SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# A LION'S SHARE

NOVEMBER 7, 2026



The Doctor is in! Many thanks to Marj Kulesa for performing surgery on figurines, painting houses, and getting us ready for an even more spectacular "Dicken's Houses" display this year!

SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WESTHAMPTON BEACH, NY

# Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 21, 2026 · 9:00 a.m.

Moriches Bay Diner

62 Montauk Hwy, Moriches, NY 11955



Guests are welcome!

# Saint Mark's

# Thanks For Giving Food Drive

## For Families of WHB Elementary School

## Now until Sunday, November 29



## Items Needed

Pasta and sauce

PB and jelly, snacks (goldfish, granola bars, fruit snacks)

Rice, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles

Beans (canned or dry), soup

Toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo/conditioner, soap)

Breakfast items (cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars)

# Saint Mark's Annual

# Thanksgiving Dinner

## Sunday, November 22, 2026
## 2:00 p.m.

## Saint Mark's Parish Hall

*If possible, please bring a family favorite to share.*
*Guests are always welcome!*

Please RSVP to Kate Gabrielsen at
kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org.



# The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, November 8
Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Monday, November 9
The Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory – The Church of Ireland

Tuesday, November 10
The Diocese of Chandigarh – The Church of North India (United)

Wednesday, November 11
The Diocese of Chelmsford – The Church of England

Thursday, November 12
The Diocese of Chester – The Church of England

Friday, November 13
The Diocese of Chhattisgarh – The Church of North India (United)

Saturday, November 14
The Diocese of Chicago – The Episcopal Church

# Diocese of Long Island Cycle of Prayer

**Sunday, November 8**
St. Philip & St. James, Lake Success

Monday, November 9
Center for Spiritual Imagination

Tuesday, November 10
St. John's of Lattingtown, Locust Valley

Wednesday, November 11
St. James of Jerusalem, Long Beach

Thursday, November 12
Episcopal Mission in Sunnyside

Friday, November 13
St. Thomas, Farmingdale

Saturday, November 14
The Deputies to General Convention




We invite you to attend a Chapter meeting.

**The Compassionate Friends Twin Forks/Hamptons meets:**
**3rd Wednesday of the month 7:00PM – 8:30PM**
**East Quogue Methodist Church Parish House**
**570 Montauk Highway**
**East Quogue, NY 11942**

*We Need Not Walk Alone!*

*The Compassionate Friends has over 400 Chapters over all 50 states plus Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and Canada. For more information, including access to our free national newsletter and online support community visit* www.compassionatefriends.org

**The Compassionate Friends**
**Supporting Family After a Child Dies**

**Saint Mark's Episcopal Church**
**Vestry Meeting Minutes**
**September 15, 2026, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom**

**Members Present**: Fr. Chris Jubinski, Candace Andria, Tom Hadlock, Jim Lilly, Pete Williams, Sandy Wyman, Tom Simson, Carol Fitton

Fr. Chris called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and offered the opening prayer.

**Check-In Time:** Fr. Chris invited Vestry members to share news and prayer concerns.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Tom Hadlock, to approve the June 16, 2026 minutes. A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Candace, to approve the August 18, 2026 minutes. Both motions passed.

**Finance Report**: Tom Simson
**Bright Beginnings**: YTD August 2026 Tuition receipts (including registration fees), which comprise the bulk of Bright Beginning's Income, were $723.7K, up 3.7% compared to $697.7K for YTD August 2025, while YTD August 2026 Total Income increased 3.7% to $738.8K vs $712.2K for YTD August 2025. YTD August 2026 expenses were $693.8K compared to $674.3K for YTD August 2025, an increase of 2.9%. Tom noted that salaries and benefits comprise most of the expenses and these were up 2.5% from $535.2K in YTD August 2025 to $548.7K for YTD August 2026. YTD August 2026 Net Income was $41.2K, a 69.4% increase from YTD August 2025 Net Income of $24.3K. Tom noted that the YTD 2026 Net Income number reflects a $49.7K Donation to SMC, their payment of $35K of the insurance bill, and $10K to the BB Rainy Day Fund, which provides a safety net in the event of unexpected expenses.

