



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# A LION'S SHARE

AUGUST 17, 2024



*Saint Mark's is currently replacing four a/c units and all the associated air handlers that cool the Parish Hall, Bathrooms, Parish Offices, and part of the Preschool. We could no longer get parts and Freon for our aging equipment.*



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Mark's

Saint Mark's is 100 years old, and the Vestry and I are extending an invitation to gather as we celebrate the founding of our parish here in Westhampton Beach. Mark your calendars, the Celebration will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024. Our day will begin at 12 Noon as we celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Bishop Lawrence Provenzano will be our celebrant and preacher. There will only be one service on that day. We also look forward to blessing and dedicating our beautiful new pipe organ. Should you not be able to attend in person the service will be streamed live on the internet.

Following this glorious service, you are invited to gather with your church family in our Parish Hall for a catered lunch and festivities.

To mark the occasion, we are creating a *Book of Memories and Thanksgiving* with pages available for you to extend your well wishes, thanksgivings, make dedications, and share fond memories. The contributions made for this will help to defray costs. Also, please send us any pictures that you have of special occasions that you celebrated at Saint Mark's, such as weddings and baptisms, for our history display.

This is an exciting time and we look forward to celebrating this milestone with you all.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Chris Jubinski  
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Event coordinator

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Please return your reservation to the church office by **September 7, 2024**

Cost: \$50 adults over 18, \$20 Children over 3

Reservation(s) for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Book of Memories and Thanksgiving: please send your photos, stories, or dedications to Fr. Chris and Marj Kulesa by August 31, 2024 (*electronic preferred*). Payment can be mailed to the church office or dropped off when you are here.

- \$100 full page
- \$ 50 half page
- \$ 25 quarter page

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# Recent Happenings at Saint Mark's



Saint Mark's hosted the "Hoodoo Loungers" this past Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Gazebo located on the Village Green. The concerts will continue for a few more weeks. We all sit together in a section in the back by the Post Office. Bring a lawn chair, something to drink, and you can even do some dancing too!



**August 11, 2024 – Pentecost 12 (B)  
Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe’s Investiture Service**

As announced at the close of the 81st General Convention, the investiture of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe will be a simpler, scaled-down event this fall with a view toward reducing carbon footprint and increasing virtual engagement and participation.

The investiture service will take place **on Nov. 2** at the Chapel of Christ the Lord in The Episcopal Church Center in New York City with a prelude beginning at 10 a.m. ET and the **service starting at 11 a.m. ET**. There will be an extensive livestream production to support churchwide access and participation.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend virtually—and dioceses should begin thinking about organizing watch parties. The Episcopal Church Office of Communication will be supporting those efforts with customizable invitations and other assets, with more information available in the coming months.

The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri and chair of the planning committee, said: “I am delighted to work with Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe and the committee in planning this historic installation. Having planned and experienced a scaled-down consecration myself during COVID, I am very familiar with the challenges and opportunities this presents.



“As a planning committee, we are committed to centering the rich diversity of our church and providing increased opportunities for virtual engagement to our community and beyond.”

The official roster for the planning committee is below, as well as others providing consultation and support:

- Timothy Gee, Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real
- The Rev. Charles Graves, Episcopal Diocese of Texas
- The Rev. Molly James, General Convention Office, Episcopal Church in Connecticut
- The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, chair, Episcopal Diocese of Missouri
- Canon Andrea McKellar, Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina
- The Rev. Greg Millikin, Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
- The Rev. Consuelo Sanchez, Episcopal Diocese of Honduras
- The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, Episcopal Diocese of Virginia

**Presiding Bishop’s Staff**

- Ednice Baerga
- Darvin Darling
- Sharon Jones
- The Rev. Canon C.K. Robertson
- Bill Savarese
- Jeremy Tackett

**Liturgy and Music Consultants**

- Dent Davidson
- The Rev. Canon Rose Duncan
- The Rev. Lester McKenzie

Those with questions are encouraged to email [info@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:info@episcopalchurch.org).

