



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A LION'S SHARE

DECEMBER 13, 2025



A BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

4:00 p.m.—Music Begins

4:30 p.m.—Service

Join us for a peaceful worship service for those who struggle with finding the joy of the Christmas season because of a loss due to death, divorce, sickness, or unfortunate and tragic circumstances.

If you are suffering this holiday season, join us for beautiful music, comforting prayer, and inspiring words of Hope.



Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

40 Main Street

Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

www.stmarkswhb.org

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Advent & Christmas Service Schedule 2025

The Third Sunday of Advent (Rose Sunday)

Saturday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 14 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 21 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 21 at 4:30 p.m. "Blue Christmas Service"

Monday, December 22 at 9:00 a.m. Greening of the Church

Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Brass Quintet

9:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns

Christmas Day

Thursday December 25 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday after Christmas

Saturday, December 27 at 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 28 at 9:30 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols
with Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Christmas

Saturday, January 3—NO SERVICE TODAY

Sunday, January 4 at 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

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*Many thanks to our newest Usher Team—
(L to R) Theodore and Connor Canty.*

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES 2025



We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of ladies who serve faithfully in preparing the Sanctuary for worship under the direction of Ki Nobiletti. The Altar Guild welcomes your gifts toward the beautification of the church for the festival celebration of the birth of our Lord. Donations marked Christmas Remembrances may be mailed to the church office P.O. Box 887, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978 or placed in the mailbox marked **Laura Bott in the Production Room** along with the names to be remembered.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submitting requests is December 21

Dedicated to:

From:

Donation:

AdventWord

November 30 - December 25, 2025

30	Again	13	Unquenchable
1	Said	14	Honor
2	Tribes	15	Abundantly
3	Quietness	16	Recompense
4	Reveling	17	Highway
5	Gratify	18	Cleansed
6	Day	19	Robes
7	Heed	20	Truly
8	Counsel	21	Deep
9	Equity	22	Declared
10	Encouragement	23	Mother
11	Written	24	Angel
12	Brood	25	Endless

AdventWord.org

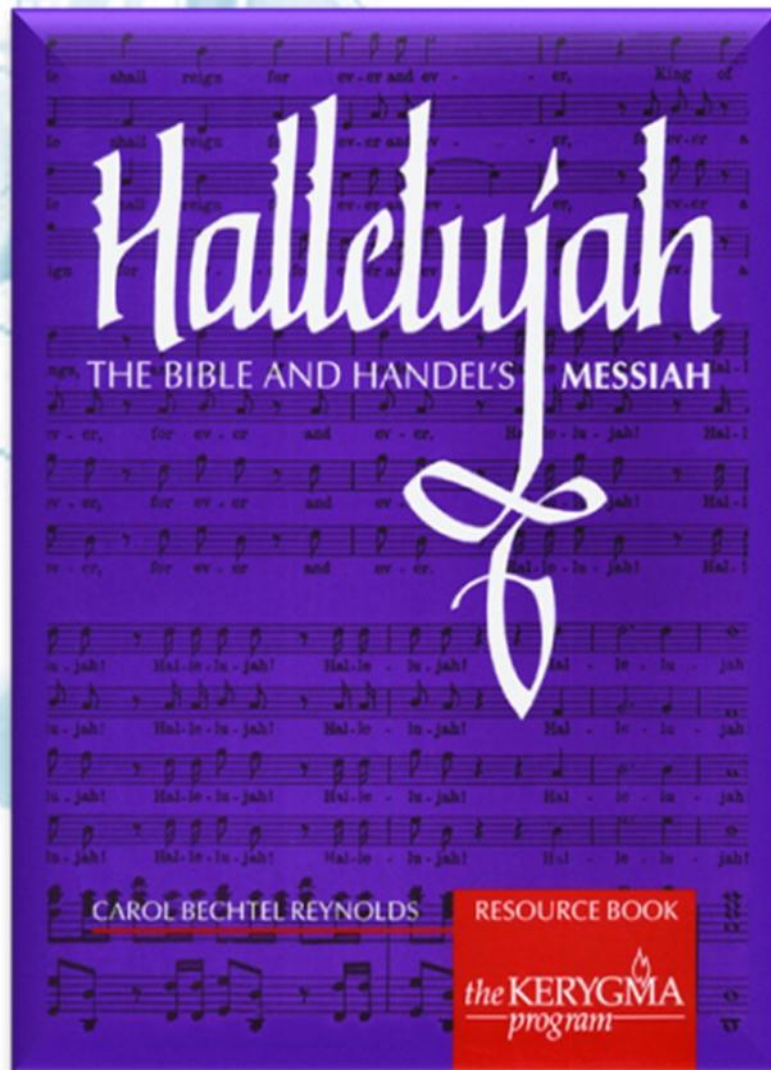


Forward
Movement

ADVENT STUDY

YOU MAY LOVE THE MUSIC, BUT DO YOU KNOW THE SCRIPTURE?
APPRECIATE HANDEL'S MESSIAH MORE DEEPLY

Explore the scriptural texts of Handel's Messiah and you will never listen to it quite the same!



