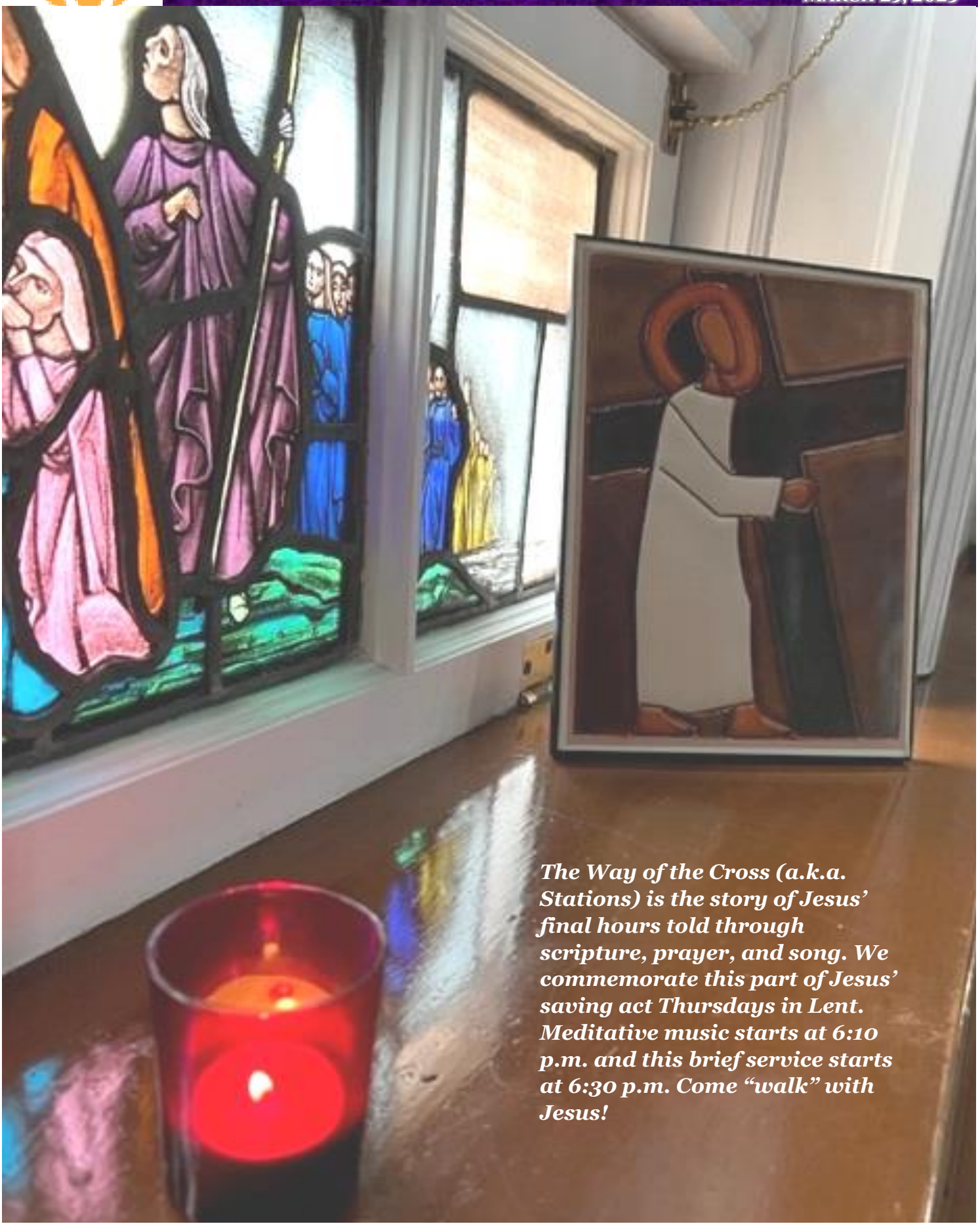
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A LION'S SHARE

MARCH 25, 2023



The Way of the Cross (a.k.a. Stations) is the story of Jesus' final hours told through scripture, prayer, and song. We commemorate this part of Jesus' saving act Thursdays in Lent. Meditative music starts at 6:10 p.m. and this brief service starts at 6:30 p.m. Come "walk" with Jesus!