**SMC**: Tom reported YTD August 2026 Church Donations of $133.6K vs $155.4K a year ago, a decrease of 14%. Other Revenue increased 2.1% to $249.3K YTD August 2026 from $244.2K in 2025. For YTD August 2026, Salaries and Benefits Expenses were $249.9K vs $223.7K for YTD August 2025, an increase of 11.7%. The YTD August 2026 Net Income of -$64.2K compares to -$19.0 in 2025, a decrease of 78%. Tom noted some large donations have been received in September and that he expects the benefits expense number to even out given the change in the benefits process. He is optimistic the deficit will be closed by year end.

**Investment Report:** The balance in the investment account as of August 31 was $733,292.56.

**Audit Report:** Fr. Chris reported that the Audit Committee consisting of Steve DeCaro, Tom Horan, Tom Simson, Carol Fitton and himself met on August 28 and spot checked some transactions as well as examining the cash reconciliation process. The audit report was submitted on time to the Diocese, which accepted the report.

**Rector's Report:** Fr. Chris

- Fr. Chris reported there was a nice turnout for the BBQ on September 13 despite the weather.
- He thanked Sandy for hosting the Men's Breakfast and Tom Hadlock for spearheading events for the group.
- Some furniture and new folding chairs were picked up by Rich Caccavano, Chris Adams and Fr. Chris from a donor in East Quogue.
- Fr. Chris will be in Shelter Island on Sunday, September 20 to conduct the service there for their minister who has been ill. There will be a Morning Prayer service at SMC.
- Sunday School starts on September 20.
- Fr. Chris would like to develop a 5 year plan for SMC. His first 5 years have seen major work on the physical plant so he would like to focus now on moving the Parish forward.

**Announcements / Upcoming Events:**
Fr. Chris mentioned that our new bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Adam J. Shoemaker will be ordained and consecrated **a**s the Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island on Saturday September 19, 2026, at the Tilles Center in Brookville. A few people will be attending from SMC.

**Question and Answer Time:**
No questions were posed at the meeting.

**Closing Prayer and Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

**Next Vestry Meeting:** Vestry meetings are normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings are October 20, November 17, December 15 at the Rectory, January 19, February 16, March 16 and August 20. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2027.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Fitton, Clerk

BIBLE STUDIES THAT WORK

**Pentecost 24A (P27)**
**November 8, 2026**
**[RCL]** Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; **Matthew 25:1-13**

**Opening Prayer |**
Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Context |**
In Matthew 24 Jesus tells the disciples that one day the Temple will be destroyed, and so they ask him, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" (Matthew 24:3).

Some questions are too big for a simple answer. In the New Testament, when someone asks Jesus a question, rarely does he answer plainly. Sometimes he responds with another question, but other times he responds with a story. The Gospel in Matthew 25:1-13 is one of these stories, called a parable.

Parables are like a lens through which to see the complexity of a question. Often multiple parables are told in a row, in order to demonstrate the plurality of possible lenses. They can sometimes seem like a straightforward allegory, but often contain troubling features, or pieces that don't seem to make sense. These troubling places are an invitation to look deeper. Sometimes after telling the parable Jesus himself will suggest an interpretation, and sometimes he does not.

Early Christian communities would have shared the same question as the disciples: When will Jesus return? And what will the end of things be like? The parable of the ten bridesmaids is a difficult response to this undoubtedly difficult question. The other parables in this series—such as the parable of the talents and the parable of the unfaithful slave—are concerned with how the characters live while the master is away, whether they have been merciful or wise. This story, however, uses the image of a wedding to play out its narrative. In Galilee, weddings were celebrations of joy and feasting, open to the whole community. Wedding processions, as depicted in this story, were an ancient custom in which the bride and her bridesmaids waited for the bridegroom to arrive at her home, to bring her to his home where the wedding feast would be held.

