



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# A LION'S SHARE

FEBRUARY 14, 2026



*Praying for summer to return! The outdoor Chapel in the Columbarium Garden.*

# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

**5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

*A freewill offering will be taken*

**Saint Mark's Parish Hall**

**40 Main Street**

**Westhampton Beach, NY 11978**

For more information please call the Parish Office at 631.288.2111  
or email: [kate.grabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org](mailto:kate.grabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org)



Our supper is being hosted by the Men  
from Saint Mark's Episcopal Church



# Ash Wednesday Services

**You are invited to the Holy Season of Lent**

**February 18, 2026**

**12:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

**“Ashes to Go”**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Ash Wednesday Liturgy  
with Holy Eucharist**

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
40 Main Street, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978**



## 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 Gutierrez, 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

## Lenten Study 2026

Thursdays in Lent

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

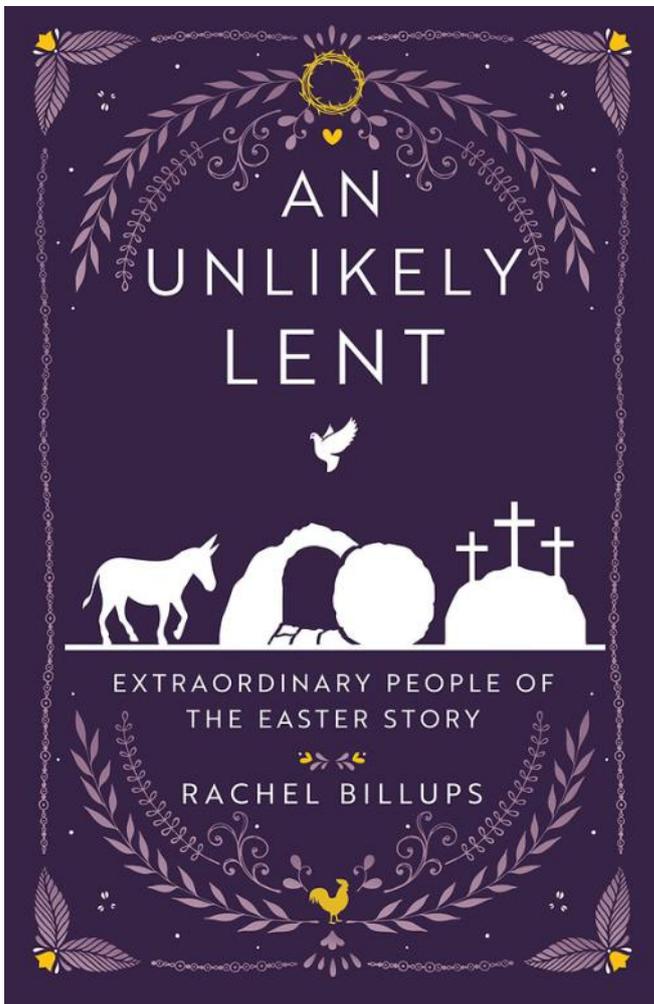
Notice the unexpected in Easter.

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*

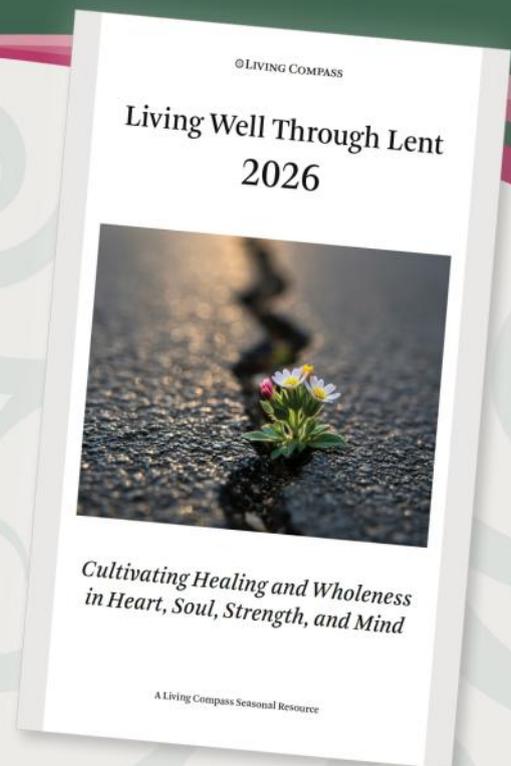
# ENGAGE WITH US THROUGHOUT THE 2026 LENT SEASON!

