



All Saints' Sunday

10AM The Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism, Rite II • November 1, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Elizabeth Garnsey

Opening Organ Voluntary

Prelude on 'Requiem æternam'

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Welcome

Entrance Hymn 287 (vv.1-4, 8)

“For all the saints”

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you 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 ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lesson *All may sit*

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has

not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The people stand, as able.

The Gospel Acclamation

Cantor, then All



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: *The Celtic Alleluia*, Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981) and Christopher Walker (b. 1947)
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The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people stand and sing

Baptismal Hymn 293

“I sing a song of the saints of God”

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| <p>1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
 patient and brave and true,
 who toiled and fought and lived and died
 for the Lord they loved and knew.
 And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
 and one was a shepherdess on the green:
 they were all of them saints of God—and I mean,
 God helping, to be one too.</p> | <p>3. They lived not only in ages past,
 there are hundreds of thousands still,
 the world is bright with the joyous saints
 who love to do Jesus’ will.
 You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
 in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,
 for the saints of God are just folk like me,
 and I mean to be one too.</p> |
| <p>2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
 and his love made them strong;
 and they followed the right, for Jesus’ sake,
 the whole of their good lives long.
 And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
 and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
 and there’s not any reason, no, not the least,
 why I shouldn’t be one too.</p> | |

Words: Lesbia Scott (b. 1898), alt.
 Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945)

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*Vivian Lee, Harold John Anderson IV, June Kathleen Anderson, Silvia Claire Cseh Dahling,
 Margot Haller LaSala, Rose Lloyd Johnson, John Thomas Torrenzano, Louis Beauchamp Keogh,
 Henry Hendel Callaway, Harrison Ross Hamill, Brooke Emerson Allison, Rodney Daniel Proctor*

The congregation may be seated.

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows

Sponsors **I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate **I do.**

The candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented

Parents **I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

✠ **Godparents**

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents **I will, with God's help.**
& Godparents

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents **I will, with God's help.**
& Godparents

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Please stand as able

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Celebrant
People

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Celebrant

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son
may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory;
who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The congregation may be seated. The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

People The Lord be with you.

Celebrant **And also with you.**

People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit

as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection,

from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him

in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Celebrant Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever
in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant presents the baptismal candle to the newly baptized and says,

Receive the light of Christ. May your light so shine before others,
that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon
these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace.

Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,

the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you,

and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant
& People*

**We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements



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and interested in learning more?**
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help us connect with you.



To give to St. Mark's
please scan the QR code.
We thank you for
your generosity.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Lux æterna (from *Requiem*, Opus 9)

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

(Sung in Latin)

*Lux æterna luceat eis, Domine, cum sanctis tuis in æternum, quia pius es.
Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

*Let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord, with your saints for ever, for you are merciful.
Give them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them*

The Reading of the Necrology

The People may remain seated for the reading of the names.

The people stand, as able.

The Great Thanksgiving - 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.**

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

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses,
that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us;
and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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:

Sanctus and Benedictus

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is marked 'Organ' and the second 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est.' The score includes triplets and various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932-2025)

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 he 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:

The Memorial Acclamation (*spoken*)

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him.

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 your Son Jesus Christ:
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The Great Amen



Setting: from *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread.	and the power, and the glory,
And forgive us our trespasses,	for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

The Ministration of Communion

During the Communion (Choir) *Litanei auf das Fest Allerseelen* Franz Schubert (1797-1828), arr.

Sung in German. Soloists: Lydia Dahling, mezzo-soprano; Ryan Deal, tenor;

Johan Hartman, baritone; Mary Petro Noonan, soprano

[*Stanzas 1 & 4*] Ruh'n in Frieden alle Seelen, die vollbracht ein banges Quälen, die vollender Süßen Traum, Lebenssatt, geboren kaum, aus der Welt hinüberschieden: Alle Seelen ruh'n in Frieden! [*2*] Alle Geister, die voll Klarheit, Wurden Märtyrer der Wahrheit, Kämpften für das Heiligtum, Suchten nicht der Marter Ruhm: Alle die von hinnen schieden, Alle Seelen ruh'n in Frieden! [*3*] Auch die keinen Frieden kannten, Aber Mut und Stärke sandten Über leichenvolles Feld in die halbentschlaf'ne Welt: Alle die von hinnen schieden, Alle Seelen ruh'n in Frieden!

[*Stanzas 1 and 4*] *Rest in peace, all souls who have had done with anxious torment, who have had done with sweet dreams who, sated with life and hardly born, have departed from this world: all souls rest in peace!* [*Stanza 2*] *All the souls, who, full of clarity, became martyrs to truth, struggling for sacred faith but seeking not the martyr's crown: all who have parted from here, all souls rest in peace!*

[*Stanza 3*] *And those who knew no peace but still had courage and strength to give on fields strewn with corpses in a world half asleep: all who have parted from here, all souls rest in peace!* [Text, Johann Georg Jacobi, 1740-1814, trans.]

