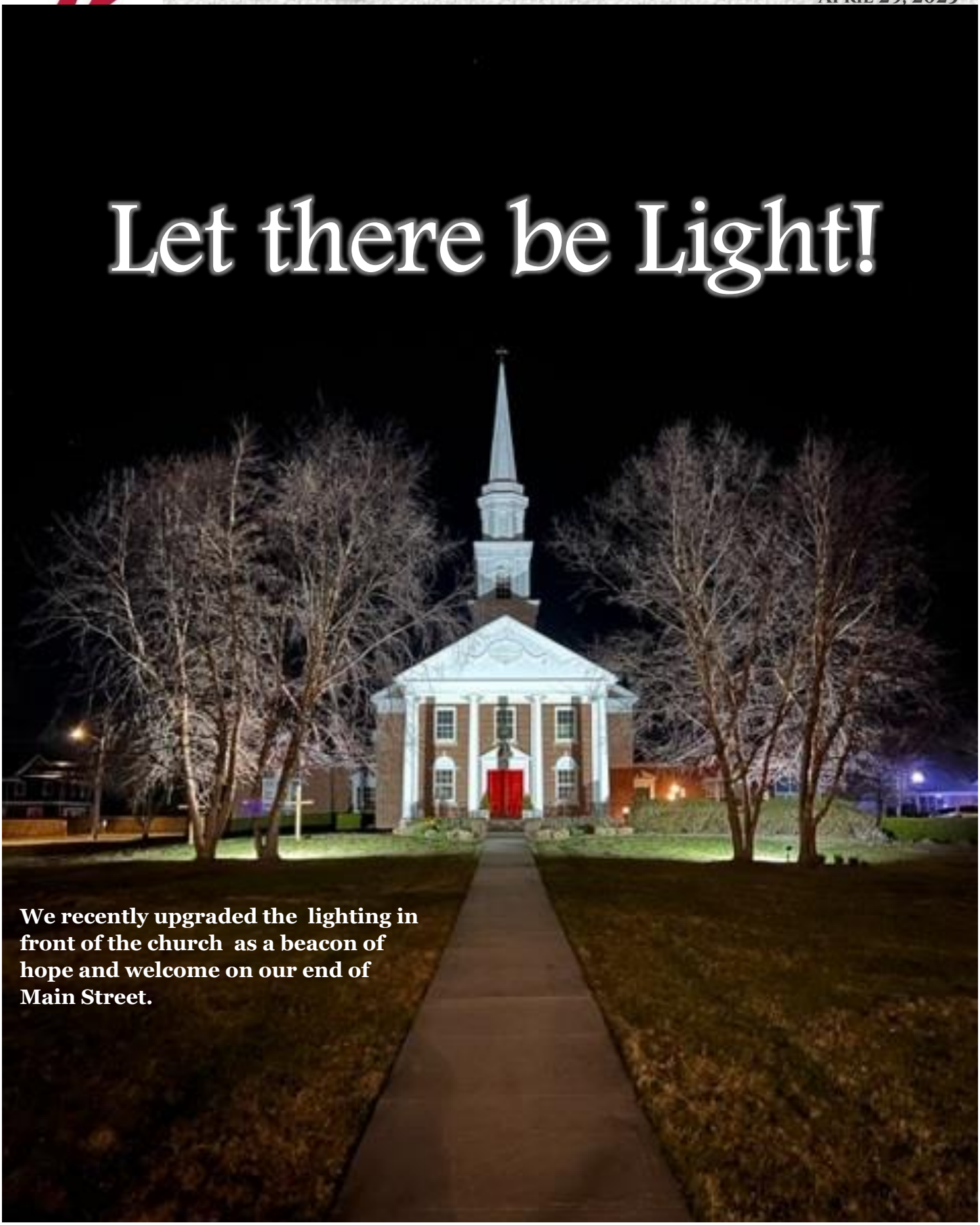
SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A LION'S SHARE

APRIL 29, 2023

Let there be Light!



