



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# LION'S SHARE

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025



*Candace Andria, Larry Andria, and Janet Jurgielewicz enjoying the Parish Garden during our Welcome Back Sunday Picnic.*



**Welcome Back Sunday  
Picnic  
September 14, 2025**





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HOSTED BY THE WESTHAMPTON ARTHUR ELLIS  
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# BREAKFAST

**8:00AM-1:00PM**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST**



**KIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL**

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**BEHIND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH  
13 FRANKLIN AVENUE WESTHAMPTON BEACH**

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Child (5-12 years)

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# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

**PROGRAM**

**1PM**



**ADOPTION EVENT**

**11AM – 3PM**

Please join Susan Denis, Holistic RN, Health Educator and  
Jin Shin Jyutsu Practitioner & self-help instructor  
for people and their animal companions.

## St. Marks Episcopal Church

40 Main St, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

# 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

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# 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

**September 21, 2025 – Pentecost 15 (C)**  
**The Nicene Creed: Week 2**

*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.*

### **Wasn't the Nicene Creed the product of the political machinations of Emperor Constantine?**

It is true that Constantine called for a council of bishops to be held in Nicaea. His reasons for convening it were probably complex. He wanted order in the empire and probably saw the divisions within the church as a threat to that. And conflicting church parties had caused social disturbances in some places around the empire. As with most times and places before the modern era, this was an age in which politics and faith were seen as inseparable. The idea that whether the church was on the right track in its doctrine and worship could affect God's blessing on the church and the empire might also have played a role. The pagan Roman emperors had assumed the role of "Pontifex Maximus" – the guardian of the Empire's worship and piety. Constantine, who had sided with Christianity and was eventually baptized, might have understood himself as inheriting that role. This would mean he understood himself as at least the guardian of the faith with some responsibility for the church's teaching. He is also recorded to have expressed concern that the disunity represented in different factions teaching different things about the nature of Jesus and of God was a potential scandal compromising the church's witness and contradicting Jesus' prayer that the church should be one.

The emperor opened and, to an extent, participated in the Council. However, it is unclear whether Constantine was directly involved beyond pressing for a "workable" compromise among various theological factions. It is the case that once the council "settled" on the Creed, Constantine did put the weight of the empire behind what was now considered the orthodox position. But he also eventually pardoned Arius. And his son, Constantius, promoted the teaching of Arius that the Nicene Council had condemned. Arianism might have actually been the more politically astute option. It was a popular position at the time. It was more philosophically respectable. And it would have ingrained into the cosmos an unquestionable hierarchy of all being—God, Jesus, emperor, people, that would have been helpful for shoring up power in an empire that had been fractured among multiple co-emperors. The idea of two, or three, co-equal persons in God didn't have the same implications! For several decades, different emperors supported different church factions until 380, when the emperor Theodosius I declared Nicene Christianity the empire's official faith. The following year, he also convened the Council of Constantinople, which slightly revised the Creed into the form we affirm now.

The legacy of Christianity's enmeshment with empire is, in many ways, problematic. But that does not necessarily compromise the legitimacy of the Council of Nicaea or the Creed it affirmed. One might even say that the clarity and unifying power of the Nicene Creed appears to be a work of the Holy Spirit.