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| <p>28</p> <p>10 Pentecost (Proper 12B)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00am Coffee Hour</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Mary and Martha of Bethany</p> <p><b>Parish Office Closed</b></p>                                   | <p>30</p> <p>William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833</p> <p>6:30pm Covenant Class</p>  | <p>31</p> <p>Ignatius of Loyola, Priest and Spiritual Writer, 1556</p> | <p>1</p> <p>Joseph of Arimathea</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>                           | <p>2</p>  | <p>3</p> <p>Joanna, Mary, and Salome, Myrrh-Bearing Women</p> <p>5:00pm "Mass on the Grass"</p>   |
| <p>4</p> <p>11 Pentecost (Proper 13B)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00am Coffee Hour</p>  | <p>5</p> <p><b>Parish Office Closed</b></p> <p>6:15pm Bocce League</p>   |  <p><b>TRANSFIGURATION</b></p> <p>The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ</p> <p>12:00pm Westhampton Women's Group</p> <p>12:30pm Staff Meeting</p> | <p>7</p> <p>John Mason Neale, Priest and Hymnographer, 1866</p>        | <p>8</p> <p>Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>               | <p>9</p> <p>Edith Stein (Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), Philosopher, Monastic, and Martyr, 1942</p> <p><b>Last Day of Summer Camp</b></p>        | <p>10</p> <p>Laurence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, 258</p> <p>5:00pm "Mass on the Grass"</p>   |
| <p>11</p> <p>12 Pentecost (Proper 14B)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00am Coffee Hour</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Florence Nightingale, Nurse, 1910</p> <p><b>Parish Office Closed</b></p> <p>6:15pm Bocce League</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Jeremy Taylor, Bishop and Theologian, 1667</p>   | <p>14</p> <p>Jonathan Myrick Daniels, Martyr, 1965</p>                 |  <p>Saint Mary, the Virgin</p> <p>9:30am Audit Committee</p> | <p>16</p>   | <p>17</p> <p>Samuel Johnson, 1772, Timothy Cutler, 1765, and Thomas Bradbury Chandler, 1790, Priests: The Baptisms of Marico, and Virginia Dare, 1587</p> <p>2:00pm Flute Concert</p> <p>5:00pm "Mass on the Grass"</p> |
| <p>18</p> <p>13 Pentecost (Proper 15B)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00am Coffee Hour</p> | <p>19</p> <p><b>Parish Office Closed</b></p> <p>6:15pm Bocce League</p>  | <p>20</p> <p>Bernard of Clairvaux, Monastic and Theologian, 1153</p> <p>12:30pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Covenant Class</p> <p>6:30pm Vestry Meeting</p>   | <p>21</p>  | <p>22</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>   | <p>23</p> <p>Martin de Porres, 1639, Rosa de Lima, 1617, and Toribio de Mogrovejo, 1606, Witnesses to the Faith in South America</p>              | <p>24</p> <p>Saint Bartholomew the Apostle</p> <p>5:00pm "Mass on the Grass"</p>  |
| <p>25</p> <p>14 Pentecost (Proper 16B)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:00am Coffee Hour</p> | <p>26</p> <p><b>Parish Office Closed</b></p> <p>6:15pm Bocce League</p>  | <p>27</p> <p>Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle, Priests, 1902 and 1890 or [Simcon Bachus the Ethiopian Eunuch]</p>   | <p>28</p> <p>Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Theologian, 430</p>        | <p>29</p> <p>The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study</p> <p>11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>      | <p>30</p> <p>Margaret Ward, Margaret Clitherow, and Anne Line, Martyrs, 1588, 1586, and 1601, and Charles Grafton, Bishop and Ecumenist, 1912</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Aidan of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 651</p> <p>5:00pm "Mass on the Grass"</p>  |

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

**OFFICE HOURS**

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

**WEEKEND SERVICES**

Sat. 5:00 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. GERALYN WOLF  
Assisting Bishop of Long Island

The Rt. Rev. DANIEL ALLOTTEY  
Assisting Bishop of Long Island

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Assisting Bishop of Long Island

