SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A LION'S SHARE

MARCH 21, 2026

Fr. Luis Lopez and Fr. Chris at the newly renovated Mission San Franciscano (site of the former Grace Episcopal Church) in Riverhead. All the parishes of the Peconic Deanery came together to purchase kitchen appliances for this new mission congregation.

EASTER PLANT/FLOWER REQUEST 2026

The deadline for requests is March 29th

Fill the church on Easter Day by donating a beautiful Easter plant/flower in memory of your loved ones or in thanksgiving for a person or an event. A suggested donation of $25.00 to offset the costs to Saint Mark's and will be listed in the Easter Day leaflet. Your check and request form can be put in Laura Bott's mailbox in the church office production room or mailed to the church, P.O. Box 887, Westhampton Beach, New York 11978 Attn: Laura Bott.

Thank you for your dedications and for all you do for Saint Marks.

Given by:

In Memory of (circle one or the other)

Thanksgiving for

Donation

Holy Week Worship
At Saint Mark's 2026

Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion)–March 29

9:30 a.m. Blessing of Palms,
Procession with Bagpipe, and Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Coffee Hour

Maundy Thursday–April 2

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday–April 3

12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at Saint Mark's
7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross

Holy Saturday–April 4

5:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday–April 5

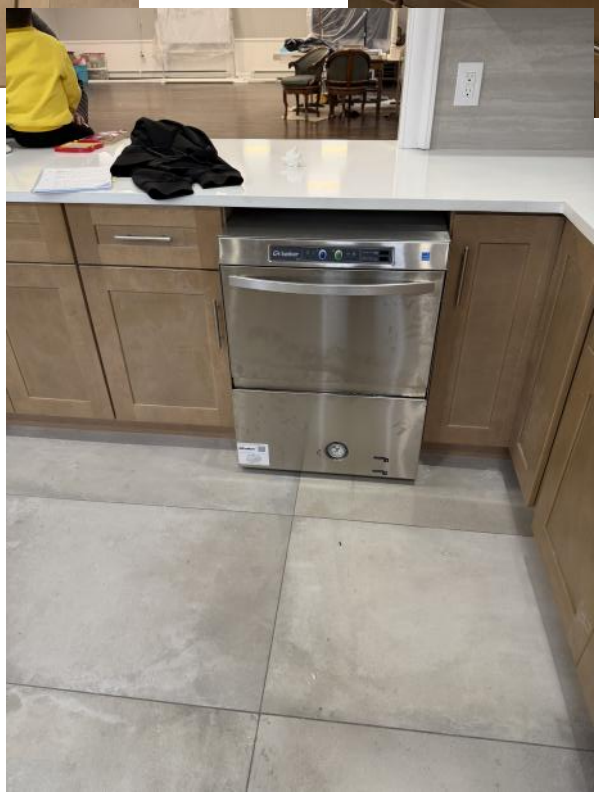
6:00 a.m. Ecumenical Sunrise Service
at Swordfish Beach Club
245 Dune Rd, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Brass
10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt in churchyard
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by request

Mission San Franciscano

Riverhead, New York



All of the parish in our Peconic Deanery came together to purchase the new appliances for the Mission's kitchen. The Diocese paid to have the entire rest of the campus renovated so that Fr. Luis and his congregation can begin ministry with the tools they will need for a successful beginning!

Mission San Francisciano

Riverhead, New York

Does this look familiar??? It is the old pipe organ than once belonged to Saint Mark's in Westhampton Beach!

Jacob Eckart

Jacob F. Eckart passed peacefully at his home in Quiogue on March 8, surrounded by loved ones. He was 69.

Jake was born September 13,1956 to Warren Eckart of Westhampton Beach and the former Shirley M. Dayton, originally of East Hampton. He grew up in Westhampton Beach.

He married Cathy A. Martino in 1988. Most recently, they lived in Quiogue and New York City.

Jake started his career in finance in Westhampton Beach. He then moved to Paine Webber in East Hampton and Southampton. Most recently, Jake has led the Eckart Wealth Management team for Merrill Lynch.

Jake lived a life filled with many passions. He loved music, traveling with his family and friends, food and wine, fishing and boating and playing golf all over the world. He is a man of extraordinary grace, kindness, generosity, and wit. To all he encountered this symbolized Jake's incredible depth of character.