December 4, 11, 18 & January 8 at 10:00 a.m.

We meet in the Atwater Room at Saint Mark's

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

For more information contact Fr. Chris at chris.jubinski@stmarkswhb.org

ENGAGE WITH US THROUGHOUT THE 2025 ADVENT SEASON!

Our Living Compass theme for the 2025 Advent season is ***Practicing Generosity with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.***

Explore our 54-page devotional of daily readings and generosity-inspiring questions, and see why thousands of people across denominations use this resource to prepare for Christmas. Ideal for individual use, congregational programs, classes, small groups, and retreats.

ACCESS OUR ADVENT 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/Advent
- **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 Advent 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 Archive:** Access all past daily reflections on our website



FEATURED WRITERS:

Wendy Claire Barrie, Robbin Brent, Amy Cook, Randall Curtis, The Rev. Shannon Kelly, and The Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner

SPANISH EDITION:

***Vivir un buen Adviento en el 2025:
Practicando la generosidad con todo
el corazón, alma, fuerzas y mente***



Original content by featured writers El Revdo. Pedro Lopez, Estela Lopez, and others in print, PDF, and e-book formats.

QUESTIONS: Contact us at info@LivingCompass.org



**LIVING
COMPASS**
Spirituality &
Wellness Initiative
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Tell Out My Soul

Every Valley: An Advent Reflection

Each year as the calendar turns to Advent, I find myself thumbing through my music library to pull up The Messiah. Best known for its ending movements and the rousing Hallelujah Chorus, the first movement is my favorite, and the one I begin humming to myself in early December. The prophets tell us of a great power, a person to come, who will level the field and reveal the right path. “Every valley shall be exalted,” the Tenor boldly asserts!

Whether it is the Tenor stepping forward for the first solo aria, or visions of a prophet standing in a rocky, winding landscape, the effect is the same: a great work starts with a promise, with a proud proclamation, with someone to point the way. The prophet has something exciting to share with us, something so important that the barriers that stand in the way of hearing and acting on their words will melt away. There is an exchange happening here: the prophet has something to share, and we, who hear the message, have something to receive. When we do, the shock waves of those words will batter down mountains and smooth the rough edges within us.

This same transformation happens when we share our gifts with the church. Our investments of time, talent, and treasure are the natural response to having heard the words of the prophet and having been changed by their message. However you respond to the prophet, the world around you is being made ready to receive what you will share with it. And in every direction, as the chorus answers the Tenor, “The Glory of the Lord will be revealed.” tens.org



Questions for Reflection:

As you ease into Advent this year, pay attention to the tug of the prophet – what is it that you are hearing? How does it cause you to act? Does it fill you with the urge to share that good news and goodness with others?



Cn. J. Davey Gerhard serves as Executive Director of TENS: The Episcopal Network for Stewardship, and works diligently each year to make space for Advent amidst the busy December hustle.



THE EPISCOPAL
NETWORK FOR
STEWARDSHIP



NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE_____ EMAIL _____

PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

- ☐ setting up payments from my checking account/credit card.
- ☐ including the church in my estate plans.
- ☐ making my gift through stocks or securities.



My promise for 2025-26: Acknowledging that we Tell out our Soul, I/we promise \$_____ for ministry.
I/we plan to fulfill this pledge ☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly ☐ annually



It takes more than money to operate ministry in our church.

With gratitude we accept the many gifts of our members as volunteers, servers, ambassadors, and friends in and outside our community.
Thank you for all you do!

☐ I/my family would like to volunteer:

☐ I/my family would like to learn more about these ministries or opportunities:

☐ I/my family have skills and interests we would like to share or teach to our church:



Never forget your offering.
Use this form to give electronically to Saint Mark's.

ACH (Automated Clearing House) Debit Authorization Form

Account Holder Name:

Type of Account:

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Checking

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Savings

Banking Information	
Financial Institution Name	
Financial Institution Routing Number	
Account Number	

Automatic Deductions occur on the 10th and 15th of the month. You may elect to have deductions made on either, or both of these days. For example, you may have \$300 deducted on the 10th of the month, or on the 15th of the month. Or you can have \$150 deducted on both days.