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**The WEEK AHEAD**

- Monday, 08/19** **Church Office Closed**  
6:15 to 8:15 p.m. St. Mark's Bocce League – Glovers Park, WHB Village
- Tuesday 08/20** 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
- Wednesday, 08/21** 7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting – Atwater Room
- Thursday, 08/22**  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study - Atwater Room  
11:00 a.m. Mid=Week Eucharist & Healing - Fr. Chris' Office  
12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers – Atwater Room
- Saturday, 08/24**  
**5:00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist Columbarium Garden  
**6:00 p.m.** Fellowship/Coffee Hour
- Sunday, 08/25**  
**10:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall  
**11:00 a.m.** Fellowship/Coffee Hour

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday 5:00 p.m.</b>          | <b>Participants</b>              |
| <b>LEM/Lector</b>                  | Sundy Schermeyer                 |
| <b>Usher</b>                       | Tom Simson                       |
| <b>Fellowship Hour</b>             | Diane Stewart<br>Kate Gabrielsen |
| <b>Sunday 10:00 a.m.</b>           | <b>Participants</b>              |
| <b>LEM</b>                         | John Kern                        |
| <b>Lector</b>                      | Barbara Pettus                   |
| <b>Ushers</b>                      | Sandy Wyman<br>Paul Okula        |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>                 | Victoria Garcia<br>Ki Nobiletti  |
| <b>Fellowship Hour</b>             | Tom & Liz Horan                  |
| <b>August Birthdays</b>            |                                  |
| Peter Williams                     | 08/03                            |
| C.J. Jubinski,                     | 08/08                            |
| Virginia Gilmore                   | 08/09                            |
| Catharine Nobiletti                | 08/10                            |
| Lee Wadelton                       | 08/10                            |
| Jean Scopinich                     | 08/10                            |
| Christiana Moyle                   | 08/10                            |
| Tom Hadlock                        | 08/14                            |
| Allison Christensen                | 08/17                            |
| Joyce Hale                         | 08/18                            |
| Kent Wolgemuth                     | 08/18                            |
| Matthew Kern                       | 08/20                            |
| Hunter Fritz                       | 08/20                            |
| Finn Norton                        | 08/22                            |
| Kurt Hofmann                       | 08/23                            |
| Colbie Canty                       | 08/25                            |
| Rich Wolkiewicz                    | 08/26                            |
| Freear Pollard Barnwell            | 08/27                            |
| Marcia Palmer                      | 08/27                            |
| Thomas Simson                      | 08/28                            |
| Nicholas Towle                     | 08/29                            |
| <b>August Anniversaries</b>        |                                  |
| Jeanine Graviano & Kelly Pickering | 08/01                            |
| Tim & Janet Jurgielewicz           | 08/07                            |
| Steven and Margaret DeCaro         | 08/15                            |
| Thomas & Lois Simson               | 08/22                            |
| Michael & Sundy Schermeyer         | 08/22                            |
| Fr. Chris & Carol Jubinski         | 08/24                            |
| Kieran and Hannah Quinn            | 08/26                            |

| Services             |              | In Person | On Line   |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 08/10 Holy Eucharist | 5:00 p.m.    | 23        |           |
| 08/11 Holy Eucharist | 10:00 a.m.   | 30        | 45        |
|                      | <b>Total</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>45</b> |

**Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon.  
And, remember the People of Israel, Palestine, Sudan, Armenia,  
Ukraine, Haiti, and the United States of America too!**

*The flowers on the Altar are given for the Glory of God by Edie Hofmann in Celebration of Kurt's birthday and by Barbara Pettus in loving memory of her mother, Mary Crolius.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our church email provider Microsoft Outlook Exchange is experiencing difficulty submitting aol and yahoo emails. As such, parishioners with these email providers are not receiving emails from the church office. If you are one of these individuals and have a second email address kindly forward it to Kate at [kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org](mailto:kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org).

NEW FORWARD DAY BY DAY devotional booklets are now available. The lateness is due to a shipping issue by the sender.

FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE starts on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> with services at 8 & 10 a.m.