He was loved by so many people in the East End community and he loved them back. His family and friends' loyalty and support got him through his most difficult challenge of recent months. He will be deeply missed by all.

He is survived by his siblings Darlene Sacks of East Quogue (Vaughn), Shirley "Dee" McClain (Ray), Julia Emma "Emmy" Snipes of Virginia (Steven) and George; twelve nieces and nephews, Aaron and Ian Sacks, Danielle and Raymond McClain, Kaitlyn, Steven, Noah and Shirley Jean Snipes, Brendon, Thomas, Daniel and Grace Eckart; great nieces and nephews, Bella and Avery Sacks and Elijah Snipes.

He was pre-deceased by his parents and older brother Warren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's Hospital and East End Hospice.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 12 at Werner-Rothwell Funeral Home, located at 60 Mill Road, Westhampton Beach, NY. A church service will take place on Friday March 13 at 11:00, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 40 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. The gravesite service will immediately follow at Westhampton Cemetery with a Celebration of Life at the Westhampton Country Club.

SAINT MARK'S LADIES LUNCHEON, 12:30 SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

Hello all,

Because Easter will take place the first weekend in April, we will be meeting for the Ladies Luncheon on Saturday, April 11th, and returning once again to the Pulaski Grill in Riverhead.

For those of you who are interested in joining, I thought I would take a vote on which meal plan you would prefer (majority will rule).

We can have the February menu which was the light lunch at $26.00 or go back to the hot meal which included the entrée, salad and dessert for $35.00, it increased $2.00.

Please email me with your choice, at which time I will pull the menu together and get back to you for your attendance confirmation.

Your input is most appreciated.

Kate Gabrielsen, Parish Administrator – 631-288-2111
Kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org

Wednesdays in Lent

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

6:40 p.m. —Meditative Music

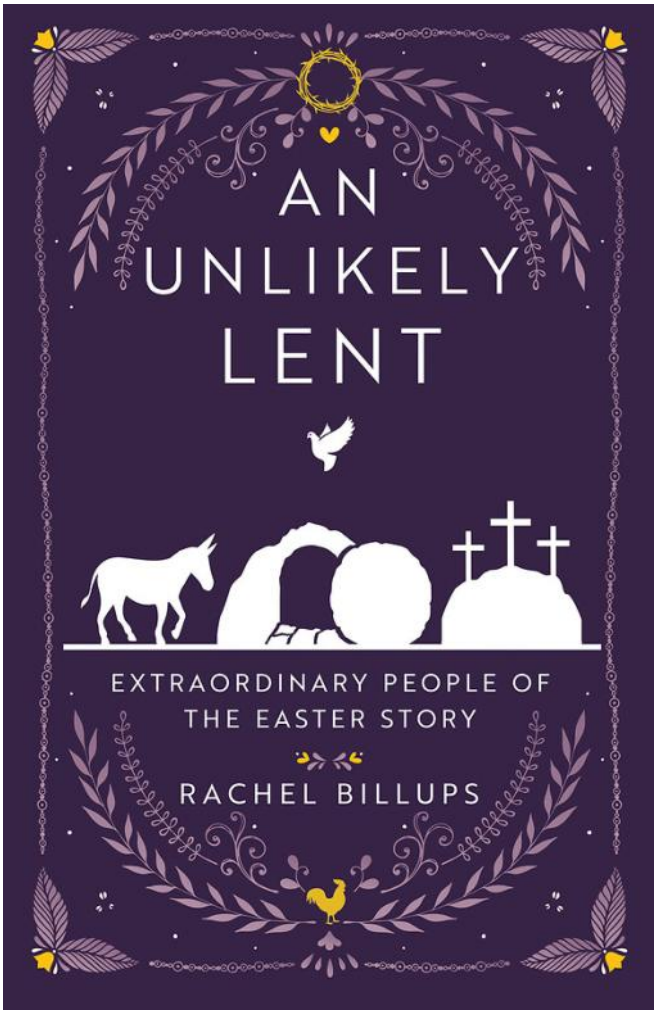
A service of prayer which reflects the final hours of Jesus' life.