**Theological Reflection |**
This parable opens (v. 1) with a description of the cast of characters. We have the ten young

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women, the bridesmaids, and we have the bridegroom. Conspicuously missing is the bride. The literature of the Old Testament often refers to the people of Israel as the bride of the Lord, as in the prophet Hosea. Early church writers also understood the church to be the bride of Christ, looking to books like the Song of Solomon as an allegory for the relationship between God and the church. So in the midst of this wedding imagery, the reader is left to wonder, where is the bride?

The bridesmaids have both the foolish and the wise amidst their number, but all are waiting for the bridegroom to arrive (v. 2-4). In ancient wedding custom, the bridesmaids would have likely been friends of the bride, keeping watch for the return of her spouse-to-be. This was an occasion of joy and longing, waiting for the anticipated moment when the bridegroom would finally arrive.

All the young women alike, both foolish and wise, fall asleep while waiting because the bridegroom was delayed (v. 5). This delay is often associated with the delay of Christ's return. Early followers of Jesus would have both longed for the day when Christ would return in glory and expected its nearness. But in this waiting, rest is not forbidden. There is nothing foolish about falling asleep, and it is not presented here as a mistake.

Finally, the moment of excitement arrives, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him' (v. 6). But this is where the trouble starts. Some of the bridesmaids are prepared with extra oil for their lamps, but the others' lamps, which have been burning as they waited, are beginning to go out. The ones without enough oil ask for help, but there is not enough to share (v. 7-9).

This tension builds as the bridegroom arrives, and the wise bridesmaids make their way to the wedding. The foolish instead go in search of oil. When they finally arrive at the wedding banquet, the doors are shut (v. 10). In the tragic resolution to the bridesmaids' journey, the bridegroom says, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you" (v. 12). But this is not the end of the parable. The closing line, delivered to the hearer states, "Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (v. 13).

Here is a sign that something mysterious is afoot: "Keep awake." This admonition is offered at the end of the story. But none of the bridesmaids in the story kept awake, and yet the lucky still made it to the wedding banquet. In v. 12 it seems that the foolish bridesmaids are being punished for not being prepared—for failing to keep enough oil when they should have known better—however the warning tells the listener that they will know neither the day nor the hour. It is impossible to know when the bridegroom is coming. What then does it mean to be prepared for something that is unknowable? Did the "wise" bridesmaids just get lucky?

This parable can be difficult for us to read, because its outcomes seem to be so unfair, so harsh. And yet perhaps the bridesmaids are a distraction from the bride. Neither the foolish nor the wise bridesmaids showed any concern for the bride, whom they are meant to attend to and guide. What does her absence suggest about the unfolding of the feast?

By the time the final lines narrate the wedding feast the bridegroom and the bride evidently have been married at last. Nothing can stop the joyous union from taking place.

The bridegroom's words offered in v. 12 provide a hint about our role in the proceedings: To prepare for the wedding is to know the bridegroom, and to be ready for him coming leads to being present for the joy of his great feast.

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**Discussion Questions |**

- Which character in this parable do you identify with? Why is that?
- What does it mean to prepare for Christ's return?
- Do you feel challenged by this parable? If so, why? If not, why? How do you deal with difficult or uncomfortable passages of scripture?
- What practices help you to seek Christ's presence every day? What keeps you alert to his appearance among us?

**Faith in Practice |**

Take time this week to read the whole passage in which this parable is situated (Matthew 24-25), using *lectio divina* or your preferred way of praying with scripture. Think about the assumptions you may have about Christ's return and invite the Holy Spirit to open your heart and mind. Meditate on how you are 'keeping awake' in this time as we wait for the coming of Christ. What preparations are you making for him and for the feast to come?

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## SAINT MARK'S LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 at 12:30.

