



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ALION'S SHARE

MARCH 22, 2025



Baby Alexander Reece Gordon celebrating his 1st Birthday with a big Sesame Street celebration at Saint Mark's!



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Carolyn J. Probst, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

March 13, 2025

Father Chris Jubinski
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 887
Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

Dear Father Chris:

On behalf of the Westhampton Beach School District and Board of Education, please accept our sincere thanks for your assistance during last Friday's evacuation of Westhampton Beach High School.

Your willingness to open the doors of St. Mark's to our students and staff at a moment's notice was critical to the safe evacuation of our school. The compassion and professionalism extended by you and everyone at the church brought comfort during a very stressful time and the support you provided was instrumental to safely reuniting our students with their families.

Your leadership of St. Mark's is a symbol of all that is unique and special about the Westhampton Beach Community. While we certainly hope we will never need to evacuate students and staff again, we are grateful for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Carolyn J. Probst, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Elizabeth Lanni-Hewitt
Board of Education President



Finding Life in the midst of Death
Reflecting on the scriptures of resurrection
Thursdays in Lent: 7-8pm, on zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82253212322?pwd=KA60Pp39DqaNSBGPAXLxYqDkUZSUaY.1>

Christian faith is based on the promise of life in the midst of death, of hope in the midst of suffering, and of resurrection and new life both in the future and in the here and now. The Book of Common Prayer and Enriching Our Worship suggest wonderful scriptures for funeral services that fit these themes and the hope and promise of Easter. The goal of this class is to dig into these texts and apply their meaning to our own lives. The classes will be led by the clergy of the Peconic Deanery.

March 27 – Week Three: Funeral recommendations from the Gospels

- John 5:24-27 (*He who believes has everlasting life*)
- John 6:37-40 (*All that the Father gives me will come to you*)
- John 10:11-16 (*I am the good shepherd*)
- John 11:21-27 (*I am the resurrection and the life*)
- John 14:1-6 (*In my Father's house are many rooms*)



Way of the Cross

Fridays in Lent

(March 14, 21, 28 April 4, 11, 18)

6:40 p.m. —Meditative Music

7:00 p.m.—Service

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



EASTER PLANT/FLOWER REQUEST 2025

The deadline for requests is April 6th

Fill Saint Mark's on Easter Day by donating a beautiful Easter plant/flower in memory of your loved ones or in thanksgiving for a person or an event. A suggested donation of \$25.00 to offset the costs to Saint Mark's and will be listed in the Easter Day leaflet. Your check and request form can be put in Laura Bott's mailbox in the church office production room or mailed to the church, P.O. Box 887, Westhampton Beach, New York 11978 Attn: Laura Bott.

Thank you for your dedications and for all you do for Saint Marks.

Given by:

In Memory of (circle one or the other)

Thanksgiving for

Donation



SAINT MARK'S LADIES LUNCHEON, 12:30 SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH.

Hello all, the venue for our April luncheon has changed. We will be meeting at the Birchwood Restaurant in Polish Town, 512 Pulaski Street, one block down from The Grill.

Their menu has a large selection of entrée choices and the Lunch Special with tip and tea or coffee will be \$25.00 per person. This includes 1 glass of wine, beer or soda, the soup of the day or house salad and a choice of entrée. Dessert is not included.

There is also no need to make your lunch decision in advance.

Just to give you an idea of what they offer, here are some entrée choices currently on their lunch menu, However, it does change periodically....Fried Chicken and Flounder Sandwiches, Quesadilla, Pork Schnitzel, Shrimp & Scallop Scampi with Linguini, Chicken Franchise, Marsala or Cordon Blue, Philly Cheesesteak Hero, Penne Ala Vodka, Meatloaf, Stuffed Shells and more.

I will still be asking for RSVP's by Wednesday, April 2nd. And once again it is most helpful if you have the exact \$25.00. If you are planning to order dessert, they are approximately \$11.00, so please plan accordingly.