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

Explore our devotional of daily readings and questions and see why thousands of people across denominations use this resource to prepare for Easter. Ideal for individual use, congregational programs, classes, small groups, and retreats.

## ACCESS OUR LENT RESOURCES:

- **Printed Book:** 5.5" x 8.5", separate content (English or Spanish)
  - \$1 per book (1/4 of production cost)
  - FREE shipping (continental US) for 10+ books, \$10 for 1-9 books
  - Order early at [LivingCompass.org/Lent](https://LivingCompass.org/Lent)
- **FREE PDF Download:** (English or Spanish)
- **E-book:** \$0.99 on Amazon (English or Spanish)
- **Daily Emails:** FREE signup for reflections (English only)
- **Podcast:** Two six-minute Lent talks per week on our website or in your favorite podcast app
- **Guided Meditations:** In our NEW Living Compass app on Apple or Google
- **Free Facilitator Guide:** PDF for group leaders (English only)
- **Online:** Access daily English reflections on our website and daily Spanish reflections on the Brújula de la Vida Facebook page



**FEATURED WRITERS:** Robbin Brent, Brian Cole, Robert Hirschfeld, Westina Matthews, Amy Sander Montanez, Lisa Senuta, David Steindl-Rast, and Scott Stoner.

**SPANISH EDITION:** Vivir una buena Cuaresma en el 2026: Cultivando la sanación y plenitud en el corazón, alma, fuerzas y mente.



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**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>Monday, 02/16</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday, 02/17</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
<b>Wednesday, 02/18</b>	12-2:00 p.m. "Ashes to Go" - Rector's Office 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist Service 7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting - Atwater Room
<b>Thursday, 02/19</b>	10:00 a.m. Bible Study - Atwater Room 11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Healing Service with Holy Eucharist 12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers - Atwater Room 8:00 p.m. Compline via zoom
<b>Friday, 02/20</b>	10:00 a.m. Yoga - Parish Hall
<b>Saturday, 02/21</b>	9:00 - 1:00 Winter Market - Parish Hall 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church
<b>Sunday, 02/22</b>	9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

<b><u>SATURDAY, February 14, 5:00 p.m. Participants</u></b>	
LEM/Lector	Sue Ellen Tunney
Usher	Jim Lilly
Altar Guild	Laura Bott, Victoria Garcia
<b><u>SUNDAY February 15, 9:30 a.m. Participants</u></b>	
LEM	Virginia Gilmore
Lector	TBD
Ushers:	Eric Christensen, Larry Andria
Altar Guild	Laura Bott, Victoria Garcia
Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
<b><u>FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS</u></b>	
Lori Jean Williams	02/04
Penelope Tunney	02/06
Rob Moyle	02/11
Stephen Hunt	02/13
Tracy Mullen Lilly	02/15
Hudson Andria	02/16
Sandy Wyman	02/18
Kevin Tunney	02/21
Morgan Laube	02/23
Aidan Sherwood	02/23
Connor Canty	02/23
Pamela Sheiffer	02/24
Louise Reeves	02/28
<b><u>FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>	
Paul & Norma-Jeanne Okula	02/02
Francis & Nicole Gordon	02/22
Paul & Lisa Canty	02/24
Kent and Elizabeth Wolgemuth	02/29

<u>Services</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>On-line</u>
02/07 - 5:00 p.m	Cancelled due to snow	
02/08 - 9:30 a.m	9	176
	9 total	176
02/11 - House Blessing	3	
02/12 - House Blessing	4	
02/12 - Bible Class	10	
02/12 - Mid-Week Service	8	
02/12 - Compline	3	

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!

**THE  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**

**WELCOMES YOU**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**YEAR-END STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MAILED. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOURS OR IF THERE IS A CORRECTION NEEDED, KINDLY CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 631-288-2111.**

### EPIPHANY TIDE BLESSING OF HOUSES

Please let Fr. Chris know if you would like to have him bless your house for 2026.

**LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT 2026** devotional booklets are now available.

**THURSDAYS IN LENT**—Two studies: 10:00 “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.

**THURSDAY NIGHT COMPLINE WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING LENT.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tuesday, February 17 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. — Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper hosted by the men of the Parish
- Wednesday, February 18 “Ashes to Go” from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. and Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

### 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](mailto:Laura.bott17@gmail.com). Each plant is \$40. In March the following are available....one on 1, 22, and 29 and two on 8 and 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 Farajian** (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 4<sup>th</sup> Class Luke Williamson.



## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A February 15, 2026

**RCL:** Exodus 24:12-18; **2 Peter 1:16-21**; Psalm 2; Matthew 17:1-9

### Opening Prayer |

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Context |

In modern usage, a “last will and testament” is a legal document that provides instructions concerning a person’s final wishes following their death. It concerns one’s legacy and what that person wants to leave behind.

2 Peter is a similar type of writing. This epistle is an example of the ancient Jewish literary genre of testament. 2 Peter is a testament in letter form. A testament, in this sense, is also concerned with one’s legacy and final wishes. This genre of writing was a leader’s way of saying farewell to their followers when death loomed (2 Pet 1:14). It usually includes reminders of their teaching, ethical advice, warnings, and, perhaps, predictions for the future.

Testaments were typically not written by the leader in question, but by someone else writing in their name, perhaps one of their followers. 2 Peter is no exception. Most New Testament scholars, as far back as the third century, do not think the apostle Peter actually wrote 2 Peter. Several factors lead to this conclusion but the likely date of when this epistle was written is key.

Peter 3:16 mentions “all” of Paul’s letters being misunderstood in the same way as “other scriptures.” This implies not only that Paul’s writings are complete, but that they are regarded as scripture. This did not occur until the second century, though Peter and Paul both died in the mid-60s. The epistle also borrows heavily from Jude. This puts 2 Peter as probably the last New Testament text to be written, likely in the early to mid-second century or possibly late first century.

Someone writing in Peter's name fits the testament genre. The writer frequently employs the first-person plural, indicating a likely role as representative of an apostolic group. The writer may have been a part of a group that was closely linked to Peter and his teachings. The later date of this epistle also contributes to the problem it addresses: the need for faithful endurance in Christian living while awaiting Christ's return. The earliest generations of Christians, including Peter, were dying, but Jesus had yet to come back. This led to "false teachers" (2:1) saying that Jesus would not return, and therefore moral, faithful living did not really matter.

## **Theological Reflection |**

Today's reading comes from early in the writer's argument against these false teachers. The writer rejects the notion that Christ's return is a "cleverly devised [myth]" (v. 16) and states two ways that the community can be assured of this.

First, Peter, James, and John were "eyewitnesses of [Christ's] majesty" (v. 16). The writer recounts Peter's witnessing of Jesus' Transfiguration on the mountain and hearing God the Father say, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased" (v. 17). This event is told in today's Gospel reading, Matthew 17:1-9 (cf. Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9:28-36).

"Majesty," "honor and glory," and "Majestic Glory" as well as the proclamation from "God the Father" (vv. 16-17) all emphasize Jesus' status as God's Messiah who will save humanity and ultimately rule the "new heavens and a new earth" (2 Pet 3:13). "Glory" is often used in the New Testament in association with Christ's Second Coming (e.g. Mark 8:38, 13:26, Luke 21:27), and these descriptions are also linked with the Transfiguration account (Matt 16:27 precedes today's Gospel reading). The Transfiguration marks an inbreaking of Christ's full glory in the physical world now, and the writer views this as a preview of the glory of Christ at his Second Coming. The argument for Jesus' return is rooted in the lived experience of Peter and the other apostles. This was not something they "cleverly devised," but something they witnessed firsthand (v. 16). The false teachers the writer warns about deny the reality of Christ's Second Coming, but Peter's eyewitness of the Transfiguration establishes the trustworthiness of Jesus' return.

But it is not only experience that establishes that trust. The "prophetic message" of scripture also points to Jesus and his return. The writer says that "no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (v. 21).