AMPLIFY MEDIA – This is a great online resource with hundreds of uplifting videos on a wide range of topics such as the Bible, parenting, how to pray, and our current study...how to live an UNAFRAID life. These are just more tools for your "spiritual toolbox." This works on iPhones, Android, and even Roku on TV's. Please let me know if you have any problems logging on. To sign-in go to <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/login> and the Congregation Code is DVFPNB. This a personal gift from me to our parish and please reach out if you need help signing in. – Chris +

THE ST. MARK'S BOCCE LEAGUES play at Glover's Park in the Village, on Monday at 6:15 PM

PARISH SURVEYS: New members, please see Kate in the church office or email at [kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org](mailto:kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org).

ORGAN HELP NEEDED: Stephen Hunt, our Music Director, is in need of workers to help with the organ. If you can spare some time, please contact him at [stephenhuntmusic@gmail.com](mailto:stephenhuntmusic@gmail.com)

Altar Flowers - If you would like to dedicate flowers for the Altar contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at [Laura.bott17@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.bott17@gmail.com). There are two vases available for **September 15 & 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Each vase of flowers is \$40.00 each. Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book.

### Mark Your Calendar:

- **Saturday, September 14, - Service to Celebrate the Life of John Andren at 12:00 Noon - Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.**
- **Sunday, September 29 – Saint Mark's Confirmation & 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at 12:00 Noon.**

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

**Kurt Andon** (Req. by Sundy Schermeyer), **Aubrey** (Req. by Margie DeCaro), **Bentley** (Req. by Margie DeCaro), **Noah Berger** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Stan Billie** (Req. by Jenn Kast), **Bridget** (Req. by Catharine Nobiletti), **Rich Cassavano** (Parishioner), **Deana Chiusano** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Abby Connett** (Req. by Nancy Connett), .), **David Fridae**, **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), **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), **John & Anita Martinelli** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Fred Meyer** (Parishioner), **Earl Meyers** (Jinny Gilmore), **Jock McLean** (Parishioner), **Sean McLean** (Req. by Jock McLean), **Carol Marin**, (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Sudie Nostrand** (Carol John's Sister), **Paul Oele** (Parishioner), **Cassie Panzarino** (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), **Michele Parks** (Req. by Marjorie Kulesa), **Joan Petrella** (Parishioner), **Kenneth Reeves** (husband of Louise Reeves), **Jean Scopinich** (Parishioner), **John Stewart** (Parishioner), **Sarah Witters** (Req. by Victoria Garcia), **Stephen Wyman** (Req. by Sandy Wyman). **(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.

# ORGAN CONSTRUCTION JOBS



## Lots of Progress!

The carpentry for the right hand pipe container for the new organ is well underway.

**Real Help will be needed on the 12-13 September as the whole Church must be cleaned and put in order for the funeral service for John Henry Andren, Jr.**



Meanwhile, Our fearless leader is off for a well earned vacation so organ work will start back up on Tuesday the 27, August.





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**June 26: Gene Casey & The Lone Sharks**