Kate Gabrielsen, Parish Administrator
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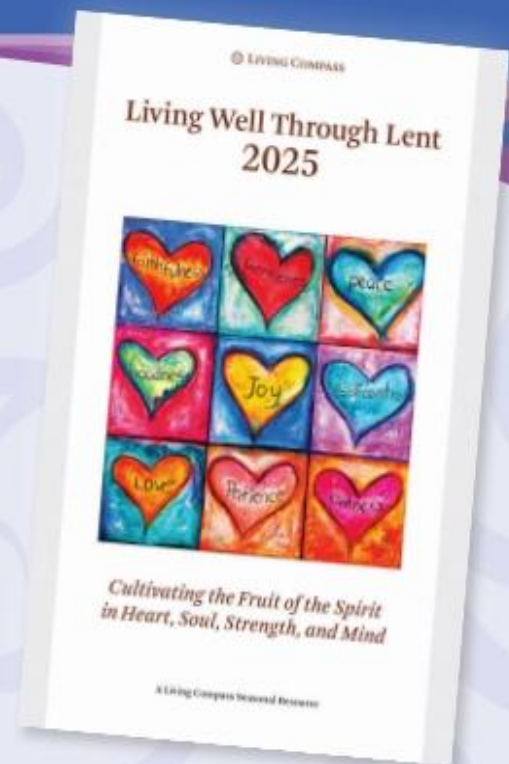
ENGAGE WITH US THROUGHOUT THE 2025 LENT SEASON!

Our Living Compass theme for the 2025 Lent season is ***Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit in Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.***

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- **Free Facilitator Guide:** PDF for group leaders (English only)
- **Online:** Access daily English reflections on our website. For daily Spanish reflections, visit the Brújula de la Vida Facebook page.



FEATURED WRITERS:

The Rev. Molly Bosscher
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The Rev. Jenifer Gamber
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The Rev. Abigail W. Moon
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QUESTIONS:
Contact us at info@LivingCompass.org



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Vivir una buena Cuaresma en el 2025: Cultivando el fruto del Espíritu Santo en el corazón, alma, fueras y mente—original content in print, PDF, and e-book formats.





BULLETIN INSERTS

March 23, 2025 – Lent 3 (C)

Week 3: 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 3

Sunday, March 23

Today's Practice: Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at iam.ec/lifetransformed for Week 3. The topic is based on the practice "Learn" and is titled, "Learn Wisdom and Live".

Read: Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6

Monday, March 24

Today's Prompt: Where can you seek and serve Christ in someone unlike you?

Read: "And you shall be my people, and I will be your God. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit." - Jer. 30:22, 31:4-5

Tuesday, March 25

Today's Prompt: How might you share what brings you great joy with others?

Read: "We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness." - Rom. 12:6-8

Wednesday, March 26

Today's Prompt: How can you incorporate rest from technology today?

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Read: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." - Matt. 11:28

Thursday, March 27

Today's Prompt: How is the Jesus who walked this earth beckoning you to meet him?

Read: Mark 10:46-52

Friday, March 28

Today's Prompt: In your prayers today, what new words or thoughts touch you?

Read: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." - Phil. 4:6

Saturday, March 29

Today's Prompt: Try praying with Anglican prayer beads.