Hymn 306 (Choir) “Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest”

Post-Communion Prayer (*said together*)

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

On occasions when the Eucharist is to be sent out

The Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor

People **We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go
may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Blessing

People **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 625

“Ye holy angels bright”

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| 1. Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue. | 3. Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good or ill,
who ever lives! |
| 2. Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race
and now, from sin released,
behold your Savior's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound. | 4. My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above:
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise. |

Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862)
Music: *Darwall's 148th*, melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789);
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go and make disciples who live
a deeper life in Christ
a more holy communion with one another and
a greater love for the world.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Organ Voluntary

Placare Christi servulis (Op. 38, No. 16)

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Ned's Notes: Our **Opening Organ Voluntary** is a sonorous setting of the Introit (Entrance chant) of the Office for the Dead. (We'll hear Duruflé's setting of that same melody this evening). Our **Offertory Anthem** is the 7th movement of Duruflé's extraordinary *Requiem*. Our **Communion Anthem** is Schubert's beautiful *Litany for*

the Feast of All Souls, originally for solo voice and piano: I have arranged the final stanza for solo and accompanying chorus (plus organ). Finally, our **Closing Organ Voluntary** is a brilliant “toccata” on a melody sung at Matins on the Feast of All Saints in the Roman Catholic tradition.

We thank the following who are serving today:

Lector: David Kalal

Intercessor: Eric Thunem

Ushers: Jill Ernst, Robert Grieves, Ellen McMahon,
Mike Paniwozik, Bill Post, Eric Thunem, George Wright

Chalice Ministers: Cyra Borsy, Eileen Kennedy,
Eleanor Lisher, Deb Luchs, Aaron Miller, Stan Twardy

Greeters: Amanda Sutton, Jeff & Lise Leist

Organist-Choirmaster: Ned Tipton

The St. Mark's Choir and Section Leaders

Flower Guild: Peppi Jones

Altar Guild: Margot Thorsheim, Amy Crane, Miki Porta,
Kerry Robinson, Francie Thompson

Coffee Hour: Michael & Kendra Young

Church School Teachers: Victor Alvarez, Jeb Armstrong,
India Cooley, Nancy Daniels, Rachael Field, Sharon Fry,
Melissa Harold, Susie Kerridge, Lise Leist, Robina Lewis,
Zibby Perkins, Sarah Roberts, Peter Ryan, Hilary Scheler,
Laura Strobach, Rebecca Tekula, Steve Wyckoff

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Centering Prayer • Thursday, 12:15PM • Church

Children at St. Mark's

Church School is offered during the 10AM service

for children age 2 through seventh grade. Younger children remain in their classrooms throughout worship; kindergarten through seventh grade join their families in church at the Peace.

New to Church School? We'd love to welcome you.

Contact Jan Maynes, Director of Children's Ministry, at children@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

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Around St. Mark's

November 1, 2026 • All Saints' Sunday

Welcome to St. Mark's. We are a community of love formed by the grace of God.

Together we seek to follow the spiritual practices of a Jesus-centered life. We hope that you will join us as we seek a deeper life in Christ, a more holy communion with one another, and a greater love for the world.

You can find more information on our website: www.stmarksnewcanaan.org.

This Week



Maurice Duruflé: *Requiem*
*Version for Choir, Chamber Orchestra,
and Organ, 1961*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 5PM
(pre-concert lecture at 4:30pm)



Tickets

Holy Baptism

TODAY, November 1 • 10AM

Our baptism dates for 2027 are January 10, April 4, May 16, July 18, and November 7. If you desire to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please contact the Church Office at (203) 966-4515.

More information about baptism is available on our website.

An Election Day Invitation to Prayer

November 3 • 6AM-8PM • New Canaan High School

Representatives of the New Canaan Clergy Association will host **an Election Day pop-up prayer tent** to let the New Canaan community know that the leaders of our houses of worship care about the election and are there

to support (and pray for) a peaceful and orderly electoral process. **We will be there simply to talk or pray with anyone who wants to come by. Prayer cards and "I Prayed!" stickers will also be available.**

Spotlighting Our Community of Hope Ministries

This Week's Spotlight: Prayer Call Team

This team calls our weekly prayer list of the more than 90 people who are being prayed for at any given time, including those in our Sunday Prayers of the People.

The Community of Hope ministries touch over 600 people in the course of a year. **If you would like to learn more or get involved**, please contact the Church Office or Rev. Elizabeth.

Coming Up

Register by TODAY for Blessings, Bites & Bingo!

Sunday, November 8 • 4–6PM • Morrill Hall

Calling all bingo fans: tickets are selling fast!

Join us for a lively afternoon of bingo, food, fellowship, and fun for the whole family. Enjoy light bites, bingo, and prizes! **Professional childcare will be provided** in the library for our baby bingo fans.

Cost: \$10 per person

Scan to register by today's deadline.