Authorization Amount and Time:

Deduct

\$

Per Month on the 10th

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or the 15th

☐

of the month.

How to revoke your authorization:

This authority will remain in effect until we receive notification of cancellation. We can stop or pause the deductions at any time by notifying St Mark's in writing.

Changes to your ACH Direct Withdrawal (Debit) Authorization:

Please contact the Church Office or email Treasurer@stmarkswbh.org with any changes to your

ACH Debit Authorization.

I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to the authorized account must comply with the provisions of US Law.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Attached Voided Check Here:

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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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30  ADVENT Advent 1A 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Holy Eucharist 10:30am Coffee Hour	1 <i>Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637 or [Charles de Foucauld, Monastic and Martyr, 1916]</i> Parish Office Closed	2 <i>Channing Moore Williams, Bishop and Missionary, 1910</i>	3 <i>[Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary, 1552]</i> 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall	4 Bright Beginnings Santa Night <i>John of Damascus, Priest and Theologian, c.760</i> 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Staff Meeting 12:30pm Threshold Singers 2:30pm The Villa - Holy Eucharist Service 8:00pm Compline Zoom	5 <i>Clement of Alexandria, Priest and Theologian, c.210</i> 5:30pm Westhampton Garden Club Christmas Party	6 <i>Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, c.342</i> 9:00am Holiday Market 12:30pm Ladies Luncheon 5:00pm Holy Eucharist with Anointing & Prayers for Healing
7  ADVENT Advent 2A 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Eucharist with Anointing & Prayers for Healing 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Parish Hall Event	8 Parish Office Closed	9 11:00am Westhampton Women's Group	10 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall	11 <i>[Frederick Howden, Jr., Priest and Chaplain of the Armed Forces, 1941]</i> 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Threshold Singers 8:00pm Compline Zoom	12 <i>Francis de Sales, Bishop, and Jane de Chantal, Vowed Religious, 1622 and 1641</i>	13 <i>[Lucy of Syracuse, Martyr, 304]</i> 9:00am Holiday Market 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
14  ADVENT Advent 3A 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Holy Eucharist - Pink Sunday 10:30am Coffee Hour	15 <i>[Nino of Georgia, Missionary, c.332]</i> Parish Office Closed	16 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	17 <i>[Dorothy L. Sayers, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1957]</i> 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall	18 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30pm Staff Meeting 12:30pm Threshold Singers 8:00pm Compline Zoom	19	20 <i>[Katharina von Bora, Church Reformer, 1552]</i> 9:00am Holiday Market 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
21  Blue CHRISTMAS Advent 4A 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Advent Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist 10:30am Coffee Hour 4:30pm Blue Christmas Service	22  Decorate the Church Parish Office Closed 9:00am Greening of the Church	23	24  Christmas Eve 4:30pm Christmas Eve Service 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall 9:00pm Christmas Eve Service	25  Merry CHRISTMAS Christmas Day Parish Office Closed 9:30am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	26 Parish Office Closed Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr	27 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 9:00am Holiday Market 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
28 Christmas 1A Holy Innocents 9:30am Christmas Lessons and Carols 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Parish Hall Event	29 Parish Office Closed	30 <i>Frances Joseph Gaudet, Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934</i> Parish office closed	31 New Year's Eve Parish Office Closed 7:30pm Alanon in the Atwater Room 7:30pm Alateen in the Parish Hall	1  New Year's Day Parish Office Closed	2 Parish Office Closed	3 9:00am Winter Market 5:00pm Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Anointing

ALION'S SHARE

*The Weekly Newsletter of Saint Mark's Church
A Parish in the Episcopal 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

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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Cell: 410.253.3664



THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 12/15	Office Closed
Tuesday, 12/16	6:00 p.m. Vestry Zoom Meeting at the Rectory
Wednesday, 12/17	7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting - Atwater Room 7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting – Parish Hall
Thursday, 12/18	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 – Fr. Chris' office 8:00 p.m. Compline via zoom
Friday, 12/19	12:30 p.m. Staff Christmas Party
Saturday, 12/20	9:00 – 1:00 Winter Market in the Parish Hall 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church
Sunday, 12/21	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 4:30 p.m. Blue Christmas Service

<u>SATURDAY 5:00 p.m. Participants</u>	
LEM/Lector	Carol Jubinski
Usher	Pete Williams
Altar Guild	Diane Feil, Susan Hawkins
<u>SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Participants</u>	
LEM	John Kern
Lector	Tom Simson
Ushers	Rich Caccavano, Steve DeCaaro
Altar Guild	Diane Feil, Susan Hawkins
Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
<u>DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS</u>	
Alicia Andria	12/02
Carol Smith	12/06
Stephen Sherwood	12/09
Pamela Kern	12/12
Carla Panza	12/12
Spencer and Trevor Moyle	12/13
Richard Caccavano	12/18
Michael Warner	12/18
Matt Vignieri	12/21
Elizabeth Horan	12/23
Jennifer Marwood	12/24
Faith Andria	12/27
Elizabeth Umina	12/30