Read: "Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart." - Luke 18:1

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Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Reflections from "Living the Way of Love" by Mary Bea Sullivan (Church Publishing, 2019). Used with permission.</p>		<p>Mar 5 Bless Notice the pattern of your breathing. Pray for awareness of blessings. Gen. 2:7</p>	<p>6 Worship How does community help or hinder your growing in Christ? John 1:12-13</p>	<p>7 Rule of Life How can you build pauses into the day to reflect on the work of the Spirit? John 15:5</p>	<p>8 Rest How might you connect with others in the spirit of renewal? 1 Kings 19:11-12</p>	<p>9 1st Sunday of Lent</p>
<p>10 Worship What is most meaningful to you in worship? BCP, p. 281</p>	<p>11 Pray Go for a walk today and pray with your feet, each step with intention. Isa. 2:3a</p>	<p>12 Way of Love Where do you see the seven practices of the Way of Love in this story? Luke 5:19</p>	<p>13 Bless Who has taught you to live a Jesus-filled life? Who have you taught? 2 Cor. 4:16</p>	<p>14 Go Where can you go and intentionally provide kindness? Matt. 5:4</p>	<p>15 Rest How do you incorporate rest in your life? Jer. 6:16</p>	<p>16 2nd Sunday of Lent</p>
<p>17 Learn What passage of scripture is important to you Why? Isa. 40:8</p>	<p>18 Rest How do your creative outlets impact on taking rest? Gen. 1:1-2:4</p>	<p>19 Go Where are you being encouraged to "show up"? Matt. 25:44-45</p>	<p>20 Pray Take 20 minutes in contemplative prayer today. Matt. 4:18-22</p>	<p>21 Bless Intentionally smile at least ten times today. Phil. 4:4</p>	<p>22 Turn Today, intentionally listen devoutly to another. Mark 4:23</p>	<p>23 3rd Sunday of Lent</p>
<p>24 Go Where can you seek and serve Christ in someone unlike you? Jer. 30:22, 31:4-5</p>	<p>25 Turn How might you share what brings you great joy with others? Rom. 12:6-8</p>	<p>26 Rest How can you incorporate rest from technology today? Matt. 11:28</p>	<p>27 Learn How is the Jesus who walked this earth beckoning you to meet him? Mark 10:46-52</p>	<p>28 Worship In your prayers today, what new words or thoughts touch you? Phil. 4:6</p>	<p>29 Pray Try praying with Anglican prayer beads. Luke 18:1</p>	<p>30 4th Sunday of Lent</p>
<p>31 Bless What challenges are you facing today? Job 11:18</p>	<p>Apr 1 Turn Where do you find joy and passion? Luke 24:32</p>	<p>2 Rest What can you say "no" to so you can say "yes" to prayer, rest and joy? Lev. 23:3</p>	<p>3 Learn Practice lectio divina with this scripture. Luke 15:17-24</p>	<p>4 Go Create a prayer representing how you seek to serve God and follow Jesus. Matt. 5:15</p>	<p>5 Rule of Life How do others experience the love of Christ through you? Gal. 5:22-23</p>	<p>6 5th Sunday of Lent</p>
<p>7 Turn What relationships do you need to mend? Isa. 55:8-9</p>	<p>8 Rule of Life How has this Way with God impacted your experience of God? John 7:38</p>	<p>9 Learn Slowly read this passage aloud. How does this speak to the world today? Matt. 4:18-22</p>	<p>10 Worship What seminal moments have informed a need to return to Christ? Ps. 51:10</p>	<p>11 Go Where might God be asking you to take your great love into the world? Isa. 48:6b</p>	<p>12 Pray What are you thankful for? 1 Chron. 29:15</p>	<p>13 Palm Sunday</p>
<p>14 Pray Listen to the daily office today at missionstclair.com Ps. 55:17</p>	<p>15 Rule of Life Who can support you in living a Jesus-centered life? 2 Cor. 3:6</p>	<p>16 Bless When you reflect on financial giving, are your palms open? Matt. 12:43-44</p>	<p>17 Worship How do you want to prepare people to remember you? 2 Cor. 1:3-4</p>	<p>18 Turn How did you turn back towards God's love when you made a big mistake? Luke 15:18</p>	<p>19 Learn Who might you have a conversation with to learn about God? Ps. 119:105</p>	<p>20 Easter Day</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>23</p> <p>7 Epiphany</p> <p>No Sunday School Today</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:00am Coffee Hour</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p> <p>Saint Matthias, Apostle</p>	<p>25</p> <p>[Emily Malbone Morgan, Lay Leader and Contemplative, 1937]</p>	<p>26</p> <p>[Photini, The Samaritan Woman, c.67]</p>	<p>27</p> <p>George Herbert, Priest and Poet, 1633</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, Educator, 1964</p>	<p>1</p> <p>David of Wales, Bishop, c. 544</p> <p>9:00am Winter Market</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Last Sunday after the Epiphany</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:00am Coffee Hour</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>3</p> <p>John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>SHROVE TUESDAY</p> <p>5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>ASH Wednesday</p> <p>12:30pm Ashes-To-Go</p> <p>7:00pm Alanon</p> <p>7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs, 202</p> <p>World Day of Prayer</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>9:00am Winter Market</p> <p>10:00am Early Voting</p>
<p>9</p> <p>1 Lent</p> <p>Daylight-Saving Time Begins</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:00am Coffee Hour</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School</p> <p>10:00am Early Voting</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>10</p> <p>[Harriet Ross Tubman, Social Reformer, 1923]</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p> <p>10:00am Early Voting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00am Early Voting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Gregory the Great, Bishop and Theologian, 604</p> <p>7:00am Early Voting</p> <p>12:30pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Alanon</p>	<p>13</p> <p>James Theodore Holly, Bishop, 1911</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p> <p>12:00pm Early Voting</p> <p>7:00pm Deanery Lenten Study</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>STATIONS of the CROSS</p> <p>12:00pm Early Voting</p> <p>7:00pm The Way of the Cross</p>	<p>15</p> <p>[Vincent de Paul, Priest, and Louise de Marillac, Vowed Religious, Workers of Charity, 1660]</p> <p>9:00am Winter Market</p> <p>10:00am Early Voting</p>
<p>16</p> <p>2 Lent</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:00am Coffee Hour</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School</p> <p>10:00am Early Voting</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p> <p>Patrick of Ireland, Bishop and Missionary, 461</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Theologian, 386</p> <p>6:30pm Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Saint Joseph</p> <p>7:00pm Alanon</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Cuthbert, Bishop, 687</p> <p>First Day of Spring</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p> <p>7:00pm Deanery Lenten Study</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>STATIONS of the CROSS</p> <p>Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711</p> <p>7:00pm Way of the Cross</p>	<p>22</p> <p>James De Koven, Priest, 1879</p> <p>9:00am Winter Market</p> <p>4:00pm Parish Hall Event</p>
<p>23</p> <p>3 Lent</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:00am Coffee Hour</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00am Coffee Hour</p> <p>3:00pm Parish Hall Event</p>	<p>24</p> <p>O'scar Romero, Archbishop and Martyr, 1980, and the Martyrs of El Salvador</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>The Feast of the Annunciation</p>	<p>26</p> <p>[Harriet Mousell, Monastic, 1883]</p> <p>12:30pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Alanon</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Charles Henry Brent, Bishop, 1929</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p> <p>7:00pm Deanery Lenten Study</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>STATIONS of the CROSS</p> <p>[James Solomon Russell, Priest, 1935]</p> <p>7:00pm Way of the Cross</p>	<p>29</p> <p>John Keble, Priest and Poet, 1866</p> <p>9:00am Winter Market</p>
<p>30</p>  <p>5TH SUNDAY</p> <p>4 Lent</p> <p>9:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:00am Brunch</p>	<p>31</p> <p>John Donne, Priest and Poet, 1631</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest 1872</p>	<p>2</p> <p>James Lloyd Breck, Priest, 1876</p> <p>7:00pm Alanon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p> <p>7:00pm Deanery Lenten Study</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>STATIONS of the CROSS</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr., Pastor and Martyr, 1968</p> <p>3:00pm Parish Hall Event</p> <p>7:00pm Way of the Cross</p>	<p>5</p> <p>[Harriet Starr Cannon, Monastic, 1896]</p> <p>12:30am Saint Mark's Ladies Luncheon</p> <p>9:00am Winter Market</p> <p>11:00am Funeral</p> <p>12:30pm Saint Mark's Ladies Lunch</p>

