

Welcome to SAINT MARK'S

The First Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B January 7, 2024 at 8:00 & 10:00 AM

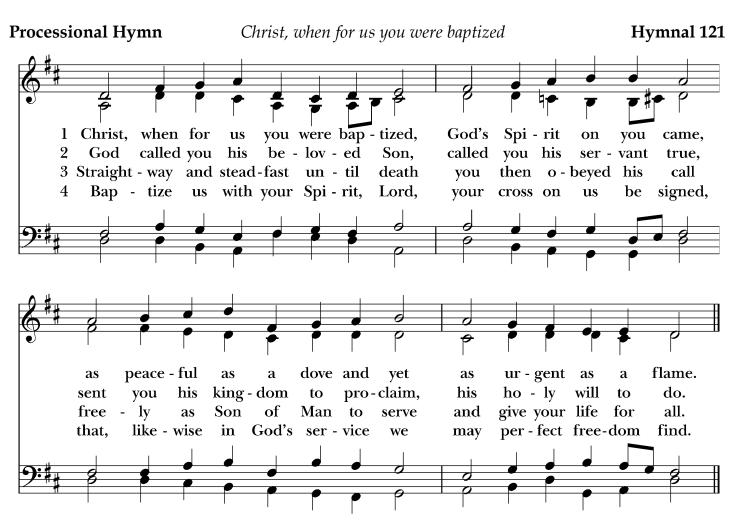
> + --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross" BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982
> LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)
> WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)
> VF—Music from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)
> Please silence your cell phone

Welcome to Saint Mark's Church. Today is one of four occasions designated by the Book of Common Prayer as baptismal days. (The others are Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints.) Each of the four days has its particular theme, which enhances our understanding of this primary Christian sacrament, Holy Baptism. On this first Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. Jesus' baptism was for all the Gospel writers, and in the apostolic preaching of the Gospel, the event which initiated the redemptive ministry of the Messiah. It was in that event that Jesus was revealed as the Messiah (Christ). God proclaimed him Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. The first reading is the beginning of the creation account. The water and the wind or Spirit from God at the beginning point us to our recreation by water and the Holy Spirit in baptism. The second reading gives an account of the baptism of the first Gentiles into the name Way of Jesus. In Holy Baptism each person is adopted as the child of God. Each person becomes a "messianic" person, anointed by the Holy Spirit. We do not simply become passive recipients of the benefits of Christ; we are "christed" or christened. We become sharers in his life and in his redemptive ministry. All those who are baptized and anointed are received "into the household of God." They join with that household in confessing "the faith of Christ crucified," proclaiming his resurrection and sharing in his eternal priesthood—the priesthood which we enact sacramentally in the Eucharist and daily in lives of self-giving love toward one another and toward the world.

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Prelude

God's People Gather Together



Celebrant+ Blessed be our God.PeopleFor ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

(BCP p. 355)

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie (at 8:00 a.m.)

Lord, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.* Lord, have mercy.

Song of Praise for the Epiphany Season (at 10:00 a.m.) Shine Jesus Shine



The Collect for the First Sunday after the Epiphany

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantTogether, let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The people sit.

The Word of God

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

A reading from the book of Genesis.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 29 Afferte Domino

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, * *ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; * *worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * *the Lord is upon the mighty waters.*

⁴ The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; * *the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.*

- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; * *the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * *and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; * *the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe * *and strips the forests bare.*
- ⁹ And in the temple of the Lord * all are crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; * *the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.*
- ¹¹ The Lord shall give strength to his people; * *the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

The Epistle

Acts 19:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied –⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.



The Gospel

*Reader*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.*



⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I

is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

ReaderThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The people sit.

After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.

The Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together,

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

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.

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. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant

As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to Jesus the Beloved Son, in whose name we have been baptized, saying: By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray*.

Lay Eucharistic Minister

For the Church: especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William our bishops, and for Chris our priest, that in this New Year we may be a Light to those who are searching for direction and a sign of hope for those searching to begin again. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray.*

For a new dawning of peace and reconciliation, that those who strive for peace may not tire and that God will open new opportunities for opponents to recognize the good in one another. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray.*

For the members of Congress, that God will empower them with wisdom, courage, and foresight that they may faithfully serve in their charge to promote the well-being of all people. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray.*

For travelers and those seeking safety, for the hungry and homeless, the sick and the suffering, and all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially the people of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Armenia, the United States, and those on our prayer list. (*The people may add petitions for any need or concern.*) We pray that in the light of Christ they may find new hope and peace. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray.*

For all those who have died. (*The people may add petitions for those they wish to remember.*) We pray that having been reborn in baptism, they may rejoice in the radiance of God's glory. By your holy baptism, *hear us we pray.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (*The people may name their own thanksgivings.*) We also give thanks to God this week for Fr. Chris who is celebrating his birthday.

