SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A LION'S SHARE

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

C & C Snow Removal hard at work. Chris Adams and Fr. Chris form an amazing team !

Wednesdays in Lent

(February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25)

6:40 p.m. —Meditative Music

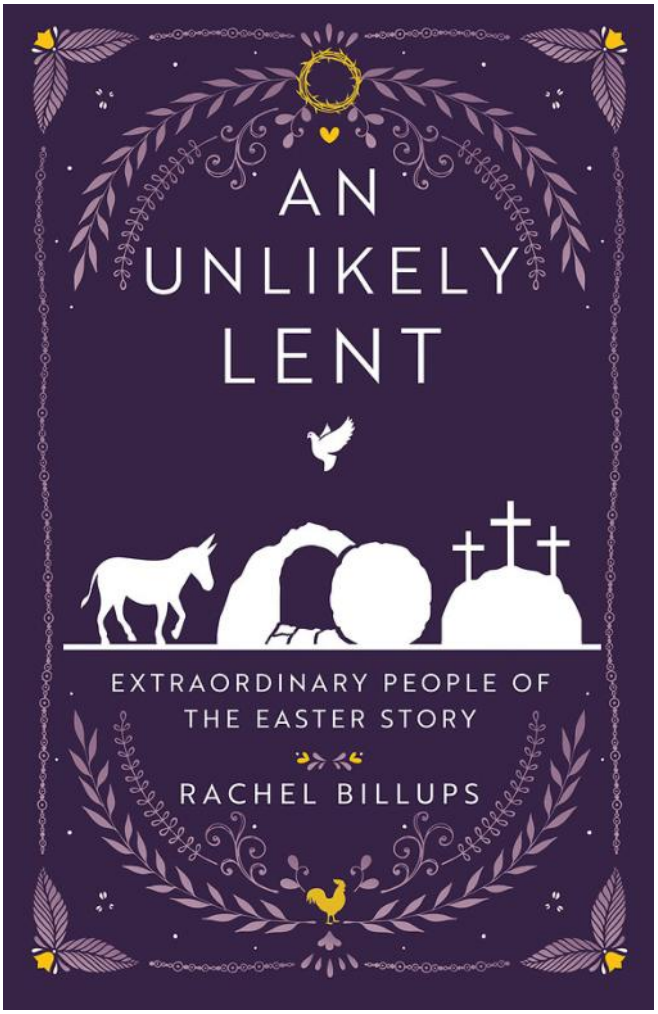
A service of prayer which reflects the final hours of Jesus' life.

Saint Mark's

Lenten Study 2026

Thursdays in Lent

10:00 a.m. in person or via zoom



Notice the unexpected in Easter.

The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus are at the heart of the story of Easter. But the resurrection was not witnessed in isolation; it unfolded before a crowd. What might the stories of those women and men teach us today? How will they help us step into the story of Easter? Here, we can see what has been overlooked, not just in the grand moments but in the in-between: the silence, the side characters, and the questions.

Gain new insight from the crowd on the themes of:
-Devotion
-Opposition
-Freedom
-Courage
-Companionship
-Alliances

By seeing the Easter story through their eyes, we may discover that the resurrection is not just a past event, but an invitation into something new, unexpected, and unlikely. Walk through this season with eyes wide open, ready to see where God is moving, even in the margins. Since the cross is not the end of the story, embrace every unlikely moment along the way.

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Meeting ID: 569 796 9237

Books can be purchased through Amazon or Cokesbury

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Lent

Study

Series

Spiritual tools for today: lessons from Jesus and civil rights leaders.

Time: 7:00pm - Study Session; and 8:00pm - Compline.
Thursdays: Feb. 19, 26; March 12, 19 & 26.
Zoom: Meeting ID: 837 6688 5713 & Passcode: ChChBible

February 19: Benjamin Shambaugh, Rector of St. Luke's in East Hampton

Lessons from the Liberation Theology of Howard Thurman, Gustavo Guttierez, and James Cone.

