



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A LION'S SHARE

OCTOBER 25, 2025

Saint Mark's Bright Beginnings Trunk or Treat



Saint Mark's Bright Beginnings Preschool families gathered yesterday afternoon for their annual Trunk or Treat party in our back parking lot.



The Feast of All Saints

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

You are invited to share framed photos of family and friends, both living and departed, to adorn the windows of the church during our celebration of All Saints on November 1 & 2. Please drop your pictures off at the Parish Office sometime during the week before, if possible. This will be a visible expression of the communion of saints, the amazing people who have been a real part of our lives!



*And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."
Luke 1:46-47, NRSV*

Dear Parish Family,

As Christians we are story tellers. We have an ancient narrative, one that describes the beginning of time and the relationship between God and God's Creation. We see this story grow through the prophetic tradition until our story recounts the life and gifts of the Son of God. But the story doesn't end with the Resurrection just as it did not end with the Cross, it continues on in each of us today as we encounter and are transformed by the Good News.

Luke's Gospel is bookended by the animated story-telling of two women named Mary. Early in the Gospel, Mary the mother of Jesus, tells us of her encounter with the Divine who informs her that she will bear a child who will change the world. She proclaims her joy: "Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!" At the end of the Gospel, another Mary, Mary Magdalene, visits the tomb to discover it empty and receives instructions from the Risen Christ to go tell the others. She carries this Good News with jubilation to the Disciples.

What is your Good News; the idea, dream, challenge placed in your heart by God, that needs to be shared? What is the ministry to which you are called which will change the world, sharing your talents, gifts, and love with your neighbors?

Our Stewardship Campaign starts on All Saints Day—November 1st. This year we will focus on these stories – the ones inside you, the ones you are still writing, the ones we tell about those who have gone before us. We are all a part of this ongoing narrative – the ongoing Creation. As you pray about how you will share your gifts with us this year, think about how God is calling you to tell out your soul, to spread the Good News far and wide. Hear the stories that we share weekly throughout the campaign that relate the creative spark in us with the ways in which we are called to serve God and love our neighbor.

Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Chris +'.

The Very Rev'd Christopher D. Jubinski
Rector of Saint Mark's



Tell Out My Soul

Even Our Bodies Tell Our Stories

In 6th grade, I started writing poetry and continued doing so well into my 20s. When I was ordained at age 28 and preaching regularly, I stopped writing poetry. Sermons became my creative outlet. When I started going through fertility treatments, I started writing again. I was taught that we should preach from our scars and not our wounds, and I didn't want to burden people about my pain about infertility. We are overwhelmed with scripture that tells us that women who were barren but also faithful would one day conceive. I wanted to provide a counter narrative and dreamed of writing a book. While I never wrote a whole book about it, I coauthored a book with three other clergy women. We wrote about doubt, loss, grief, parenting, grace and infertility.

While that book was in the process of being published, I contracted MRSA and almost died. I was in the hospital for a month. My best friend was in remission from lung cancer and she and I talked about how hard it was to pray when we were so sick. We decided to write a book called: *Irreverent Prayers: Talking to God When You're Seriously Sick*. Before writing that book, I never wrote my own prayers. With so many beautiful prayers out there, what could I possibly add that would be worth hearing? Despite the fact that I had been a priest for 17 years at that point, I had no confidence in my ability to pray. The greatest gift that came from the book is the prayers that readers wrote in response. I realized that our gift was not merely a book of prayers that others could read, it was liberation to pray from places of pain and despair. tens.org



Questions for Reflection:

We are taught that our “gifts” are the things that we are good at. What if we gave from places of vulnerability and fear instead of strength and confidence?



Samantha Vincent-Alexander is the rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Philadelphia and the co-author of *Grace in the Rearview Mirror* and *Irreverent Prayers: Talking to God When You're Seriously Sick*.