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.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5697969237
Meeting ID: 569 796 9237

Books can be purchased through Amazon or Cokesbury

Peconic Deanery

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.

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WESTHAMPTON BEACH, NY

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 03/23	**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
Wednesday, 03/25	**Bright Beginnings Photos in the Parish Hall**
The Annunciation	**7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross (Stations) in the church**
	7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting – Atwater Room
Thursday, 03/26	**9:00 – 12:00 Bright Beginnings Puppet Show in the Parish Hall**
	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
	7:00 p.m. Peconic Deanery Lenten Study Zoom Series
Friday, 03/27	**10:00 a.m. Yoga in the Parish Hall**
Saturday, 03/28	**9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Winter Market – Parish Hall**
	5:00 p.m. service CANCELLED
Sunday, 03/29	**9:30 a.m. Blessing of Palms, Procession, Holy Eucharist**
Palm Sunday	**Coffee Hour following in the Parish Hall**

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 p.m. "The Way of the Cross"
March 18 **John Kern**

SATURDAY, March 21, 5:00 p.m. Participants

LEM/Lector	**Carol Jubinski**
Usher	**Steve Turner**
Altar Guild	**Diane Feil, Susan Hawkins**

SUNDAY March 22, 9:30 a.m. Participants

LEM	**John Kern**
Lector	**Suellen Tunney**
Ushers:	**Tom Horan, Billy Glover**
Altar Guild	**Diane Feil, Susan Hawkins**

Coffee Hour will be in the Parish Hall

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
03/14 – 5:00 p.m.	19	
03/15 – 9:30 a.m.	50	148
03/18 - The Way of the Cross	8	
03/19 – Lenten Study	10	
03/19 – Mid-Week Service	8	
03/19 – Westhampton Care Center Last Rites	2	

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 – This service has been cancelled. The Palm Sunday service will be on Sunday, March 29th at 9:30 a.m. and the EASTER VIGIL will be on Saturday, April 4 at 5:00 p.m.

EASTER PLANT/FLOWER REQUESTS – Forms for your requests are on the table outside of the Parish Hall. Please note that the deadline for submitting them is March 29th.

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

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.

ANOINTING & PRAYERS FOR HEALING will not be a part of the Saturday, April 4 & Sunday, April 5 services. Contact Fr. Chris if you have a need for them.

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* +

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY – 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 www.instantchurchdirectory.com

ALTAR FLOWERS: - If you would like to dedicate flowers for the altar please contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. Each vase is $40. In April there are two vases available on April 19 and one vase on the 12th & 26th. Please remember to contact her if you sign up in the book.
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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),* **Thomas Meyer** *(Req. by Kate Gabrielsen),* **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),* **Artos Stelmaszczyk** *(Req. by Bozena Stelmaszczyk),* **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 V
March 22, 2026

RCL: Ezekiel 37:1-14; **Psalm 130**; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Opening Prayer |

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Context |

The psalms as a whole reveal that God created humanity for community, to give thanks and to praise together, as well as to lament and suffer together. Psalm 130 is one of the "songs of ascents," perhaps originally sung by communities of worshippers on their way to the temple in Jerusalem. Today it can be read or sung as a prayer of faithful trust.

In the opening lines, the author petitions God to hear their voice "from the depths," naming the possibility that they are too far away from God for God to hear their plea. But the author knows God through God's word and finds hope there. Through God's word, the psalmist has come to know God to be forgiving and redemptive, and takes care to remind God and God's people of these characteristics in their prayer. The psalm closes on words of expectant waiting: calling on Israel to wait for God and calling on God to redeem Israel.

Reading this psalm in the fifth week of Lent offers a reminder of the season's trajectory from acknowledging disobedience and the need for repentance in the first three weeks to a focus on divine redemption in the last three weeks. We can think of this redemption we await as being "already and not yet"—both accomplished and ongoing. In Jesus's life, death, and resurrection, eternal redemption is complete; and yet we expectantly wait on the final redemption that is still to come. And we participate in the daily unfolding of God's purposes of transformation in ourselves and in the world around us.