Later, 2 Peter 3:2 urges readers to remember not just the words of the "holy prophets," but also "the commandments of the Lord and Savior spoken through your apostles." This, combined with the mention of Paul's writing in 3:16, implies that the writings of the apostles themselves are seen as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

The writer's defense of Christ's Second Coming is based on the apostles' historical witness of the Transfiguration and the divine inspiration of scripture. The scriptures weren't written only "by human will" or imagination (v. 21). Just as Peter and the others witnessed the glory of the Transfiguration and told about it, so too is God's word communicated through human participation in writing scripture.

Experience and scripture establish the trustworthiness of Peter’s teachings regarding Christ and his return. Because the apostles experienced Jesus, and because scripture tells about him, Christians can have faith that Christ will return. And we can strive to live faithful, virtuous lives now.

Throughout the season of Epiphany, the gospel readings have shown us the rippling revelation of Jesus’ identity, culminating in Christ being transfigured in glory today. Scriptures such as these are one way we know Christ. But, like Peter, we can also know Christ through experience: the Sacraments, prayer, worship, relationships with others, time spent in creation.

This “knowledge of [Christ] who called us by his own glory and excellence” (2 Pet 1:3) allows us to “become participants of the divine nature” (1:4). Through Christ, we have been “given...everything needed for life and godliness” (1:3). When we are faced with false teaching, doubt, or discouragement, we, like the writer of 2 Peter, can turn to the trustworthiness of experience and scripture to bolster our faithful endurance, as we wait and “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Pet 3:18).

### Discussion Questions |

- Where do you see evidence of the inbreaking of Christ’s glory in the world?
- How has scripture acted as “a lamp shining in a dark place” (v. 19) for you?
- When you are faced with doubts about faith, from where do you draw reassurance? What experiences or scriptures sustain your faithful endurance?

### Faith in Practice |

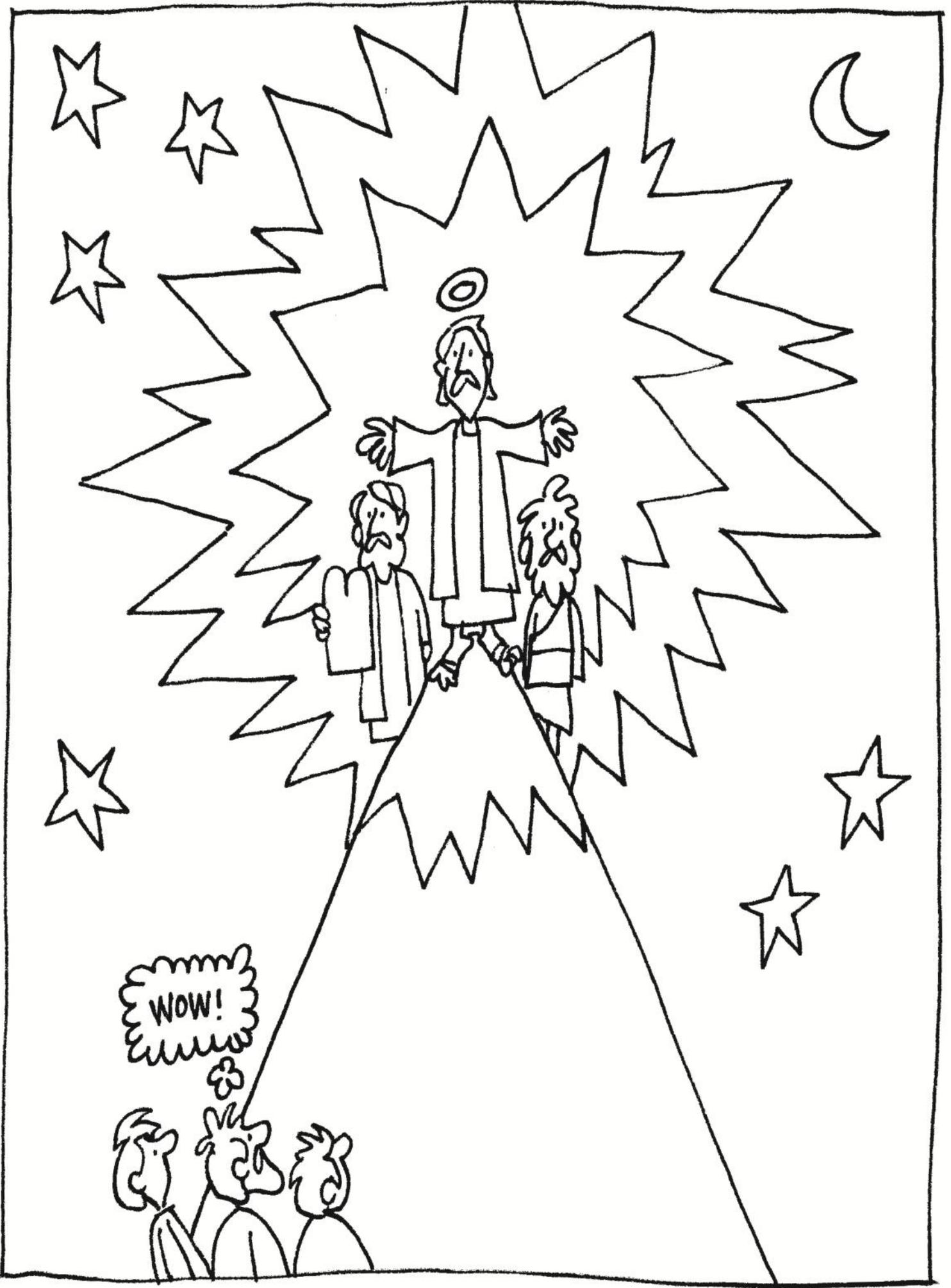
What personal experiences or favorite scriptures are important to your faith and help you to trust in Jesus? If you were writing a testament, what sources would you draw from to establish the legacy of your faith? Take time to reflect on this. Write it down so that you can turn to it as a source of inspiration for faithful endurance. Consider sharing it with a friend.