**July 3: The North Shore Pops**

**July 10: Cold Spring Harbor Band: *A Billy Joel Tribute***

**July 17: Citi Lites: *The Best of the '60s, '70s, '80s***

**July 24: Dr. K's Motown Revue**

**July 31: The Sound Symphony with Soprano Christine Cornell**

**August 7: The Chiclettes: *A Tribute to Female Artists Through the Decades***

**August 14: The HooDoo Loungers: *From Classic Jazz to Classic Soul***

**August 21: The Dedications: *'50s/'60s Rock & Roll and Doo-Wop***

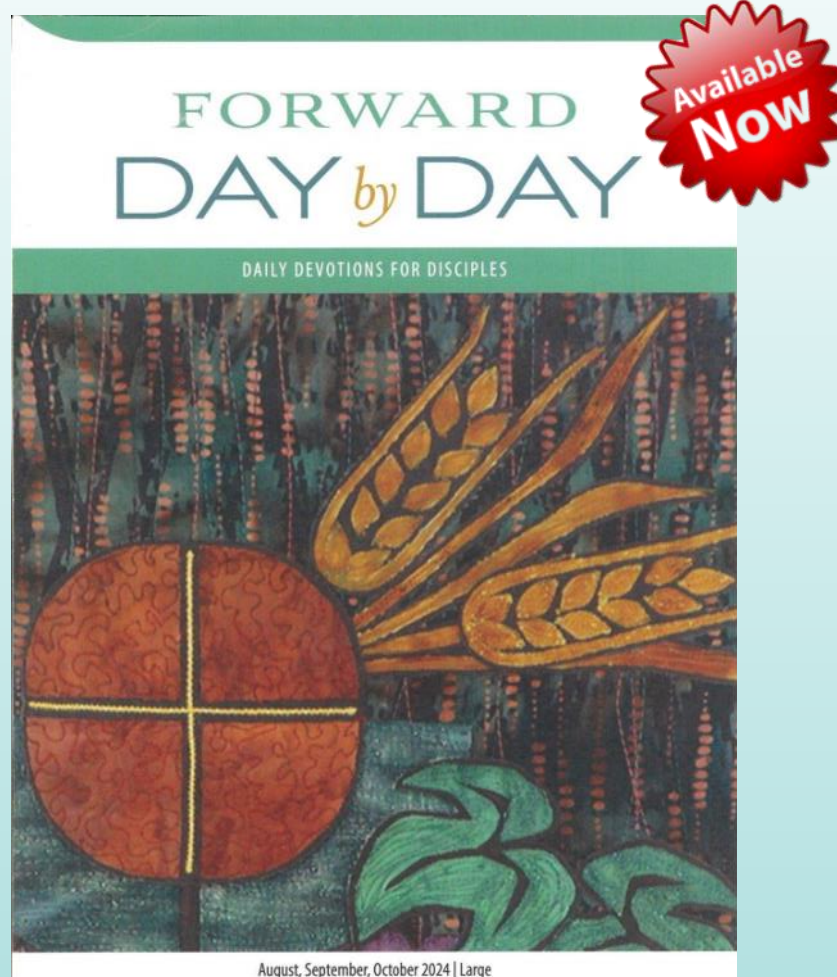
**August 28: Darren Ottati: *Songs from Broadway, Silver Screen & American Songbook***

**September 4: Fast Lane: *Eagles Tribute Band***

**ALL CONCERTS ARE NOW ON WEDNESDAYS from 7:00 to 8:30 PM**

**Location: WHB Village Green – Corner of Main St. & Mill Rd.**

**Rain Date: Thursday following the originally scheduled date, same time and location.**



*Forward Day by Day* is a tool that should be in everyone's spiritual practice toolkit. If you have extra copies from this pack, consider a few ways you might use them to inspire and empower other disciples.

Five ideas to share extra copies of *Forward Day by Day*:

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CONGREGATION CODE: DVFPNB**

## Readings for Sunday, August 18, 2024 – The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15B)

### The Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

### First Reading—Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, “You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says, “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

### Psalms 34:9-14 *Benedicam Dominum*

- <sup>9</sup> Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
*for those who fear him lack nothing.*
- <sup>10</sup> The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
*but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.*
- <sup>11</sup> Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
*I will teach you the fear of the LORD.*
- <sup>12</sup> Who among you loves life \*  
*and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?*
- <sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
*and your lips from lying words.*
- <sup>14</sup> Turn from evil and do good; \*  
*seek peace and pursue it.*

### The Epistle—Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### The Gospel—John 6:51-58

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

## Notes On This Sunday's Readings



Jesus' discourse on the bread of life continues to be the center of our liturgy, as it has been now for several weeks. Jesus has met physical hunger by providing material bread (a primary Old Testament sign of salvation); he has said that a spiritual (or mystical) relationship with him constitutes the bread of eternal life; now he says that nourishment with his life is given by actually eating his flesh and drinking his blood. If we eat his body and drink his blood, we will have eternal life.