Theological Reflection |

In this digital age, when deliveries and news updates happen almost instantly, waiting—at least when it comes to information or material goods—has become rare. Sometimes this speed is a good thing, helpful even. Forgot glue needed for a project? Just run down to the big box store (that's open until midnight) to grab it. Wondering who won the game that didn't end until past bedtime? A news app will have the results first thing the next morning.

Technology satisfies our curiosity and rescues the forgetful more readily and easily than ever before, making waiting into something of a lost art. However, instant *gratification* does not equal *joy*. Instant gratification is often momentary, fleeting; joy endures.

Waiting can either be a time of excited expectation or excruciating anticipation, depending on what one is waiting *for*. Some things that bring the most fulfillment—a flowering plant, a work of art, the birth of a child—take time and require patience. Other things, like healing from an illness, receiving a job offer, or mending a broken relationship, may seem to take longer than they should to reach fulfillment, making waiting feel lonely. In such moments, we may wait more impatiently than "watchman for the morning." We wait in the hopes of being freed from the waiting.

Yet Psalm 130 is a prayer of *trustful* waiting. It begins by calling out in desperation, even with a plea of uncertainty that God can hear, but it quickly pivots to recalling divine forgiveness and the mercy that make God worthy to be worshipped. Staying rooted in the promises found in the word brings the hope of mercy and redemption – not only for an individual but for the entire community. Being rooted *is* connection, and connection to God is found in community. Expectant waiting is best not done in solitude. Prayerful waiting brought Israel "out of the depths" and into the joy of "plenteous redemption."

Like today's Psalm, the season of Lent is a journey from hopelessness, from the defeat of sin and death, toward renewed hope in redemption.

The Lenten disciplines we take on are meant to transform the Body of Christ, not just test individual willpower. They are practices of prayerful waiting that demonstrate trust; they remind us to stake our trust in the promises that make God worthy of worship.

When individuals live out their Lenten practices in communities of faith, the whole body is strengthened, encouraged, and supported. Step by step, year by year, the community—the Body of Christ—is brought out of the depths and closer to God, where—despite a world that sometimes changes too quickly or too slowly—true joy is to be found.

Discussion Questions |

- If you have chosen a Lenten practice, how is it leading to transformation—of yourself and of your community?

- Consider times in your life when you had to wait. How did being part of a faith community help you during those periods?
- What line from Psalm 130 most resonates with your experience of waiting? How might it inspire you to help others during their times of waiting?
- Where in your life right now is there movement from despair to hope? In what areas could the expectant waiting, rooted in God's promises, bring hope from despair?

Faith in Practice |

Find a way to reach out this week to someone whose life is marked by waiting. How might you turning waiting into community and connection? Check on a neighbor; send a card to a fellow church member on the prayer list; volunteer at a food pantry or homeless resource center; take a friend with you. Let your own hope fill someone else's waiting time with an expectant sense of God's promises.

Ellen Huckabay, *from the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, is a senior Master of Divinity student at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, where she is pursuing the ordination track. She is married to George, and together they have a son, Will. Ellen is currently discerning a call to parish ministry and brings a deep commitment to pastoral care and outreach work.*

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I'M FEELING BETTER!
R.I.P.

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

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 11:30am Ronald Marwood Memorial Service with Reception following	9 *Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop and Theologian, c.394* Parish Office Closed	10 *[Harriet Ross Tubman, Social Reformer, 1923]* 5:30am Bright Beginnings Shamrock Soiree'	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 5:00pm Holy Eucharist Service
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 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
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 *Oscar 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 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
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
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Join us for our 28th Annual

EASTER

MARCH 28, 2026

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 10:15AM

EGG HUNT BEGINS AT 11AM SHARP

Easter Bunny & Refreshments

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

40 Main Street, Westhampton Beach, NY

info@whbcc.org

In the event of incliment weather the egg hunt will be moved inside

Don't forget to bring your basket!