Hello all,

For our December luncheon we will be meeting in the Atwater Room here at Saint Mark's on December 12th. This will give those who are interested the opportunity to take advantage of the local church Christmas Bazaars that take place on the first Saturday in December.

To add a bit of holiday spirit, we will be doing a "Cookie Swap". I am asking each of you who will be attending to bring two dozen cookies or bars, preferably homemade. Also, if you are inclined, you can include the recipe on an index card. If any of you have done this before you know it is great fun!

To keep the food simple, we will bring our own "Brown Bag" lunch and the beverages will be supplied by Saint Mark's.

I will need a head count so the room can be set up to accommodate all of us and our cookies…so please rsvp no later than December 7th. And remember, friends are always welcome!

Looking forward to seeing you.

Kate Gabrielsen, Parish Administrator – 631-288-2111
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November 4, 2026

Dear Parish Family and Friends of Saint Mark's,

In a reading that is frequently read at funerals, Jesus assures us, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." *John 14:2, NRSV* These words remind us that God's abundance is spacious and generous. There is plenty good room in God's household for each of us.

This year's stewardship theme, *Plenty Good Room*, invites us to recognize the abundance God has already entrusted to us. Even in uncertain times like these, we are called to trust that there is enough: enough for our families, enough for our church, enough for our neighbors.

One way we live into this truth is by sharing our resources – our money, our time, and our talents – for the mission and ministry of Saint Mark's Church. These gifts support worship that lifts our hearts, teaching that shapes disciples, fellowship that strengthens our bonds, and outreach that embodies Christ's love.

Over the next few weeks, you will hear from others in our parish about Plenty Good Room and how our generosity makes a difference. Today I simply ask you to begin praying with this theme, reflecting on the resources God has placed in your care, and considering how you might share them joyfully in the year ahead.

A Pledge Card is included with this letter, along with an ACH Form, in case you want to have your donations to Saint Mark's automatically deducted from your bank account. Our Ingathering for pledge cards will take place at the services on Saturday, November 21st and Sunday, November 22nd.

Together, let us rejoice that there is always plenty good room in God's house, and plenty good work for us to do.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Chris +

The Very Rev. Christopher D. Jubinski,
*Rector of Saint Mark's*

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WESTHAMPTON BEACH, NY

## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Monday, 11/09**
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, 11/10**
10:00 a.m. Westhampton Women's Club – Parish Hall
2:00 p.m. Hospice Bereavement Group – Atwater Room

**Wednesday, 11/11**
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – Veterans Day
2:00 p.m. Hospice Bereavement Group – Atwater Room
7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting – Parish Hall
7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting - Atwater Room

**Thursday, 11/12**
10:00 a.m. Bible Study – Atwater Room
11:15 a.m. Mid-Week Service + Holy Eucharist – Fr. Chris' Office
12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers – Atwater Room
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting – Fr. Chris' Office
2:30 p.m. The Villa – Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Compline – Zoom
7:00 p.m. Hospice – Bereavement – Parish Hall

**Friday, 11/13**
Diocesan Convention
10:00 a.m. Yoga – In the Church

**Saturday, 11/14**
Diocesan Convention
2:00 p.m. Parish Hall Event
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church

**Sunday, 11/15**
8:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:15 a.m. Child Care
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

**SATURDAY November 7, 5:00 p.m. Participants**

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| LEM/Lector | Virginia Gilmore |
| Usher | Tom Hadlock |
| Altar Guild | Catharine Nobiletti, Marcia Palmer |

**SUNDAY November 8, 9:30 a.m. Participants**

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| LEM | Laureen Andria |
| Lector | Deni McChesney |
| Ushers: | Tim Feil, Bill Glover |
| Altar Guild | Catharine Nobiletti, Marcia Palmer |
| Coffee Hour | In the Parish Hall |