February 26: Charles McCarron, Rector of St. Mary's on Shelter Island

A Lenten Meditation on Justice: From the Desert to the Garden (Inspired by the writings of Leonardo Boff).

March 5: Justin Falciani, Rector of St. Mary's in Hampton Bays

Sacramental Church: how we can be a force for liberation in our parishes and every day life in the USA. This discussion is based on chapter 13 in A Theology of Liberation by Gustavo Gutierrez.

March 12: Chris Jubinski, Rector of St. Mark's in Westhampton Beach

Episcopal saints: Bishop Paul Jones, Deaconess Harriet Bedell, Seminarian Jonathan Myrick Daniels, and Queen Lili'uokalani.

March 19: Roger Joslin, Vicar of Church of the Redeemer and Holy Trinity Church

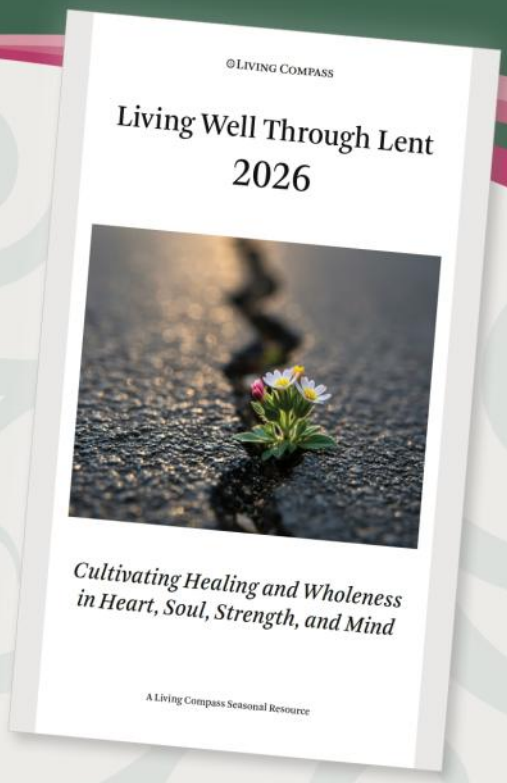
"I felt my legs were praying" reflections on The Prophets by Abraham Joshua Heschel.

March 26: Cecily Broderick, Rector Elect of Christ Church in Sag Harbor

Following in the footsteps of Pauli Murray and taking up our cross to follow Jesus: reflecting on the life of a saint and Matthew 25:31-46.

ENGAGE WITH US THROUGHOUT THE

2026 LENT SEASON!



Our Living Compass theme for the 2026 Lent season is ***Cultivating Healing and Wholeness in Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.***

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 03/02	**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
Wednesday, 03/04	**7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross (Stations) in the church** **7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting – Atwater Room**
Thursday, 03/05	**10:00 a.m. Lenten Study – Atwater Room** **11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Healing Service with Holy Eucharist** **12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers – Atwater Room** **2:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist at The Villa** **4:00 p.m. Pastoral Home Visit** **7:00 p.m. Peconic Deanery Lenten Study Zoom Series**
Friday, 03/06	**No Yoga**
Saturday, 03/07	**9:00 – 1:00 Winter Market – Parish Hall** **5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church**
Sunday, 03/08 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**	**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, February 28, 5:00 p.m. Participants

LEM/Lector	**Carol Jubinski**
Usher	**Steve Turner**
Altar Guild	**Catharine Nobiletti**
	Norma-Jeanne Okula

SUNDAY March 1, 9:30 a.m. Participants

LEM	**Madeline Glover**
Lector	**William Glover**
Ushers:	**Steve DeCaro, Paul Okula**
Altar Guild	**Catharine Nobiletti,**
	Norma-Jeanne Okula
Coffee Hour	**In the Parish Hall**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

Louise Reeves	02/28

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Norma-Jeanne Okula	03/01
John Plate	03/03
Nathaniel Murray-Reece	03/05
Carol Jubinski	03/09
Alexander Gordon	03/11
James Lilly	03/11
Lawrence Andria	03/12
Randell (Randy) Dean	03/14
John Umina	03/19
Beatrice Tunney	03/20
George Kast	03/21
Theodore Canty	03/21
Suellen Tunney	03/25
Candace Andria	03/27
Betty Ann Catanzaro	03/28
Margret Canty	03/29
Gwynne Wolgemuth	03/31