THE EPISCOPAL
NETWORK FOR
STEWARDSHIP



At Saint Mark's

Oct-25-2025 (Sat): 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Oct-26-2025 (Sun): 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Oct-27-2025 (Mon): 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Oct-28-2025 (Tue): 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Oct-29-2025 (Wed): 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Oct-30-2025 (Thu): Noon - 8:00 PM

Oct-31-2025 (Fri): Noon - 8:00 PM

Nov-01-2025 (Sat): 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Nov-02-2025 (Sun): 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Compline

Contemplative prayers for
The end of the day

Saint Mark's
Episcopal Church

Thursdays at 8pm via zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5697969237>

Meeting ID: 569 796 9237

One tap mobile

+16468769923,,5697969237# US (New York)

TIMELINE



Bishop Provenzano Announces Resignation

DECEMBER 2024

Bishop Provenzano announces his intention to retire in September 2026.

JOC Calls for Committee Applications

MARCH - APRIL 2025

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

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.

Diocesan Profile Published, Application Opens

FALL 2025

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

Slate Announced, Petition Period Opens

WINTER 2026

JOC announces slate of candidates. Petition process begins.

Electing Convention

SPRING 2026

Ninth Bishop elected at a special convention.

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.

Announcement of Search and Transition Committees

MAY 2025

Committees and Co-Chairs announced to Diocese.

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.

Application Period Ends, Discernment Begins

FALL 2025

Applicants are screened and interviewed by the search committee.

Meet and Greets with Candidates

SPRING 2026

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

Ordination of Ninth Bishop

SEPTEMBER 2026

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



BULLETIN INSERTS

October 26, 2025 – Pentecost 20 (C)
The Nicene Creed: Week 7

To commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter, bishop of Wisconsin, has written a series of reflections on the Nicene Creed and its relevance for contemporary Episcopalians. Over the coming weeks, we'll share his teachings, written mostly in a question-and-answer format.

I read or heard somewhere that the root meaning of credo is to “give the heart,” so intellectual assent is not the point.

I am not sure that is accurate. In any event, to say that the root meaning of *credo* is to “give the heart” and reduce its meaning to only that is like saying that every time the atheist, Richard Dawkins, says, “Good bye,” he really means, “God be with ye.” However helpful it might be in adding color to our understanding, the meaning of words and phrases are not reducible to their roots. The meanings of words evolve. What did *credo* mean to those who used it in the 4th century? One need only look at the historical context and development of the Creed to know that it was meant to delineate right belief from wrong belief as well as to shape the direction of the heart (and imagination).

Both are necessary. You cannot give your heart to something without some knowledge or belief about that to which you are giving your heart. And you cannot truly come to know something without giving your heart to it. Loving and knowing go together. Can I claim to love my wife but then believe whatever I want to believe about the kind of person she is, trying to fit her into some fantasy of my own making? Getting to know her as she is is what it means to love her. And it is by attending to her in love that I get to know her.

We are not supposed to be able to say the Creed with integrity if we find it incredible (a related word). The very reason for trying to shift the meaning of *credo* from intellectual assent is self-contradictory in as much as it is based on the conclusion that some aspects of the Creed are no longer intellectually credible.

Continuing to say the words of the Creed without intellectual assent and meaning them in their common sense warps language. Either we mean it or we don't. Or we stretch the meaning of words beyond all logic. What if we used the same approach to language with the marriage vows? Can I have an affair and then tell my wife she needs to get over her unsophisticated, literalistic interpretation of “forsaking all others?”

Reducing the Creed to “matters of the heart” to minimize its intellectual claims tailors it to the heritage of a naïve romanticism prioritizing feeling over reason. It is an odd thing to do for those who (as Episcopalians sometimes love to do) pride themselves on being in the “thinking person's church.”



Fall Community Yoga Classes

Join yoga instructor Samantha Heckert in an 8 week yoga series designed to stretch, strengthen, and invigorate your body. Appropriate for beginners and longtime practitioners alike, the goal is 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, September 26th - November 21st
(excluding October 31st)**

