



ABLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

4:00 p.m.—Music Begins

4:30 p.m.—Service

Join us for a peaceful worship service for those who struggle with finding the joy of the Christmas season because of a loss due to death, divorce, sickness, or unfortunate and tragic circumstances.

If you are suffering this holiday season, join us for beautiful music, comforting prayer, and inspiring words of Hope.



Saint Mark's Episcopal Church 40 Main Street Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

www.stmarkswhb.org

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church Advent & Christmas Service Schedule 2025

The Third Sunday of Advent (Rose Sunday)

Saturday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday, December 14 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday, December 21 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday, December 21 at 4:30 p.m. "Blue Christmas Service" Monday, December 22 at 9:00 a.m. Greening of the Church

Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Brass Quintet 9:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns

Christmas Pay

Thursday December 25 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday after Christmas

Saturday, December 27 at 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday, December 28 at 9:30 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Christmas

Saturday, January 3—NO SERVICE TODAY Sunday, January 4 at 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES 2025

We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of ladies who serve faithfully in preparing the Sanctuary for worship under the direction of Ki Nobiletti. The Altar Guild welcomes your gifts toward the beautification of the church for the festival celebration of the birth of our Lord. Donations marked Christmas Remembrances may be mailed to the church office P.O. Box 887, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978 or placed in the mailbox marked Laura Bott in the Production Room along with the names to be remembered.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submitting requests is December 21				
Dedicated to:				
From:				
Donation:				

AdventWord

November 30 - December 25, 2025

30 Again

Said

Tribes

Quietness

Reveling

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Day

Heed

8 Counsel

Equity

10 Encouragement

Written 11

12 **Brood**

AdventWord.org

Unquenchable 13

14 Honor

15 Abundantly

16 Recompense

Highway 17

18 Cleansed

19 Robes

20 Truly

21 Deep

22 Declared

23 Mother

24 Angel

Endless 25



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Advent 1A 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Holy Eucharist 10:30am Coffee Hour	1 Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637 or [Charles de Foucauld, Monastic and Martyr, 1916] Parish Office Closed	2 Channing Moore Williams, Bishop and Missionary, 1910	3 [Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary, 1552] 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall	4 Bright Beginnings Santa Night John of Damascus, Priest and Theologian, c.760 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Staff Meeting 12:30pm Threshold Singers 2:30pm The Villa Holy Eucharist Service 8:00pm Compline Zoom	5 Clement of Alexandria, Priest and Theologian, c.210 5:30pm Westhampton Garden Club Christmas Party	6 Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, c.342 9:00am Holiday Market 12:30pm Ladies Luncheon 5:00pm Holy Eucharist with Anointing & Prayers for Healing
7 Advent 2A 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Eucharist with Anointing & Prayers for Healing 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Parish Hall Event	8 Parish Office Closed	9 11:00am Westhampton Women's Group	7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall	11 [Frederick Howden, Jr., Priest and Chaplain of the Armed Forces, 1941] 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Threshold Singers 8:00pm Compline Zoom	Francis de Sales, Bishop, and Jane de Chantal, Vorwed Religious, 1622 and 1641	13 [Lucy of Syracuse, Martyr, 304] 9:00am Holiday Market 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
Advent 3A 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Eucharist - Pink Sunday 10:30am Coffee Hour	15 [Nino of Georgia, Missionary, c.332] Parish Office Closed	16 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	17 [Dorothy L Sayers, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1957] 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall	18 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Staff Meeting 12:30pm Threshold Singers 8:00pm Compline Zoom	19	20 [Katharina von Bora, Church Reformer, 1552] 9:00am Holiday Market 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
Advent 4A 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Advent Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist 10:30am Coffee Hour 4:30pm Blue Christmas Service	Parish Office Closed 9:00am Greening of the Church	23	Christmos Eve Christmas Eve 4:30pm Christmas Eve Service 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall 9:00pm Christmas Eve Service	Christmas Day Parish Office Closed 9:30am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	26 Parish Office Closed Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr	27 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 9:00am Holiday Market 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
28 Christmas 1A Holy Innocents 9:30am Christmas Lessons and Carols 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Parish Hall Event	29 Parish Office Closed	30 Frances Joseph Gaudet, Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934 Parish office closed	31 New Year's Eve Parish Office Closed 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall	1 New Year's New Year's Day Parish Office Closed	2 Parish Office Closed	9:00am Winter Market 5:00pm Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Anointing

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OFFICE HOURS

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

WEEKEND SERVICES

Sat. 5:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist Sun. 9:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Livestreamed)

THURSDAY SERVICES

11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano
Bishop of Long Island
The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf
Assisting Bishop of Long Island
The Rt. Rev. William Franklin
Assisting Bishop of Long Island

