

The People stand or kneel
Officiant: The Lord be with you
People: *And also with you*

Officiant: Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us

Officiant and People Together:
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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Suffrages:
V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness.
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect for Sundays (Officiant and People Together)
O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

A Collect for Peace (Officiant and People Together)
O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission (Officiant and People Together)
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form I- FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
Intercessor: **With** all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, we pray for- St. James, Schuylkill Haven -from our diocese, and Woro Parish and Romogi-Barebo Primary School- Kajo Keji -let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop, and Audrey, bishop of Central Pennsylvania,, -and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially- Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Carol, Fr. John, William, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Doris, Bill, Luan, Frieda, Valerie, Chris, Mary Ann, Marilyn, Ben, Greg, Tom, Jesse, Lisa, Heather, Shawn, Donna, Chuck and Logan - let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Julius and Josephine Rimmel, for in whose memory today’s flowers grace God’s altar, and Barry Nester, for in whose memory today’s bulletins have been sponsored- and for all the departed, remembering especially- let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of St. Mark and St. John- and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. ***To thee, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of *your* people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *your* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The General Thanksgiving (Officiant and People Together)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Prayer of St. Alphonsus (ALL)

Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come therefore spiritually into our hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom (ALL)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Then may be said:

Officiant: Let us Bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*The Officiant may then conclude with **one** of the following:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. ***Amen.** 2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.** Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. ***Amen.** Ephesians 3:20,21*

Recessional Hymn: 680 O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

Jubilate ~ Psalm 100

(Congregation responds after the asterisk)

Be joyful in the Lord all you lands; ***serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**

Know this; The Lord is God ***he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; ***give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; ***and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Venite: Psalm 95:1-7 *(Congregation responds after the asterisk)*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *** let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving ***and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, *** and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, ***and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, ***and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, ***and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. ***Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Collect For Today: 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.*

The Lessons (see insert)

The Gospel: Hymn: 686 COME THOU FONT OF EVERY BLESSING (VS 1-2) (VS 3)

The Homily

~ Choir Meditation/Reflection Anthem ~

The Apostles' Creed *(Officiant and People together, all standing)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; 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. 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. Amen.

St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church

October 26, 2025

20 Pentecost

Morning Prayer ~ Rite 2

Processional Hymn: 398 I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD

Officiant: Lord, open our lips,

People: AND OUR MOUTH SHALL PROCLAIM YOUR PRAISE

Officiant: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

(Officiant and People together, all kneeling-if able)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

* Lay leader and People Read together

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us, all our sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter (All stand)

Officiant: Lord, Open our Lips

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

ALL: *as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it;

ALL: *COME, LET US ADORE HIM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2025 Book has opened to take reservations for Bulletin, Communion Cup Sponsorship and Flower Sponsorship. If you would like to reserve a specific date, please contact the office. The Bulletin Sponsorship fee is \$10 for Sunday Services, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week Services and \$20 for Holidays (Christmas & Easter). Communion Cups Sponsorship- \$15 per week or \$50 per month. Altar Flower Sponsorship is \$28.00.

Sponsorships

Altar Flowers: In Loving Memory of Josephine & Julius Rimmel

Bulletin: In Loving Memory of Barry Nester by Charlotte Nester

LAY READER SCHEDULE

Date	Reading	9:00 AM	
October 26	20 Pentecost	Deb Fry	Diane Lager
November 2	21 Pentecost	Sue Urban	Jill Perry
November 9	22 Pentecost	Rose Douglas	Jim Pompa
November 16	23 Pentecost	Sue Ellen Andreas	Zach Baker
November 23	Last Sunday after Pentecost	Bill Diehm	Tom Lager
November 30		Deb Fry	Diane Lager

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

Date:	Set Up	Clean Up
October 26	Tom & Diane Lager	Shelly Pompa
November 2	Karen Horvath	Jill Perry
November 9	Laura Ferko	Sue Urban
November 16	Karen Gasker	Rose Dougles
November 23	Tom & Diane Lager	Shelly Pompa
November 30	Sue Ellen Andreas	Judy Lennon

Pastoral Needs: Fr. Tim Griffin is available for all pastoral needs. If you should need assistance, please contact him at 215-796-4602 or email: frtimgriffin@gmail.com

LAYING OF HANDS- HEALING- Will Take Place Every 2nd Sunday of the Month following the 9am Service

Service Time Update: Please note that Sunday services will be held at the new time of 8:30 AM throughout October.

It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved parishioner, Anna Davis. Our parish mourns this loss and extends heartfelt condolences to the family and friends during this difficult time. May she rest in peace. Funeral Services with Communion will be held in the Main Sanctuary, Wednesday, November 4th at 11am.

Cleaning Volunteers: Those interested in cleaning should contact Deb Fry 484-866-6111 or Dfrybikes81@gmail.com Cleaning Orientations will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6pm.

Choir Rehearsals: Practices will be held Wednesday Evenings beginning at 6pm. New members welcome!