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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| Ticianna Panza | 11/02 |
| Carol Fitton | 11/07 |
| Eleanor Kast | 11/08 |
| Peyton Feil | 11/08 |
| Geri Wyman | 11/09 |
| Barbara Pettus | 11/09 |
| Timothy Feil | 11/10 |
| Carol Laube | 11/15 |
| Robert Laube | 11/16 |
| Margaret DeCaro | 11/18 |
| Sundy Schermeyer | 11/19 |
| Janet Jurgielewicz | 11/20 |
| John Kern | 11/30 |

| Services | In Person | On-line |
|---|---|---|
| | *People Present* | |
| 10/31 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer | 19 | |
| 11/01 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist | 46 | 62 |
| 11/05 10:00 a.m. Bible Study | 6 | |
| 11/05 11:15 a.m. Mid-Week Service | 4 | |
| 11/05 2:30 The Villa | 4 | |
| 11/05 7:00 p.m. Compline | 3 | |

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

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|---|---|
| Peter & Lori Williams | 11/06 |
| Glenn & Kathy Stalter | 11/10 |
| Jason & Alicia Andria | 11/23 |
| Arthur & Virginia Connolly | 11/28 |

**Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon. And, remember the People of the Middle East, Armenia, Ukraine, Haiti, Iran, Syria, and the United States of America too!**

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2026 "Plenty Good Room" STARTS Nov. 7 & 8– In God's house there is always room for more: more ideas, more people, more ways to share, more stories to tell. And in the world that God created, there is more needed: more love, more connection, more peace, more creativity. Plenty Good Room reminds us that there is always room in God's house; we just need to make ourselves at home and invite others to join us. The ways we steward our relationships, resources, and responses to grow ministry and serve our neighbors are the ways we connect our gratitude to our generosity. There's Plenty Good Room in God's House; pull up a chair and sit down.**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP date has been changed to Saturday November 21 at the Moriches Bay Diner at 9:00 a.m. The diner is located at the end of the Moriches By-Pass on Montauk Highway – 62 Montauk Highway, Moriches NY 11955. Always a good event. Please confirm with Tom Hadlock at thadlock64@gmail.com.**

**NURSURY CARE DURING CHURCH – From 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. every Sunday.**

**LIVESTREAM OF SERVICES –We are looking for volunteers to help Carol Jubinski with the streaming of Sunday's service each week. Please see Fr. Chris or Carol for more information.**

**BIBLE STUDY – Thursday's at 10:00 a.m. in the Atwater Room. Come join us in person or on zoom… all are welcome.**

**MID-WEEK HEALING SERVICE – Takes place on Thursday's at 11:15 a.m. in Fr. Chris' office.**

**COMPLINE – 7:00 p.m. Thursdays – Zoom. All are welcome.**

**COFFEE HOUR – Volunteers needed for Sunday Coffee Hour on November 15 and November 29. Please contact Diane Stewart if you sign up. Grandma3stewart@gmail.com, 631-653-4531.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS: Saint Mark's Thanksgiving Dinner, November 22nd, 2:00 p.m.**
**Ladies Holiday Luncheon, December 12th, 12:30 p.m.**

### FYI

**PARKING LOT SAFETY** – With children and other vulnerable people being present here throughout the day at Saint Mark's, **please follow the direction arrows in the parking lot** to keep traffic flowing in one direction. Please watch your speed to help ensure safety.

**PLEASE NOTE: The current anniversaries and birthdays are listed in this insert each week. Kindly check it over to be sure your information is correct or if you need to be added. If you have access to the phone directory, kindly check that out also and contact Kate in the church office for any changes or additions. Thank you.**

**PASTORAL CARE—Please notify me if you are sick or in the hospital so that I can pray for you and visit to bring you Holy Communion. Some people hesitate to call me because they think they are inconveniencing me. Not true! I am here for you and your spiritual care. My cell is 410.253.3664—*Chris* +**

**ALTAR FLOWERS: -** If you would like to dedicate flowers for the Altar, please contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. Each vase is $40. **Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book located outside of the parish hall.**