We recently upgraded the lighting in front of the church as a beacon of hope and welcome on our end of Main Street.

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The Weekly Newsletter of Saint Mark's Church
A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

St. Mark's Church

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Office Hours

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

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
(Livestreamed)

Thursday Services

11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing
5:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist , Evening Prayer or Compline

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano
Bishop of Long Island
The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf
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Saint Mark's Voice–Parish News

The WEEK AHEAD

Monday	(05/01)	**Parish Office Closed**
Tuesday	**(**05/02)	12:40 p,m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday	(05/03)	7:00 p.m. Alanon Meeting
Thursday	(05/04)	10:00 a.m. Bible Study – "The Psalms" 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 1:00 p.m. Threshold Singers 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice in the Church
Saturday	(05/06)	9:30 a.m. Men's Group 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. Winter Market
Sunday	(05/07)	9:15 a.m. Choir Practice in the Church 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School **11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting in the Parish Hall + Coffee Hour/Brunch**

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by *Carol Smith in loving memory of her stepsons, Gregory and Kevin Smith and by Norma Jeanne Okula in Celebration of Joseph Matucello & Paul Okula's birthday.*

Congratulations on the Birthday of *Kelly Tessitore, Fred Meyer, Paul Okula, Bill Glover, Hannah Love Quinn.*

For those serving in the Armed Forces: *Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, and Michael Keegan.*

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested: **Noah Berger** *(Req. by Jenn Kast),* **Stan Billie** *(Req. by Jenn Kast),* **Deana Chiusano** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore),* **Darrie Cosban** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore)* **Nancy Fraser** *(Req. by Ki Nobeletti),* **Roberta Good** *(Diane Stewart's Sister),* **Anthony Graviano** *(Jeannine Graviano's Father),* **Cheryl Grove** *(Friend of Marj Kulesa),* **Elaine Hanes** *(Req by Kate Gabrielsen),* **Barbara Ireton** *(Req. by Carol Smith),* **Cathy Jones** *(Farmers Market),* **Stephen Jones** *(Req. by Kate Gabrielsen),* **Gretchen & Jim Jubinski** *(Fr. Chris' Parents),* **Campbell Kast** *(Req. by Jenn Kast),* **Cole LoRusso** *(Marj Kulesa's Nephew),* **Fred Meyer** *(Parishioner),* **Jock McLean** *(Parishioner),* **Sean McLean** *(Req. by Jock McLean),* **The Reverend Abigail Murphy** *(Priest in EDLI),* **Jeanette Navas** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore),* **Sudie Nostrand** *(Carol John's Sister),* **Paul Oele** *(Parishioner),* **Cassie Panzarino** *(Req. by Jinny Gilmore),* **Joan Petrella** *(Parishioner),* **Rosemary Rees** *(Victoria Garcia's Sister),* **Betty-Rose & Stuart Richardson** *(Req. by Victoria Garcia),* **Jean Scopinich** *(Parishioner),* **John Stewart** *(Parishioner),* **Sarah Witters** *(Req. by Victoria Garcia), and* **Jocko Calvez** *(Req. by Larry Andria).*

If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 7th at 11 AM, following the 10 AM service. There will not be an 8 AM service that Sunday.

Bible Study takes place on Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Rector's office. The current topic is "The Psalms".

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are now available during each service. If you require one, please ask Fr. Chris at the communion rail.

If you are a new parishioner, we would most appreciate your filling out our Parish Survey. There are blanks at the back of the church for your convenience. Completed forms can be returned to the church office. Thank you.

Coffee Hour – Hosts/hostesses are needed to volunteer for Coffee Hour following the 8 & 10 am services. There is a sign-up sheet for May outside of the Parish Hall. Whatever assistance you can offer will be most appreciated. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Mid-Week Services on Thursdays - Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in the Rector's office at **11:00 AM** and Holy Eucharist at **5:00 PM** in the church.