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WEEKEND SERVICES

Sun. 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
Sun. 10:00 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. Geryl Wolf
Assisting Bishop of Long Island

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Allotey
Assisting Bishop of Long Island

The Rt. Rev. William Franklin
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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 03/24	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday, 03/26	12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting in Fr. Chris' office 7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting – Atwater Room
Thursday, 03/27	10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Healing Service with Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study via zoom
Friday, 03/28	7:00 p.m. Way of the Cross
Saturday, 03/29	9:00 – 2:00 p.m. Winter Market in the Parish Hall
Sunday, 03/30	9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church Brunch in the Parish Hall No Sunday School

		<u>Services</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>On Line</u>
<u>Sunday 8:00 a.m. Participants</u>		03/16 8:00 a.m.	17	
LEM	Carol Jubinski	03/16 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	47	41
Lector	Carol Johns	Total	64	41
Usher	Pete William			
Altar Guild	Virginia Gilmore Diane Stewart	03/20 Bible Study	8	
Coffee Hour	TBD	03/20 Mid-Week Healing Service	6	
		03/14 The Way of the Cross	5	
<u>Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Participants</u>				
LEM	Madeline Glover			
Lector	John Kern			
Ushers	Tim Feil, Paul Okula			
Altar Guild	Diane Feil Norma-Jeanne Okula			
Coffee Hour	TBD			
<u>MARCH BIRTHDAYS</u>				
01 Norma-Jeanne Okula				
03 John Plate				
04 Hugh Devin Lueck				
04 Jacqueline Fritz				
05 Nathaniel Reece				
09 Carol Jubinski				
11 Alexander Gordon				
12 Lawrence Andria				
19 John Umina				
20 Beatrice Tunney				
20 Melvin Moss				
21 George Kast				
21 Theodore Canty				
25 Suellen Tunney				
27 Candace Andria				
28 Betty Ann Catanzaro				
29 Margret Canty				
31 Gwynne Wolgemuth				
<u>MARCH ANNIVERSARIES</u>				
03 Kurt & Edit Hofmann				
22 Richard & Susan Hawkins				