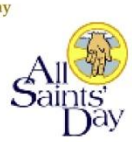
## PRAYER LIST

**Arma Andon Jr.** *(Req. by Sundy Schermeyer),* **John Burke** *(Req. by Norma Jeanne Okula),* **Amanda Cacoperdo** *(Req. by Tim Feil),* **Chelsea** *(Req. by Janiet Jurgielewicz).* **Kim Clark** *(Req. by Fr. Chris)* **Deana Chiusano** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore),* **Julia Cloppse** (*Req. by Jenn Kast),* **Abby Connett** *(Req. by Nancy Connett),* **Dana Davis (***Req. by Rosanna Davis),* **Ryan Fay** *(Req. by Jennifer Kast),* **Estrella Farijian** *(Req. by Kate Gabrielsen*), **Owen Foster** *(Diane & John Stewart's grandson),* **Fred Rees Garcia** *(son of Victoria Garcia),* **Dick Gardner** *(Parishioner),* **Sandra Griffith** *(Req. by Jane Griffith),* **Elaine Hanes** *(Req. by Kate Gabrielsen),* **Barbara Ireton** *(Req. by Carol Smith),* **Debra Wolgemuth Jarashow,** *(Req. by Elizabeth Wolgemuth*), **Gretchen & Jim Jubinski** *(Fr. Chris' Parents),* **Tom Kurfman** *(Req. by Carol Jubinski),* **Cole LoRusso** *(Marj Kulesa's Nephew),* **Warren McCann** *(Kate Gabrielsen's son-in-law*), **Jeanette Navas** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore*), **Jesse O'Neil** *(Req. by Jenn Kast),* **Frank P.** *(Req. by Stephen Hunt),* **Cassie Panzarino** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore*), **Rosemary Rees,** *(Victoria Garcia's sister),* **Betty Rose Richardson,** *(Victoria Garcia),* **Tom Simson** *(Parishioner),* **Carol Smith** *(Parishioner),* **Peter Serenita** *(Req. by Kurt & Edie Hofmann),* **Artos Stelmaszczyk** *(Req. by Bozena Stelmaszczyk),* **Dale Tracey** *(Req. by Carol Jubinski),* **Sandra Watts** *(Req. by Catharine Nobiletti),* **Sarah Witters** *(Req. by Victoria Garcia.),* **John Zuby** *(Req. by Carol Jubinski)* ***If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.***

***We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:*** *Francis Gordon, Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Cameron Garcia, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner, James Mercready and Midshipman 3rd Class Luke Williamson.*