10:00 am

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

\$15 Single Class

or

\$100 Full Eight 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 16 Pentecost (Proper 21C) 9:30am Holy Eucharist 10:30am Coffee Hour	29 Parish Office Closed St. Michael and All Angels	30 <i>Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420</i>	1 <i>Remigius of Rheims, Bishop, c.530 or [Thérèse of Lisieux, Monastic, 1897]</i> 11:00am Service to Celebrate the Life of Bob Love 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall	2 <i>Remigius of Rheims, Bishop, c.530</i> 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Staff Meeting 12:30pm Threshold Singers 8:00pm Compline Zoom	3 <i>[John Raleigh Mott, Ecumenist and Missionary, 1955]</i> 10:00am Yoga	4 <i>Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226</i> 9:30am Saint Francis Day Blessing of the Pets 10:00am Early Voting 12:30pm Ladies Luncheon 5:00pm Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing & Anointing
5 17 Pentecost (Proper 22C) 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing & Anointing 10:30am Coffee Hour	6 Parish Office Closed <i>William Tyndale, Priest, 1536</i>	7 <i>[Birgitta of Sweden, Mystic, 1373]</i>	8 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall	9 <i>Robert Grosseteste, Bishop, 1253</i> 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Threshold Singers 8:00pm Compline Zoom	10 <i>10 Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator, 1954</i> 10:00am Yoga	11 <i>Philip, Deacon and Evangelist</i> 10:00am American Heart Assoc.- Parish Hall 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
12 18 Pentecost (Proper 23C) 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Eucharist 10:30am Coffee Hour	13  Indigenous Peoples Day Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples Day Parish Office Closed	14 Parish Office Closed <i>Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, Bishop and Missionary, 1906</i> 6:30pm vestry meeting	15 <i>Teresa of Avila, Mystic and Monastic Reformer, 1582</i> 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall	16 <i>Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley, and Thomas Cranmer, 1555, 1556</i> 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Staff Meeting 12:30pm Threshold Singers 8:00pm Compline Zoom	17 <i>Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, c.115</i> 10:00am Yoga	18 St. Luke, Evangelist 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
19 19 Pentecost (Proper 24C) 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Eucharist 10:30am Brunch and Video	20 Parish Office Closed	21 12:00pm Westhampton Women's Club 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	22 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall	23 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Threshold Singers 8:00pm Compline Zoom	24 10:00am Yoga	25 <i>[Tabitha (Dorcas) of Joppa]</i> 10:00am Early Voting 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
26 20 Pentecost (Proper 25C) 9:30am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Early Voting 10:30am Coffee Hour	27 Parish Office Closed 10:00am Early Voting	28 St Simon & St Jude, Apostles 7:00am Early Voting	29 <i>James Hannington, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1885</i> 7:00am Early Voting 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall	30 <i>Maryam of Qidun, Monastic, fourth century</i> 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:00pm Early Voting 12:30pm Staff Meeting 12:30pm Threshold Singers 8:00pm Compline Zoom	31  Vigil of All Saints 12:00pm Early Voting	1  All Saints Day 9:00am Men's Breakfast 10:00am Early Voting 5:00pm Holy Eucharist with Anointing & Prayers for Healing

AQION'S SHARE

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

ST. MARK'S CHURCH

40 Main Street
P.O. Box 887
Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

Phone: 631.288.2111

E-Mail:

kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org

Website: www.stmarkswhb.org

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

Email: chris.jubinski@stmarkswhb.org

Cell: 410.253.3664



THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 10/27

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Early Voting in the Parish Hall 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 10/28

Early Voting in the Parish Hall 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 10/29

Early Voting in the Parish Hall 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting - Atwater Room

7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting – Parish Hall

Thursday, 10/30

Early Voting in the Parish Hall 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. Bible Study – Atwater Room

11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Healing Service – Fr. Chris' Office

12:30 p.m. The Threshold Singers – Atwater Room

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting in Fr. Chris' Office

8:00 p.m. Compline via zoom

Friday, 10/31

Early Voting in the Parish Hall 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.