Services	**In Person**	**On-line**
02/14 – 5:00 p.m	**18**	**222**
02/15 – 9:30 a.m	**No Service due to Blizzard**	
02/26 – Lenten Study	**11**	
02/26 – Mid-Week Service	**8**	

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY

Kent and Elizabeth Wolgemuth	02/29

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Hofmann, Kurt & Edie	03/03
Hawkins, Susan & Richard	03/22

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH – "SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR"

MEN'S BREAKFAST – The Saint Mark's Men's Breakfast Group will hold its next bi-monthly breakfast gathering next , Saturday, March 7th at 9 am at the Moriches Diner, Moriches. Please plan on attending. Contact Steve Turner at Sturner430@aol.com.

THURSDAYS IN LENT – Two studies: 10:00 a.m. "An Unlikely Lent" in person and via zoom and also we join our fellow parishes for a Deanery program at 7:00 p.m. via zoom. Please see the newsletter for more information.

LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT 2026 devotional booklets are now available.

THE "WAY OF THE CROSS" – takes place Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in the church.

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 and 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* +

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ALTAR PLANTS; - If you would like to dedicate plants for the Altar please contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. Each plant is $40. In March there are two plants available on the 15th. Please remember to contact her if you sign up in the book.

PRAYER LIST

Dick Anderson *(Req. by Edie Hofmann).* **Arma Andon Jr.** *(Req. by Sundy Schermeyer),* **Ridgie Barnett** *(Parishioner),* **John Burke** *(Req. by Norma Jeanne Okula),* **Amanda Cacoperdo** *(Req. by Tim Feil),* **Candace F. Cerretani** *(Catharine Nobiletti's sister),* **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),* **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),* **Sandra Griffith** *(Req. by Jane Griffith),* **Elaine Hanes** *(Req. by Kate Gabrielsen),* **Paulann Hoffman** *(Req. by Chris Adams),* **Helen Horton** *(Parishioner),* **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),* **Tom Kurfman** *(Req. by Carol Jubinski),* **Cole LoRusso** *(Marj Kulesa's Nephew),* **Warren McCann** *(Kate Gabrielsen's son-in-law),* **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),* **Rosemary Rees,** *(Victoria Garcia's sister),* **Tom Simson** *(Parishioner),* **Allison Skinner** *(Parishioner),* **Dale Tracey** *(Req. by Carol Jubinski),* **Sarah Witters** *(Req. by Victoria Garcia.),* **Walter Zalaski** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore),* **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 4th Class Luke Williamson.*

BIBLE STUDIES THAT WORK

Lent 2 (A)
March 1, 2026

RCL: Genesis 12:1-4a; **Psalm 121**; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Opening Prayer |

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Context |

The Book of Psalms is a collection of hymns composed over centuries by multiple anonymous authors, though many psalms are attributed to King David or King Solomon. The psalms are divided into five main sections, and there are multiple subsections. As with the chapter and verse markings in Scripture, such divisions were adopted over time.

The psalms contain multiple genres of poetry, from hymns of praise to petitions (both individual and communal) and songs of thanksgiving. They employ multiple literary forms, including acrostic poems and antiphonal verses, which convey a tension between the first and second half of the line. For modern readers unaccustomed to ancient Hebrew poetry, these literary forms can be difficult to identify or understand. But for three thousand years, people have been reciting and praying the psalms, finding in them reminders of God's call, care, and concern for humanity and all of creation.

Psalm 121 is one of the fifteen psalms (120-134) identified as a "Song of the Ascents." These psalms may have been used as pilgrimage songs by people making the journey to Jerusalem to visit the temple after it was rebuilt following the Babylonian exile.

