SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A LION'S SHARE

APRIL 15, 2023

We Welcome Into the Household of God...

On Saturday, April 8th at the Great Vigil of Easter Service,
we welcomed four new members into our parish family.

Willow Everly Uebelacker
Landon James Manion
Theodore Kirk Satterfield
John Byron Satterfield

Congratulations and God's Blessings to them and their families!

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The Weekly Newsletter of Saint Mark's Church
A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

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Tuesday to Friday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
(Livestreamed)

Thursday Services

11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing
5:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist , Evening Prayer or Compline

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Saint Mark's Voice–Parish News

Monday	(04/17)	**Parish Office Closed**
Tuesday	(04/18)	12:40 p.m. Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m. Westhampton Women's Group Meeting 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	(04/19)	7:00 p.m. Alanon Board Meeting
Thursday	(04/20)	10:00 a.m. Bible Study – "The Psalms" 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 1:00 p.m. Threshold Singers 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice in the Church
Saturday	(04/22)	10:00 – 2:00 p.m. Winter Market
Sunday	(04/23)	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice in the Church 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Congratulations on the Birthdays of Drew Clark, Jesse Fritz, Judy McDermott, Dr. Jill Bastable.

Best wishes on the Wedding Anniversary of Jay & Hope Kaufman.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, and Michael Keegan.

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested: ***Stan Billie*** *(Req. by Jenn Kast),* ***Deana Chiusano*** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore),* ***Darrie Cosban*** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore)* ***Nancy Fraser*** *(Req. by Ki Nobeletti),* ***Roberta Good*** *(Diane Stewart's Sister),* ***Anthony Graviano*** *(Jeannine Graviano's Father),* ***Cheryl Grove*** *(Friend of Marj Kulesa),* ***Elaine Hanes*** *(Req by Kate Gabrielsen),* ***Barbara Ireton*** *(Req. by Carol Smith),* ***Cathy Jones*** *(Farmers Market),* ***Stephen Jones*** *(Req. by Kate Gabrielsen),* ***Gretchen & Jim Jubinski*** *(Fr. Chris' Parents),* **Campbell Kast** *(Req. by Jenn Kast),* **Cole LoRusso** *(Marj Kulesa's Nephew),* **Fred Meyer** *(Parishioner),* **Jock McLean** *(Parishioner),* **Sean McLean** *(Req. by Jock McLean),* **The Reverend Abigail Murphy** *(Priest in EDLI),* **Jeanette Navas** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore),* **Sudie Nostrand** *(Carol John's Sister),* **Paul Oele** *(Parishioner),* **Cassie Panzarino** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore),* **Joan Petrella** *(Parishioner),* **Rosemary Rees** *(Victoria Garcia's Sister),* **Betty-Rose & Stuart Richardson** *(Req. by Victoria Garcia),* **Jean Scopinich** *(Parishioner),* **John Stewart** *(Parishioner),* and **Sarah Witters** *(Req. by Victoria Garcia).*

If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 7th at 11 AM, following the 10 AM service. There will not be an 8 AM service that Sunday.

Bible Study takes place on Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Rector's office. The current topic is "The Psalms".

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are now available during each service. If you require one, please ask Fr. Chris at the communion rail.

If you are a new parishioner, we would most appreciate your filling out our Parish Survey. There are blanks at the back of the church for your convenience. Completed forms can be returned to the church office. Thank you.

Coffee Hour – Hosts/hostesses are needed to volunteer for Coffee Hour following the 8 & 10 am services. There is a sign-up sheet for April & May outside of the Parish Hall. Whatever assistance you can offer will be most appreciated. Help is needed for **Sunday, April 23 and 30th.** Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Mid-Week Services on Thursdays - Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in the Rector's office at **11:00 AM** and Holy Eucharist at **5:00 PM** in the church.

We Need Your Help on Sunday Mornings as a Lay Eucharistic Minister or Acolyte. Please contact John Kern at John@jkernlaw.com.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to dedicate Altar flowers for the Altar contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at laura.bott17@gmail.com. There is one vase available for April 23rd and in May two vases are available on the 7th and 14th. Each vase is $40. Kindly Note: checks should be made out to St. Mark's Church with "Flowers" in the memo section.