The Very Rev. Christopher D. Jubinski Rector

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 12/22 9:00 a.m. Greening of the Church

Wednesday, 12/24
4:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Brass Quintet
7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting - Atwater Room
7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting - Parish Hall

9:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns

Thursday, 12/25 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with hymns in the Church

Christmas Day

Faith Andria

Elizabeth Umina

Friday, 12/26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, 12/27 9:00 – 2:00 Winter Market in the Parish Hall

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church

Sunday, 12/28 9:30 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour in the Atwater Room

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SATURDAY 5:0		nts	
LEM/Lector	John Kern		
Usher Altar Guild	Tom Simson Laura Bott, Norma-Jeanne Okula		
Altar Guilu	Laura Dott,	Norma-jeanne Okula	
SUNDAY 9:30 a	.m. Participant	<u>s</u>	
LEM	Carol Fitton		
Lector	Carol Johns		
Ushers	Rich Caccav	ano, Steve DeCaro	
Altar Guild	Laura Bott, Norma-Jeanne Okula		
Coffee Hour	In the Paris	h Hall	
DECEMBER BII	RTHDAYS		
Alicia Andria		12/02	
Carol Smith		12/06	
Stephen Sherw	ood	12/09	
Pamela Kern		12/12	
Carla Panza		12/12	
Spencer and Tr	evor Moyle	12/13	
Richard Caccav	ano	12/18	
Michael Warne	r	12/18	
Matt Vignieri		12/21	
Elizabeth Hora	n	12/23	
Jennifer Marwo	ood	12/24	

12/27

12/30

Services	In Person	On-Line
12/13 - 5:00 p.m.	17	
12/14 - 9:30 a.m.	11	124
	28	124
12/12 - Last Rites - Emily	3	
12/17 – Last Rites – Fred	4	
12/18- 10:00 a.m. Bible	12	
12/18 - 11:00 a.m. Heali	ing Service	8
12/18 - 4:00 p.m. Privat	e Communion	3
12/18 - 8:00 p.m. Com	pline	3
DECEMBER ANNIVERSAL	RIES	
Lawrence & Candace A	Andria	12/07
William and Madeline	Glover	12/19
Stephen & Donna Tur	ner	12/30

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER: TODAY AT 4:30 IS THE BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE - MUSIC BEGINS AT 4:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES - TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR REQUESTS.

SPECIAL NOTE: THERE IS NO 5:00 PM SERVICE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD AND MORNING PRAYER ON JANUARY 4TH AT 9:30 AM.

I regret to inform you that the Burial Service mentioned in my previous email regarding the passing of Arnold Sheiffer is, at the families request, a Private Burial Service. I sincerely apologize for any confusion. Fr. Chris +

<u>PARKING LOT SAFETY</u> - 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 and please watch your speed to help ensure safety.

<u>WEEKLY COMPLINE ON THURSDAYS</u> – I invite you to come together in the spirit of prayer each Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. for Compline. This service takes about 10 minutes to pray and is perfect way to unwind for the evening. The zoom link is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5697969237 Meeting ID: 569 796 9237 or via telephone: +16468769923,,5697969237# US (New York)

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> 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, etc. Thank you.

<u>PASTORAL CARE</u> – 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* +

<u>INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY</u> – Please download this great tool on your apple or android device and have up to the minute access of our parish directory. The directory can also be accessed online at <u>www.instantchurchdirectory.com</u>

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> - If you would like to dedicate plants for the Altar please contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at <u>Laura.bott17@gmail.com</u>. Each plant is \$40. In December there is one vase available for 28th. In January there are two vases available on the 26th and one vase on the 5th, 12th and 18th. <u>Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book.</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

• Christmas Eve, December 24 – Services at 4:30 and 9:00 p.m. Christmas Day at 9:30 a.m.

PRAYER LIST

Dick Anderson (Req. by Edie Hofmann). Ridgie Barnett (Parishioner), John Burke (Req. by Norma Jeanne Okula), Amanda Cacoperdo (Req. by Tim Feil), Candace F. Cerretani (Catharine Nobiletti's sister), Deana Chiusano (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Julia Cloppse (Req. by Jenn Kast), Abby Connett (Req. by Nancy Connett), Dana Davis (Req. by Rosanna Davis), George Degener (Req. by Fr. Chris), Estrella Farijian (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Ryan Fay (Req. by Jennifer Kast), Owen Foster (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), Nancy Fraser (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), Fred Rees Garcia (son of Victoria Garcia), Roberta Good (Diane Stewart's Sister), Elaine Hanes (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Imogene (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Barbara Ireton (Req. by Carol Smith), Debra Wolgemuth Jarashow, (Req. by Elizabeth Wolgemuth), Nancy Jones (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Gretchen & Jim Jubinski (Fr. Chris' Parents), Karen (Req. by Catharine Nobiletti), Cole LoRusso (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), Warren McCann (Kate Gabrielsen's son-in-law), Fred Meyer, (Parishioner), Irene Monahan (Req. by Laura Bott), Jeanette Navas (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Paul Oele (Parishioner), Jesse O'Neil (Req. by Jenn Kast), Andrew Ortega (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Cassie Panzarino (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Nick Raftis, (Req. by Catharine Nobiletti), Rosemary Rees, (Victoria Garcia's sister), Tom Simson (Parishioner), Allison Skinner (Parishioner), Sarah Witters (Req. by Victoria Garcia.), Walter Zalaski (Req. by Jinny Gilmore).