The Annunciation by Andrea del Sarto, 1528, via Wikimedia Common

The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary
March 25

Announcements come in many forms. I recall with some measure of fondness the morning announcements over the intercom in the public schools I attended. There are announcements we receive by mail, email or Facebook proclaiming significant moments in life such as a birth, a wedding or a graduation. Today's celebration marks the greeting of the angel Gabriel to Mary announcing a birth that is yet to come. If you do the math you realize that Christmas is nine months from now.

We have here the beginning of a succession of characters in Luke's rogues gallery of people with little or no status in the culture, such as women, and in this case most likely a young teenager, being called upon to do great things with God. Even Nazareth was a tiny out-of-the- way town of no more than one hundred fifty people. So I wonder. To how many young women did Gabriel go before a yes came back in reply? Could we have had the Blessed Virgin Rachel, or Zipporah, or Hannah?

One might argue that the biblical text in Luke does not indicate Mary had a whole lot of choice in the matter: "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son." Yet we also learn that she was "troubled" by such a greeting, indicating some sort of internal wrestling. Well, yes! I find this to be one of the great understatements in all of scripture. Of course she was troubled, even disturbed and overwhelmed I would think. This is no ordinary day in one's life. Then being told not to be afraid, which means of course there was indeed something of which to be afraid, she does give her assent: "Let it be to me according to your word."

It is that assent of Mary which has prompted many to say that she is the model believer as she accepted her vocation as the God-bearer, "theotokos" in Eastern Orthodoxy, with perfect conformity of will. I do not want to overly romanticize Mary's "yes," however. In dialogue with the Annunciation event, I want to push back a bit and ask if we have here a conflated chronology. I guess it is my own humanity which wants to believe that Mary's troubled pondering lasted more than the seconds it takes to read of it. Discernment of God's call on one's life, especially when it is transformative and involves a complete redirection, takes time in prayer that comes out of a deep grounding and preparation. It reminds me of other's acts of obedience in the biblical witness such as of Abraham. In modern times we think of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Archbishop Oscar Romero.

Whatever the process of discernment that occurred, the theological point is made. Through the angel Gabriel, God announced a call to faithfulness and Mary said yes. Her wonderfully grace-filled response to God is beautiful and the Church has admired her for it throughout the centuries since: "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you." Know too that you are full of grace and out of that deep embrace of God may you find the will to say yes to the angel as close to you as your own breath.

The Right Reverend Gladstone "Skip" B. Adams III
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina
March 25, 2017

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

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Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Livestreamed)

Thursday Services

11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing
5:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist , Evening Prayer or Compline

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St. Mark's Voice—Parish News

Monday	(03/27)	**Parish Office Closed**
Tuesday	(03/28)	12:40 p.m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday	(03/29)	6:30 p.m. Lenten Soup and Salad/Movie in the Parish Hall
Thursday	(03/30)	10:00 a.m. Lenten Book Study: The Passion Play & Video 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice in the Church 6:10 p.m. Meditative Music 6:30 p.m. Way of the Cross Service
Saturday	(04/01)	10:00 – 2:00 p.m. Winter Market in the Parish Hall
Sunday	(04/02)	9:15 a.m. Choir Practice in the Church 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Serving Today, Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 8:00 AM

LEM	*Sundy Schermeyer*
Lector	*Carol Jubinski*
Usher	*Steve Turner*
Altar Guild	*Virginia Gilmore, Diane Stewart*

Serving Today, Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM

LEM	*John Kern*
Lector	*John Andren*
Ushers	*Bill Glover, Sandy Wyman*
Altar Guild	*Catharine Nobiletti, Diane Feil*

Congratulations on the Birthdays of Margret Canty, Gwynne Wolgemuth, Candace Andria, Emily Andren and Kate Gabrielsen.

The plants on the Altar are given in the Glory of God by Carol Smith in loving memory of her husband, Leonard R. Smith & her stepson, Stewart J. Smith and the Melo family in Celebration of Candace "Granny" Andria's birthday.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, and Michael Keegan.