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Fr. Chris as he begins another year. Grant that he will grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the Mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*

ALL: Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism and made us your beloved children. Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit that we may share the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Confession

(BCP p. 360)

The Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Celebrant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

+ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Anointing and Prayers for Healing

Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us; *Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.*

All are invited to stand or kneel at the communion rail for anointing and prayer.

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Peace

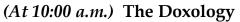
CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Offertory Sentence

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*



(At 8:00 a.m.) All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee, Amen.





The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

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

(BCP p. 367)

The Proper Preface for Epiphany

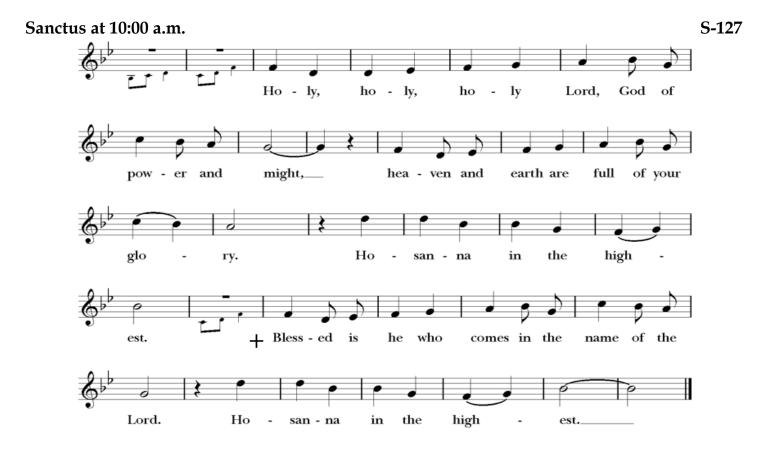
Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 at 8:00 a.m.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

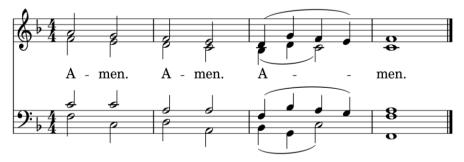
The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

+ Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with John the Baptist, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

People and Celebrant

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

The Breaking of the Bread – Agnus Dei (at 8:00 a.m.)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.



where we will join with saints and angels

at the feast you have prepared from the beginning. Antiphon

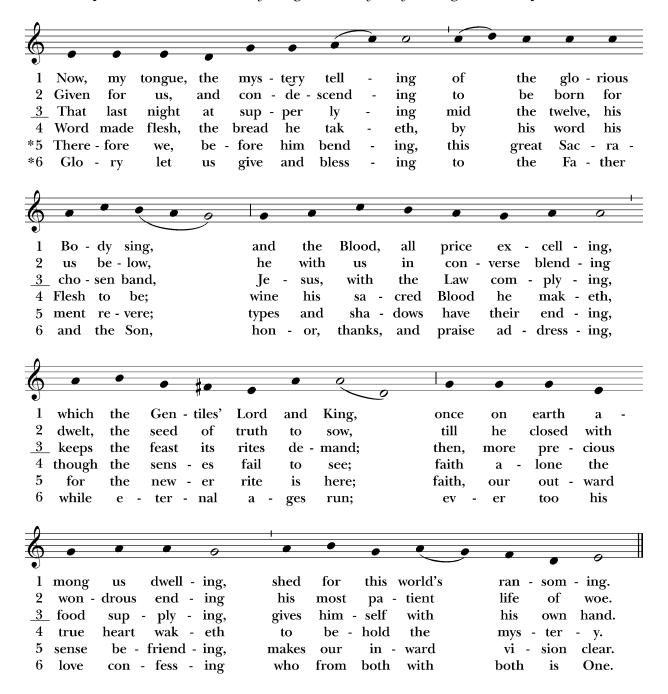
Invitation to Communion

(BCP p. 364)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for us the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. *Amen.*



<u>Communion Norms</u>--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "Amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. Please notify Fr. Chris at the Communion Rail.