Ways to Help the People of Ukraine…When the donated non-perishable items were delivered to the Ukrainian Church in Riverhead we were told that what they need right now are bandages, pain killers, burn care products and **NEW winter clothing**. A complete list is posted on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please help us collect as much of these necessary items as we can. There is a box for them in the narthex. You can also visit our website at www.stmarkswhb.org for ways to help.

Maureen's Haven: "Thank you" for donations to Maureen's Haven. A box for donations, along with a list of suggested items such as individual containers of non-perishable food, is in the office lobby.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2023: Winter Market in the Parish Hall 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Service Attendance

Easter Vigil - April 8	**6:00 PM**	**48**	(plus **33** households prayed with us online.)
Easter Sunday April 9	**8 :00 AM**	**21**	
	10:00 AM	**135**	(plus 47 households prayed with us online.)
	Total:	**204**	
Holy Wednesday, Tenebrae			
April 5	**7:00 PM**	**9**	
Maundy Thursday			
April 6	**7:00 PM**	**27**	
Good Friday, April 7	**7:00 PM**	**15**	

The Liturgical Guide
And Ministry Schedule

Liturgical Day & Color	April 2, 2023 Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday	April 9, 2023 Day of Resurrection Easter Sunday	April 16, 2023 2 Easter	April 23, 2023 3 Easter
Lectionary Readings (Revised Common Lectionary)	Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 21:1-11 Matthew 26:14- 27:66	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18	Acts 2:14a,22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Acts 2:14a,36-41 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35
	One Service Only	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
LEM		Carol Jubinski	Sundy Schermeyer	Virginia Gilmore
Lector		Tom Simson	Carol Johns	Carol Jubinski
Usher		Tom Simson	Pete Williams	Steve Turner
	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
LEM	Madeline Glover	Laureen Andria	Madeline Glover Rob Perdock	John Kern Rob Perdock
Lector	Dick Gardner	John Kern	Barbara Pettus	John Andren
Greeter/Ushers	Tom Hadlock Rich Caccavano Tom Horan	Steve DeCaro Tom Horan Sandy Wyman Paul Okula	Eric Christensen Kevin Tunney	Bill Glover Rich Caccavano
Altar Guild	Victoria Garcia Lee Wadelton	TBD	Laura Bott Louise Reeves	Catharine Nobiletti Helen Horton
Coffee Hour	Can you bring something to share?	Can you bring something to share?	Can you bring something to share?	Can you bring something to share?

Services at Saint Mark's

Weekends

Sunday—Holy Eucharist
8:00 am & 10:00 a.m.

Thursdays

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline

Baptisms, Weddings, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

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To see the readings for the next two Sundays, click on the links at the top of the schedule on this page
or visit lectionarypage.net

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 *[Harriet Monsell, Monastic, 1883]* 5 Lent No Sunday School Today 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour	27 *Charles Henry Brent, Bishop, 1929* Parish Office Closed	28 *[James Solomon Russell, Priest, 1935]*	29 *John Keble, Priest and Poet, 1866* 6:30pm Cinema and Soup	30 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Threshold Singers Choir Practice 6:30pm Way of the Cross 7:30pm Bishop's Stewardship Meeting	31 *John Donne, Priest and Poet, 1631*	1 *Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest 1872* 10:00am Winter (Farmers) Market
2 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour	3 Monday in Holy Week Parish Office Closed	4 Tuesday in Holy Week	5 Wednesday in Holy Week 7:00pm Tenebrae	6 Maundy Thursday 6:00pm Simple Supper 7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar	7 Bright Beginnings Closed **Good Friday** 12:00pm Ecumenical Service at Beach Methodist 7:00pm Way of the Cross	8 Holy Saturday 10:00am Winter (Farmers) Market 6:00pm The Great Vigil of Easter and Holy Baptism
9 The Day of Resurrection: Easter Sunday 6:15am Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Swordfish Beach Club 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour 11:00am Easter Egg Hunt	10 Bright Beginnings Closed Easter Monday Parish Office Closed	11 Bright Beginnings Closed Easter Tuesday	12 Bright Beginnings Closed Easter Wednesday	13 Bright Beginnings Closed Easter Thursday 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 5:00pm Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline	14 Bright Beginnings Closed Easter Friday	15 Easter Saturday 10:00am Winter (Farmers) Market
16 2 Easter 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour	17 *Kateri Tekakwitha, Lay Contemplative, 1680* Parish Office Closed	18 *Juana Inés de la Cruz, Monastic and Theologian, 1695* 12:00pm WHB Women's Club	19 *Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Martyr, 1012* 7:00pm Alanon Board Meeting	20 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 5:00pm Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline	21 *Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109*	22 *Hadewijch of Brabant, Poet and Mystic, thirteenth century* 10:00am Winter (Farmers) Market
23 3 Easter 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour	24 Parish Office Closed	25 St. Mark the Evangelist	26	27 *[Zita of Tuscany, Worker of Charity, 1271]* 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 5:00pm Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline	28	29 *Catherine of Siena, 1380* 10:00am Winter (Farmers) Market
30 4 Easter No Sunday School 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour	1 Parish Office Closed	2 *Athanasius of Alexandria, Bishop and Theologian, 373*	3 *Elisabeth Cruciger, Poet and Hymnographer, 1535*	4 *Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387* 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 5:00pm Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline	5 Martyrs of the Reformation Era	6

