



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ALION'S SHARE

DECEMBER 2, 2023



Congratulations and God's Blessings to Alicia Palladino and Jason Andria who were married at Saint Mark's on Thanksgiving Day, November 23. God's Blessings to their children Hudson, Faith, and Aidan (currently away serving in the Air Force).

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As we begin the new liturgical year and the season of Advent, I wish to share with you a piece of wisdom gained during a webinar with our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and the Archbishop of Jerusalem and the Middle East, Hosam Naoum, on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Archbishop Naoum responded to a question regarding the celebration of Christmas this year in his province, and especially in the Diocese of Jerusalem. Amid this war and the massive loss of lives, destruction of homes and vital infrastructure, and holding of hostages and prisoners, he suggested that the whole church intensely focus on the Advent themes of Home, Love, Joy, and Peace. (And I fervently pray that the current cease-fire in place as I write this will continue.) Archbishop Naoum added that we ought to strive to put a smile on a child's face as a counter-balance to the despair and anguish of the thousands of children caught in the middle of this war. I thought this especially appropriate in this season leading up to the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child, our Savior.

In the context of our diocese and the communities we serve, a refocusing of our attention and activity might be a helpful and holy endeavor. I suggest that a focus on Hope, a focus on Love, Joy, and Peace, a turning down the volume and intensity of our often chaotic and frantic preparation for Christmas, become part of our Advent discipline.

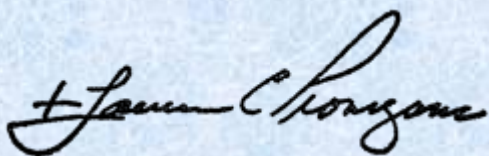
In reality, there is little we can do as individuals to affect peace in the Holy Land. But we can create peace in our communities, our places of work, our schools, our churches, our homes, and our hearts. The prayers and liturgies of Advent in our tradition all point us toward interior preparation and peace-making. It is a time of anticipation for the coming of the Christ Child anew in each of us and the situations of our lives. Use this time, not in frantic activity, but as God's creation around us suggests: to slow down, calm down, pray down deep in our being as Mary did, "let it be done unto me according to your word."

Use the traditions of Advent to pace the anticipation rather than accelerate the celebration. Advent, as its own season, beckons us to an alternative to the chaos, and provides a period of waiting and watchfulness that is holy, wise, and helpful to God's people. Seek to make peace with those around you, live in joy, and share God's love with everyone in the hope of the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Bring a smile to a child's face by creating calm and warmth in their lives. Spend time teaching a child the stories that bring us to this holy season and shield them from the harshness so often associated with the frantic nature of getting to Christmas Day.

The awaited Feast of the Incarnation reminds us in this season, that the birth of Jesus happened amid a world in turmoil, political struggles, wars, and the slaughter of the innocent children for the sake of power and control. In this Advent season, let it be our purpose to stand against such inclinations and focus our prayers, our activities and our very lives on the Hope, Joy, Love, and Peace that comes to us in Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed and holy season of Advent as we await the Celebrations of Christmas.



The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano
Bishop of Long Island

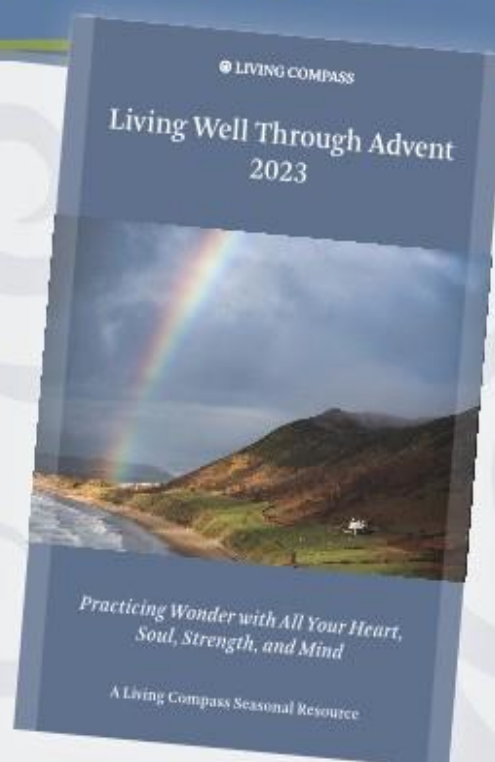


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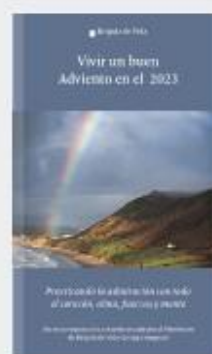
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Robbin Brent
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THE LITURGICAL GUIDE & MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 2023

Liturgical Day & Color	December 3, 2023 1 st Sun. of Advent	December 10, 2023 2 nd Sun. of Advent	December 17, 2023 3 rd Sun. of Advent	December 24, 2023 4 th Sun. of Advent
Lectionary Readings (Revised Common Lectionary)	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7 Mark 13:24-37	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:8-13 Mark 1:1-8	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 John 1:6-8,19-28	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Canticle 15 Luke 1:26-38
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	One Service for the 4 th Sun. of Advent
LEM	Carol Laube	Lauren Andria	Sundy Schermeyer	
Lector	Dick Gardner	Jinny Gilmore	Tom Simson	
Usher	Steve Turner			
	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
LEM	John Kern	Madeline Glover	Carol Fitton	Rob Perdock
Lector	Deni McChesney	Bill Glover	Helen Horton	Tom Hadlock
Greeter/Ushers	Rich Caccavano Bill Glover			
Altar Guild	Laura Bott Louise Reeves	Catharine Nobiletti Karen Love	Catharine Nobiletti Norma-Jeanne Okula	Fr. Chris Jubinski

