The Peace
All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
***People*:** **And also with you**

Announcements

Offertory: 567 THINE ARM, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD
Doxology: 380 VS 3 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; By whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People(S130)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Officiant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Breaking of the Bread
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***HAVE MERCY ON US.***
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***HAVE MERCY ON US.***
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***GRANT US PEACE.***

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE INVITED TO PARTAKE IN HOLY EUCHARIST AT GOD'S TABLE

Communion: 645 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Celebrant and People: 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.*

CELEBRANT: GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD,

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 493 O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

PLEASE BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR 2026 TITHING ENVELOPES. IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR NAME, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO RECEIVE A SET OF ENVELOPES.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People – Form III from the Book of Common Prayer

The Leader and People ***pray responsively***

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; ***That we all may be one.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; Sean our Presiding Bishop, Audrey, Bishop of the Diocese of The Susquehanna, and Bishop Kevin- assisting Bishop**,** ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; especially St. Clement's and St. Peter's, Wilkes-Barre; and Wojira Parish, Kajo Keji- ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially-Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Carol, Fr. John, Nancy, Jim, Bill, Chris, Marilyn, Ben, Greg, Lisa, Heather, Donna, Chuck, Milton, Betty, Ilona, George, Kris, Alida, John U., Nancy U., Jonna-Li, Harry, Valerie, Livy, Samantha, Joyce, Jimmy, and Logan ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest, remembering Luan and Doris Burnhause-***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; especially Barbara Kroculik,for in whose memory today's bulletins have been sponsored-***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church
March 15, 2026
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
The Rev. Timothy Griffin

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn: 143 THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins;
People ***His Mercy endures forever.***

The Celebrant says:
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

The Confession of Sin:
CELEBRANT: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People: 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.

The Priest, stands and says: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

KYRIE: S95

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant : Let us pray;

The Celebrant says the Collect: 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*

The Lessons (see insert)
The Gospel: **490 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT (1-2) (3)**
The Sermon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2026 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).. Altar Flower Sponsorship is $28.00.

Sponsorships
Bulletin Sponsorship- In Loving Memory of Barbara Kroculik who passed away on March 16th, 2010, by her sister, Marilyn Rontz & Family- May she rest in peace

LAY READER SCHEDULE

Date	Reading	8:30 AM	
March 15	Lent 4	Deb Fry	Diane Lager
March 22	Lent 5	Sue Urban	Jill Perry
March 29	Palm Sunday	Rose Douglas	Jim Pompa Jr

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

Date:	Set Up	Clean Up
March 15	Karen Gasker	Rose Douglas
March 22	Tom & Diane Lager	Shelly Pompa
March 29	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 8:30am Service

Email Updates: Fr. Tim will be comprising a newsletter and would like to send it electronically, via email. Please fill out form located on the wooden table outside the main sanctuary.

The Diocese of the Susquehanna will host an in-person Safe Church Class on **March 21, 2026 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at Trinity Mt. Pocono 137 Trinity Hill Rd, Mt. Pocono, 18344 More information on the event and how to register can be found at: https://diosusquehanna.org/event/1890/** This class covers all required Safe Church classes and is valid for the next three years. Come to learn together, ask questions, and connect in person. Bring a friend, a ministry partner, or someone new. This is a great opportunity to get everything done at once in a welcoming, supportive environment. Light refreshments, coffee, and tea will be served. Feel free to bring your own lunch.

Easter Flowers- Money with payment due no later than March 22nd. See enclosed order form.

2026 Bulletin and Altar Flowers Sponsor Calendar: Check availability on the calendar outside the main sanctuary (on the wooden table) and contact the office to reserve your date. ***Please note: No Flowers During the Lenten Season.***

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: Choir will meet on **18th, and 25th (Wednesdays) at 6:15 pm at Tolman House**. New members welcome!

Blessing Box- Items most needed: Please **participate in the 40 cans in 40 days project- Flyer and Bags located outside the main sanctuary.**

SICK AND HOMEBOUND– Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Carol, Fr. John, Nancy, Jim, Bill, Chris, Marilyn, Ben, Greg, Lisa, Heather, Donna, Chuck, Milton, Betty, Ilona, George, Kris, Alida, John U., Nancy U., Jonna-Li, Harry, Valerie, Livy, Samantha, Joyce, Jimmy, and Logan

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

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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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St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church
Sunday, March 15, 2026
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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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