BULLETIN INSERTS

April 16, 2023 – Easter 2 (A)
Week 2: Reflections on the Resurrection

During the Easter season, Sermons That Work is pleased to present reflections from some of the newest bishops of The Episcopal Church on the resurrection of our Lord. Check back each week for a brief exploration of how Jesus Christ's rising from the grave changes everything. To listen to this reflection, scan the QR code on this page and subscribe to the Sermons That Work podcast.

When I was a seminary student, my daily afternoon walk would take me past the historic cemetery on campus. Just outside the large, wrought-iron gates marking the entrance to the cemetery, I remember stumbling upon the stump of an old tree. Given the size of the stump, I imagined that the tree once towered over the cemetery, providing shade and protection against the oppressive heat of the summer sun. I imagined a tree of beauty, dignity, and grandeur, yet all that remained of this glorious tree was a dry and lifeless stump. Several years after my graduation and subsequent ordination, I returned to the seminary and decided to enjoy an afternoon walk along the same well-worn path I had followed as a student. I came upon the cemetery expecting to see the old stump I had stumbled upon years before; however, much to my surprise, a bright green shoot had emerged out of the center of the stump. A new tree was breaking forth out of the old. Where once there was only death and decay, new life was emerging.

During this Easter season, we are celebrating Christ's victory over death and giving thanks that the gate of everlasting life has been opened to us. However, even as we proclaim, "Alleluia! Christ is risen," the experience of death and reality of grief remain. We still feel the searing pain of loss. We still experience despair, disappointment, and disillusionment. We still find ourselves longing for the fullness of God's abundant life. In the midst of this longing, it is the promise of God's new creation that gives us hope, the promise that God is *making all things new* (Revelation 21:5). The resurrection of Jesus is a foretaste of God's promise for all of creation!

The paradox of the spiritual life is that we experience both joy *and* sorrow, hope *and* despair, life *and* death. Every day, we experience the tension between the reality of resurrection and the remnant of death's domain, which, although defeated, continues to cling to power. Yet, in the midst of this tension, there are signs of God's new creation all around us, signs of new life and new beginnings. For me, it was the surprise of seeing a bright green shoot emerging out of the center of an old stump that began to open my eyes to the possibilities of new creation. I began to see and experience the power of hope. I began to catch a glimpse of God's vision of a world healed, renewed, and restored. During this Easter season, where are you seeing signs of God's new creation? How have you experienced God's promise of hope breaking forth in your life?

The Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, ***the Rt. Rev. Douglas Scharf*** *leads the diocese where he was raised, ordained, and consecrated. One of the youngest bishops in The Episcopal Church, Bishop Scharf is passionate about discipleship and leadership development. He lives in Parrish with his wife, Shannon, and their three sons.*

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MORE THAN ENOUGH

Easter: Restoring Faith in Ourselves and Each Other

The story of the opening of the tomb after Christ's resurrection is short but complex. In the Gospel of Luke's rendition of the tale, two men in dazzling clothes ask the women disciples: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

As humans, it is extremely difficult for us to process death since it is by definition, removed from our lived experience. In reading scripture, I remind myself that Christ's death would have been extremely traumatic for his disciples. And though the author of the Gospel of Luke lived after Jesus' timeline, we can very well imagine the trauma of the series of events. No amount of consolation or preparation from Jesus would have really formed his closest circle to watch him be humiliated and put to death.