Services	In Person	On-Line
12/06 - 5:00 p.m.	20	
12/07 - 9:30 a.m.	53	54
	73	54

12/06 - Graveside Funeral	26
12/06 - Ladies Luncheon	13
12/11 - 10:00 a.m. Bible Class	16
12/11 - 11:00 a.m. Healing Service	10
12/04 - 8:00 p.m. Compline	4

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Lawrence & Candace Andria	12/07
William and Madeline Glover	12/19
Stephen & Donna Turner	12/30

**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!**

THE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

WELCOMES YOU



ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER: Next Sunday, December 21st at 4:30 p.m. is our Blue Christmas Service of Remembrance and Hope. Meditation music begins at 4:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES – Please remember to turn in your requests to Laura Bott no later than December 21st.

THE BIBLE AND HANDEL'S MESSIAH – Our Advent Study has started and meets in the Atwater Room. We study the scriptural texts and listen to the music...you will never hear the Messiah in the same way ever again. Please see Fr. Chris for the course book.

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.

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)

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. The directory can also be accessed online at www.instantchurchdirectory.com

ALTAR PLANTS DURING ADVENT – 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. Each plant is \$40. In December there is one vase available for 28th. (we go back to flowers). **Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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), 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), 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), Nancy Jones (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Gretchen & Jim Jubinski (Fr. Chris' Parents), Karen (Req. by Catharine Nobiletti), Cole LoRusso (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), Warren McCann (Kate Gabrielsen's son-in-law), 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), Tom Simson (Parishioner), Allison Skinner (Parishioner), Sarah Witters (Req. by Victoria Garcia.), Walter Zalaski (Req. by Jinny Gilmore).

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 Williamson

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2025, 6:30 pm via Zoom

Members Present: Fr. Chris Jubinski, Tom Horan, Marj Kulsea, Norma Jean Okula, John Kern, Diane Feil, Ton Simson, Steve Turner, S DeCaro, Tom Hadlock

Fr. Chris called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and Marge Kulsea offered the opening prayer.

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Norma Jean Okula, seconded by Tom Horan, to approve the September 16, 2025 minutes.

Finance Report: Tom Simson

Bright Beginnings:

Bright Beginnings is reserve is \$20K as of September Bright Beginnings has earned \$75K through September '25 mark. This includes \$77K in dividends to St Mark's. The summer season promises to be a very good financially. Probably not a stretch to expect a net income of \$100K "donated to St Mark's.

SMC:

The Church is also doing well – I am cautiously optimistic we can end the end with a close to balanced budget. I did take \$25K from the endowment to get us through the September cash crunch (with the \$27K insurance bill on top of some extraordinary bills for the Rectory. The endowment is overall down \$22K from January.

Food Pantry Fundraiser:

Resolved: That St. Mark's Episcopal Church Westhampton Beach shall pay \$3,700.00 from its Restricted Food Pantry fund to the following entities in the below amounts.

St. Paul's in Patchogue \$1000

St. Francis in North Bellmore \$500 to their Seed Money fund, and \$200 to their Honey and Pollinator Ministry

St. Anselm's in Shoreham \$1000

St. Andrew's in Yaphank \$1000 Neighbors Being Human Ministry.

At a Vestry meeting held on 10/21/2025 the Resolution passed unanimously Yeas: 9 , Nays: 0

Church Stewardship:

The campaign will begin November 1st and end the week before Thanksgiving. The goal is \$160K. Letters as follow up will take place.

Safe Church:

All Vestry members are enrolled. Some have completed the course. Program will continue with Ushers and LEM group being asked to participate. For those not computer literate training is available.