We Need Your Help on Sunday Mornings as a Lay Eucharistic Minister or Acolyte. Please contact John Kern at John@jkernlaw.com.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to dedicate Altar flowers for the Altar contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at laura.bott17@gmail.com. In May there is one vase available for the 7th and 14th. Each vase is $40. Kindly Note: checks should be made out to St. Mark's Church with "Flowers" in the memo section.

Ways to Help the People of Ukraine…When the donated non-perishable items were delivered to the Ukrainian Church in Riverhead we were told that what they need right now are bandages, pain killers, burn care products and **NEW winter clothing**. A complete list is posted on the bulletin board next to the church office. Please help us collect as much of these necessary items as we can. There is a box for them in the narthex. You can also visit our website at www.stmarkswhb.org for ways to help.

Maureen's Haven: "Thank you" for donations to Maureen's Haven. A box for donations, along with a list of suggested items such as individual containers of non-perishable food, is in the office lobby.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 9:30 AM May 6 – Men's Group
Sunday, 11:00 AM, May 7 – Annual Meeting
April 2023: Winter Market in the Parish Hall 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Service Attendance

Sunday April 23	**8 :00 AM**	**19**	
	10:00 AM	**41**	(plus 59 households prayed with us online.)
	Total:	**60**	

4/27	**Bible Study**	**5**
	11 am HE	**3**
	5 pm HE	**3**

Pray for your parish family every day at 12:00 Noon

And Pray for the People in Ukraine!

The Liturgical Guide
And Ministry Schedule

Liturgical Day & Color	April 2, 2023 Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday	April 9, 2023 Day of Resurrection Easter Sunday	April 16, 2023 2 Easter	April 23, 2023 3 Easter
Lectionary Readings (Revised Common Lectionary)	Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 21:1-11 Matthew 26:14- 27:66	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18	Acts 2:14a,22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Acts 2:14a,36-41 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35
	One Service Only	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
LEM		Carol Jubinski	Sundy Schermeyer	Virginia Gilmore
Lector		Tom Simson	Carol Johns	Carol Jubinski
Usher		Tom Simson	Pete Williams	Steve Turner
	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
LEM	Madeline Glover	Laureen Andria	Madeline Glover Rob Perdock	John Kern Rob Perdock
Lector	Dick Gardner	John Kern	Barbara Pettus	John Andren
Greeter/Ushers	Tom Hadlock Rich Caccavano Tom Horan	Steve DeCaro Tom Horan Sandy Wyman Paul Okula	Eric Christensen Kevin Tunney	Bill Glover Rich Caccavano
Altar Guild	Victoria Garcia Lee Wadelton	TBD	Laura Bott Louise Reeves	Catharine Nobiletti Helen Horton
Coffee Hour	Can you bring something to share?	Can you bring something to share?	Can you bring something to share?	Can you bring something to share?

Services at Saint Mark's

Weekends

Sunday—Holy Eucharist
8:00 am & 10:00 a.m.

Thursdays

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline

Baptisms, Weddings, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

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To see the readings for the next two Sundays, click on the links at the top of the schedule on this page
or visit lectionarypage.net

Art for a Cause at SAINT MARK'S

Sunflowers for Ukraine

Our Peer Mentoring Art class takes place in a unique classroom enviroment at Shoreham-Wading River High School.
Our RISE students who have Autism work alongside our peer mentors to produce art that we can all be proud of!

This year we were awarded a SEPTA special education grant to purchase all of the materials related to this project and our students wanted to make an impact on the crisis in Ukraine.

We are auctioning off these beautiful sunflower paintings to raise money for the children and students of the Ukraine.

Thank you for any donation you would like to make to our cause or for bidding on one of our paintings!

-Jason Andria and the RISE Peer Mentoring Art class

KICK OFF TO MEMORIAL WEEKEND!

FRIDAY MAY 26TH 4-6PM

ART EXHIBITION –SCREENING OF "LIFE GOES ON PART 1 & 2" WITH RECEPTION!