No Yoga

Saturday, 11/01

Early Voting in the Parish Hall 10:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Gathering

5:00 p.m. Feast of All Saints-Holy Eucharist in the Church with Anointing & Prayers for Healing

Sunday, 11/02

Early Voting in the Parish Hall 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m. Feast of All Saints-Holy Eucharist in the Church with Anointing & Prayers for Healing

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Atwater Room

SATURDAY 5:00 p.m. Participants

LEM/Lector Sue Ellen Tunney
Usher Tom Simson
Altar Guild Catherine Nobiletti

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Participants

LEM Virginia Gilmore
Lector Barbara Pettus
Ushers Larry Andria, Sandy Wyman
Altar Guild Catharine Nobiletti
Coffee Hour in the Atwater Room

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Luke Williamson	10/01
Michael Schermeyer	10/05
Noah Kaufman	10/06
Nolan Kaufman	10/06
Tierney Canty	10/06
Madeline Glover	10/07
Ann Liguori	10/08
Frank Wadelton	10/09
Edie Hofmann	10/12
Stephanie Lander Zayicek	10/12
Victoria Garcia	10/13
Carol Johns	10/13
R.J.(Richard) Kern	10/15
Leandra Melo	10/16
Nicole Gordon	10/20
Theodore Jurgielewicz	10/23
Jeff Dalder	10/25
Diane Stewart	10/25
Destiny Caccavano	10/28
Karen Love	10/29

Services	In Person	On-Line
10/18 5:00 p.m.	12	
10/19 9:30 a.m.	41	42
TOTAL	53	42

10/23 - Bible Study	9
10/23 - Mid-Week Service	5
10/23 -Compline	3

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Rob & Carol Moyle	10/01
Emmett & Julianne Boone	10/04
Richard & Carol Johns	10/09
Jackie & Melvin Moss	10/27

**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

ALL SAINTS—We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints at our services on November 1 and 2. You are invited to share framed pictures of your loved one, both living and departed, that will sit in the windows during the services. Please drop your pictures off at the Parish Office during the week before, if possible.

WEEKLY COMPLINE ON THURSDAYS – 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)

CURRENT AND FUTURE PHOTOS: We are trying to update our Church History Albums. If you have any pictures or other memorabilia such as church events, weddings, baptisms, confirmations (with names if possible) between the year 2000 thru 2015, please send them to Marj Kulesa or Fr. Christ. It will be most appreciated. As a p.s. hard copies preferred, but we will take digital.

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, etc. 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS/PLANTS – If you would like to dedicate flowers or plants for the Altar please contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. In November there is one vase available on the 2, 16, 23 and a plant on the 30. Each vase/plant is \$40. Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Sunday, November 23** Thanksgiving Dinner at 2:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, December 21** Blue Christmas Service at 4:30 p.m.
- **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), Victoria DiRocco (Fr. Chris & Carol's daughter), Estrella Farijian (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), 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), Barbara Ireton (Req. by Carol Smith), Debra Wolgemuth Jarashow, (Req. by Elizabeth Wolgemuth), Gretchen & Jim Jubinski (Fr. Chris' Parents), Karen (Req. by Catharine Nobiletti), Cole LoRusso (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), Warren McCann (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Fred Meyer, (Parishioner), 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), Kenneth Reeves (husband of Louise Reeves), Martin Sarocky (Req. by Jenn Kast), Tom Simson (Parishioner), Allison Skinner (Parishioner), Jamie Thom (Req. by Jennifer Kast), Sarah Witters (Req. by Victoria Garcia.).

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

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

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2025, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Members Present: Fr. Chris Jubinski, Tom Horan, Steve DeCaro, Rich Caccavano, Madeline Glover, Tom Hadlock, John Kern, Steve Turner, Sandy Wyman, Tom Simson, Carol Fitton

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

Check-in Time: Fr. Chris invited Vestry members to share news and prayer concerns.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Hadlock, seconded by Tom Horan, to approve the August 19, 2025 minutes.

Finance Report: Tom Simson

Bright Beginnings: YTD August 2025 Tuition receipts (including registration fees), which comprise the bulk of Bright Beginning's Income, were \$697.7K, up 21.5% compared to \$574.2K for YTD August 2024, while YTD August 2025 Income increased 9.2% to \$712.2K vs \$652K for YTD August 2024. YTD August 2025 expenses were up to \$674.4K compared to \$551.4K for YTD August 2024, an increase of 22.3%, but Tom mentioned that August expenses included \$5K he is setting aside in a Rainy Day Fund for BB that currently stands at \$15K, as well as \$4.6K for insurance, although there was no donation to SMC in August. Tom noted that salaries and benefits comprise most of the expenses and these were also up 4.7% from \$511K in YTD August 2024 to \$531.2K for YTD August 2025. YTD August 2025 Net Income was \$37.7K, a 62.5% drop from YTD August 2024 Net Income of \$100.6K, but Tom reminded us that this year's number is net of \$67K in Donations to SMC.

