



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# A LION'S SHARE

JANUARY 31, 2026





## A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP

### THE MOST REVEREND SEAN ROWE

Dear people of God in The Episcopal Church:

Like Jesus, we live in frightening times. His earthly ministry began, as we heard [in today's Gospel reading](#), when John the Baptist was imprisoned by authorities who wanted to silence his preaching and prophesying.

Jesus knew what happens when earthly powers persuade human beings to fear one another, regard one another as strangers, and believe that there is not enough to go around. In Jesus' time, the power of these divisions motivated John's beheading and Jesus' own death on the cross at the hands of Roman authorities.

In our time, the deadly power of those divisions is on display on the streets of Minneapolis, in other places across the United States, and in other countries around the world. As has too often been the case throughout history, the most vulnerable among us are bearing the burden, shouldering the greatest share of risk and loss, and enduring the violation of their very humanity.

But we do not grieve without hope. The Christian story is full of people who lived in frightening and brutal times, and who followed Jesus' call [that we heard in church today](#). His proclamation turns us away from the fear born of sin and death and toward the kingdom of God, toward Christ's ministry of justice, reconciliation, and love. "From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view," the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth (2 Corinthians 5:16), exhorting them to reject the divisions of their time in favor of being ambassadors for Christ.

This is God's call to The Episcopal Church now, and it is not an easy one. In the United States, we no longer live in a time when we can expect to practice our faith without risk, and we are confronting what vulnerable communities of faith have experienced for generations. Our right to worship freely as one church, committed to the dignity of every human being, has been curtailed by the fear that too many immigrant Christians face when they leave their homes. Peaceful protests, a right long enshrined in the Constitution, are now made deadly. Carrying out the simple commands of Jesus—feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, visiting prisoners, making peace—now involves risks for the church and grave danger for those we serve. As Christians, we must acknowledge that this chaos and division is not of God, and we must commit ourselves to paying whatever price our witness requires of us.

In the coming years, our church will continue to be tested in every conceivable way as we insist that death and despair do not have the last word, and as we stand with immigrants and the most vulnerable among us who reside at the heart of God. We will be required to hold fast to God's promise to make all things new, because our call to follow God's law surpasses any earthly power or principality that might seek to silence our witness.

To those of you who are in the center of the storm, please know that I am praying for you as you embody the love of Christ in your ministries and communities. To those of you who are watching with concern and fear, I ask you to pray for those who have died in protests and detention, for those who witnessed their deaths, and for everyone who bears authority and responsibility in this moment, that they may exercise wisdom, restraint, and courage. Pray too, especially in the days to come, for the witness of our church in these times and for a hedge of protection around all the beloved children of God who live in fear this day.





## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 02/02

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Wednesday, 02/04

7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting - Atwater Room

7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting - Parish Hall

Thursday, 02/05

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

2:30 p.m. The Villa

4:30 p.m. Pastoral Visit + Holy Communion

8:00 p.m. Compline via zoom

Friday, 02/06

10:00 a.m. Yoga - Parish Hall

Saturday, 02/07

9:00 - 1:00 Winter Market - Parish Hall

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church

Sunday, 02/08

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

6:00 p.m. Super Bowl/Chili Party

### SATURDAY, January 31, 5:00 p.m. Participants

LEM/Lector	Carol Jubinski
Usher	Pete Williams
Altar Guild	Victoria Garcia, Marcia Palmer

### SUNDAY February 1, 9:30 a.m. Participants

LEM	Madeline Glover
Lector	Carol Johns
Ushers:	Paul Okula, Bill Glover
Altar Guild	Victoria Garcia, Marcia Palmer
Coffee Hour	Parish Hall

### JANUARY BIRTHDAY

Nancy Connett 01/31

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Paul & Norma-Jeanne Okula	02/02
Francis & Nicole Gordon	02/22
Paul & Lisa Canty	02/24
Kent and Elizabeth Wolgemuth	02/29

Services	In Person	On-line
01/24 - 5:00 p.m.	33	177!!!
01/25 - 9:30 a.m.	No Service/Snow Storm	
01/29 - Bible Class	11	
01/29 - Mid-Week Service	10	
01/29 - Compline	2	

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

**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY Chili COOK-OFF** Sunday, February 8 starting at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to [kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org](mailto:kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org) or call 631.288.2111.