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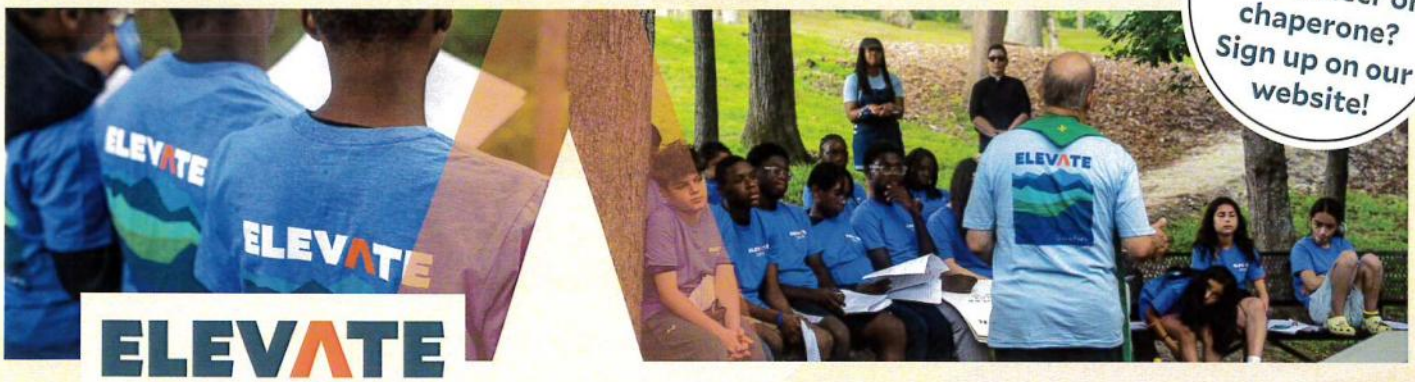

ELEVATE Harvest

Register today for our 3rd annual youth program, *Elevate: Harvest.*

Kayaking · Swimming · Canoeing · Paddle-boarding · Christian Formation · Archery · Climbing · Arts and Crafts · Sports and Games · Adventure Challenge Course · Cabin Ga-Ga Ball · Fishing · Bible Studies · Volleyball · Basketball · Biking · Campfires

Designed by Camp DeWolfe and the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, *Elevate: Harvest* invites campers to harvest the gifts God has planted within them. Through adventure, community, and fun, campers will be challenged to Elevate their understanding of God, one another, and themselves—while growing as leaders in a safe and supportive community.

To register, scan the QR code above or visit www.dioceseli.org/elevate.

Elevate: Harvest is a sleepaway camp offering the best of Camp DeWolfe, where campers experience God, build lasting friendships, and enjoy a beautiful beach and outdoor setting.

Family scholarships are available—to apply, visit **www.dioceseli.org/elevate.**

Transportation may be offered to and from the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City.

Don't miss out on the best time of the summer as we *Harvest* our gifts and Elevate our faith!

DETAILS

Thursday, July 23, 2026 to Sunday, July 26, 2026

1 pm check-in/ 12pm checkout

$400 ($100 deposit)

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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
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January 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Ash Wednesday 2022 , Bishop Provenzano announced the launch of The Barbara C. Harris Scholars Program for Truth and Reparation. The Scholars Program, named after Bishop Harris, the first woman to be consecrated a Bishop in the Anglican Communion, is a Diocesan initiative being coordinated by the Reparations Committee, a subcommittee of Diocesan Council. We also honor Bishop Harris for her work as a civil rights activist, teacher, leader and visionary.

Through this scholarship programming we will again, in this the second year of existence, strive to promote equity in education by offering academic or vocational scholarships to descendants of enslaved people. To be eligible for consideration applicants must be (1) of **Black, African American or Caribbean American descent and be a direct descendent of African people who were enslaved in the United States or the Caribbean**; (2) a U.S. citizen or hold permanent resident status; (3) reside in the Diocese of Long Island (Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, Suffolk), and (4) starting, or continuing to pursue, post-secondary undergraduate education at an accredited college or university, or advanced vocational/occupational school or trade union program. **Half of the scholarships will be awarded to Episcopalians and the other half will be awarded to non-Episcopalians.**

Successful scholarship recipients will receive a one-time award of $5,000 dollars towards their academic or occupational training. The scholarship will be awarded through the recipient's college or other educational institution. More information about The Barbara C. Harris Scholars Program can be found on the diocesan web page, dioceseli.org.