SMC: Tom reported YTD August 2025 Church Donations of \$155.4K vs \$119.4K a year ago, an increase of 30%. He noted it continues the positive trend we have seen in 2025. Other Revenue increased substantially to \$244.2K YTD August 2025 from \$84.6K in 2024, due to increased rent from the Beinecke Building from a year ago and the donation from Bright Beginnings. For YTD July 2025, Salaries and Benefits Expenses were \$193.9K vs \$200.3K for YTD July 2024, a decrease of 3.2%. The YTD August 2025 Operating Income of \$50K compares to (\$248.8K) in 2024, a large increase due to higher income from a variety of sources.

Investment Committee: The balance in the investment account as of August 29, 2025 was \$794,975. Tom mentioned that he withdrew \$25K at the beginning of September, for a total of \$45K withdrawn in 2025, a reduction from previous years.

Food Bank Funds (follow-up): Fr. Chris reported that the Chancellor approved the distribution of funds as the Vestry determines to different groups dealing with food insecurity. John and Marj will present some names of organizations at the next Vestry meeting.

Parking Lot Fundraiser: Fr. Chris reported that he has run the idea of using our parking lot for community parking by the Diocese and that the Mayor is supportive of the plan. The parking company is working on plan specifics with the Village. Using the church lot for parking at night would not interfere with our activities.

Safe Church: Tom Horan, SMC's Safe Church Coordinator, would appreciate it if everyone on the Vestry could complete the courses and thanked those who have completed them or started them already. Text him if you are having any problems.

Announcements / Upcoming Events:

- Fr. Chris mentioned that the monthly meeting of the East End Deanery will occur tomorrow at SMC and will be his first meeting as Dean.
- Fr. Chris commented on what a special Sunday it was with the organ being played for the first time, followed by an excellent picnic
- The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place at 9:30 a.m. on October 4.
- The WHB Farmer's Market will move to the Parish Hall on Saturday mornings at the beginning of December.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Vestry Meeting: Vestry meetings are normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings are: October 21, November 18, 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



BOO!

Halloween Party for Kids

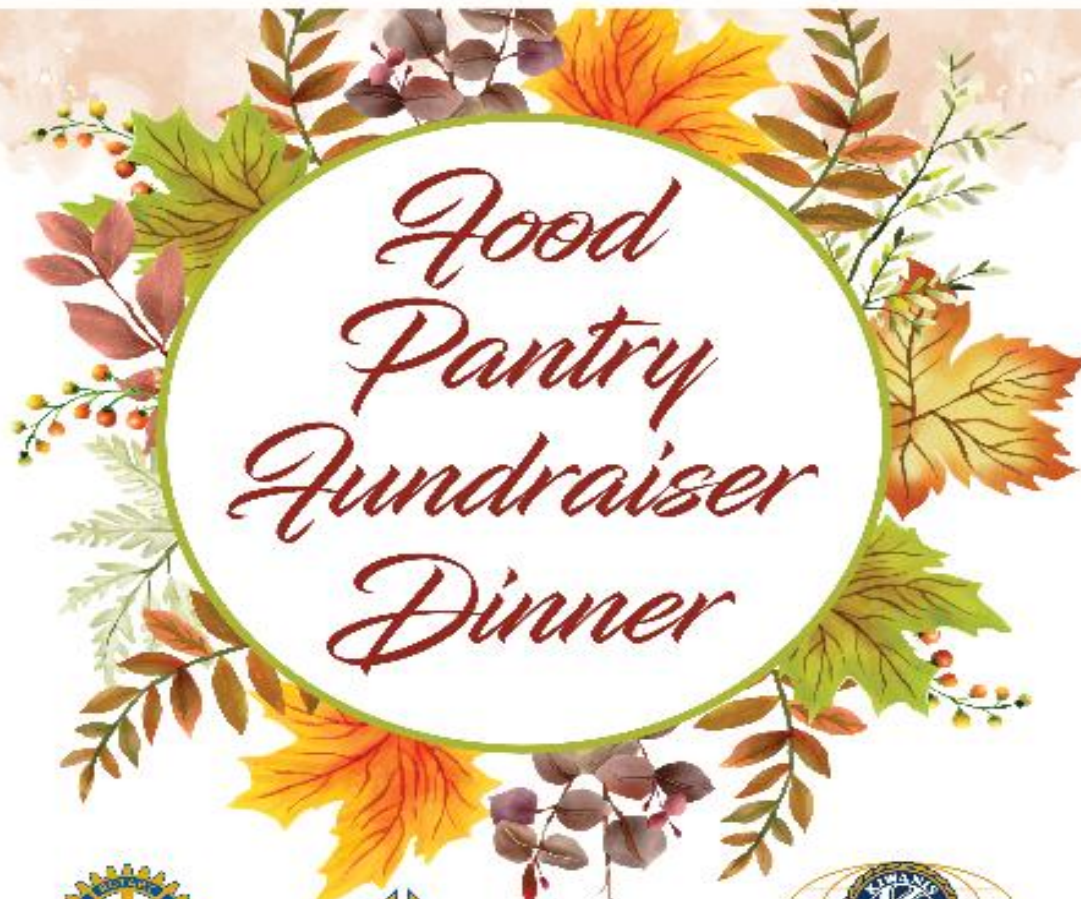
**DJ, DANCING, GAMES, TREATS
AND SOME SURPRISES TOO!**