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested: **Deana Chiusano** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore)*, **Randall Conradi** *(Req. by Carol Smith)* **Darrie Cosban** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore)* **Nancy Fraser** *(Req. by Ki Nobeletti)*, **Roberta Good** *(Diane Stewart's Sister)*, **Anthony Graviano** *(Jeannine Graviano's Father)*, **Elaine Hanes** *(Req by Kate Gabrielsen)*, **Barbara Ireton** *(Req. by Carol Smith)*, **Cathy Jones** *(Farmers Market)*, **Stephen Jones** *(Req. by Kate Gabrielsen)*, **Gretchen & Jim Jubinski** *(Fr. Chris' Parents)*, **Cheryl Grove** *(Friend of Marj Kulesa)*, **Cole LoRusso** *(Marj Kulesa's Nephew)*, **Fred Meyer** *(Parishioner)*, **Jock McLean** *(Parishioner)*, **Sean McLean** *(Req. by Jock McLean)*, **The Reverend Abigail Murphy** *(Priest in EDLI)*, **Jeanette Navas** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore)*, **Sudie Nostrand** *(Carol John's Sister)*, **Paul Oele** *(Parishioner)*, **Cassie Panzarino** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore)*, **Joan Petrella** *(Parishioner)*, **Rosemary Rees** *(Victoria Garcia's Sister)*, **Betty-Rose & Stuart Richardson** *(Req. by Victoria Garcia)*, **Jean Scopinich** *(Parishioner)*, **John Stewart** *(Parishioner)*, and **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.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Candy--We are looking for donations of candy and plastic eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 9th. For safety reasons, we are looking for individually wrapped candies that do not contain nuts.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are now available during each service. If you require one, please ask Fr. Chris at the communion rail.

If you are a new parishioner, we would most appreciate your filling out our Parish Survey. There are blanks at the back of the church for your convenience. Completed forms can be returned to the church office. Thank you.

Wednesdays in Lent – 6:30 pm, Soup & Salad Fellowship with a movie in the Parish Hall – If you are planning to attend, please contact Kate in the church office – 631-288-2111/kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org so we can have a head count.

Thursdays in Lent-The Passion Play: Living the Story of Christ's Last Days. This is a book/video study is based on the Passion Play in Oberammergau Germany. New, used, and Kindle editions can be purchased on Amazon. **We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 30.**

Way of the Cross - Thursdays in Lent: 6:10 p.m. Meditative Music and 6:30 p.m. Service until March 30th.

Easter Plant Requests – Request forms to purchase Easter plants in memory of loved ones or in Thanksgiving for a person or event can be found in the narthex and on the table outside of the Parish Hall. They are $20 each and will fill the church during our Easter service. **The deadline for submitting requests is today March 26th.**

Coffee Hour – Hosts/hostesses are needed to volunteer for Coffee Hour following the 8 & 10 am services. There is a sign-up sheet for March & April outside of the Parish Hall. Whatever assistance you can offer will be most appreciated. Help is needed for Sunday, April 2, 16, 23 and 30th. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Mid-Week Services on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in the Rector's office. There is n**o 5 p.m. service during Lent.**

We Need Your Help on Sunday Mornings as a Lay Eucharistic Minister or Acolyte. Please contact John Kern at John@jkernlaw.com.

Altar Plants: If you would like to dedicate Altar flowers for the Altar in April contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at laura.bott17@gmail.com. There are two vases available for April 16th and one for the 23rd. Each vase is $40.

Ways to Help the People of Ukraine…When the donated non-perishable items were delivered to the Ukrainian Church in Riverhead we were told that what they need right now are bandages, pain killers, burn care products and **new winter clothing**. A complete list is posted on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please help us collect as much of these necessary items as we can. There is a box for them in the narthex. You can also visit our website at www.stmarkswhb.org for ways to help.

Maureen's Haven: "Thank you" for donations to Maureen's Haven. A box for donations, along with a list of suggested items such as individual containers of non-perishable food, is in the office lobby.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March – April 2023: Winter Market in the Parish Hall 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Sunday, March 19 **8:00 AM: 18**
10:00 AM 45 (plus 78 households prayed with us online.)
Total: **63**

3/22 Soup and Salad with Movie: 6
3/23 Lenten Book/Video Study: 5
323/ 11:00 AM Midweek Service: 3
3/23 Way of the Cross: 6

Pray for your parish family every day at 12:00 Noon

And Pray for the People in Ukraine!

Holy Week Worship at St. Mark's 2023

Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion)—April 2

10:00 a.m. Procession and Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Holy Wednesday—April 5

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae (*A service of shadows and light*)

Maundy Thursday—April 6

6:00 p.m. Simple Potluck Supper in the Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday—April 7

12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at Beach Methodist Church
41 Mill Rd Westhampton Beach NY 11978

7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross

Holy Saturday—April 8

6:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter and Holy Baptism

Easter Sunday—April 9

6:15 a.m. Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Swordfish Beach Club
245 Dune Rd, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir
11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt in churchyard
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by request.