There is much to mourn at first with any kind of loss, which allows grief to make us painfully aware of how much we invested in love for what we've lost. But the mourning period is a natural transition for transformation. In Lent, we focus a lot on the lack of something or the loss of something significant in our lives. In letting go, we have to ask ourselves for what are we making room? For Easter, the story of Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the conquering of death (or at least conquering the finality of it), comes about as part two of the healing cycle. In His resurrection and ascension, Easter reminds us that there is room for yet more abundance, more faith, and more than enough opportunities for renewal at every stage. There is hope.

Questions For Reflection:

What kind of support has surprised you this year? In what ways has your faith been restored this year? What prevents you from accepting and providing support?

The disciples are reminded to have faith. In our own lives, we encounter uncertainties wherein we are asked to have faith. At least in my experience, I think miracles happen when I renew faith in myself in the face of these uncertainties, and when I extend that faith to others who support me in the journey. We need each other for support, for reminders to look for the living where there is already life, which naturally perpetuates in our relationships with each other and the environment. If we restore faith in ourselves in whatever struggle and restore faith in our communities, we can lovingly receive the joys that come from reciprocity. | TENS.org

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BIBLE STUDIES THAT WORK

Easter 2 (A)
April 16, 2023

[RCL] Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

This is part of Peter's first sermon, given at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit had just come down from heaven and the crowd was in an uproar, yelling that those who had been overcome by the Holy Spirit were actually overcome by drunkenness! In the first part of the sermon, he quotes extensively from Joel, and in this part, he quotes from today's psalm. Peter knows the word of God well, and he is able to reach for Scripture to preach his first sermon under conditions he never could have imagined.

- What words of wisdom, from Scripture or otherwise, come to you in overwhelming situations?
- What passages of Scripture would you like to know better, so that you can lean on them in these situations?

Psalm 16

The Psalmist writes of their trust in God. They name the best things already in their life, the things that bring them delight, and state their belief that, not only do all good things come from God but that the protection and joy they hope for in the future will also come from God. And, wait – this passage looks so familiar! Didn't we just read this? Yes, this is the psalm that is quoted in the earlier reading from Acts. Paul interprets this psalm as referring to Christ: God ensures that the Psalmist will not be abandoned, and neither will Christ be abandoned to the grave forever, but resurrected.

- What good things in your life are you thankful for?
- What does it mean when the Psalmist says, "I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night"?

1 Peter 1:3-9

Today's Gospel talks about Thomas, the disciple who doubted whether Jesus was really risen. This reading, however, is from a letter to the faithful who have *not* seen their savior or their salvation. "Although you have not seen [Jesus], you love him," the author writes, also saying that salvation is "ready to be revealed" – as in, not yet revealed. Often, we do not see or feel God's presence in our lives.

- What does it mean to you to act as if Jesus is risen when God's presence seems absent?
- What does joy mean to you, and how is it different from happiness or toxic positivity?

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John 20:19-31

The first part of this story connects to the Pentecost story in today's first lesson – the disciples experience the Holy Spirit. One commentary on this passage says, "Just as God once breathed his spirit into man in the creation story (Gen 2:7), so Jesus now does so with the words: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.' At this point Easter and Pentecost fall together" (*Hermeneia*, p. 211). This chapter is full of the disciples' desire to see evidence in order to believe the Resurrection. It's also a chapter full of disbelief and mistrust. Thomas doesn't believe his friends for a whole week that Jesus is alive! But Jesus is able to enter through any closed doors – the literal closed doors of the house, and the figurative closed doors of Thomas' disbelief. Thomas doesn't believe because of Jesus' personality or face or presence, but because of Jesus' scars. Thomas doesn't just need to know that the joy of Jesus' return is real, but that his grief over Jesus' death was real, too.

- How does this picture of Jesus coming through closed doors compare or contrast with popular images of Christ knocking on a door, waiting to be let in? Which image makes more sense to you, and why?
- What do you wish you could ask Jesus if he came through the door of your house?