Please be sure to **register each adult and child attending.**



Upcoming Guest Preacher: The Rev. Mary E. Haddad

November 8

The Rev. Mary Haddad brings a colorful background in broadcasting, music, hospitality, and even car sales to her ministry. Ordained in 2000, she has served churches and cathedrals in New York, San Francisco, Beverly Hills,

and Paris. Currently based in France, she preaches regularly, leads meditation and yoga retreats, and works as a spiritual life coach. She also serves on the mission team for St. Nino's in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Grief Support Group

Mondays, November 23–December 21 • 2–3 PM • Church Library

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you are invited to a five-week Grief Support Group led by parishioner

Cyra Borsy. Together, we'll make space to grieve, share, listen, sit quietly, or simply be heard.

Expanding St. Mark's Columbarium

The St. Mark's family is extremely blessed to have both the St. Mark's Columbarium and the West Road Cemetery for the interment of the cremated remains of Parish members and their families. Established in 1979 and expanded twice since, the Columbarium is once again approaching capacity. **We have begun the**

once-in-a-generation work to install two new walls containing sixty-four niches. We give thanks to David Kraemer for his thoughtful oversight of this important project. **For more information** about St. Mark's burial places and how to reserve a niche, visit our website or call the church office at (203) 966-4515.

ADAM TENDLER: PIANO WORKS

NOVEMBER 21, 2026 | 4 PM

"You will be moved, profoundly
and intensely."
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St. Mark's Episcopal Church
111 Oenoke Ridge
New Canaan, CT 06840

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Get Involved

Help Fill the Cottage Pantry for Fr. Durango and Keith!

Donation Deadline: Friday, November 13

A pound of flour, a pound of sugar, a pound of coffee: the old-fashioned church tradition of a “pounding” welcomes a new priest’s household by filling their pantry.

No need to measure out a pound. Every contribution is a welcome gift! **Please bring your gifts to the Church Office by Friday, November 13.**

As Fr. Durango and Keith prepare to move into the Cottage, let’s continue this St. Mark’s tradition with gifts of **nonperishable, unexpired food and household supplies** to help them settle into their new home.

Questions? Contact Beth Ralston at (203) 966-4515 or bralston@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Newcomer Welcome

Sunday, November 15

Whether you're brand new to St. Mark's or have been joining us for a while, we'd love to celebrate and welcome you with a special blessing during worship and our traditional potluck gathering on Sunday, November 15!

At the 10AM service, we'll recognize those who wish to formally become members of St. Mark's with a liturgical blessing. (**Note:** This is NOT a prerequisite to coming to the evening party!)

At 5:30PM, join us for an informal potluck at the Rectory (89 Logan Road, New Canaan). It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners, get to know our clergy and staff, and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. All newcomers are welcome.

Questions? Contact = Zibby Perkins at zperkins@stmarksnewcanaan.org.

Confirmation 2026–2027

For 8th graders and high school students

Kickoff: November 22 • 11:30AM • Youth Room

Classes begin: December 6 • 11:30AM • Youth Room

We’re looking forward to the 2026–2027 season. Our kickoff meeting will bring parents and confirmands together with Fr. Peter, Rev. Elizabeth, and Fr. Durango to review the upcoming schedule and answer questions about the confirmation process. Classes will last one hour and will be taught by Fr. Durango.

Confirmands are asked to attend church regularly throughout their 8th-grade year and serve as an acolyte seven times from October through April. Acolytes should arrive by 9:30AM on the Sundays they serve; Deb Luchs will prepare them.

Register for Confirmation



Sign up to Acolyte



Questions?

Contact Nancy Walton at nwalton@stmarksnewcanaan.org

Have Extra Holiday Cards? Share the Cheer!

Samaritan Ministry Holiday Card Collection

A simple holiday card can brighten someone's day! Each year, St. Mark's Samaritan Ministry sends warm greetings to homebound parishioners, friends near and far, and neighbors who could use a little extra cheer.

Have unused holiday cards at home? We'd love to put them to good use! We're especially seeking **general**

holiday and seasonal greeting cards (rather than Christmas-specific cards), along with matching envelopes.

Please drop off your cards by Sunday, November 15, in the donation boxes in the Narthex (Lobby) or outside Morrill Hall. Thank you for helping us spread a little holiday cheer!

Help Nominate Our Next Parish Leaders

The Nominating Committee has kicked off their work in preparation for the upcoming Annual Meeting when elections will be held for the four open Vestry positions and three Nominating Committee positions. The members of this year's committee are Gaby Beecher, Rab Ker, Kent Percy, Zibby Perkins, Ali van Nes, and Lori Wyckoff.

They have begun the process of compiling a list of potential candidates, to have a slate ready for the January 31, 2027 Annual Meeting. **Please contact the church office or any one of the committee members if you have ideas for possible candidates.**

How Is New Canaan Doing? Share Your Perspective

The **New Canaan Behavioral Health Alliance** is conducting its second **Community Health & Well-Being Survey** to learn more about the health, well-being, and experiences of New Canaan residents. As we enter our second survey cycle, we have an opportunity to look at how our community's health and well-being have changed over time and to identify areas where additional resources, programs, or support may be needed.

Your input is an important part of this process. The anonymous survey will take approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete. You may skip any question at any time.

The deadline to submit your survey has been extended to November 8.