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"Strength, Honor, Hope, and Courage" by John Melillo

COME MEET AND SUPPORT

DISABLED VIETNAM VETERAN/ LOCAL EAST END CELEBRITY ARTIST

JOHN MELILLO

"Endless Summer" West Hampton Beach by John Melillo

www.arteelingsjm.com

Instagram @artfeelingsjm

SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WESTHAMPTON BEACH, NY

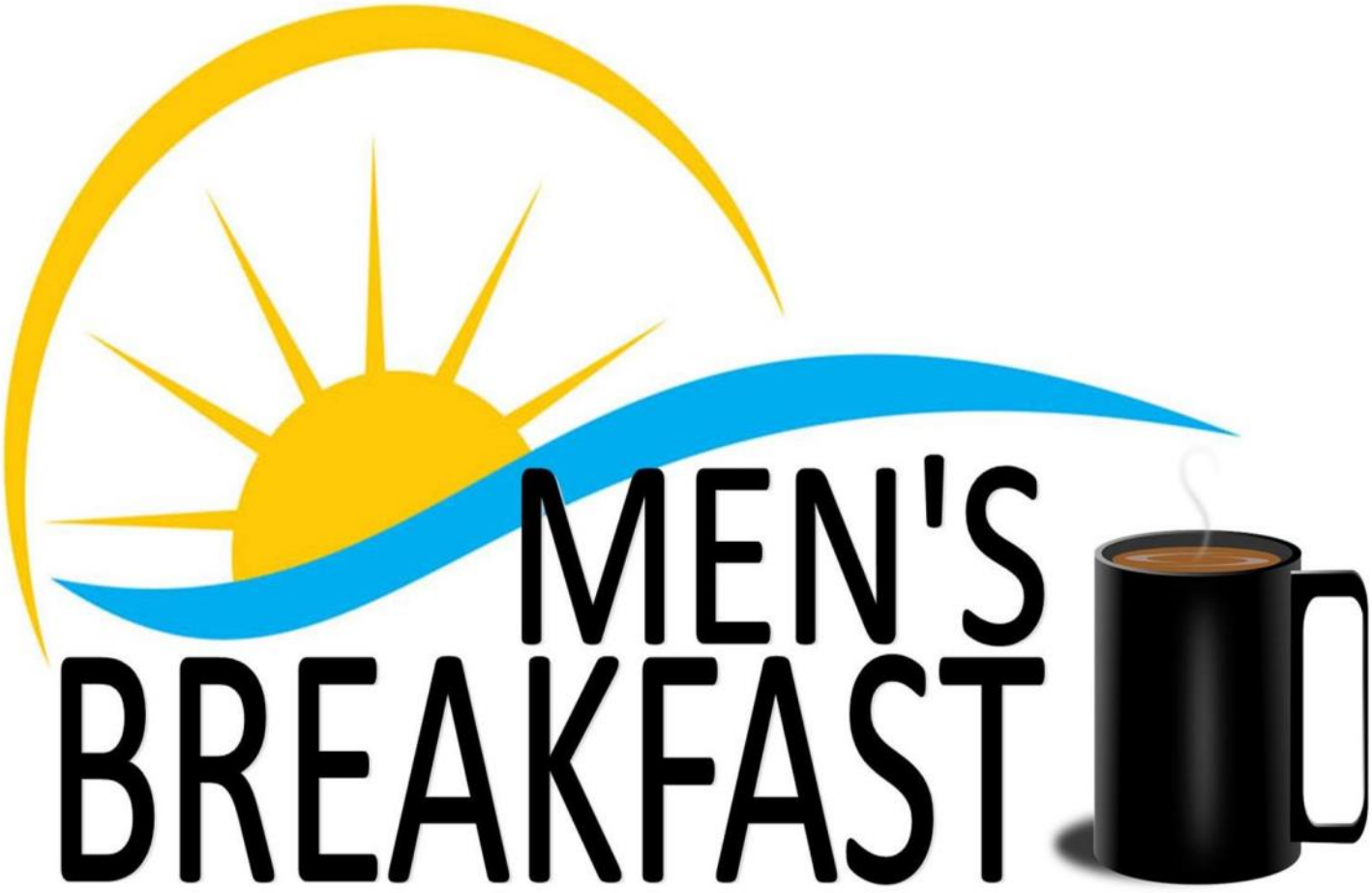
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Following the 10:00 a.m. Service

(There will only be ONE SERVICE on the day.)