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: Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Cameron Garcia, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner, James Mercready and Midshipman 4th Class Luke Williamson

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Minutes November 18, 2025, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

<u>Members Present</u>: Fr. Chris Jubinski, Steve DeCaro, Rich Caccavano, Diane Feil, Madeline Glover, Tom Hadlock, John Kern, Marj Kulesa, Norma-jeanne Okula, Steve Turner, Sandy Wyman, Tom Simson, Carol Fitton

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

Fr. James Reiss, Rector-Elect of St. Paul's, Patchogue: Fr. Reiss joined our video call and talked about three of their outreach ministries: food pantry, soup kitchen, and thrift shop. He expressed their gratitude for the SMC monetary donation to support their pantry, which is open 2 times/week. They have seen tremendous growth recently in the number of families who use this service. He estimates it will cost \$2,000/month to keep it going.

In addition to St. Paul's, other beneficiaries of SMC grants were: St. Francis in North Bellmore for their Seed Money Fund and their Honey and Pollinator Ministry, St. Anselm's Food Pantry in Shoreham, and St. Andrew's in Yaphank for their Neighbors Being Human Ministry.

<u>Minutes:</u> A motion was made by John, seconded by Marj, to approve the October 21, 2025 minutes as amended. Thank you, Tom Hadlock, for recording them.

Finance Report: Tom Simson

Bright Beginnings: YTD October 2025 Tuition receipts (including registration fees), which comprise the bulk of Bright Beginning's Income, were \$903.3K, up 19% compared to \$757.8K for YTD October 2024, while YTD October 2025 Total Income increased 10.1% to \$922.4K vs \$838K for YTD October 2024. It is also worth noting for comparison purposes that YTD October 2024 Other Income included Grant Money of \$65K that was not received in 2025. YTD October 2025 expenses were up to \$851.9K compared to \$683.8K for YTD October 2024, an increase of 24.5%, but Tom mentioned that October 2025 expenses included \$5K he is setting aside in a Rainy Day Fund for BB that currently stands at \$25K, \$4.6K for insurance, and a \$10K donation to SMC. Tom noted that salaries and benefits comprise most of the expenses and these were also up 5.5% from \$635.1K in YTD October 2024 to \$670.1K for YTD October 2025. YTD October 2025 Net Income was \$70.5K, a 54.3% drop from YTD October 2024 Net Income of \$154.2K, but Tom reminded us that this year's number is net of \$87K in Donations to SMC, as well as significant payments toward insurance and electricity, so technically BB is ahead of last year.

SMC: Tom reported YTD October 2025 Church Donations of \$186.9K vs \$147.6K a year ago, an increase of 26.6%. He noted it continues the positive trend we have seen in 2025. Other Operating Income increased substantially to \$311.9K YTD October 2025 from \$123.1K in 2024, due to increased rent from the Beinecke Building from a year ago and the donation from Bright Beginnings. For YTD October 2025, Salaries and Benefits Expenses were \$274.7K vs \$280.8K for YTD October 2024, a decrease of 2.2%. The YTD October 2025 Net Income of \$79.9K compares to (\$277.6K) in 2024, a large increase due to higher income from a variety of sources. Tom noted that the Altar Stained Glass account balance is approximately \$20K.

<u>Investment Committee:</u> The balance in the investment account as of October 31, 2025 was \$747.4K. Tom mentioned that a total of \$45K has been withdrawn to date in 2025, a reduction from previous years. The balance is down approximately \$22K from that of January.

<u>Wardens' Report:</u> Steve D reported on a number of outside issues that need to be addressed including slate that needs to be replaced, extension cords and overgrown hedges in front of the chapel. He also mentioned the need to empty the sanctuary before Christmas and update signatories on the financial accounts.

<u>Diocesan Convention:</u> Marj said it was a wonderful experience with approximately 200 people present with all churches from the Diocese represented. She recommended that the Vestry listen to the Bishop's address, which is on the Diocesan website.

