that on the Sunday following our visit to any parish, the visit will be the focus of our conversation during coffee time the following Sunday at 90 Main Street.

We are in transition! That is unsettling for everyone, but change is more difficult for some than for others. In all of this, besides God's presence with us, there is something else that is certain.

Nothing is going to happen fast! Holding one's breath is not recommended.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Stephen Hard  
Junior Warden

## Sunday Worship Visits

The current schedule is:

Place	Date	Time	On-Line Access
St. James, 3 Mountain Rd. Farmington	10/2/22	10:15 a.m.	<a href="http://www.stjamesfarmington.org">www.stjamesfarmington.org</a> Click on the "f" at the top of the page
Grace Church, 124 Maple Hill Ave. Newington	10/16/22	9:00 a.m.	Zoom: Meeting ID: 786 697 1764 Password: 83043516 Phone number: 1-646-931-3860
St. Paul's, 145 Main St. Southington	11/6/22	10:15 a.m.*	<a href="http://www.stpaulct.org">www.stpaulct.org</a> Click on Worship and then click on Facebook Live link ( <b>You do NOT</b> need a Facebook account to use join this service.)
St. Gabriel's, 68 Main St. East Berlin	11/20/22	9:00 a.m.	Zoom: Meeting ID:546 920 9960 Password: Jesus
St. James, 1018 Farmington Ave. West Hartford	12/4/22	9:30 a.m.	TBA

\*According to the website, face masks are currently required for all in-person services. We will check again when it gets closer to the service date.

On these dates, there **will not** be a service at 90 Main St. We hope that many of you will be able to attend the selected parish in-person. For those who can't, connecting to Zoom or Facebook Live details will be in the Message and future bulletins as this information becomes available.

The details are in process and subject to change.

## Allison's Parish Clerk News Corner

October 2022

- ◆ Welcome to October and crisp, chilly autumn air! I am missing the relaxing warmth of summer days, but I realize that this season is invigorating. St. Mark's is following suit and beginning its parish visits to seek a new partner in our community mission. Elsewhere in the message is a schedule showing the dates, parishes, times and online alternatives for the visits. Updates will be provided as information becomes available. Thanks to Barbara Campbell, we have supply priests for most of our Sundays at 90 Main St. She and Stephen will lead worship otherwise. We are working hard to find a priest for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.
- ◆ South Church has relaxed its mask-wearing and disinfecting requirements within the building. More activities will take place, but we are still not having large groups for meals and mingling.
- ◆ Fifth Sundays are resuming. The first will be Oct.30<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in South Church's main sanctuary, and all the 90 Main church groups are invited to take part. Specific plans are in process.
- ◆ St. Mark's Community Ministries Committee will be looking at an opportunity to work with UACT to provide support services for refugees settling in New Britain.
- ◆ Finally, I want to share with you this quote from Reinhold Niebuhr, an American Reformed theologian, which Rev. Diana Rogers used in one of her sermons a couple of weeks ago. It really touched my heart.

"Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope. Nothing true or beautiful makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore, we are saved by love."

And St Mark's is:

***"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

## October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Our services will be in-person unless otherwise required by a change in the pandemic trajectory.</b></p>	<p><b>An email will only be sent on Fridays if we need to go to Zoom only services.</b></p>					<b>1</b>
<p><b>2</b> Visit to: <b>St. James', Farmington</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry</p>	<p><b>4</b> 5:45 p.m. Exec. Committee Mtg</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night Group - Zoom mtg</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> In-Person/Hybrid Service 10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel</p>	<p><b>10</b> Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day Parish Office Closed</p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:45 p.m. Vestry Zoom Meeting</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night Group - Zoom mtg</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b> Visit to: <b>Grace Church Newington</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night Group - Zoom mtg</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b> In-Person/Hybrid Service 10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night Group - Zoom mtg</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> In-Person/Hybrid Service 10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry Halloween</p>					

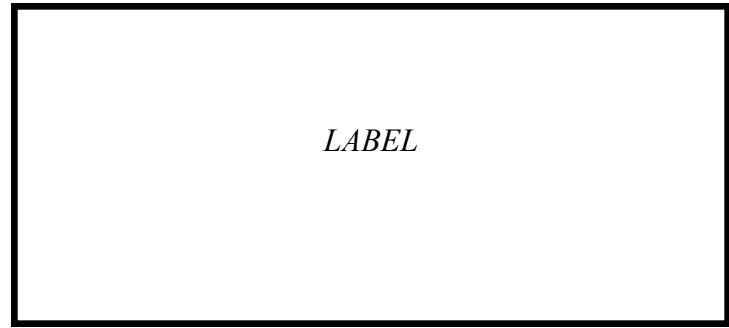
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**PRAYER CHAIN: to activate the chain call  
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**If you or someone you know is hospitalized,  
please inform the parish office.**



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

**Due date for all articles for the November  
Issue of the St. Mark's Message is October 19**

**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.**

**The St. Mark's Food Pantry**

We are in need of  
gently used grocery bags.


If you have any grocery bags (plastic or  
other types) and would like to  
donate them to the pantry, please drop  
them off in the Parish Office.

We have finally run out of  
plastic bags that were  
donated by Big Y and could  
really use them. Thank you!



**St. Mark's Food Pantry**

Monthly Statistics: August 2022  
Unduplicated households - 257  
Children - 175  
Adults - 306  
Seniors - 68  
Total food donated to St. Mark's - 545 lbs.  
Total food from Food Share - 4,332 lbs.  
Year to date food donations - 5,490  
Year to date from Food Share - 23,190

 **We are currently receiving 2 deliveries a  
month from Food Share. On the 2nd and 4th  
Wednesdays of the month. The deliveries are in  
the morning. If you can help us bring a delivery  
in, please call Cheryl in the parish office and she  
will let you know when to be here for the delivery.  
Thank you!**