This Bible study was written by ***Katie Kirk****, a seminarian at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University.*

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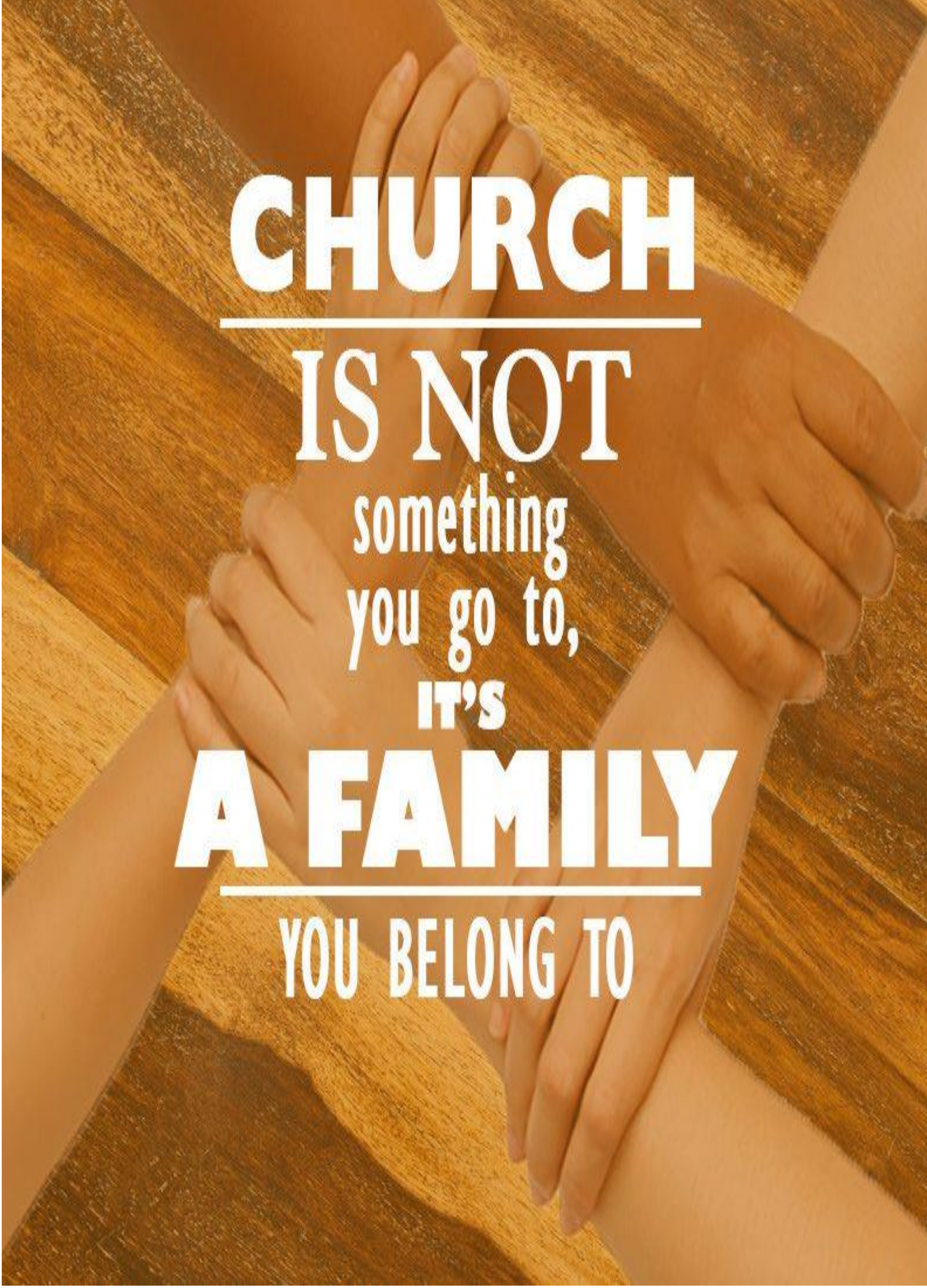
Join us for a run to support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation!

Our run, in collaboration with the New York Riptide & Boomer Esiason Foundation will take place on April 22 at 10:30AM! Following the race there will party with us under the big tent in town! Race registration includes your bib, beer, food, DJ, and a sick race shirt!