Theological Reflection |

Scholars suggest that Psalm 121 would have been sung antiphonally, as a dialogue, with verses alternating between two choirs. These days, it remains common to pray the psalms in our Sunday services antiphonally, but we might be more familiar with instructions to read the psalms "responsively," with a lector leading and the congregation responding, alternating verse by verse.

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The simple antiphony we use in our churches today might enhance our ability to appreciate the psalm as a prayer, since the act of responding to a lector echoes our responses in the Prayers of the People and our Eucharistic liturgies. As we listen and respond, we are brought into the words of the prayer.

In ancient Israel, more complex forms of antiphonal recitation were sometimes used, and some scholars suggest that Psalm 121—with its eight verses easily divided into two equal sections—would have been performed using what's called *steady responsa* antiphony. In this format, two choirs would alternate lines from different parts of the psalm. This antiphony results in a dialogue, alternating at the half verse, between the two halves of the psalm, dramatically reordering the text and impacting our experience of it.

Here is how the verses line up in *steady responsa* antiphony:

1a. I lift up my eyes to the hills;	5a. The Lord himself watches over you
1b. from where is my help to come?	5b. the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
2a. My help comes from the Lord,	6a. So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
2b. the maker of heaven and earth	6b. nor the moon by night.
3a. He will not let your foot be moved	7a. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
3b. And he who watches over you will not fall asleep	7b. It is he who shall keep you safe.
4a. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel	8a. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in
4b. Shall neither slumber nor sleep	8b. From this time forth for evermore.

Whether the psalm is read in a linear fashion, verses 1 through 8 in order, or alternating, line by line, between the two halves, the text is hopeful in tone and affirms the psalmist's – and our – trust in God as the source of salvation and ongoing support. The psalmist lifts their eyes to the hills and remembers that God is close by.

Throughout Scripture, mountains are places where God's presence comes close to the people. Moses encounters God on Mount Sinai. Elijah experiences the still, small voice of God on Mount Horeb. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus climbs up a mountain to get some distance from a gathered crowd, and begins to teach his disciples, showing them how to love God and one another. At the close of his ministry, Jesus and his disciples climb a mountain and experience the presence of God with Jesus's transfiguration.

As you read the words of this psalm, imagine a procession of people walking on pilgrimage along an ascending road leading to the holy hill. Travel is always risky, but they are going somewhere important, worth the risk. They raise their eyes to the mountain and remember that God watches over them. God cares about their wellbeing. They remember other travelers, their ancestors, who traveled many years in the wilderness between Egypt and the promised land, guided by the God who shielded them from the sun's burning rays during the day. There is no need to fear the night; God protects them from evil and keeps them safe from the dangers of the road. These travelers know and affirm that God keeps watch over them. God's providence does not wane. God's care for the people is eternal.

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The psalmist's words are meant for travelers at every stage of this pilgrimage of life. They are a song to bolster us as we ascend whatever hills rise in the path ahead of us. They remind us of God's presence and provision on the rocky road we tread. We are never alone. Look to the companions beside you; look to the ones who have gone before; but especially look to the hills and remember the one who made heaven and earth, and who journeys with you and within you.

Reflection Questions |

- What "hills" do you look towards when you need to remember God's presence and providence in your life? (They might be place, or people; memories or sacred texts.)
- When have you experienced God's enduring care for you? In what dark nights have you known God's wakefulness?
- Where in your life do you need to ask for God's presence or provision?

Faith in Practice |

This week, pray this psalm. Let its words open you to the possibility of encountering God. As you rest in God's promise of care and safety, consider how you might take a risk for something important. How can you demonstrate God's enduring love and care to the people you meet?