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

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                  | Monday                                                                                                                                     | Tuesday                                                                                                                                      | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Friday                                                                                 | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>31</b><br><b>12 Pentecost (Proper 17C)</b><br>9:30am Holy Eucharist<br>10:30am Coffee Hour                                                                                           | <b>1</b><br><i>David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon, 1931</i><br><b>Labor Day</b><br><b>Parish Office Closed</b>                             | <b>2</b><br><b>Parish Office Closed</b><br><i>The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942</i>                                                            | <b>3</b><br><i>[Phoebe, Deacon]</i><br>7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room<br>7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall                                                                         | <b>4</b><br><i>Paul Jones, Bishop, 1941</i><br>10:00am Bible Study<br>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing<br>8:00pm Compline Zoom                                                                                                        | <b>5</b><br><i>[Katharina Zell, Church Reformer and Writer, 1562]</i><br>10:00am Yoga  | <b>6</b><br><i>Hannah More, Religious Writer and Philanthropist, 1833</i><br><b>Parish Hall Event</b><br>9:00am Men's Breakfast<br>5:00pm Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Anointing                     |
| <b>7</b><br><b>13 Pentecost (Proper 18C)</b><br>9:30am Holy Eucharist<br>10:30am Coffee Hour                                                                                            | <b>8</b><br><i>[The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary]</i><br><b>Parish Office Closed</b>                                                | <b>9</b><br><i>Constance, Thecla, Ruth, Frances, Charles Parsons, and Louis Schuyler, Martyrs, 1878</i><br>10:30am Westhampton Women's Group | <b>10</b><br><i>Alexander Crummell Priest, 1898</i><br>7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room<br>7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall                                                         | <b>11</b><br><br><b>Patriot Day</b><br>10:00am Bible Study<br>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing<br>12:30pm Threshold Singers<br>8:00pm Compline Zoom | <b>12</b><br><i>John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830</i><br>10:00am Yoga        | <b>13</b><br><i>Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop and Martyr, 258</i><br>5:00pm Holy Eucharist                                                                                                                            |
| <b>14</b><br><b>14 Pentecost (Proper 19C)</b><br><b>Holy Cross Day</b><br><b>WELCOME BACK SUNDAY</b><br>9:15am Sunday School<br>9:30am Holy Eucharist<br>10:30am BBQ Picnic Coffee Hour | <b>15</b><br><i>[Catherine of Genoa, Mystic and Nurse, 1510]</i><br><b>Parish Office Closed</b>                                            | <b>16</b><br><i>Ninian, Bishop, c.430</i><br>6:30pm Vestry Meeting                                                                           | <b>17</b><br><i>Hildegard of Bingen, Mystic and Scholar, 1179</i><br>12:00am Peconic Deanery Clergy Meeting<br>7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room<br>7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall | <b>18</b><br><i>Eduard Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882</i><br>10:00am Bible Study<br>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing<br>12:30pm Staff Meeting<br>12:30pm Threshold Singers<br>8:00pm Compline Zoom                                      | <b>19</b><br><i>Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690</i><br>10:00am Yoga  | <b>20</b><br><i>John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871</i><br>5:00pm Holy Eucharist                                                                                                     |
| <b>21</b><br><b>15 Pentecost (Proper 20C)</b><br>9:15am Sunday School<br>9:30am Holy Eucharist<br>10:30am Coffee Hour                                                                   | <b>22</b><br><b>First Day of Autumn</b><br><b>Parish Office Closed</b><br><i>Philander Chase, Bishop, 1852 and [Episcopal Deaconesses]</i> | <b>23</b><br><i>[Thecla of Iconium Proto-Martyr Among Women, c.70]</i>                                                                       | <b>24</b><br><i>[Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, Deaconess and Teacher, 1947]</i><br>7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room<br>7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall                            | <b>25</b><br><i>Sergius of Radonezh, Monastic, Moscow, 1392</i><br>10:00am Bible Study<br>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing<br>12:30pm Threshold Singers<br>8:00pm Compline Zoom                                                       | <b>26</b><br><i>Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop, 1626</i><br>10:00am Yoga                    | <b>27</b><br><i>[Euphrosyne/Smaragdus of Alexandria, Monastic, fifth century]</i><br>5:00pm Holy Eucharist                                                                                                          |
| <b>28</b><br><b>16 Pentecost (Proper 21C)</b><br>9:30am Holy Eucharist<br>10:30am Coffee Hour                                                                                           | <b>29</b><br><b>Parish Office Closed</b><br><b>St. Michael and All Angels</b>                                                              | <b>30</b><br><i>Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420</i>                                                                               | <b>1</b><br><i>Remigius of Rheims, Bishop, c.530 or [Thérèse of Lisieux, Monastic, 1897]</i><br>7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room<br>7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall                | <b>2</b><br><i>Remigius of Rheims, Bishop, c.530</i><br>10:00am Bible Study<br>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing<br>12:30pm Staff Meeting<br>12:30pm Threshold Singers<br>8:00pm Compline Zoom                                         | <b>3</b><br><i>[John Raleigh Mott, Ecumenist and Missionary, 1955]</i><br>10:00am Yoga | <b>4</b><br><i>Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226</i><br>9:30am Saint Francis Day Blessing of the Pets<br>10:00am Early Voting<br>12:30pm Ladies Luncheon<br>5:00pm Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing & Anointing |

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The Weekly Newsletter of  
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Diocese of Long Island

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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



SCAN ME

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano  
Bishop of Long Island

The Rt. Rev. GERALYN WOLF  
Assisting Bishop of Long Island  
The Rt. Rev. Daniel Allotey  
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### THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Monday, 09/22**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Wednesday, 09/24**

7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting - Atwater Room  
7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting - Parish Hall

**Thursday, 09/25**

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  
8:00 p.m. Compline via zoom

**Friday, 09/26**

10:00 a.m. Yoga - Parish Hall

**Saturday, 09/27**

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Columbarium—"Come as you are!"