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 Lenten plants on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by The Andria & Melo families in celebration of Larry, Candace & Kenneth's birthdays and by Sundry Schermeyer in loving memory of Aunt Anai Andon & Uncle Ash Andon.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR TODAY IN THE ATWATER ROOM FOLLOWING BOTH SERVICES.

ANOTHER WAY TO SERVE YOU PARISH – Saint Mark's is seeking new **Vestry Members** to replace those whose terms are concluding in May. The requirements are simple: 1) You are a Confirmed Episcopalian 2) You are a member in good standing (You attend worship regularly and contribute financially to the life of the parish), and 3) You are willing to share your enthusiasm and talents for the good of Saint Mark's! For more information, please see Fr. Chris.

THURSDAYS IN LENT VIA ZOOM- Christian faith is based on the promise of life in the midst of death, of hope in the midst of suffering, and of resurrection and new life both in the future and in the here and now. The Book of Common Prayer and Enriching Our Worship suggest wonderful scriptures for funeral services that fit these themes and the hope and promise of Easter. The goal of this class is to dig into these texts and apply their meaning to our own lives. The classes will be led by the clergy of the Peconic Deanery. Please see newsletter for more details. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82253212322?pwd=KA60Pp39DgaNSBGPAXLxYqDkUZSUaY.1>

THE WAY OF THE CROSS: The Way of the Cross is being offered Friday evenings at 7 p.m. during Lent. It will continue thru April 18.

EASTER PLANT/FLOWER REQUESTS for a loved one or in thanksgiving for a person or event. Request forms are included in today's service bulletin. Please return to the attention of Laura Bott. The deadline for requests is April 6th.

BOCCE BALL - Start now to form your groups for when we start playing sometime around May/June. Contact Larry Andria at 516-903-6514.

COMMUNITY GARDEN - Spring will be springing soon. Sign up for your Community Garden plots. Contact Larry Andria at 516-903-6514.

SAINT MARK'S LADIES LUNCHEON - Our April luncheon will take place on Saturday, April 5th at 12:30 at the Birchwood Restaurant in Polish town. Check your email which will outline all of the specifics. Please rsvp by Wednesday, April 2nd if you are planning to attend. A flyer is included in today's service bulletin.

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. Each plant is \$40. During Lent there are plants on the altar in place of flowers. Please contact Laura if you sign up in the book.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Sunday, March 30 is a Fifth Sunday – One service at 9 am followed by Brunch
Saturday, April 12, 3:00 p.m. - Jean Scopinich Memorial Service - Reception to follow.
Sunday, May 18, at 11:15 a.m. Parish Annual Meeting (changed from May 4)
Sunday, June 22 – Saint Mark's 100th Anniversary Celebration

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested:

Kurt Andon (Req. by Sundy Schermeyer), **Ridgie Barnett** (Parishioner), **Noah Berger** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Stan Billie** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Amanda Cacoperdo** (Req. by Tim Feil), **Rich Cassavano** (Parishioner), **Deana Chiusano** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Abby Connett** (Req. by Nancy Connett), **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), **Jason Gordon** (by Kate Gabrielsen), **Roberta Good** (Diane Stewart's Sister), **Max Gorman** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Elaine Hanes** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Barbara Ireton** (Req. by Carol Smith), **Gretchen & Jim Jubinski** (Fr. Chris' Parents), **Cole LoRusso** (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), **Bob Love** (Req. by Fr. Chris), **John & Anita Martinelli** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Earl Meyers** (Jinny Gilmore), **Jock McLean** (Parishioner), **Sean McLean** (Req. by Jock McLean), **Carol Marin**, (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Paul Oele** (Parishioner), **Cassie Panzarino** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Michele Parks** (Req. by Marjorie Kulesa), **Kenneth Reeves** (husband of Louise Reeves), **Diane Stewart** (Parishioner) **John Stewart** (Parishioner), **Sarah Witters** (Req. by Victoria Garcia). **Steve DeCaro** (Parishioner), and **Pope Francis**, Bishop of Rome. **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, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner and James Mercready.