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March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lent 2A 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Eucharist with Anointing & Prayers for Healing 10:30am Coffee Hour	2 *Chad of Lichfield,* Parish Office Closed	3 *John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788*	4 7:00pm Way of the Cross 7:30pm Alateen in the Atwater Room	5 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Staff Meeting 12:30pm Threshold Singers 2:30pm The Villa Pastoral Visit 7:00pm Deanery Lenten Study via zoom	6 NO YOGA	7 *Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs, 202* 9:00am Men's Breakfat 9:00am Winter Market 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins Lent 3A 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Eucharist 10:30am Coffee Hour	9 *Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop and Theologian, c.394* Parish Office Closed	10 *[Harriet Ross Tubman, Social Reformer, 1923]* Bright Beginnings Shamrock Soire'	11 7:00pm Way of the Cross 7:30pm Alateen in the Atwater Room	12 *Gregory the Great, Bishop and Theologian, 604* 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Threshold Singers 5:30pm Life Line 7:00pm Deanery Lenten Study via zoom	13 *James Theodore Holly, Bishop, 1911* 10:00am Yoga	14 9:00am Winter Market
15 Lent 4A 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Eucharist 10:30am Coffee Hour	16 Parish Office Closed	17 *Patrick of Ireland, Bishop and Missionary, 461* 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	18 *Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Theologian, 386* 7:00pm Way of the Cross 7:30pm Alateen in the Atwater Room	19 **Saint Joseph** 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Staff Meeting 12:30pm Threshold Singers 7:00pm Deanery Lenten Study via zoom	20 *Cuthbert, Bishop, 687* 10:00am Yoga	21 *Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711* 9:00am Winter Market
22 Lent 5A 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Eucharist 10:30am Coffee Hour	23 *Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop and Missionary, c.332* Parish Office Closed	24 *O'scar Romero, Archbishop and Martyr, 1980, and the Martyrs of El Salvador*	25 The Feast of the Annunciation 7:00pm Way of the Cross 7:30pm Alateen in the Atwater Room	26 *[Harriet Monsell, Monastic, 1883]* 9:00am Bright Beginnings Puppet Party 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Threshold Singers 7:00pm Deanery Lenten Study via zoom	27 *Charles Henry Brent, Bishop, 1929* 10:00am Yoga	28 *[James Solomon Russell, Priest, 1935]* 9:00am Winter Market
29 Palm Sunday: Sunday of the Passion 9:30am Holy Eucharist 10:30am Coffee Hour	30 Monday in Holy Week Parish Office Closed	31 Tuesday in Holy Week	1 Wednesday in Holy Week 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall	2 Maundy Thursday 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Threshold Singers	3 Good Friday NO YOGA 7:00pm Way of the Cross	4 Holy Saturday 9:00am Winter Market 5:00pm Holy Eucharist with Anointing & Prayers for Healing

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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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Friday February 13, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

We write to you in this ongoing time of promise for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. We thank you for the questions we have already received for the upcoming Meet and Greet Sessions. These questions will help us to reflect the hopes, challenges and priorities of this diocese, and encourage pastoral reflection from each of our candidates.

If your parish has not yet submitted a question, we invite you to submit your questions here. The deadline to submit questions is Friday, February 20th.

A reminder, Meet and Greets will be taking place the week of March 9th, with sessions taking place in Suffolk, Nassau, Brooklyn and Queens. Dates, times, and locations will be announced next week. Each of the candidates on the final slate, as announced by the Joint Oversight Committee, will be at the events to respond to questions about the future of the our diocese.

As we look toward the future, we also pause—intentionally and joyfully—to honor the ministry that has shaped us.

This is a season of gratitude and hope—honoring what has been and listening attentively for where God is leading next. The Transition Committee remains committed to transparency, prayer, and clear communication.

Please hold the slate, Bishop Provenzano and his family, and our whole diocese in your prayers.

Faithfully,
The Transition Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

To view this announcement on the website, click here.

For more on the Search for the Ninth Bishop of Long Island, click here.