Please bring a Brunch food item to share.



& WORK PARTY

Saturday, May 6, 2023

9:00 a.m.

At the Rectory

27 Beach Road

Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

BULLETIN INSERTS

April 30, 2023 – Easter 4 (A)
Week 4: Reflections on the Resurrection

During the Easter season, Sermons That Work is pleased to present reflections from some of the newest bishops of The Episcopal Church on the resurrection of our Lord. Check back each week for a brief exploration of how Jesus Christ's rising from the grave changes everything. To listen to this reflection, scan the QR code on this page and subscribe to the Sermons That Work podcast.

Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women who were with them; these women are not only the first evangelists, but they are also the saints we need for our day.

They do not yet know what it will look like or what it will mean that Jesus is risen from the dead. They do not know, at this point in the story, how it will be that Jesus will reveal himself to them, in what form he will appear, how they will know, or what it will look like. They do not yet know where new life is, only where old life is no longer.

But they do not wait. They do not need to know what comes next in order to proclaim what currently is. These women stand in the midst of an empty tomb and see it filled with the potential that Jesus is very much alive; not as he had been, but as he will be. These women do not hold back from proclaiming their truth to those who would disbelieve. They did not care that it would not make sense, that others could not yet see what they had seen.

This is a critical moment for these women and the rest of Jesus' followers. The scenes that follow -- the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus -- are dependent on them knowing the possibility that Jesus might just appear. If they could not consider the angels' words, if they could not hold out hope that the tomb could not contain the love of God, they could never have known resurrection when it appeared. Jesus could not be on the beach, grilling fish, if he were back in the tomb. He could not be walking with them on the road to Emmaus, if his body were someplace else unknown.

In order for them to see the fullness of God's Love in the world around them, they needed to see the emptiness of the tomb. They needed to stop looking for the living among the dead and instead seek the living Christ in the life of the world. These women are our evangelists, proclaiming to us the Good News that Jesus Christ is risen.

These women are our saints - our inspiration and our example of how it is God asks us to stop seeking the living among the dead. To stop seeking life at the empty tombs of our lives. To allow for the potential that new life is around every corner, a possibility that exists only when we stop insisting it can only be found where it once was.

We do not need to know where it is that the Risen Life of Christ will meet us on the roads of our lives. We need only know that the empty tomb we are in is not, in fact, empty, but full. It is full of possibilities. It is full of hope. It is full of love. It is full of life.

Why do you seek the living among the dead?

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello *is the sixteenth Bishop Diocesan for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Bishop Mello was consecrated in October 2022.*

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BIBLE STUDIES THAT WORK

Easter 4 (A)
April 30, 2023

[RCL] Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Acts 2:42-47

Matthias has just been named the twelfth apostle, and Christ has called the twelve into mission. The Holy Spirit has set upon them and they begin their post-resurrection ministry. As the apostles gain believers, small intentional communities begin to form, and the atmosphere seems idyllic—as though the kingdom of heaven has materialized on earth. Believers began to live together in beloved community: eating together, worshipping together, and sharing resources. Each day their numbers increased. It sounds phenomenal. And it was. But it's important to consider context here. Christ has not been gone for very long, and the believers are actively awaiting his return. They believe it is imminent, within their lifetime. And so, even their hardships seem short-lived and bearable, because they know that relief is near—eternal rest in Christ's kingdom.