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2025, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Members Present: Fr. Chris Jubinski, Diane Stewart, Tom Horan, Steve DeCaro, Diane Feil, Madeline Glover, Tom Hadlock, Marj Kulesa, Ashley McLean, Barbara Pettus, Steve Turner, Tom Simson, Carol Fitton

Fr. Chris called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Tom Horan offered the opening prayer.

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

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Marj, seconded by Tom Horan, to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes three sets of minutes from previous Vestry meetings.

Finance Report: Tom Simson

Bright Beginnings: January 2025 Tuition receipts, which comprise the bulk of Bright Beginning's Income, were \$108.2K, up 31.2% compared to \$82.4K January 2024, while January 2025 Income increased 31.1% to \$114.7K vs \$87.5K January 2024. However, January 2025 expenses were up substantially to \$99.4K compared to \$57.4K January 2024, an increase of 72.8%. Tom noted that salaries comprise most of the expenses and these were also up 88.2% from \$46.1K in 2024 to \$86.7K in 2025, however Tom also noted January 2025 had 3 paychecks, which definitely inflated the January 2025 expenses as compared to January 2024. Although January 2025 Net Income is \$15.3K, the higher expenses resulted in a 49% drop from January 2024 Net Income of \$30K. Tom noted that BB has been paying some utilities expenses this year that they were not paying last year, so he thinks the trend line will be more apparent after a couple months have passed.

SMC: Tom reported January 2025 Church Donations of \$62.5K vs \$41.8K a year ago, an increase of 50%. He noted that pre-paid pledges were much higher this year which accounts for some of the increase. Other Revenue increased to \$11.1K from \$920 in 2024, due to rent from the Beinecke Building. For January 2025, Salaries and Benefits Expenses were \$34.6K vs \$26.2K in January 2024, an increase of 32%, although January 2025 had 3 pay periods. The January 2025 Operating Income of \$23.9K compares to -\$12.5K in 2024, a large increase due to higher income from a variety of sources. Tom noted that the YTD results have changed slightly based on revising the accounts used to compute what is considered "core performance" as well as excluding extraordinary items.

Tom also noted:

- Annual giving statements have been sent out, but the new Aplos system has required a lot of manual cleanup to names and addresses.
- He is working on the 2025 budget.
- The Beinecke Building rent will be going to the full rate in April.
- Parish Hall usage and subsequently rental income has increased.

Investment Committee: The balance in the investment account as of January 31,2025 is \$774,364. There was no draw from the account in January.

Parochial Report: Fr. Chris noted that both the national church and the diocese mandate a due date of March 1 and that closer attention is being paid to the deadline this year at the diocese. He thanked Tom S for completing his part of the report. A motion was made by Diane S, seconded by Tom Horan, to approve the report for submission.

Announcements / Upcoming Events:

Fr. Chris mentioned the following upcoming events:

- We have been given the date of June 22 for Confirmation. Fr. Chris is checking on a possible conflict with the use of the Parish Hall for early voting.
- Church of the Atonement's first service is June 29.

Question and Answer Time:

- Discussion re radio and other forms of advertising.
- Fr. Chris and Diane S met recently with WHB Mayor Ralph Urban to establish a working relationship and discuss the Great Lawn parameters. The mayor also gave information about the Village's new usage regulations, e.g., the use of tents.
- Discussion re the Immigration Webinar hosted by the Diocese. A number of the Vestry listened and noted that a lot of information was presented and that it was an excellent session.
- Pilgrimage from last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in May. Marj is participating this year. Barbara plans to participate next year.
- The goal is to get the organ completed in time for Easter. Stephen needs more help in order to accomplish this goal.
- Fr. Chris noted that after permits were approved, approximately 1/3 of the Undercroft has been enclosed for use as storage space, as we were previously very short on storage.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. with a closing prayer.