The Liturgical Guide
And Ministry Schedule

Liturgical Day & Color	March 5, 2023 2 Lent	March 12, 2023 3 Lent	March 19, 2023 4 Lent Rose Sunday	March 26, 2023 5 Lent
Lectionary Readings (Revised Common Lectionary)	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45
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LEM	Sundy Schermeyer	Carol Jubinski	Virginia Gilmore	Sundy Schermeyer
Lector	Tom Simson	Tom Simson	Carol Johns	Carol Jubinski
Usher	Steve Turner			
	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
LEM	Laureen Andria	Laureen Andria	Madeline Glover	John Kern
Lector	Helen Horton	William Glover	Barbara Pettus	John Andren
Greeter/Ushers	Steve DeCaro Larry Andria			
Altar Guild	Laura Bott Louise Reeves	Catharine Nobiletti Ashley McLean	Catharine Nobiletti Lee Wadelton	Catharine Nobiletti Diane Feil
Coffee Hour	Can you bring something to share?	Can you bring something to share?	Can you bring something to share?	Can you bring something to share?

Services at St. Mark's

Weekends

Sunday—Holy Eucharist
8:00 am & 10:00 a.m.

Thursdays

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline

Baptisms, Weddings, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

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To see the readings for the next two Sundays, click on the links at the top of the schedule on this page
or visit lectionarypage.net

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 *[Photini, The Samaritan Woman, c.67]* 1 Lent No Sunday School Today 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour	27 *George Herbert, Priest and Poet, 1633* Parish Office Closed	28 *Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, Educator, 1964* 12:40pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	1 *David of Wales, Bishop, c. 544* 6:30pm Cinema and Soup	2 *Chad of Lichfield,* 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Threshold Singers Choir Practice 6:30pm Way of the Cross	3 *John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788*	4 10:00am Winter (Farmers) Market
5 2 Lent 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour	6 Parish Office Closed	7 *Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs, 202*	8 6:30pm Cinema and Soup	9 *Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop and Theologian, c.394* 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Threshold Singers Choir Practice 6:30pm Way of the Cross	10 *[Harriet Ross Tubman, Social Reformer, 1923]*	11 WHB St. Patrick's Day Parade 10:00am Winter (Farmers) Market
12 3 Lent *Gregory the Great, Bishop and Theologian, 604* 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour	13 *James Theodore Holly, Bishop, 1911* Parish Office Closed	14	15 *[Vincent de Paul, Priest, and Louise de Marillac, Vowed Religious, Workers of Charity, 1660]* 6:30pm Cinema and Soup	16 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Threshold Singers Choir Practice 6:30pm Way of the Cross	17 *Patrick of Ireland, Bishop and Missionary, 461*	18 *Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Theologian, 386* 10:00am Winter (Farmers) Market
19 4 Lent 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour	20 *Cuthbert, Bishop, 687* Parish Office Closed	21 *Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711* 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	22 *James De Koven, Priest, 1879* 6:30pm Cinema and Soup	23 *Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop and Missionary, c.332* 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Threshold Singers Choir Practice 6:30pm Way of the Cross	24 *O´scar Romero, Archbishop and Martyr, 1980, and the Martyrs of El Salvador*	25 The Feast of the Annunciation 10:00am Winter (Farmers) Market
26 *[Harriet Monsell, Monastic, 1883]* 5 Lent No Sunday School Today 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour	27 *Charles Henry Brent, Bishop, 1929* Parish Office Closed	28 *[James Solomon Russell, Priest, 1935]*	29 *John Keble, Priest and Poet, 1866* 6:30pm Cinema and Soup	30 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Threshold Singers Choir Practice 6:30pm Way of the Cross 7:30pm Bishop's Stewardship Meeting	31 *John Donne, Priest and Poet, 1631*	1 *Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest 1872* 10:00am Winter (Farmers) Market

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH

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BULLETIN INSERTS

March 26, 2023 – Lent 5 (A)
Week 5: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Throughout Lent, come along with us as we explore Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent, produced by Hillary Raining and Jenifer Gamber. You can find resources mentioned below at *iam.ec/lifetransformed* or by scanning the QR code to the right.