**Sunday, 09/28**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

| Services                 | In Person | On-Line |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 09/13 5:00 p.m.          | 27        |         |
| 09/14 9:30 a.m.          | 57        |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>84</b> |         |
| 09/12 - Last Rites WHCC  | 5         |         |
| 09/14 BBQ & Picnic       | 40        |         |
| 09/15 Deanery Luncheon   | 7         |         |
| 09/18 - Bible Study      | 8         |         |
| 09/18 - Mid-Week Service | 6         |         |

**SATURDAY 5:00 p.m. Participants**

LEM/Lector John Kern  
Usher Pete Williams  
Altar Guild Catharine Nobiletti  
Lee Wadelton

**SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Participants**

LEM Carol Fitton  
Lector Tom Simson  
Ushers Paul Okula, Larry Andria  
Altar Guild Catharine Nobiletti  
Lee Wadelton

Coffee Hour

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Tony Catanzaro    | 09/02 |
| Elizabeth Johnson | 09/07 |
| Tom Horan         | 09/13 |
| Delilah Tunney    | 09/15 |
| Campbell Kast     | 09/18 |
| Scott Johnson     | 09/27 |
| Elizabeth Plate   | 09/29 |

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Timothy & Diane Feil          | 09/03 |
| Sandy & Geri Wyman            | 09/09 |
| John & Pamela Kern            | 09/12 |
| Stephen & Meagan Sherwood     | 09/25 |
| Anthony & Betty Ann Catanzaro | 09/26 |

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

**CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR NEEDED FOR SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR** – Diane Stewart would like to step down from being in charge of the Sunday Coffee Hour planning. Two volunteers are needed. Please give her a call if you are interested. 631-653-4531/grandma3stewart@gmail.com.

**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** – If anyone has photos from the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Confirmation please contact Marj Kulesa. She can be reached at 631-730-5506 or [marjkulesa@aol.com](mailto:marjkulesa@aol.com). She is planning to put together an album to commemorate this occasion. Also, photos that are taken at any of our events will be most appreciated.....kindly contact Marj or Fr. Chris.

**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 are not listed contact Kate in the church office.

**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** – 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](mailto:Laura.bott17@gmail.com). In October there are two vases available on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Each vase is \$40. Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Friday, September 26**, Yoga continues at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- **Saturday, October 4**, Saint Francis Day Blessing of the Pets at 9:30 a.m. in the churchyard.
- **Sat., Oct. 25 to Sun., Nov. 2**, Early Voting in the Parish Hall. Times vary by day.
- **Sunday, November 23** Thanksgiving Dinner at 2:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, December 21** Blue Christmas Service at 4:30 p.m.

### **PRAYER LIST**

**Dick Anderson** (Req. by Edie Hofmann), **Ridgie Barnett** (Parishioner), **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), **George Degener** (Req. by Fr. Chris), **Victoria DiRocco** (Fr. Chris & Carol's daughter), **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), **Bob Love** (Req. by Fr. Chris), **Paul Oele** (Parishioner), **Jesse O'Neil** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Cassie Panzarino** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Rosemary Rees**, (Victoria Garcia's sister), **Kenneth Reeves** (husband of Louise Reeves), **Louise Reeves** (Parishioner), **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 4<sup>th</sup> Class Luke

## Rites of Passage

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Tony Catanzaro  
07 Elizabeth Johnson  
13 Tom Horan  
15 Delilah Tunney  
18 Campbell Kast  
27 Scott Johnson  
29 Elizabeth Plate

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

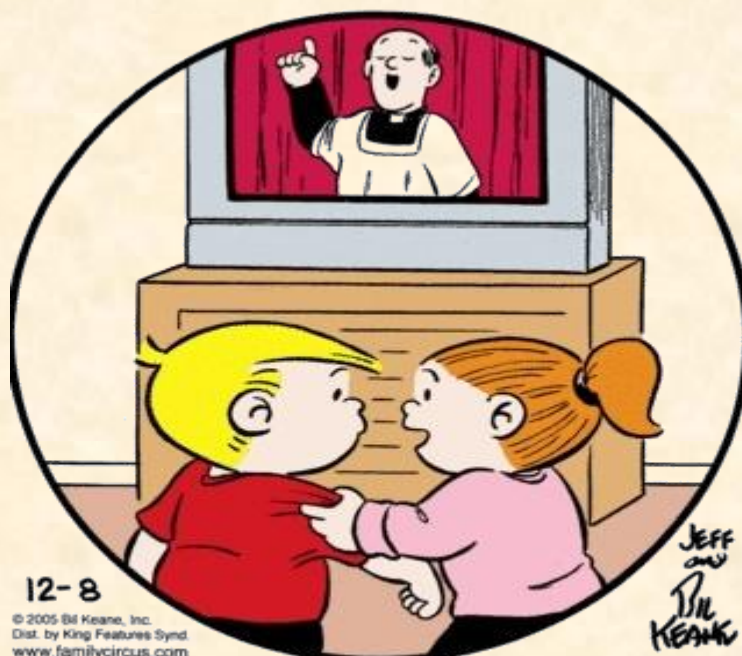
03 Timothy & Diane Feil  
09 Sandy & Geri Wyman  
12 John & Pamela Kern  
25 Stephen & Meagan Sherwood  
26 Anthony & Betty Ann Catanzaro

If they respect you, respect them. If they disrespect you, still respect them. Do not allow the actions of others to decrease your good manners, because you represent yourself, not others.

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## On the Lighter Side...



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