Stick around after the "after party" and enjoy the newest Westhampton Beach fun festival "Spring Fling" on Main Street.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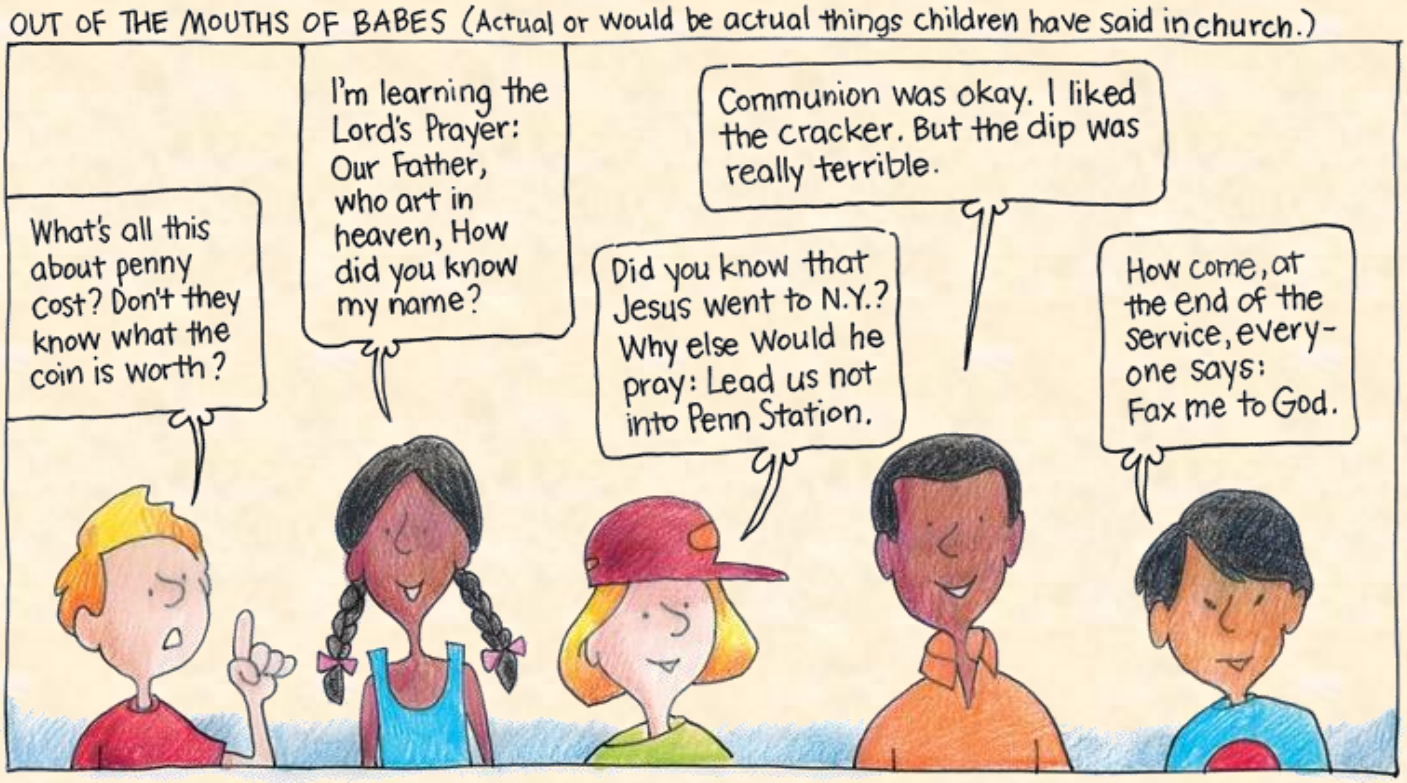
Rites of Passage

April Birthdays
1 Emily Andren
1 Kate Gabrielsen
2 Kieran Quinn
3 Stephen Turner
4 Marjorie Kulesa
7 Jason Andria
10 Drew Clark
12 Jesse Fritz
15 Judy McDermott
15 Dr. Jill Bastable
16 Michael Tessitore
17 Laura Bott
17 Charlotte Smith
19 Paul Oele
25 Lisa Canty

April Anniversaries
11 Hope & Jay Kaufman
11 Daniel & Dawn Perez
18 George & Jennifer Kast
23 Ken & Louise Reeves
25 John & Emily Andren
28 John & Elizabeth Plate

On the Lighter Side...



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