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# WHY THE ASHES?

THE MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY



ASHES ALSO SYMBOLIZE GRIEF, IN THIS CASE, GRIEF FOR OUR SINS.



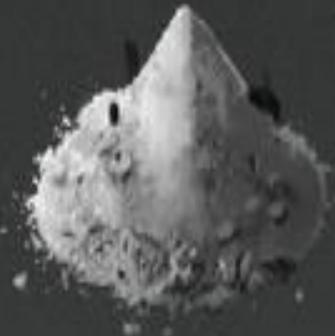
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ASHES WERE USED AS A SIGN OF REPENTANCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT



2

ASHES ARE A PUBLIC SIGN OF OUR INTENT TO DIE TO OUR WORLDLY DESIRES AND LIVE IN CHRIST



3



AS OUR FOREHEADS ARE BEING MARKED, THE PRIEST SAYS: "REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST AND UNTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN"

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THE ASHES COME FROM THE BLESSED PALMS USED IN THE PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Epiphany 4A</b>                      9:15am Sunday School                      9:30am Holy Eucharist with Anointing &amp; Prayers for Healing                      10:30am Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Parish Office Closed</b>  <b>The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Candlemas)</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><i>Cornelius the Centurion, or [Manche Masemola, Martyr, 1928]</i></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><i>Manche Masemola, Martyr, 1928</i>                      7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room                      7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><i>Agatha of Sicily, Martyr, c.251</i>                      Bright Beginnings Valentine Dance                      10:00am Bible Study                      11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing                      12:30pm Threshold Singers                      8:00pm Compline Zoom</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><i>The Martyrs of Japan, 1597</i>                      10:00am Yoga</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:00am Winter Market</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Epiphany 5A</b>                      9:15am Sunday School                      9:30am Holy Eucharist                      10:30am Coffee Hour                      6:00pm Superbowl Party and Chili Cookoff</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Parish Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><i>[Scholastica, Monastic, 543]</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><i>[Theodora, Empress, c.867]</i>                      7:30pm Alateen in the Atwater Room</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><i>Theodora, Empress, c.867</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</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><i>Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818</i>                      10:00am Yoga</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>LOVE</b>  <i>Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries, 869 and 885</i>                      12:30am Saint Mark's Ladies Luncheon                      9:00am Winter Market                      5:00pm Holy Eucharist</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>  <b>Transfiguration Sunday</b>                      Last Epiphany--Transfiguration Sunday                      9:15am Sunday School                      9:30am Holy Eucharist                      10:30am Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Bright Beginnings Closed for the Week  <b>Parish Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>  <b>SHROVE TUESDAY</b>  <i>Janani Luwum, Archbishop and Martyr, 1977</i>  <b>Parish Office Closed</b>                      5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>  <b>ASH Wednesday</b>                      Ash Wednesday  <i>Martin Luther, Pastor and Reformer, 1546</i>                      12:00pm Ash Wednesday - Ashes to Go                      7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service                      7:30pm Alateen in the Atwater Room</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><i>Agnes Tsao Kou Ying, Agatha Lin Zhao, and Lucy Yi Zhenmei, Catechists and Martyrs, 1856, 1858, and 1862</i>                      10:00am Bible Study                      11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing                      12:30pm Threshold Singers                      7:00pm Deanery Lenten Study via zoom</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><i>Frederick Douglass, Social Reformer, 1895</i>                      10:00am Yoga</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:00am Winter Market                      5:00pm Holy Eucharist</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Lent 1A                      9:30am Holy Eucharist                      10:30am Coffee Hour                      2:00pm Parish Hall Event</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Parish Office Closed</b>  <i>Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna, 156</i></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Saint Matthias, Apostle</b>                      6:30pm Vestry Meeting</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><i>Emily Malbone Morgan, Lay Leader and Contemplative, 1937</i>                      7:00pm Way of the Cross                      7:30pm Alateen in the Atwater Room</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><i>Photini, The Samaritan Woman, c.67</i>                      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</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><i>George Herbert, Priest and Poet, 1633</i>                      10:00am Yoga</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><i>Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, Educator, 1964</i>                      9:00am Winter Market                      5:00pm Holy Eucharist with Anointing &amp; Prayers for Healing</p>