SEARCH FOR THE NINTH BISHOP OF LONG ISLAND

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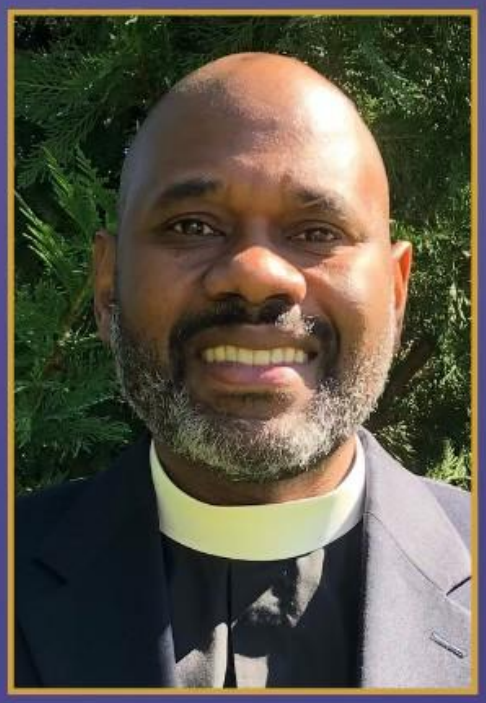
Announcing the Slate of Candidates for Ninth Bishop of Long Island



THE VERY REV. HICKMAN ALEXANDRE

Vicar, St. James Church
Brookhaven, New York

THE REV. DR. ADAM J. SHOEMAKER

Rector, St. Stephen's Church
Charleston, South Carolina

THE VERY REV. DR. MICHAEL T. SNIFFEN

Dean of Long Island

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TIMELINE

SEARCH FOR THE NINTH BISHOP OF LONG ISLAND

Bishop Provenzano Announces Resignation

DECEMBER 2024

Bishop Provenzano announces his intention to retire in September 2026.

Joint Oversight Committee Active

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2025

Members of the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council appointed to Joint Oversight Committee (JOC). JOC meets with the Presiding Bishop and Consultants for the process.

JOC Calls for Committee Applications

MARCH - APRIL 2025

JOC requested applications for Search and Transition Committees. Application review and selection.

Announcement of Search and Transition Committtees

MAY 2025

Committees and Co-Chairs announced to Diocese.

Search and Transition Committees Active

MAY - JUNE 2025

Beginning with a shared retreat, the committees are hard at work on communication, data collection, and profile creation plans.

Listening Sessions and Survey Conducted

JULY - SEPT 2025

Your chance to make your voice heard! Survey link and listening session info will be available soon.

Diocesan Profile Published, Application Opens

FALL 2025

A snapshot of our Diocese is available for potential applicants. Nomination and application period opens.

Application Period Ends, Discernment Begins

FALL 2025

Applicants are screened and interviewed by the search committee.

Slate Announced, Petition Period Opens

WINTER 2026

JOC announces slate of candidates. Petition process begins.

Meet and Greets with Candidates

SPRING 2026

Your opportunity to hear directly from the candidates through in-person events across the Diocese.

Electing Convention

SPRING 2026

Ninth Bishop elected at a special convention.

Ordination of Ninth Bishop

SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Honoring Bishop Provenzano

For seventeen years, the Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano has served this diocese with faith, courage, creativity, and deep pastoral love. As part of this season of transition, the diocese is invited to gather in thanksgiving and celebration.

Diocesan Farewell Celebration
"Marching in the Light of Love"

May 16, 2026: 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Incarnation

Join us for a special Eucharist, Program, and Reception honoring Bishop Provenzano's tenure, defined by a commitment to progressive activism, institutional revitalization, and inclusive ministry.

Ahead of his retirement in September, we invite the clergy, friends, and the beloved people of the diocese to celebrate a legacy which has marched in the light of God's love.

Registration will open to the diocese in March.

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.

Rites of Passage

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS
28 Louise Reeves
MARCH BIRTHDAYS
01 Norma-Jeanne Okula
03 John Plate
05 Nathaniel Murray-Reece
09 Carol Jubinski
11 Alexander Gordon
11 James Lilly
12 Lawrence Andria
14 Randell (Randy) Dean
19 John Umina
20 Beatrice Tunney
21 George Kast
21 Theodore Canty
25 Suellen Tunney
27 Candace Andria
28 Betty Ann Catanzaro
29 Margret Canty
31 Gwynne Wolgemuth

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES
29 Kent and Elizabeth Wolgemuth
MARCH ANNIVERSARIES
03 Kurt & Edie Hofmann
22 Susan & Richard Hawkins

On the Lighter Side...

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