Christ *will* come again. But when? How much more bearable hardships would be if we could predict their ending! And life was hard in ancient Israel; only a few months passed before the first martyrdom set in motion a wave of brutal persecution at the hands of the Roman Empire. This passage from Acts can teach us both *hope* and the power of faith. We know beloved community is possible. We know that it works. And we have faith that we *will* find it again.

- How do you recognize elements of Beloved Community in your life?
- Imagine for a moment that Christ will return in your lifetime. How would that transform your day-to-day living?

Psalm 23

In times of trial, we humans tend to lean into comfort-seeking behaviors: a close friend in whom to confide, a warm fluffy blanket to wrap around ourselves, a favorite show to take our mind off of things, even if only temporarily, a comforting cup of tea. But a comforting psalm? Yes. Psalms are relatable. They poetically iterate the emotions bound up in our raw humanity. Psalms express our fear of enemies, our lament over hardships, our joy in triumph, and our determination and faith during times of trial. Psalm 23 expresses the idyllic state of God's love for us, while at the same time acknowledging the ever-present dangers in our earthly human lives. We are comforted by God's unwavering love for us. As we tread through the deserts and valleys of life, God provides wisdom and sustenance. God blesses us and gives us hope. This psalm comforts us in times of trial by acknowledging that, though we stray like lost sheep, God is always present, speaking to us – we only need to listen.

- How does Psalm 23 speak to you?
- Are there times when you still fear evil, even though you know that God is with you?

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1 Peter 2:19-25

The significance of this passage is its pastoral approach to a timeless hardship. This letter is written by a disciple of Peter to newly converted Christians who are struggling through the difficulties of being exiled from their communities. Where they once had privilege, they now find exclusion and abuse. They have, in a sense, entered an unfamiliar wilderness, a liminal space within the margins of society. From one side, they stand abhorred and scourged, unwanted by popular society. From the other side, they are sheep of a fold being guided under the care of the Great Shepherd, beloved and cared for, but susceptible to wolves and all sorts of dangers because of their faith.

This letter offers buoyancy and hope, not in the here and now, but in their future within God's heavenly dwelling. It reminds them (and us) of Christ's ultimate sacrifice for us, an innocent Lamb who committed *no* sin, yet gave his life for the forgiveness of *our* sins. Our sacrifice is in our steady trust and praise to God, regardless of our circumstance. Psalm 23 expresses this well: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me." God is with us, and that is what Peter is assuring the oppressed. Have faith in the shepherd and guardian of your souls (1 Peter 2:25).

- When have you felt exiled?
- The communities to whom Peter is writing are being abused because of their faith, and Peter is encouraging them to persevere. Do you find this letter encouraging? What would encourage *you* to persevere amid the abuse?

John 10:1-10

"I am the gate," Jesus said. He tells us that anyone who enters the sheepfold – which has only one entryway – by any means other than through the gate is a bandit. Sheepfolds are designed for protection. Sheep may safely rest within their walls, finding sanctuary behind the gate, which is guarded by the gatekeeper: God. This metaphor would have been very relatable to the earliest Christians as shepherding was an integral part of their culture. Protecting the sheep meant that there was food to eat and fiber for clothing. It meant survival.

The gate offers life, and likewise, Christ offers life. Through Christ, "the guardian [or gate] of our souls," we find the promise of sanctuary and everlasting life. In this earthly life, we are faced with innumerable things vying for our attention, distracting us, and leading us astray. All the while, Christ-the-Gate stands open, welcoming us into his sheepfold. There is no shortcut; only through Christ-the-Gate may we enter God's kingdom, and it won't be easy getting there. But there is hope: "Though [we] walk through the valley of the shadow of death," we are not alone. Following the still, small voice of our Creator and Redeemer, we will make our way to the Gate of Salvation and we *will* find sanctuary.

- What earthly distractions lead you astray, away from Christ-the-Gate?
- How do you hear the voice of our Creator calling you to Christ-the-Gate?
- Where do you see threads of connectivity between this day's scripture readings?

