



THE ST. MARK'S MESSAGE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Britain

THE LION'S PAUSE with
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We Have a New Bishop!!!

What's important about the Ordination and Consecration service of Bishop Jeffrey William Mello which, as I write this, just ended? We have a new Bishop Diocesan and you need to get to know him! Therefore, please read his own words of Appreciation and Gratitude as follows:

I borrow from Jesus' words in the Gospel of Luke to describe how full my heart is today of gratitude for all those who have helped to make this day possible;

A good measure, pressed down, shaken
Together, running over." Luke 6:38

We are here today, glorifying God for this new shared ministry, thanks to the hours of faithful work done by so many in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut over the past eighteen months and culminating this morning in this glorious worship service.

We are here, too, because hundreds of parishioners, congregations, mentors, and colleagues over my lifetime have shaped me into who I am today as a servant of God.

We are here because of the love, nurturance, and unceasing support of my family, especially my son and my spouse, who have never failed to encourage me to follow where it is God has called me.

Most of all, however, we are here because of the abundant love and mercy of the God who made us, gave himself for us, and continues to call us into new life in the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

I pray you leave this morning with a deep awareness of God's gratitude for you: for who you are, for what you have done so far and for how you will continue to work to bring about God's dream for our hurting world.

Abundant Blessings,

Jeff

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Yes, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, both Bishops of the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Bishop of Maine, the Bishop of the New England Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and both Bishops of Connecticut had specific roles in the consecration. And at least 16 other Bishops dressed up, processed and “just attended”.

If you see online the sermon preached by The Rev. Canon Meaghan Brower, Director of the Episcopal Church Camp in Rhode Island, sit down and listen to it! We laughed with her through out the sermon and really appreciated a sermon on “Joy”.

Cultural changes of note were the Land Acknowledgement statement and flute solo respecting the 10,000 years of Indigenous people who lived in this part of the Connecticut valley.

The Lord’s Prayer and the Gospel were read in Spanish, Haitian Creole, and English. The Expansive Language Version of Eucharistic Prayer B was used. The readers for the first and second lessons were middle school young.

The Rev. Tuesday Rupp and the Rev. Robert Bergner as cantors did beautiful jobs singing alternate verses of the Litany for Ordinations.

After seeing the hands on the head of Bishop Mello, it was grand to see him put on red vestments and really look like a Bishop as he celebrated the Eucharist.

Appreciation to Stephen Hard as he worked with The Rev. Ron Kolonowski on Space and Logistics - getting the neon cross upright and lit, and getting the matching cathedras for the altar.

And my favorite steel drums from St. Luke’s, New Haven were played!

Contemporary Collects and Prayers

November 1 - All Saint’s Day - O Almighty God, who 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 indescribable joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

November 13 - Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

November 20 - Christ the King - Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

November 27 - The First Sunday of Advent - Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, November 1 - 5:45 p.m. - Executive Committee

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

Sunday, November 6 - 10:15 a.m. - St. Paul's, Southington

Tuesday, November 8 - 6:45 p.m. - Vestry Meeting - Library (near the Erwin Chapel)

Friday, November 11 - Veterans Day - Parish Office Closed

**Sunday, November 13 - 10:00 a.m. - Service in Erwin Chapel with the
Rev. Kathi Beneker**

Tuesday, November 15 - 6:30 p.m. - Nominating Committee - Cooper Hall

Sunday, November 20 - 9:00 a.m. - St. Gabriel's, East Berlin (May be postponed)

Thursday November 24 - Thanksgiving - Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 25 - Parish Office Closed

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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.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 6 -

Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour!

Grace Church, Newington Invites to St. Mark's

Grace Church in Newington, which we visited on October 16, has invited us to take part in any or all of the activities that they have coming up in the future.

Pace of Grace – NOVEMBER 2022

Hi-Noon Grace Church, Newington: Our friends at St Marks are invited to attend our monthly meetings. The group's activities vary and are a combination of informative, cultural, social and entertaining events. The schedule through January is below. November and January participants bring their bag lunch, coffee and tea is served. The direct outside entrance to the Parish Hall is at the left side of the building.

Monday, October 3 - Last month our visit to **Gouveia Vineyards**, Wallingford – included shared snacks and lunch at the winery while enjoying a glass of Connecticut wine.

Monday, November 7, 12:00 Noon, Tour of Middlewoods of Newington: Independent and Assisted Living Community. Following lunch in the Parish we will car pool. Bring your bag lunch. Coffee and tea served.