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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 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**A reminder, Meet and Greets will be taking place the week of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 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.**

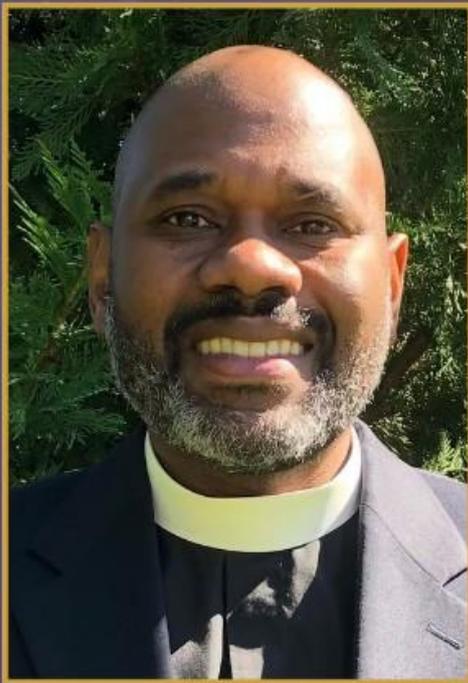
**Faithfully,  
The Transition Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island**

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*For more on the Search for the Ninth Bishop of Long Island, [click here](#).*



# Announcing the Slate of Candidates for Ninth Bishop of Long Island



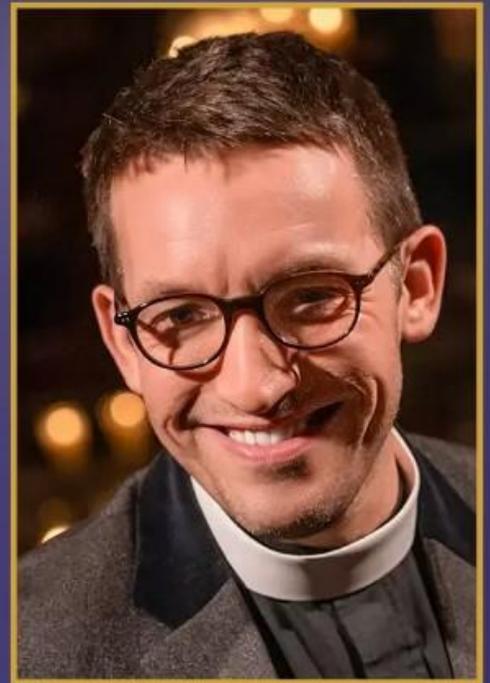
**THE VERY REV.  
HICKMAN ALEXANDRE**

*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*

Read the full announcement at [DIOCESELI.ORG/SLATE](https://DIOCESELI.ORG/SLATE)

# TIMELINE



## 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 Committees

**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](mailto:Sheckertyoga@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Rites of Passage