COMMUNITY DINNERS: are back! Volunteers needed- sign-up sheets located on the Vestibule Door. Date scheduled: November 16th from 4pm – 6pm in the Great Hall.

Blessing Box- Items most needed: Canned tuna, Canned chicken, Peanut butter, Jelly, Fruit cups, Canned fruit, Small mayonnaise, Hamburger Helper, Breakfast cereal (individual serving), Evaporated milk

SICK AND HOMEBOUND– Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Carol, Fr. John, William, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Doris, Bill, Luan, Frieda, Valerie, Chris, Mary Ann, Marilyn, Ben, Greg, Tom, Jesse, Lisa, Heather, Shawn, Donna, Chuck, and Logan

**If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the parish office*

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Parish office hours: Monday- Wednesday 10am – 2pm, Thursday & Friday- By appointment

SERVICES

Sunday 8:30am- Main Sanctuary
Other services TBA
9:00am September – May Church School

CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

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CHURCH SCHOOL

Zachary and Melissa Baker

VESTRY

Senior Warden: Deborah Fry ('26)
Junior Warden: Karen Gasker ('28)
Sue Ellen Andreas ('27)
Jonna Li Catrini ('28)
Michael Leonetti ('28)
Sam Strohl ('28)
Robert Muscovitch ('28)

Clerk of the Vestry

Sue Urban

Treasurer

Bill Diehm



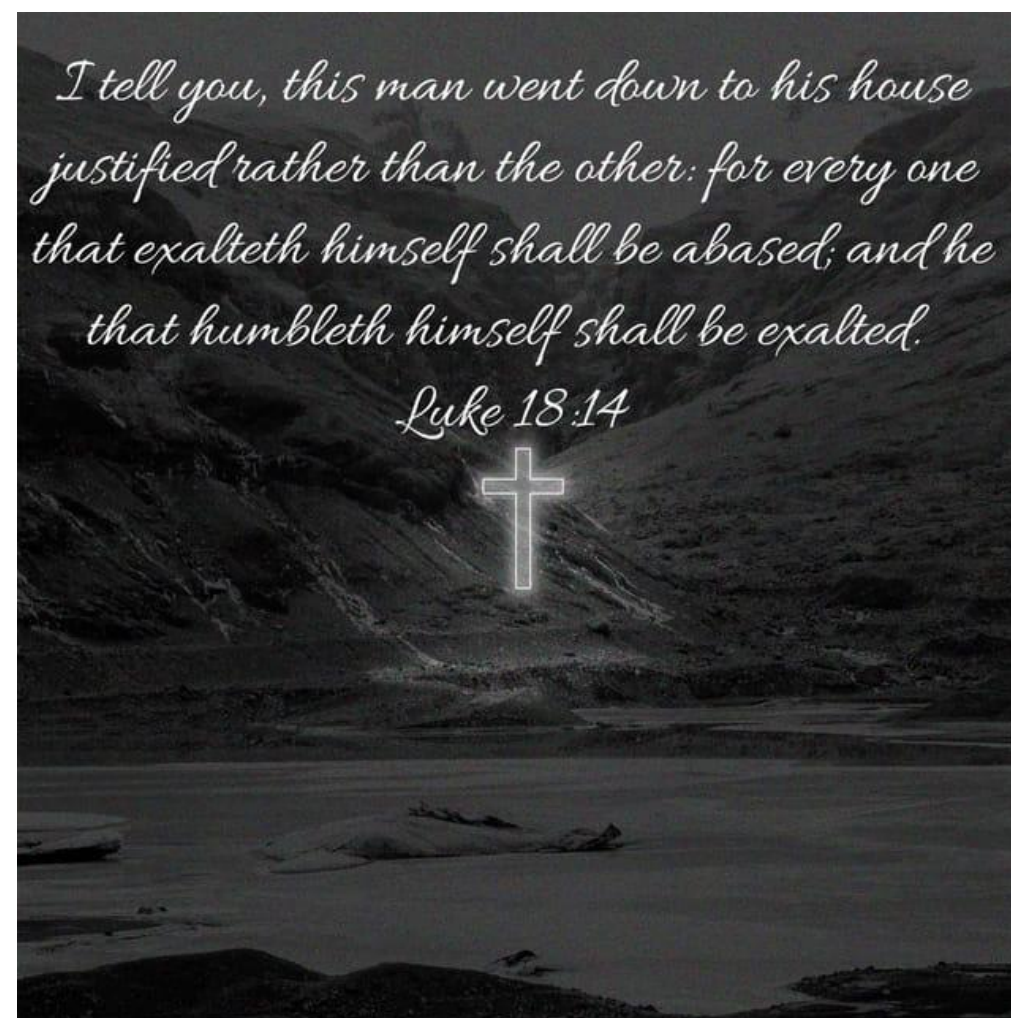
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Parish Mission Statement

Our parish will be energetic, effective, and loving as we seek to be inclusive and diverse in accomplishing God's work in the Church and Community.



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