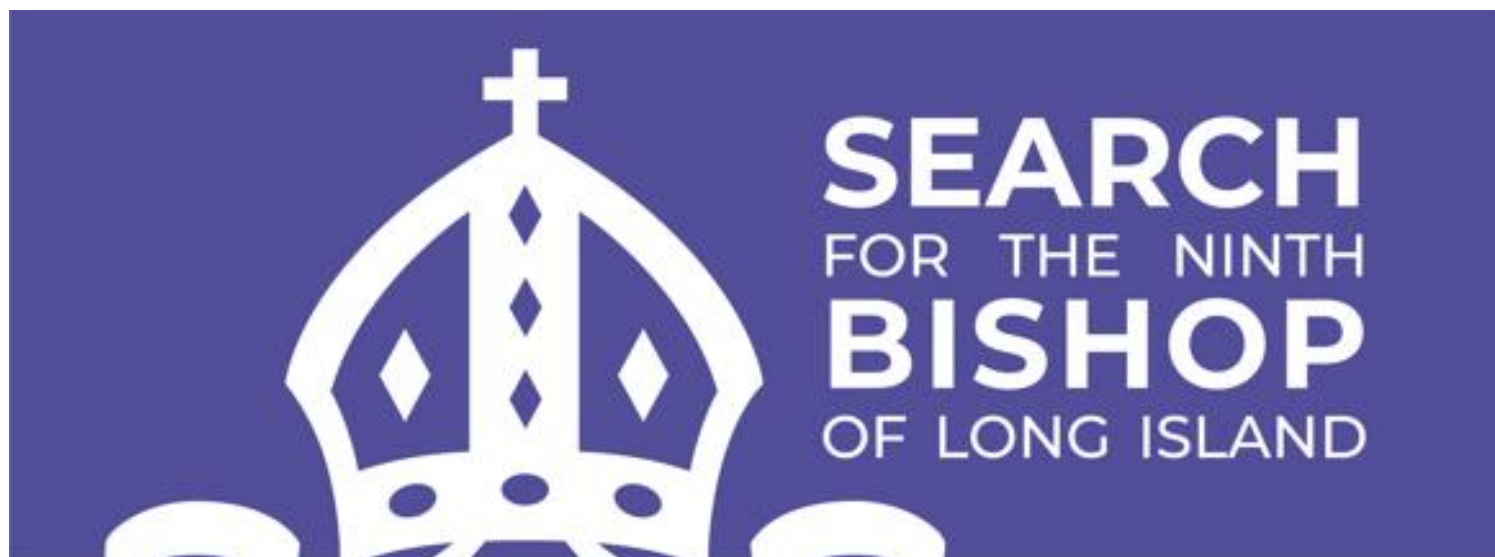
Announcements/Upcoming Events:

- Church attendance is averaging 70 per Saturday/Sunday services
- Busy Fall taking place with Early Voting, Yoga and multiple Church/Parish Hall rentals.
- New ministry at Riverhead Episcopal Church is taking place.
- Possibility of Line Dancing as a social event at the church was introduced by Steve DeCaro.
- New idea of Burning Ministry to build community participation was offered by the national church - more to follow
- Christmas Eve Services will be at 4:30 pm (not 5 pm) and 9 pm. Christmas Day at 9 am
- Sunday before Thanksgiving there will a Dinner at the Church with guests invited.
- Documentary showing The Philadelphia 11 – first ordination of women into national Episcopal. Church- was shown on 10/19. Successful event.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm with the liturgy of Compline offered.

Next Vestry Meeting: Vestry Meetings are normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Upcoming meetings are: 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,
Tom Hadlock, Temporary Clerk



December 10, 2025

Dear Beloved People of the Diocese of Long Island,

The season of Advent invites us to slow down, pay attention, and await the inbreaking of God with us. While it is tempting to give in to the many distractions and tasks ahead of celebrating Christmas, the gift of these days is to pause, reflect, and be fully present as we anticipate the coming of Christ. It is in the spirit of joyful watching and hopeful waiting that we write today.

The Search Committee remains active in its discernment for the Ninth Bishop of Long Island, but we will enter a quieter, less public phase over the coming month. We have selected from a field of highly qualified, diverse candidates, guided by the qualities you identified on our survey and listening sessions. We will be conducting a second round of interviews of these candidates this month. We look forward to an announcement from the Joint Oversight Committee of a slate of nominees at the end of January.

In the meantime, we wish you a very blessed Advent and Christmastide. You are in our prayers as we carry on our work, and we ask for your prayers for us and for all those who have put their names forward for our next Bishop.

Faithfully,

The Search Committee for the Ninth Bishop of Long Island

To view this announcement on the website, [click here](#).

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

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.



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 with any questions.

Westhampton
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Holiday Market



Saturdays Nov 29 - Dec 27

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
40 MAIN STREET, WESTHAMPTON BEACH

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Rites of Passage

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Alicia Andria
06 Carol Smith
09 Stephen Sherwood
12 Pamela Kern
12 Carla Panza
13 Spencer and Trevor Moyle
18 Richard Caccavano
18 Michael Warner
23 Elizabeth Horan
24 Jennifer Marwood
27 Faith Andria
30 Elizabeth Umina

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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