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 04 Lori Jean Williams
- 06 Penelope Tunney
- 11 Rob Moyle
- 13 Stephen Hunt
- 15 Tracy Mullen Lilly
- 16 Hudson Andria
- 18 Sandy Wyman
- 21 Kevin Tunney
- 23 Morgan Laube
- 23 Aidan Sherwood
- 23 Connor Canty
- 24 Pamela Sheiffer
- 28 Louise Reeves

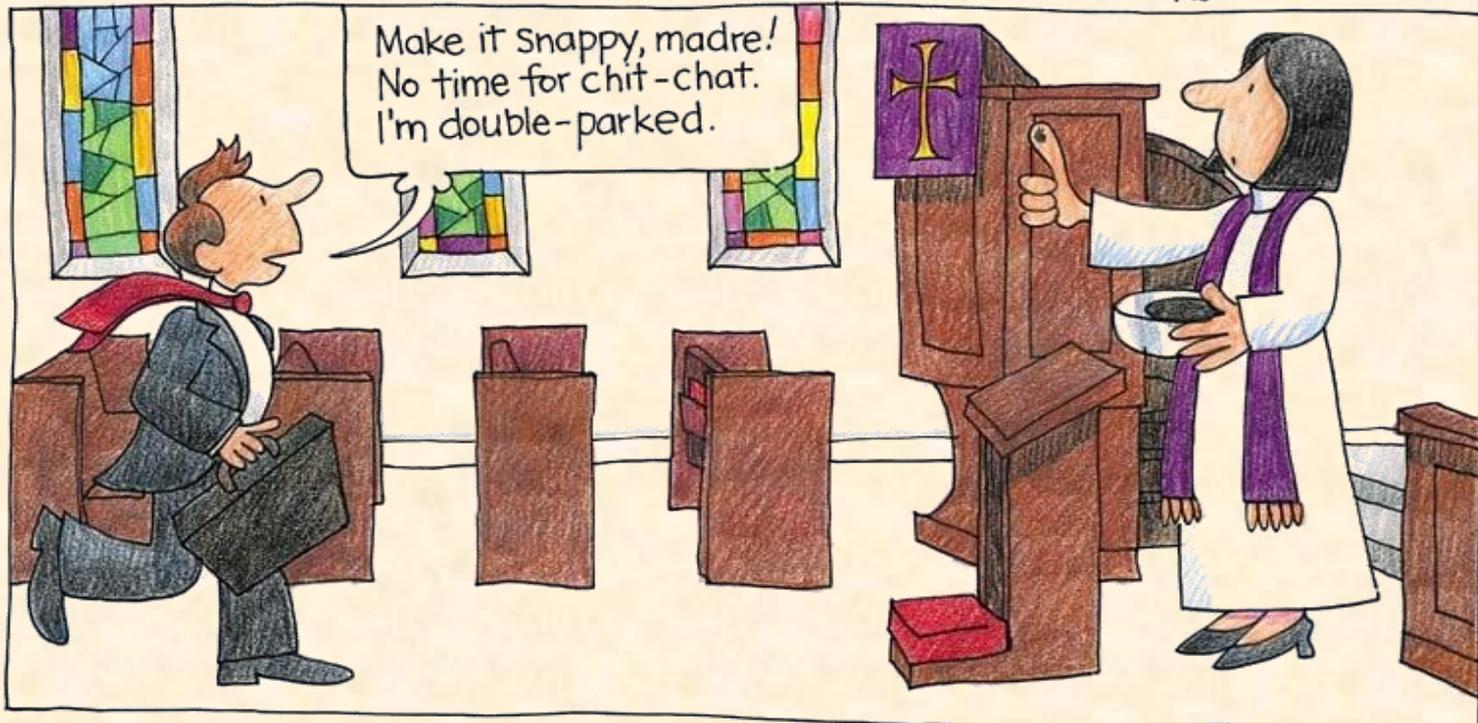
### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 Paul & Norma-Jeanne Okla
- 22 Francis & Nicole Gordon
- 24 Paul & Lisa Canty
- 29 Kent and Elizabeth Wolgemuth



## On the Lighter Side...

MAKING ASH WEDNESDAY MORE ACCESSIBLE TO NON-CHURCH MEMBERS



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