Next Vestry Meeting: Vestry meetings are normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The upcoming meetings are scheduled for: March 18, and April 15. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Fitton, Clerk



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RSVP vicar@stjameslb.org

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SATURDAYS

Rites of Passage

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- 01 Norma-Jeanne Okula
- 03 John Plate
- 04 Hugh Devin Lueck
- 04 Jacqueline Fritz
- 05 Nathaniel Reece
- 09 Carol Jubinski
- 11 Alexander Gordon
- 12 Lawrence Andria
- 20 Beatrice Tunney
- 20 Melvin Moss
- 21 George Kast
- 21 Theodore Canty
- 25 Suellen Tunney
- 27 Candace Andria
- 28 Betty Ann Catanzaro
- 29 Margret Canty
- 31 Gwynne Wolgemuth

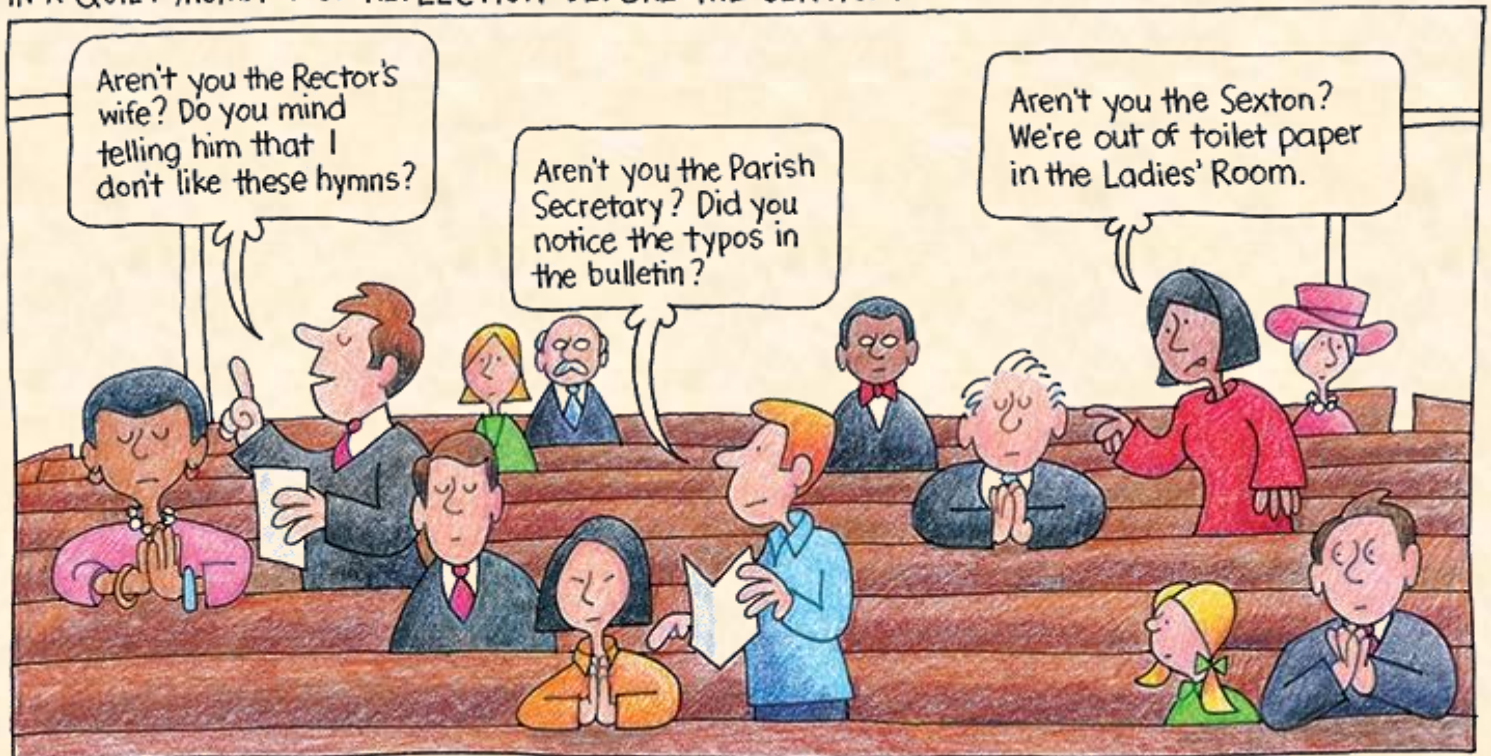
MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 Kurt & Edit Hofmann
- 22 Richard & Susan Hawkins



On the Lighter Side...

IN A QUIET MOMENT OF REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE...



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