The Post Communion Prayer

(BCP p. 366)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing for the Season of Epiphany

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, **+** the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Announcements



Recessional Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymnal 135



The Dismissal

LEM Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia. *People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude



THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 01/08	Church Office Closed		
Tuesday, 01/09	2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Fr. Chris' Office)		
Wednesday, 01/10	7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting (Atwater Room)		
Thursday, 01/11	10:00 a.m. Bible Study11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Fr. Chris' Offic12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers (Atwater Room)	e)	
Saturday, 01/13	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Winter Farmer's Market (Parish Hall)		
Sunday, - 01/14	 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church with Healing & Anointing 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church with Healing & Anointing 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall 		

	n. Participants		
LEM	Carol Jubinski		
Lector			
	Tom Simson		
10:00 a.m. Participants			
LEM			
	Helen Horton		
	Tim Feil, Kevin Tunney		
Altar Guild Diane Feil, Lee Wadleton			
Coffee Hour			
January Birthdays			
01 Diane Feil			
12 Rosemarie Alario			
06 Donna Turner			
08 Fr. Chris Jubinski			
15 Emmett Boone			
18 John Stewart			
18 Julia Grace Melo			
19 Deborah Caccavano			
23 Madelyn Zayicek			
26 Dr. Eric Christensen			
29 William Lankenau			
29 Richmond Gardner			
29 Jackie Moss			
29 Roy Bradbook			
•	31 Nancy Connett		
lanuary	Anniversaries		
<u>January Anniversaries</u> 04 John & Diane Stewart			
17 Tom & Yolande Hadlock			

Service	In Person	Online
12/24 Advent IV 9:00 a.m.	45	49
12/24 Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.	139	97
12/24 Christmas Eve 9:00 p.m.	66	
12/25 Christmas Day 9:00 a.m.	15	
12/31 Lessons & Carols 9:00 a.m.	48	16

Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon. And remember the People of Israel, Palestine, Sudan, Armenia, Ukraine and the United States of America too!

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Inclement Weather</u>—Please check our website at <u>www.stmarkswhb.org</u> for weather related cancellations. PLEASE DO NOT come to church if it is unsafe to do so.

Healing & Anointing at both services on this morning.

Let Your Light Shine is our study for the Epiphany Season. Each week we will dive into the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. We meet Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

<u>Covenant Class</u> for those who wish to be Confirmed, Received or to learn more about the Episcopal Church will start in the new year.

<u>Coffee Hour</u>: There is a sign-up sheet outside of the parish hall. Host/hostesses are needed for the 10 a.m. services in January. Your help will be very much appreciated.

<u>Altar Flowers</u> - If you would like to dedicate flowers for the Altar contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at <u>Laura.bott17@gmail.com</u>. In January there are two vases available January 14 & 28 and one vase available on the 7th and 21st. The vases are \$40.00 each.

Mark Your Calendar:

February 11 - 6:00 p.m. Chili Cookoff and Superbowl Party February 13 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Time TBD) March 23-30 Early Voting at Saint Mark's

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested:

Noah Berger (Req. by Jenn Kast), Stan Billie (Req. by Jenn Kast), Deana Chiusano (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), David Fridae, Nancy Fraser (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), Roberta Good (Diane Stewart's Sister), Jason Gordon (Req by Kate Gabrielsen), Elaine Hanes (Req by Kate Gabrielsen), Barbara Ireton (Req. by Carol Smith), Gretchen & Jim Jubinski (Fr. Chris' Parents), Cole LoRusso (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), Fred Meyer (Parishioner), Jock McLean (Parishioner), Sean McLean (Req. by Jock McLean), Sudie Nostrand (Carol John's Sister), Paul Oele (Parishioner), Cassie Panzarino (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Joan Petrella (Parishioner), Jean Scopinich (Parishioner), John Stewart (Parishioner), Sarah Witters (Req. by Victoria Garcia), Owen Foster (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), John Martinelli (Req. by Jinny Gilmore, Marilyn Dorsa (Req. by Drew Clark), Michele Parks (Req. by Marjorie Kulesa. Fred Rees Garcia (son of Victoria Garcia), Christina Kouris (Req. by Sandy Wyman, John Saladino (Req. by Victoria Garcia).

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

<u>We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:</u> Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner and James Mercready.

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<u>Sunday Services</u> Sundays at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist in the church (Livestreamed) The first Sunday of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.

> <u>Thursday Midweek Service</u> 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office

> > <u>Office Hours</u> Tuesday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano—Bishop of Long Island The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf—Assisting Bishop The Rt. Rev. William Franklin—Assisting Bishop The Rt. Rev. Daniel Allotey—Assisting Bishop The Rev. Christopher D. Jubinski—Rector Email: chris.jubinski@stmarkswhb.org Cell: 410.253.3664 Stephen Hunt—Director of Music Kate Gabrielsen—Parish Administrator Chris Adams—Facilities Manager Rosanna Davis—Director of St. Mark's Bright Beginnings Preschool Diane Stewart—Warden Sandy Wyman—Warden

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> > Thomas Simson—*Treasurer* Carol Fitton—Clerk of the Vestry