FRIDAY
OCTOBER
31

3:30 - 5:30 PM

**MARIA Z. MOORE COMMUNITY PARK
GLOVERS LANE, WESTHAMPTON BEACH**

Brought to you by the WHBES PTA &
The Greater Westhampton Chamber Of Commerce



FATHER W. DONALD LUGNELL
**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
OF COLUMBUS



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Westhampton Rotary Club, & Kiwanis Club

Saturday, November 8th, 2025

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Immaculate Conception Parish Center
18 Ocame Avenue, Quogue

Continuous Serve Buffet Prepared By
Sydney's Taylor Made Cuisine
SHOCK Ice Cream & Hampton Coffee

Adults \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door - Children 12 & under \$10

Family discount: 3rd & 4th child FREE

With one adult and two paid children's tickets

Face Painting – fun raffle – Silent auction

Tickets are available at

Immaculate Conception Parish office, Lynne's Cards & Gifts, Rubio Premier Motors

Please bring a non-perishable food item or toiletry for the Food Pantry.

This is Greatly Appreciated.



**Volunteers
Caring
For Our
Community**

TELEPHONE REASSURANCE PROGRAM

A daily phone call to say hello and ensure your safety and well-being

This free program is for isolated or homebound seniors who would like a safety check, a social chat, and information on available services. Calls are made Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM by trained senior volunteers.

- ✓ Safety Check
- ✓ Chat with Friendly Seniors
- ✓ Referrals to Other Services
- ✓ Peace of Mind
- ✓ Free Service
- ✓ Emotional Support

For more information or to enroll, contact:

Debbie Mercer: 631-979-9490 x21 dmercerv@rsvpsuffolk.org

Natalie Barnofsky 631-979-9490 x126 RSVPeast@rsvpsuffolk.org

RSVP Suffolk is a grantee of AmeriCorps Seniors and is proudly funded by Suffolk County Office for the Aging.

Join Us as We Move Indoors
on Saturdays

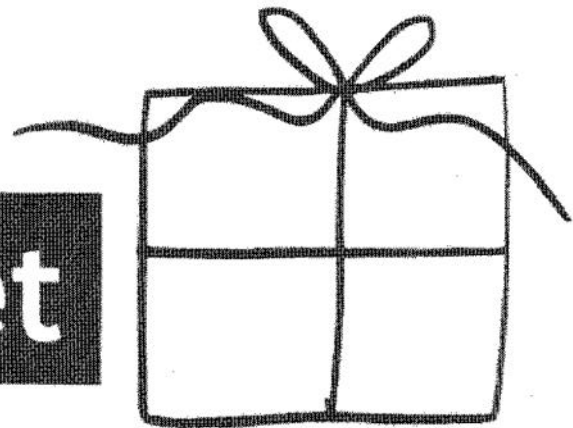


Winter Market

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
November 29 - April 25

Holiday Market

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
November 29 - December 27



Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
40 Main Street - WHB

For information contact: info@whbcc.org

You Are Invited!