### ETIPHANY TIDE BLESSING OF HOUSES

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

**NEW FORWARD DAY BY DAY** devotional booklets for Feb., March, and April are now available.

**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)

### 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 1:00 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 +

**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](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com)

**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). Each vase is \$40. In February the following are available....one vase on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and two for the 15<sup>th</sup>. **Please remember to contact Laura 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 Farijian** (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), **Fred Gardner** (Req. by Dick Gardner), **Sandra Griffith** (Req. by Jane Griffith), **Elaine Hanes** (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), **Paulann Hoffman** (Req. by Chris Adams), **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





# *Super Bowl* **CHILI COOK-OFF**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026**  
**AT SAINT MARK'S PARISH HALL**  
**6:00 PM**



## **Why join?**

- **Delicious Chili**
- **Fun for All Ages**
- **Competitions & People's Choice**



**Calling all chili  
enthusiasts  
and culinary  
wizards!**

## **HOW TO RSVP**

**PARISH OFFICE: 631.288.2111**  
**KATE.GABRIELSEN@STMARKSWHB.ORG**







**SAINT MARK'S LADIES LUNCHEON, 12:30 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026**

Hello all,

Due my being sick and out of the office it was necessary to postpone the date of our February Luncheon to the 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be returning to the Pulaski Grill, 424 Pulaski Street, 11901 in Polish Town Riverhead once again.

I have chosen their Lunch Special this time, which is a lighter meal for the afternoon. It includes one of each: soft drinks, iced tea, or coffee and there is a choice of French fries or coleslaw and one of the following, for \$26, including tip. For those of you who want a glass of wine, it is an additional \$9.00 per glass paid separately. The following choices will be offered:

New York Burger – marinated & topped with w/sharp cheddar cheese, caramelized onions & bacon on a toasted pretzel roll.

Grilled Chicken Salad – sliced chicken breast over tossed garden salad w/dried cranberries, candied walnuts & red onion w/balsamic vinaigrette.

Fish Tacos – battered cod fillet w/Asian slaw, cheddar-jack cheese, spicy corn relish and wasabi mayo.

Turkey-Brie Wrap – turkey breast w/melted brie & bacon & cranberry relish.

Roast Beef French Dip – thin sliced: topped with Melted mozzarella on a garlic French baguette w/au jus.

Please rsvp by Wednesday, February 11, and include your lunch choice. And once again, it is most helpful if you have the exact amount of \$26.00.

Kate Gabrielsen, Parish Administrator – 631-288-2111

[Kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org](mailto:Kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org)

# **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**





## Epiphany IV (A) February 1, 2026

**RCL:** Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**, Matthew 5:1-12

### Opening Prayer |

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Context |

In 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, St. Paul addresses the church in Corinth, a faith community he establishes around 50 or 51 CE, during his second missionary journey. Located in a cosmopolitan Greek city, the church is socially and economically diverse, with a membership consisting of Gentile converts, Jewish Christians, slaves, freed people, and a few wealthy families. Paul spends about eighteen months founding and nurturing this community before he leaves to continue his missionary endeavors in Ephesus.

A couple of years later, he learns, much to his dismay, that factions have broken out within the congregation. Instead of prioritizing a common commitment to the life and teachings of Jesus, and striving to love each other across their differences, members are pledging loyalty to rival leaders, based on their own standards of eloquence, education, and social status. The followers of “Apolllos” look down on the followers of “Cephas.” The factions committed to “Paul” consider themselves more sophisticated than the factions enamored of other leaders. The members who value rhetoric and philosophy have very different notions of divine impressiveness than the members who value signs and miracles.