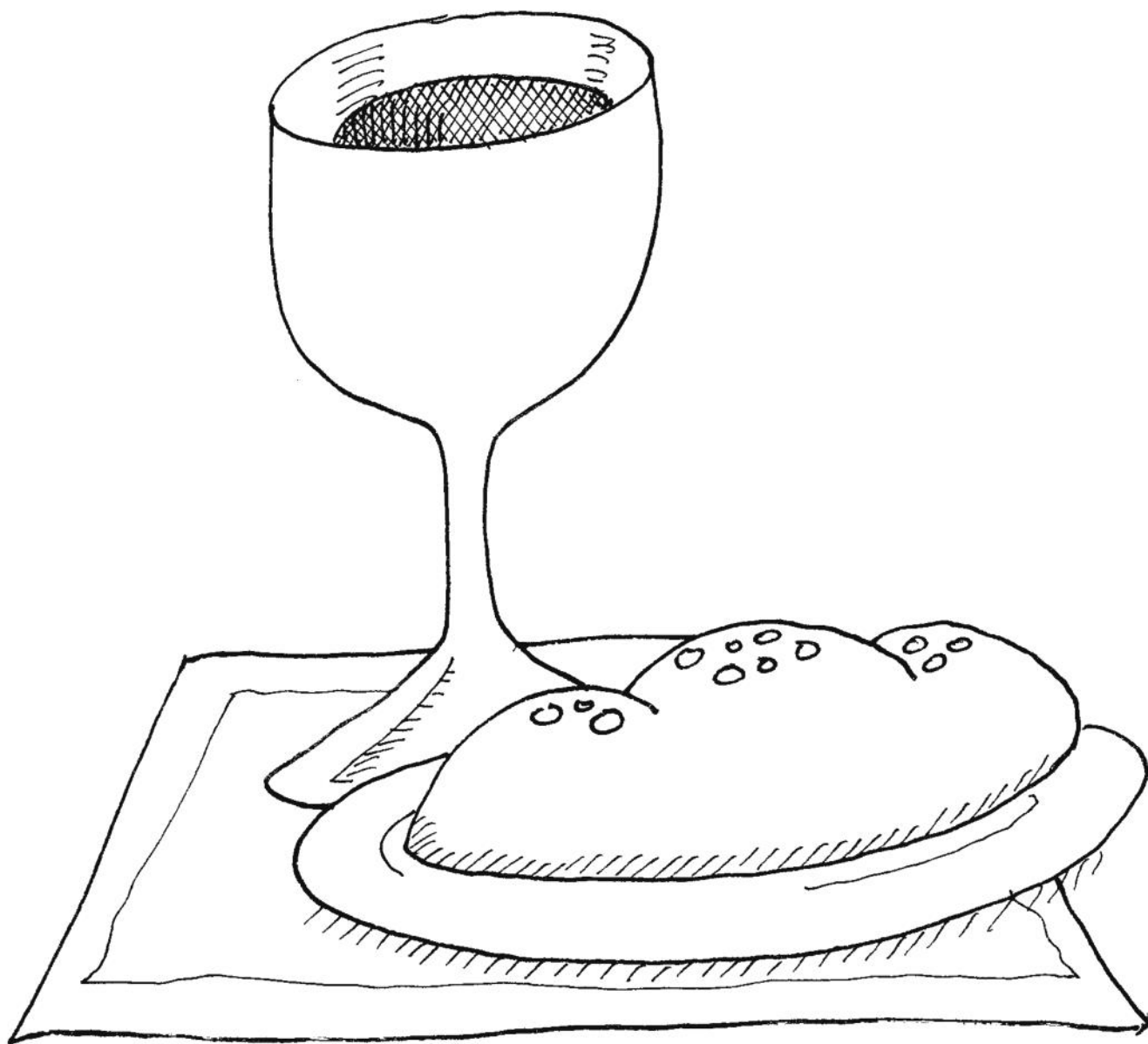
In the first reading, God's Wisdom is personified as a hostess inviting us to eat her food and drink her wine, thereby receiving her into our lives. Early Christians understood Jesus as the incarnation of God's Wisdom. This is, therefore, a passage that has been seen by Christians as an Old Testament prefiguring of our Savior who calling us into new life by becoming one with him sacramentally.