Monday, December 5, 12:00 – Annual Holiday Party – A Pasta Lunch and Holiday Sing-a-long will highlight this party in the Parish Hall. If able please bring a salad or dessert to share. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served. Thank you Nancy for again providing the homemade pasta main dish. Please RSVP by leaving a message at the Church office – 860-666-3331 (RSVP appreciated, not required).

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Monday, January 9, 12:00 – Fun and Games in Parish Hall

New Coat Give-away

New Life II will be holding a coat give away in November and they need NEW coats to give away. If you are able, new coats can be dropped off at their center at:

Recovery Community Center and Reentry Affairs
117 West Main St. New Britain



Please tell them that you are from St. Mark's so that they can keep track of our donations.

Thank you!

Sunday Worship Visits

The current schedule is:

Place	Date	Time	On-Line Access
St. Paul's, 145 Main St. Southington	11/6/22	10:15 a.m.*	www.stpaulct.org Click on Worship and then click on Facebook Live link (You do NOT 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.



St. Mark's Episcopal Church Food Pantry

has been selected to receive \$1 from every
Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold
during the month of
November 2022 at:

Stop & Shop
1309 Corbin Avenue, New Britain CT

Allison's Parish Clerk News Corner November 2022

Welcome to November! It is a season of Thanksgiving and the beginning of a new year of Stewardship. Some days it seems impossible to give thanks. News is filled with political mayhem, war, human suffering and climate change destroying our planet. Costs are rising ---- how can I stretch my pennies to give more to worthy causes? Yet, how can I not? I am thankful for God's Love. It is *always* there in the midst of turmoil and celebrations. God's love is within each one of us. Let us share it with each other and the world. Stewardship letters and pledge cards will be mailed this month for your prayerful consideration.

We have visited 2 of our "merger candidates" during October---St. James', Farmington and Grace Newington. I found both very welcoming. St. James' reminded me of St. Mark's 10-15 years ago when we still had our building, activities, outreach and children! Grace has a tight group of faithful believers hanging on as St. Mark's is. Our next visits will be at St Paul's Southington on Nov. 6th (Holy Eucharist), St. Gabriel's East Berlin on Nov. 20th (Morning Prayer) and St. James', West Hartford on Dec. 4th (Lessons & Carols, Holy Eucharist). We have not been able to find a supply priest for Christmas, but St. Gabriel's will be having a Christmas service. We are thinking of joining them.

Barbara (Committee chair) and the Community Ministries Committee are considering multiple options to help those in need in New Britain with our Smith Fund. Our Food Pantry will be self-sufficient through June 2023 with deliveries from Food Share at no charge and the food donations from area grocery stores collected faithfully by Mark Giulietti. We must give thanks to our volunteers too. However, funds are needed for a possible Morning Mingle, Home Heating Assistance, and special grants for individuals. Vestry voted to give a \$10K grant to UACT to aid refugees settling in New Britain.

Last but not least, it is time to nominate yourself or another willing candidate to serve on St. Mark's Vestry! All positions are open. Please help St. Mark's give to our treasured community.

"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

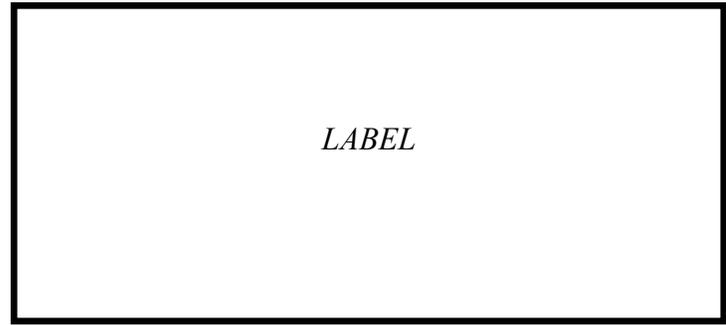
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**If you or someone you know is hospitalized,
please inform the parish office.**



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***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.



St. Mark's Food Pantry

Monthly Statistics: September 2022

- Unduplicated households - 236
- Total Unduplicated people: 603
- Total food donated to St. Mark's - 865 lbs.
- Total food from Food Share - 2,618 lbs.
- Year to date food donations - 6,355
- Year to date from Food Share - 25,808

 **We are currently receiving 2 deliveries a month from Food Share. 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!**