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

# November 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1<br>**All Saints Day**<br><br><br>**Stewardship Kick-off**<br>8:15am Choir Practice<br>9:15am Child Care<br>9:15am Faith Formation - Sunday School<br>9:30am Holy Eucharist with Anointing & Prayer for Healing<br>10:00am Early Voting<br>10:30am Coffee Hour in the Atwater Room | 2<br>**All Souls Day**<br>**Parish Office Closed**<br><br> | 3<br>*Richard Hooker, Priest and Theologian, 1600*<br>2:00pm Hospice - Bereavement Group | 4<br>2:00pm Hospice Bereavement Group<br>7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room<br>7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall | 5<br>10:00am Bible Study<br>11:15am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing<br>12:30pm Threshold Singers<br>2:30pm The Villa Holy Eucharist<br>7:00pm Compline Zoom | 6<br>*William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944*<br>10:00am Yoga | 7<br>*Willibrord, Archbishop and Missionary, 739*<br>5:00pm Holy Eucharist |
| 8<br>**24 Pentecost (Proper 27A)**<br>8:15am Choir Practice<br>9:15am Child Care<br>9:15am Faith Formation - Sunday School<br>9:30am Holy Eucharist<br>10:30am Coffee Hour | 9<br>*[Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, and Margery Kempe, Mystics, 1349, 1396, and c.1440]*<br>**Parish Office Closed** | 10<br>*Leo of Rome, Bishop, 461*<br>11:00am Westhampton Women's Club<br>2:00pm Hospice Bereavement Group<br>2:00pm Hospice Bereavement Group | 11<br>Church Office Closed<br>*Martin of Tours, Bishop, 397*<br><br><br>**Veterans Day**<br>2:00pm Hospice Bereavement Group<br>7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room<br>7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall | 12<br>*Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836*<br>10:00am Bible Study<br>11:15am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing<br>12:30pm Threshold Singers<br>7:00pm Compline Zoom | 13<br>**Diocesan Convention**<br><br>10:00am Yoga | 14<br>*Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1784*<br>**Diocesan Convention**<br>5:00pm Holy Eucharist |
| 15<br>**25 Pentecost (Proper 28A)**<br>8:15am Choir Practice<br>9:15am Child Care<br>9:15am Faith Formation - Sunday School<br>9:30am Holy Eucharist<br>10:30am Coffee Hour | 16<br>*Margaret of Scotland, Queen, 1093*<br>**Parish Office Closed** | 17<br>*Hugh, of Lincoln, Bishop1200*<br>2:00pm Hospice Bereavement Group | 18<br>*Hilda of Whitby, Abbess, 680*<br>2:00pm Hospice Bereavement Grouop<br>7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room<br>7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall | 19<br>*Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess, 1231*<br>10:00am Bible Study<br>11:15am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing<br>12:30pm Threshold Singers<br>7:00pm Compline Zoom | 20<br>*Edmund, King, 870* | 21<br>*[Mechthilde of Hackeborn and Gertrude the Great, Mystics and Thoelogians, 1298 and 1302]*<br>**Stewardship Ingathering**<br>5:00pm Holy Eucharist |
| 22<br>**Last Pentecost-Christ the King (Proper 29A)**<br><br><br>**Stewardship Ingathering**<br>8:15am Choir Practice<br>9:15am Child Care<br>9:15am Faith Formation - Sunday School<br>9:30am Holy Eucharist<br>10:30am Coffee Hour<br>2:00pm Parish Thanksgiving Dinner | 23<br>*Clement of Rome, Bishop, c.100*<br>**Parish Office Closed** | 24<br>*[Catherine of Alexandria, Barbara of Nicomedia, and Margaret of Antioch, Martyrs, c.305]*<br>2:00pm Hospice Bereavement Group | 25<br>*James Otis Sargent Huntington, Monastic and Priest, 1935*<br>2:00pm Hospice Bereavement Grouop<br>7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room<br>7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall | 26<br>Church Office Closed<br><br><br>**Thanksgiving Day** | 27<br>Church Office Closed | 28<br>*Kamehameha and Emma of Hawaii, King and Queen, 1863 and 1885*<br>9:00am Winter Market<br>5:00pm Holy Eucharist |
| 29<br>**1 Advent-Year B**<br><br><br>8:15am Choir Practice<br>9:15am Child Care<br>9:30am Holy Eucharist<br>10:30am Coffee Hour | 30<br>**Parish Office Closed**<br>**St. Andrew the Apostle** | 1<br>*Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637 or [Charles de Foucauld, Monastic and Martyr, 1916]* | 2<br>*Channing Moore Williams, Bishop and Missionary, 1910*<br>2:00pm Hospice Bereavement Group<br>7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room<br>7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall | 3<br>*[Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary, 1552]*<br>2:30am The Villa<br>10:00am Bible Study<br>11:15am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing<br>12:30pm Threshold Singers<br>7:00pm Compline Zoom | 4<br>*John of Damascus, Priest and Theologian, c.760* | 5<br>*Clement of Alexandria, Priest and Theologian, c.210*<br>9:00am Winter Market<br>5:00pm Holy Eucharist with Anointing & Prayers for Healing |



# Hope for the Holidays

## for Adults and Students

## Thursday, November 12, 2026, 6-7:30pm

### St. Mark's Episcopal Church

40 Main Street, Westhampton Beach
Adult Session-Meeting Hall
Student Session (Ages 4-17)-Conference Room

The holiday season is a special time of year to spend with the people you love and can be especially painful if you have recently lost a loved one. While it may be difficult, it's important to remember that the holidays can still be a time of celebration, even through grief. This program will explore meaningful ways to ease your anticipated grief and heartache during the holidays for adults and children. Program provided free of charge to public.