Announcements / Upcoming Events:

- Fr. Chris mentioned that the upcoming Christ the King Sunday marks the end of the regular church year, which is followed by Advent.
- In advance of the In-Gathering for the Stewardship Campaign on November 23rd, he asked that the Vestry lead by example with pledges of their time, talent and treasure.
- The Parish Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Sunday, November 23rd with all welcome.
- The current Bible Study has been well attended and the Advent Bible Study will be based on Handel's Messiah.
- Diane mentioned that there is a need for an increased number of handicapped parking spaces in our lot, which will be looked into.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with Compline.

<u>Next Vestry Meeting:</u> Vestry meetings are normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings are: December 16 at the Rectory, January 20, February 17, March 17, and April 21. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2026.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Fitton, Clerk

TIMELINE

SPRING 2026

Ninth Bishop elected at

a special convention.

Bishop Provenzano Announces BISHOP Resignation OF LONG ISLAND **DECEMBER 2024** Bishop Provenzano announces **Joint Oversight Committee** his intention to retire in Active September 2026. **JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2025 JOC Calls for Committee** Members of the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council appointed to **Applications** Joint Oversight Committee (JOC). JOC meets with the Presiding Bishop **MARCH - APRIL 2025** and Consultants for the process. JOC requested applications for Search and Transition Committees. **Announcement of Search** Application review and selection. and Transition Committees **MAY 2025** Committees and Co-Chairs **Search and Transition** announced to Diocese. **Committees Active MAY - JUNE 2025 Listening Sessions and** Beginning with a shared retreat, **Survey Conducted** the committees are hard at work on communication, data collection. **JULY - SEPT 2025** and profile creation plans. Your chance to make your voice heard! Survey link and listening Diocesan Profile Published, session info will be available soon. **Application Opens FALL 2025 Application Period Ends,** A snapshot of our Diocese is available Discernment Begins for potential applicants. Nomination and application period opens. **FALL 2025** Applicants are screened and Slate Announced, Petition interviewed by the search committee. **Period Opens WINTER 2026** Meet and Greets with Candidates JOC announces slate of candidates. Petition process begins. **SPRING 2026** Your opportunity to hear directly **Electing Convention** from the candidates through in-

Ordination of Ninth Bishop

SEPTEMBER 2026

person events across the Diocese.

The Diocese gathers for the ordination of the Ninth Bishop of Long Island.



Winter Community Yoga Class Series

At Saint Mark's Church

Join yoga instructor Samantha Heckert in a 6 week yoga series designed to stretch, strengthen, and invigorate your body. Appropriate for beginners and longtime practitioners alike, we will aim to find confidence and ease in your individual practice. You will learn to work with any injuries or sensitivities you may have, go at a pace that feels right for you, and find peace and appreciation for what your body can do.

Fridays, January 9th - February 13th 10:00 am Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Westhampton Beach

\$15 Single Class or \$75 Full Six Week Series

Payable by Cash or Check day of class or Venmo @Samantha-Heckert-2 to pay in advance.

Email Sheckertyoga@gmail.com with any questions.

Westhampton

Holiday Market



Saturdays Nov 29 - Dec 27 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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Rites of Passage

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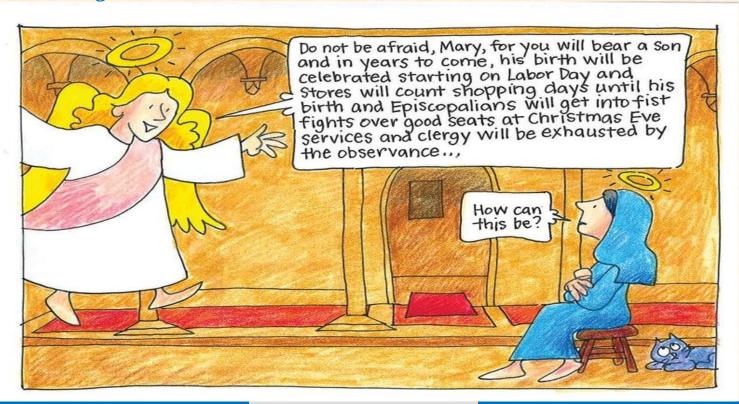
- 02 Alicia Andria
- 06 Carol Smith
- 09 Stephen Sherwood
- 12 Pamela Kern
- 12 Carla Panza
- 13 Spencer and Trevor Moyle
- 18 Richard Caccavano
- 18 Michael Warner
- 23 Elizabeth Horan
- 24 Jennifer Marwood
- 27 Faith Andria
- 30 Elizabeth Umina

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 07 Lawrence & Candace Andria
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- 30 Stephen & Donna Turner



On the Lighter Side...



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