The Reparations Committee asks that all clergy, parish administrators and youth directors share the news of The Barbara C. Harris Scholars Program for Truth and Reparations with your congregations and local communities. Some suggested ways to communicate include, but are not limited to, your parish newsletter, social media, service announcements, service programs and flyers. We also ask that it remain on your schedule until the close of the application process at **midnight, April 30, 2026**. Please note prospective applicants can access the scholarship application directly at **dioceseli.org/reparations**

Once again, The Episcopal Diocese of Long Island plans to celebrate the Juneteenth Jubilee on June 20, 2026, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City. At that celebration, recipients of the Barbara C. Harris Scholars Program will be presented. Your assistance and support for this continuing scholarship initiative is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please email **reparations@dioceseli.org**.

Sincerely,

The Reparations Committee

The Barbara C. Harris Scholars Program for Truth and Reparations

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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

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES
03 Kurt & Edie Hofmann
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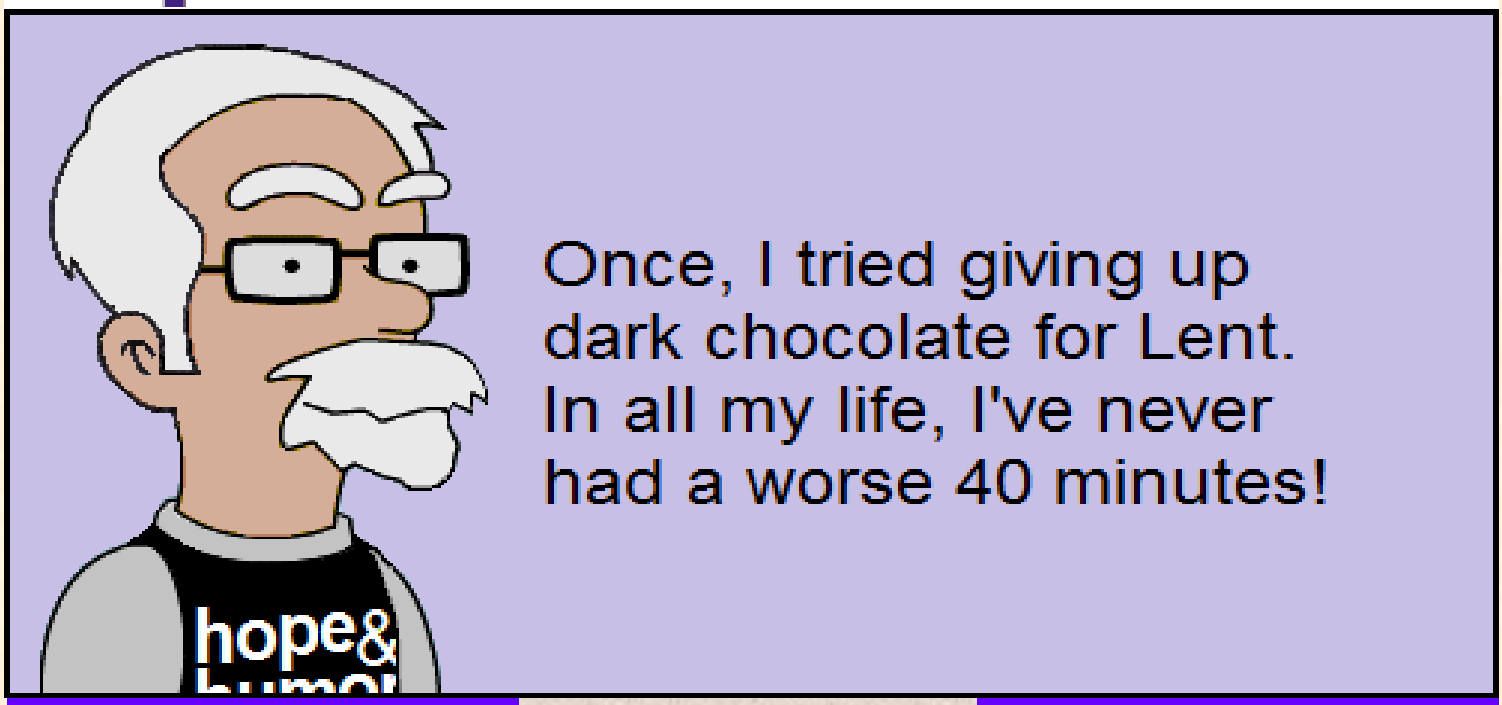

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