The result is a church plagued by pride, competitiveness, and self-promotion. 1 Corinthians is the pastoral letter Paul writes to the church, to address these and other pressing spiritual problems within the community.

### Theological Reflection |

Paul responds to the divisiveness within the church at Corinth by emphasizing that God’s wisdom—the wisdom through which God saves us—is radically different from human wisdom. *So* different, in fact, that human beings, left to themselves, will inevitably find God’s ways foolish and weak. And yet, it is precisely *because* God’s wisdom testifies so powerfully to the saving virtues of humility, sacrifice, and apparent weakness, that it challenges human notions of pride and power.

Specifically, Paul highlights the divine wisdom of the cross, which is “foolishness” to the Greeks and “a stumbling block” to the Jews. In Paul’s cultural, political, and religious context, crucifixion is a scandal; there is nothing redemptive about it. It is no more sacred or salvific a symbol in the public imagination than electric chairs or lethal injection chambers are for 21<sup>st</sup> century Americans. So why does God allow Jesus’s humiliating crucifixion to become the means of humanity’s salvation? Why is a cross—an instrument to crush criminality or rebellion through public disgrace—chosen to become the instrument of liberation?

Paul suggests that this astonishing and scandalous “foolishness” on God’s part is specifically intended to teach human beings that God’s ways are not our ways. In the inbreaking realm of God, business as usual will not work; human assumptions around power, popularity, and might-makes-right have to give way. God’s ways are specifically intended to “make foolish the wisdom of the world.” Where human beings prize power, money, celebrity, and self-achievement, God prizes humility, simplicity, service, and self-sacrifice. Where human beings flock to the strongest, wealthiest, and most eloquent, God intentionally chooses the lowly, the weak, the poor, and the socially despised. Where human beings often exacerbate divisions based on social status, privilege, and hierarchy, God always cherishes unity, humility, and mutual care.

Having described the ways in which God reverses human priorities and preferences through the paradoxical wisdom of the cross, Paul suggests that followers of Jesus must likewise embrace the same countercultural wisdom. The church should “boast” in nothing but the cross and Christ crucified. The scandal of Jesus’s humble death should be the foundation of a radical humility among Jesus’s followers. God’s decision to choose, not the wise and powerful of the world, but the simple and lowly, should inspire a unity that supersedes all differences of intelligence, eloquence, education, or socioeconomic privilege. And because the ultimate source of Christian life is Christ, “who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,” Christian identity should be rooted deeply in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, not in leaders who encourage cults of personality, with all their attendant cliques, divisions, and factions.

### **Reflection Questions |**

- St. Paul’s letter is addressed to a community struggling with division, competition, and partisanship. Where in our culture do you see similar problems leading to fracture and pain?
- In what ways does our society and our institutions define and wisdom and power differently than God does?
- What does it mean in your own life of faith that Christ has become your “wisdom?”

### **Faith in Practice |**

Paul’s teaching in this scripture passage encourages his readers to honor the people whom the world tends to overlook. This week, commit to noticing, honoring, and (if possible) including at least one person in your community whom you’ve previously ignored or underestimated. Perhaps someone who is shy or otherwise quiet. Perhaps someone whose education level, socioeconomic status, or profession fall beneath your typical notice, or make you uncomfortable. What might this person teach you about the countercultural wisdom, power, and saving love of God?



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<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/bible-study/>

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sermons-that-work>



# Upcoming Dementia Programs



## The Impact of Alzheimer's and Dementia in our Community

This program offers a comprehensive overview of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia, highlighting the profound impact dementia has on caregivers. Participants will gain valuable insights into the free support and resources available through the Alzheimer's Association, while also learning about preventative measures and early detection strategies to better manage and understand this challenging disease.