THANKSGIVING *Dinner*



Sunday, NOVEMBER 23rd

Join us to celebrate this special day

Please bring a favorite family dish to share.

Starts at 2:00 p.m. | Saint Mark's Parish Hall

Please RSVP by Nov. 21st: kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org | 631.288.2111

NEW FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Rites of Passage

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

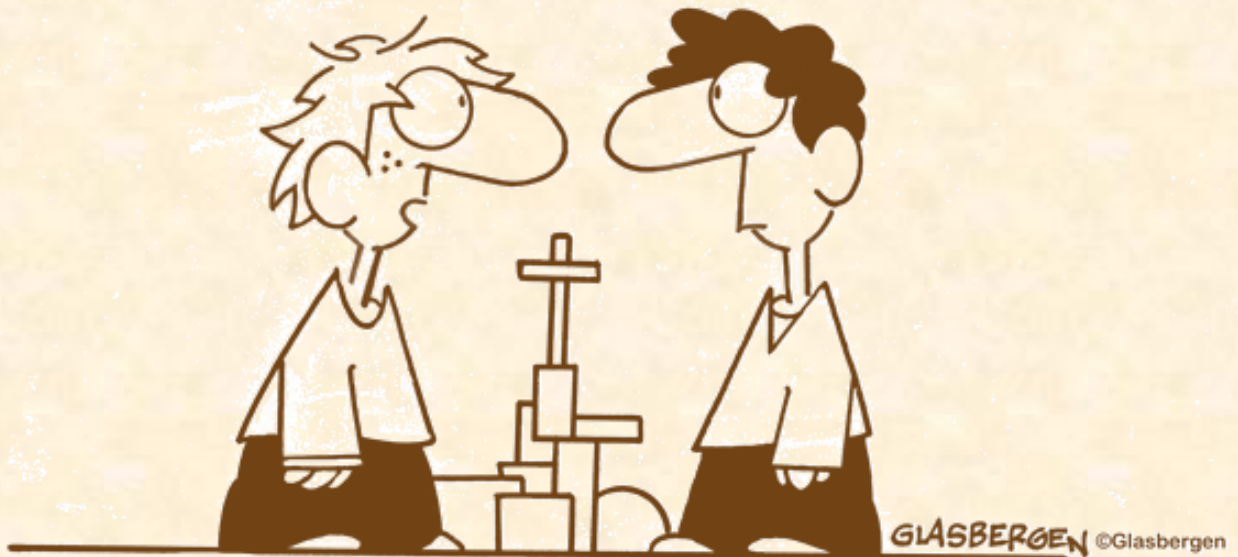
01 Luke Williamson
05 Michael Schermeyer
06 Noah Kaufman
06 Nolan Kaufman
06 Tierney Canty
07 Madeline Glover
08 Ann Liguori
09 Frank Wadelton
12 Edie Hofmann
12 Stephanie Lander Zayicek
13 Victoria Garcia
13 Carol Johns
15 R.J.(Richard) Kern
16 Leandra Melo
20 Nicole Gordon
23 Theodore Jurgielewicz
25 Jeff Dalder
25 Diane Stewart
28 Destiny Caccavano
29 Karen Love

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

01 Rob & Carol Moyle
04 Emmett & Julianne Boone
09 Richard & Carol Johns
27 Jackie & Melvin Moss



On the Lighter Side...



**"I'm not sure what religion my family is.
It's the one that forbids running with scissors.
And eating before dinner is the worst sin."**

Parish Office
40 Main Street
P.O. Box 887, WHB, NY 11978
Office Phone: 631.288.2111



Parish Office Hours
T—F 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org
Kate Gabrielsen, Parish Administrator