



# THE ST. MARK'S MESSAGE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Britain

## THE LION'S PAUSE

**This Christian poem tells of Jesus' never-failing support for us.  
It's a Christian inspirational poem that's also a Christian rhyme.**

### We'll Get Through This

Lord, our troubles  
Are so great,  
We don't know what to do;  
The price for our  
Iniquity  
Is finally coming due.

The world is crumbling  
All about;  
No safe place can be found.  
Right is wrong,  
Wrong is right;  
The change is quite profound.

Lord, we need  
Your guiding light  
To lead us out of here;  
We'll focus on  
Your Word, and prayer,  
To take away our fear.

Temptations of  
This dying world  
We'll rule out and let go;  
Give our burdens  
All to you,  
Shed all worldly woe.

That's how we'll  
Get through this, Lord,  
Fixed on heaven above,  
Assured of your  
protection, help,  
And everlasting love.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

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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.)

### Sunday Services at St. James, Farmington

For a variety of reasons associated with our plans to merge with St. James in Farmington, it will not always be possible to offer Sunday Services in the Erwin Chapel. On these Sundays, parishioners are encouraged to attend the Sunday Eucharist at St. James in Farmington to promote our getting to know one another and becoming more comfortable worshipping there. Through Labor Day, St. James' one service is at 9:30 a.m. This is livestreamed via FACEBOOK LIVE. Livestream connection is by clicking the "F" icon at the top of the St. James Webpage. After Labor Day there are two services.

Rite 1 is celebrated at 8:00 am, Rite 2 (normally with choir) is celebrated at 10:15 am. Only the 10:15 am service is livestreamed.

A parking tip: When approaching the church turn right just in front of the entrance. Parking to the left (behind the church) is difficult and limited. Across the street from the front door of the church there is ample parking available on Sunday mornings.

## **PHOTOS FROM THE ABILITY WALK & ROLL**



## Contemporary Collects and Prayers

**September 3** - Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**September 4** - Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**September 10** - Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**September 17** - O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**September 24** - Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### SAVE THE DATE

Friday, September 1 Parish Office Closed for Labor Day Holliday

**Sunday, September 3 9:30 a.m. Service at St. James, Farmington**

Monday, September 4 Parish Office Closed for Labor Day Holliday

Wednesday, September 6 5:45 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 6 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

**Sunday, September 10 8:00 &  
10:15 a.m. Service at St. James, Farmington**

**Sunday, September 17 10:00 a.m. Service in the Erwin Chapel -  
Stephen Hard, Worship Leader**

**Tuesday, September 19 6:45 p.m. Vestry Meeting - Cooper Hall (Schedule Change)**

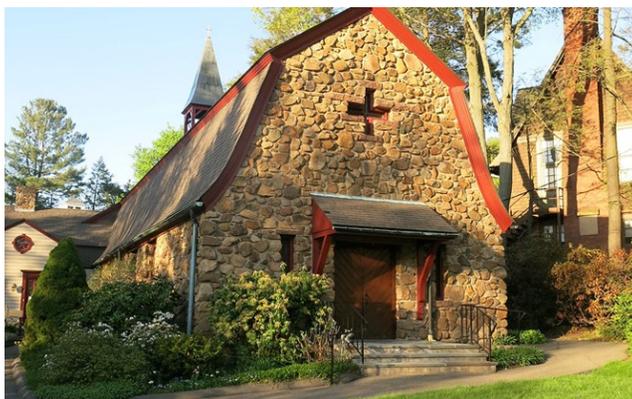
**Sunday, September 24 10:00 a.m. Service in the Erwin Chapel -  
Stephen Hard, Worship Leader**

Help the St. Mark's Food Pantry!  
Buy your loved ones flowers  
during the month of September  
at the  
New Britain Stop & Shop  
on Corbin Avenue.

*Bloom Baby Bloom*

For the month of **September**, when you buy a \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet at our designated Stop & Shop, we'll receive \$1!

Bloomin' 4 Good Program  [stopandshop.2give.local.com](http://stopandshop.2give.local.com)



**St. James Parish**  
**150th Celebration Craft Fair & Music Fest**

**Time & Location**

**Sept 30, 9:00 AM – Oct 01, 4:00 PM**  
**St. James Parish, 3 Mountain Rd, Farmington, CT 06032, USA**

**About The Event**

Held rain or shine, this event celebrating the 150th anniversary of the St. James Parish will include a Craft Fair with artisans, crafters and vendors exhibiting their wares, live local musicians sharing their talents, a Baked Goods Sale showcasing delectables from our own talented bakers, and a Luncheon/ Cafe, where shoppers can "grab a coffee," "just a bite," or make a selection from our luncheon menu with desserts available.