## Building the Foundations of Caregiving

This program explores the role of caregiver and changes they may experience, building a support team and managing caregiver stress. Caring for someone living with dementia brings a unique set of challenges and rewards. With the right help and support, you can empower yourself to provide quality care while managing your own well-being.



Tuesday, February 3, 2026  
7pm.



Via Zoom



Advanced registration required.




To register:

<https://forms.gle/BVrqdjtrZ73nw5Ut8>

In partnership with Diocese of  
Long Island





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

## AQION'S SHARE

### 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

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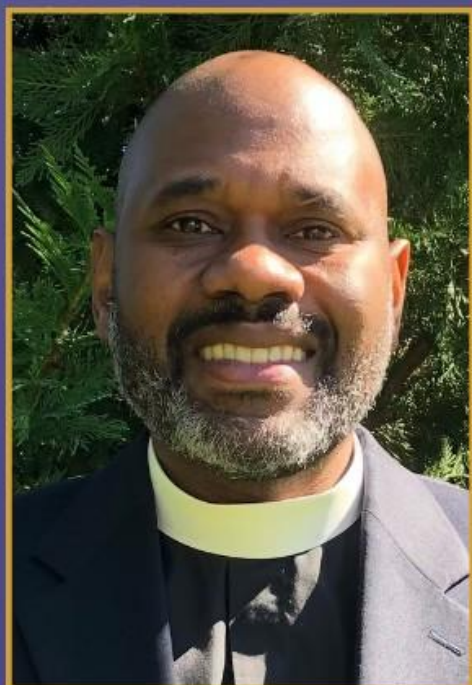
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# Announcing the Slate of Candidates for Ninth Bishop of Long Island



**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.

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





# New York State Boaters Safety Course



Sat. Feb 7th 2026 • 9AM - 5PM

**\*\* NYS REQUIRES ALL BOATERS & PERSONAL WATERCRAFT OPERATORS TO HAVE A BOATERS SAFETY CERTIFICATE \*\***

Westhampton Beach Fire Dept.  
92 Sunset Ave.  
Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

- Ages 10 or older
- Ages 10 - 17 are free
- Ages 18 & Over - \$10 NYS Parks Fee
- All participants 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult

*Pre-Registration Is Required*

For more information contact: [myakaboski@whbpd.org](mailto:myakaboski@whbpd.org)



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## Rites of Passage

### JANUARY BIRTHDAY

31 Nancy Connett

### 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

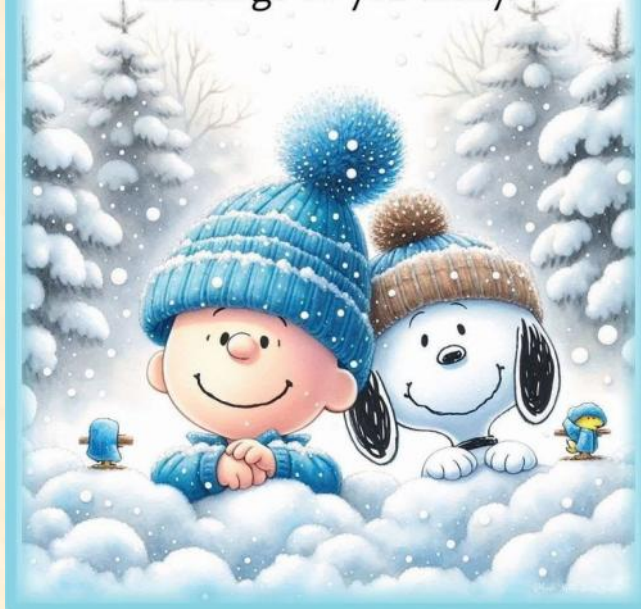
22 Paul & Norma-Jeanne Okla

22 Francis & Nicole Gordon

24 Paul & Lisa Canty

29 Kent and Elizabeth Wolgemuth

To everyone reading this...  
May God shine down his love and  
blessings on you today!



## On the Lighter Side...

OBSERVANCE OF FEBRUARY 2



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