Week 5

Sunday, March 26
Today's Practice: Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at iam.ec/lifetransformed for Week 5. The topic is based on the practice "Rest" and is titled, "The Valley of Dry Bones".
Read: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Monday, March 27
Today's Prompt: What seminal moments have informed a need to return to Christ?
Read: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." - Psalm 51:10

Tuesday, March 28
Today's Prompt: How has this Way with God impacted your experience of God?
Read: "Let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" - John 7:38

Wednesday, March 29
Today's Prompt: Slowly read this passage aloud. How does this speak to the world today?
Read: "As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him." - Matthew 4:18-22

Thursday, March 30
Today's Prompt: What relationships do you need to mend?
Read: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." - Isaiah 55:8-9

Friday, March 31
Today's Prompt: Where might God be asking you to take your great love into the world?
Read: "You have heard; now see all this; and will you not declare it? From this time forward I make you hear new things, hidden things that you have not known." - Isaiah 48:6b

Saturday, April 1
Today's Prompt: What are you thankful for?
Read: "For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope." - 1 Chronicles 29:15

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Lenten Soup & Cinema

Join us each Wednesday during Lent
For a simple soup supper, great movies,
And inspiring conversations.

Wednesday 29, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Mark's Parish Hall

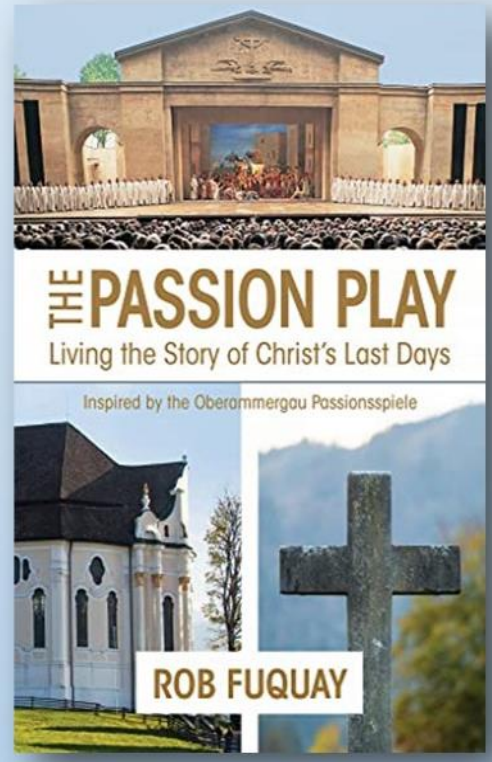
Ragamuffin

"'Ragamuffin' is based on the life of Rich Mullins, a musical prodigy who rose to Christian music fame and fortune only to walk away and live on a Navajo reservation. An artistic genius, raised on a tree farm in Indiana by a callous father, Rich wrestled all of his life with the brokenness and crippling insecurity born of his childhood. A lover of Jesus and a rebel in the church, Rich refused to let his struggles with his own darkness tear him away from a God he was determined to love. As he struggled with success in Nashville and depression in Wichita, Rich desired most of all to live a life of honest and reckless faith amidst a culture of religion and conformity."

Thursday

Lenten Book Study

February 23, March 2,9,16 23, 30



With few exceptions, the Oberammergau Passion Play has been presented by the inhabitants of the village of Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany every 10 years since 1634. The play is a staging of Jesus' Passion story, covering the final period of his life from his visit to Jerusalem to the journey to the cross.

In his new book and study, The Passion Play: Living the Story of Christ's Last Days, author and pastor Rob Fuquay follows the biblical story of the Passion and how it has been experienced through the centuries against the backdrop of this amazing play.

Perfect for Lent, this study takes you on a journey to the origins of the Passion Play and helps you understand how the play has been used both as a ritual of praise and later as a weapon through its anti-Semitic past. The book and study help readers and small groups feel a sense of connection to the play while recognizing their own place in the story of Jesus.

Available from Amazon in New, Used, or Kindle Formats
Scholarships are available

Way of the Cross

Thursdays in Lent

(February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

6:10 p.m. —Meditative Music

6:30 p.m.—Service

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

THE GREATER
Westhampton
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WINTER
MARKET
Saturdays from 10AM-2PM
Starting December 10, 2022
through April 29, 2023
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Main Street & Potunk Lane, WHB

Rites of Passage

March Birthdays
1 Norma-Jeanne Okula
3 John Plate
4 Hugh Devin Lueck
4 Jacqueline Fritz
9 Carol Jubinski
12 Christopher Towle
12 Larry Andria
16 John Andren Jr.
20 Beatrice Tunney
21 George Kast
21 Theodore Canty
23 Brian Smith
25 Suellen Tunney
29 Margret Canty
31 Gwynne Wolgemuth

March Anniversaries
3 Kurt & Edie Hofmann

On the Lighter Side...

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