**Registration is required.**

**To register or for more information please contact:**
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ZINBERG FAMILY BEREAVEMENT CENTER

# *Plenty* Good Room

## Invitation to Thrive

It's 7:45AM on a Saturday morning in May. I join 45 people gathered on a dirt lot around a table made of plywood laid over sawhorses. We sip from cups of hot coffee and someone offers a prayer. I grab workgloves from a bin and follow the sheetrock team.

The sheetrock team includes: Amelia, the future homeowner who will live here with her three children; Charlie, a retired history professor; Cameron, a pastor from another denomination. Together, we learned a new skill that day - to hang and mud sheetrock.

I kept going back to that worksite one Saturday a month until the house was built. It was a testament to community, overlapping human stories, joy, generosity, building God's kingdom on South Holly St.

Our congregations thrive because the people who sit in the pews volunteer to learn new skills and share experiences of creating a vibrant community. We know the power of having a common purpose to deepen our faith. When we open ourselves to volunteering, sharing our stories and skills, our ministry reaches far beyond what we can imagine or accomplish alone.

Will you join me in the adventure of trying something new? Meeting new people who share our core values, seeing our work build on itself and God's kingdom flourish? Would you commit to volunteer one hour a week (beyond worship time) for your church?

Yes, it's risky. It might require us to share our stories and find connections. The work we do might not be perfect by the world's standards (have you ever seen how many crooked nails are in a Habitat for Humanity house?). If we work together to create justice, make peace, spread joy to our neighbors, stand with the outcasts, the kingdom of God - where there is plenty good room for all people - will thrive. TENS.org

### Questions for Reflection:

What is something risky that you have undertaken that has paid off in the long run?



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## Church Services

**Saturdays 5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist**
**Sundays 9:30 a.m. — Holy Eucharist in the church (Livestreamed)**
**Sunday School 9:15 a.m.**
**The first "Sunday" of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.**

## Thursday Services

**11:15 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office**
**7:00 PM Compline via zoom**

## Office Hours

**Tuesday — Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

## *All Members of Saint Mark's are Ministers of the Church!*

**The Rt. Rev. Adam Shoemaker — *Bishop of Long Island***
**The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf — *Assisting Bishop***
**The Rt. Rev. William Franklin — *Assisting Bishop***

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**Laura Bott — *Altar Flowers*** **Diane Stewart – *Coffee Hour***
**Rosanna Davis — *Director of Saint Mark's Bright Beginnings Preschool***
**Tom Horan — *Warden*** **Steve DeCaro - *Warden***

## *Vestry Members:*

***(Class of 2027)* Diane Feil, John Kern, Sandy Wyman**
***(Class of 2028)* Tom Hadlock, Madeline Glover, Norma-Jeanne Okula**
***(Class of 2029)* Candace Andria, Jim Lilly, Pete Williams**
**Thomas Simson — *Treasurer,* Carol Fitton – *Clerk of the Vestry***

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# Rites of Passage

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**
02 Ticianna Panza
07 Carol Fitton
08 Eleanor Kast
08 Peyton Feil
09 Geri Wyman
09 Barbara Pettus
10 Timothy Feil
15 Carol Laube
16 Robert Laube
18 Margaret DeCaro
19 Sundy Schermeyer
20 Janet Jurgielewicz
30 John Kern

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**
06 Peter & Lori Williams
10 Glenn & Kathy Stalter

23 Jason & Alicia Andria
28 Arthur & Virginia Connolly




# On the Lighter Side...




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