The Rev. Angela Furlong's *call to ordained ministry follows a lifetime of secular profession as a teacher, a neurobehavioral specialist, and a linguist. She holds an Associate's Degree in Communication, a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. She will earn her Master's of Divinity Degree in May 2023. She is also a wartime veteran. Angela is a passionate advocate for the marginalized and the oppressed, and tirelessly professes God's unconditional love for all and above all else. She enjoys spending time in nature, writing icons, and listening to people's stories.*

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Vocations Day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2023

Location:
Mercer School of Theology
65 Fourth Street, Garden City, NY 11530

FOR PERSONS IN GRADES 8-12
WHO WISH TO EXPLORE LAY AND ORDAINED MINISTRIES IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8:45 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
10:00AM DISCERNING MINISTRY
11:30 A.M. THE DAILY OFFICE PRESENTATION
11:45 AM NOON DAY PRAYER
12:30 PM LUNCH
1:00 PM DIOCESAN (FAMILY) FEUD
2:00 PM CLOSING PRAYER

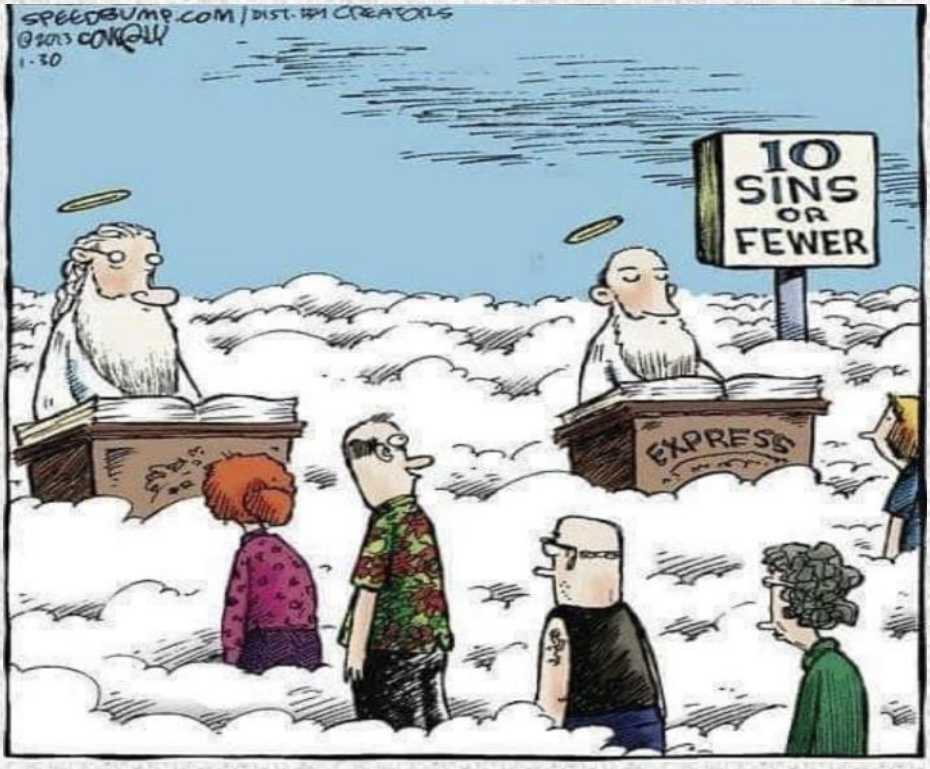
RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 30TH TO
LMOORE@DIOCESELI.ORG

Our relationship
with God should
not just be a
Sunday event.

Rites of Passage

May Birthdays
1 Kelly Tessitore
1 Fred Meyer
2 Paul Okula
4 Bill Glover
4 Hannah Love Quinn
7 Barbara Callahan
8 Ronald Marwood
10 Hope Kaufman
13 Nathan Tessitore
19 Kristine Smith
23 Elizabeth Wolgemuth
27 Paige Feil
28 Chris Adams
28 Katherine Wendel
29 Dr. Laureen Andria

On the Lighter Side...



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