The second reading is once again from the letter to the Ephesians. We are exhorted to let God's Spirit inebriate us and speak through us in thanksgiving and song. "People with a story to tell and a song to sing" is a way Christians have been described. It is preeminently in liturgy that we carry out that role.

We gather here to be fed physically, spiritually, and sacramentally. Our response is to give thanks (the word "eucharist" means "thanksgiving") and, having told our story and sung our song here, to take it out to our brothers and sisters in the world.

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'The one who eats  
this bread will  
live forever.' JOHN 6:58



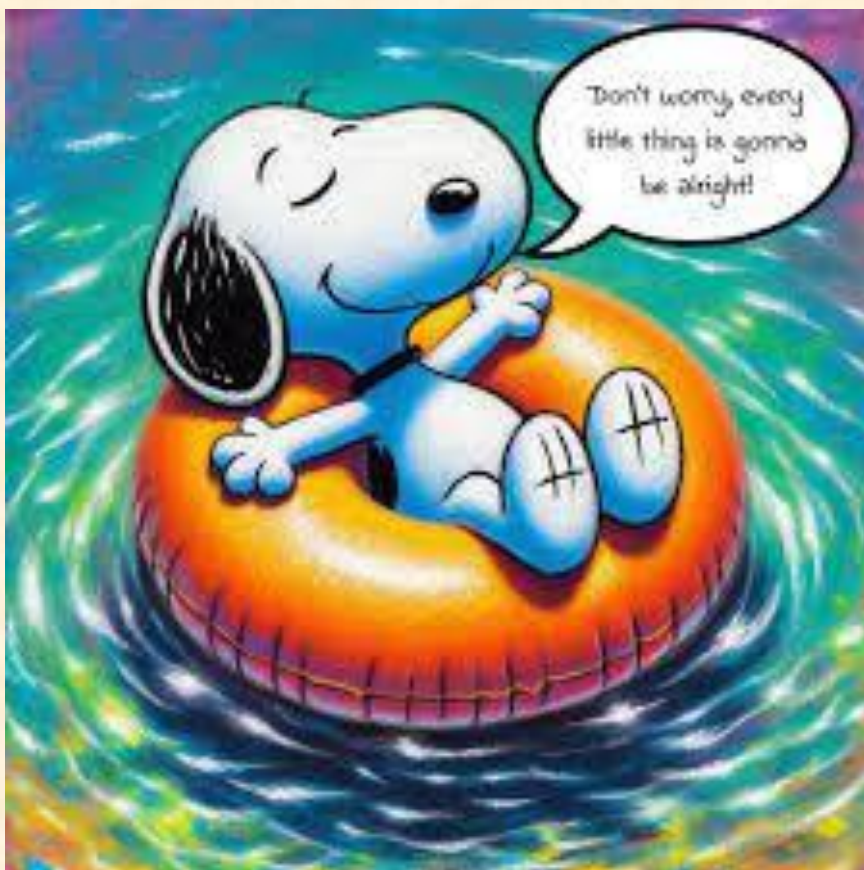
## Rites of Passage

### August Birthdays

- 03 Peter Williams
- 08 C.J. Jubinski,
- 09 Virginia Gilmore
- 10 Catharine Nobiletti
- 10 Lee Wadeflon
- 10 Jean Scopinich
- 10 Christiana Moyle
- 14 Tom Hadlock
- 17 Allison Christensen
- 18 Joyce Hale
- 18 Kent Wolgemuth
- 20 Matthew Kern
- 20 Hunter Fritz
- 22 Finn Norton
- 23 Kurt Hofmann
- 25 Colbie Canty
- 26 Rich Wolkiewicz
- 27 Freear Pollard Barnwell
- 27 Marcia Palmer
- 28 Thomas Simson
- 29 Nicholas Towle

### August Anniversaries

- 01 Jeanine Graviano & Kelly Pickering
- 07 Tim & Janet Jurgielewicz
- 15 Steven and Margaret DeCaro
- 22 Thomas & Lois Simson
- 22 Michael & Sundy Schermeyer
- 24 Fr. Chris & Carol Jubinski
- 26 Kieran and Hannah Quinn



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