All proceeds benefit local, national, and international  
Outreach organizations.

Celebrate our Sesquicentennial Year! 2023 is a very special time in the life of our worshipping community: we commemorate 150 years of continuous worship as the community of St. James (from 1873) and nearly 125 years in our church building. Our hope is that we can energize our membership with a variety of events and draw much positive and generous outside attention toward St. James, too. We invite all our members to engage in as many events over the course of the year as you possibly can. Your Vestry and 150th Planning Team invite your neighbors and friends to all our events over the course of our Sesquicentennial year. Let's get excited as we continue to celebrate the first 150 years of our beloved St. James Parish! Thank you for your participation, energy, hands, and feet to help with the events of our 150th celebration! Saturday, September 30th we will hold our Celebratory Craft Fair & Music Festival on the parish grounds. There will be craft vendors, plus food, perhaps a craft beer truck, and live music throughout the day. Save the date, as we prepare to celebrate our 150th in a fun and hopeful way! Sunday, October 1st we will celebrate Founders' Day during our 10:15 am worship service, honoring 150 blessed years in the life of St. James Parish.

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## Allison's Parish Clerk News Corner

September 2023

Hello Everyone! You give me a month off and I forget my clerk duties! Thank goodness we have Cheryl to keep us all informed and functioning well. So here goes. What does our future hold?

1. Bishop Laura has scheduled our initial merger meeting for Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> with Father George, Stephen Hard and our consultant, Renee. We hope this will give us guidelines.
2. Over the summer, we have had several worship services at St. James. Speaking for myself, I have felt embraced with sincere welcome by everyone. We have shared activities such as a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at St. James for the Dominican Republic mission trip, and several St. James parishioners helped at St. Mark's ice cream/prayer booth at the New Britain Abilities Walk & Roll. We are off to a great start.
3. St James is having their 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Craft Fair and Music Fest on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, and Bishop Mello will celebrate the Eucharist on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Let's join in the fun!
4. St. Mark's will be its own entity through most of 2024 so we will have our annual Stewardship Campaign. Please look out for a letter in the mail seeking pledges. We are forever thankful.
5. Our Community Ministries Committee has been faithfully administering our Smith Fund. Your vestry voted in favor of a \$10K grant to Coram Deo Recovery for mattress replacement in their housing. They support women recovering from domestic abuse and addiction. A \$7500 grant was approved for New Life II Recovery Community Center which supports men re-entering society after addiction struggles, prison sentences, etc. A \$10K grant was given to United Action CT to help immigrants settling in New Britain. We have given Smith Fund support to all of these organizations in the past.

I pray that we may continue to support our neighbors as we also hold our own parishioners close to our hearts as they cope with hardships and celebrate joys.

***“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

## September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Parish Office Closed	2
3 9:30 a.m. Service at St. James, Farmington	4 Parish Office & Food Pantry Closed 	5	6 5:45 p.m. Exec. Committee Mtg 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg	7 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night	8	9
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17 In-Person/Hybrid Service 10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel	18 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry	19 6:45 P.M. Vestry Meeting	20	21 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night	22	23 
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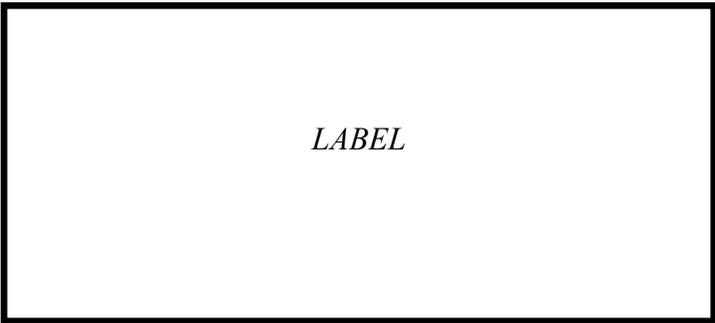
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**If you or someone you know is hospitalized,  
please inform the parish office.**



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

**Due date for all articles for the October  
Issue of the St. Mark's Message is September 20th.**

**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. unless otherwise stated.  
Please check the St. Mark's Calendar for our monthly schedule.**

**St. Mark's Food Pantry**

**Monthly Statistics: July 2023**

- ! Unduplicated households - 179
- ! Total Unduplicated people - 468
- ! Total food donated to St. Mark's - 730 lbs.
- ! Total food from Food Share - 2236 lbs.
- ! Year to date food donations - 4680 lbs.
- ! Year to date from Food Share - 22974.5 lbs.

Connecticut residents may  
receive food from our Food  
Pantry once every 30 days.  
Please bring your own bag,  
if possible, to receive food.