SERVICES AT SAINT MARK'S

WEEKENDS (REGULAR SCHEDULE)

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAYS

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p>  <p>Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Kamehameha and Emma of Hawaii, King and Queen, 1863 and 1885</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>30</p> <p>St. Andrew the Apostle 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637 or [Charles de Foucauld, Monastic and Martyr, 1916]</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Channing Moore Williams, Bishop and Missionary, 1910 9:00am Winter Farmers Market 11:00am Women's Bruch 5:00pm Christmas Tree/Menorah Lighting</p>
<p>3</p> <p>1 Advent 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Jahn of Damascus, Priest and Theologian, c.760 Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Clement of Alexandria, Priest and Theologian, c.210 12:30pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, c.342 7:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ambrose of Milan, Bishop and Theologian, 397 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Winter Farmers Market</p>
<p>10</p> <p>2 Advent 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>11</p> <p>[Frederick Howden, Jr., Priest and Chaplain of the Armed Forces, 1941] Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Francis de Sales, Bishop, and Jane de Chantal, Vowed Religious, 1622 and 1641</p>	<p>13</p> <p>[Lucy of Syracuse, Martyr, 304] 5:30pm BB Night with Santa 7:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>14</p> <p>[John of the Cross, Mystic and Monastic Reformer, 1591] 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>15</p> <p>[Nino of Georgia, Missionary, c.332]</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Winter Farmers Market</p>
<p>17</p> <p>3 Advent 4:00am Blue Christmas Music Starts 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour 4:30pm Blue Christmas Service</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Parish Office Closed 2:15pm Pre-K Sing-a-long</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:00am Preschool Sing-a-long 12:30pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Vestry Meeting at the Rectory</p>	<p>20</p> <p>[Katharina von Bora, Church Reformer, 1552] 7:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>First Day of Winter Saint Thomas the Apostle 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>9:00am Greening of the Church</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am Winter Farmers Market</p>
<p>24</p>  <p>4 Advent Christmas Eve No Sunday School 9:00am Holy Eucharist (4 Advent) 5:00pm Christmas Eve Service 9:00pm Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>BB Closed Parish Office Closed The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ 9:00am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>26</p> <p>BB Closed Parish Office Closed Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr</p>	<p>27</p> <p>BB Closed Parish Office Closed Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 7:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>28</p> <p>BB Closed Holy Innocents Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>BB Closed Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>30</p> <p>BB Closed Frances Joseph Gaudet, Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934 9:00am Winter Farmers Market</p>
<p>31</p>  <p>1 Christmas New Year's Eve 8:15am Choir Practice 9:00am Christmas Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist 10:00am 5th Sunday Brunch</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>BB Closed Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus New Year's Day Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:30pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>[Elizabeth Seton, Vowed Religious and Educator, 1821] 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>5</p> <p>[Sarah Theodora, and Syncletica of Egypt, Desert Mothers, fourth-fifth century]</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>EPIPHANY The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ 9:00am Winter Farmers Market</p>

A Q U I O N ' S S H A R E

The Weekly Newsletter of
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OFFICE HOURS

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

WEEKEND SERVICES

(SAT.) 500 p.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
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The WEEK AHEAD

Monday, 12/04	Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, 12/05	12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday, 12/06	7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting in Atwater Room
Thursday, 12/07	10:00 a.m. Advent Study – An Unlikely Advent 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:30 p.m. Threshold Singers in the Atwater Room
Friday, 12/08	7:00 p.m. Bright Beginnings Staff Party
Saturday, 12/09	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Farmer's Market in the Parish Hall
Sunday, 12/10	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Participating in Today's Service	
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.	
LEM	Carol Laube
Lector	Dick Gardner
Usher	Steve Turner
Altar Guild	Diane Stewart, Virginia Gilmore
Coffee Hour	Diane Stewart
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.	
LEM	John Kern
Lector	Deni McChesney
Ushers	Rich Caccavano, Bill Glover
Altar Guild	Laura Bott, Louise Reeves
Coffee Hour	Diane Stewart
December Birthdays	
Carol Smith	12/06
Rob Perdock	12/08
Ashley Lueck	12/11
Pamela Kern	12/12
Spencer Moyle	12/13
Trevor Moyle	12/13
Richard Caccavano	12/18
Michael Warner	12/18
Elizabeth Horan	12/23
Jennifer Marwood	12/24
December Anniversaries	
Larry & Candace Andria	12/07
Bill & Madeline Glover	12/19
Steve & Donna Turner	12/30

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

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 11/26	8:00 am	18
Sunday 11/26	10:00 am	35
		Total: 53

(53 Households prayed with us online)

11/30 Advent Study	8
11/30 Healing Service	6
11/23 Wedding:	26

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

12/24	9:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent (Service in the Parish Hall)
	5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Service with Brass Quintet
	9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
12/25	9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service
12/31	9:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist followed by Brunch

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY is our Stewardship Ingathering—Fr. Chris will bless all the Commitment (pledge) Cards received.

Can you decorate a wreath? We have 11 wreaths hanging in the Parish Hall. Folks are invited to take one home, decorate it any way you like and return then to be rehung in the Parish Hall again.

Covenant Class for those who wish to be Confirmed, Received or to learn more about the Episcopal Church will start in the new year.

Prayers for Healing—On the first Sunday of each month, Fr. Chris will offer anointing and prayers for healing during both services.

Bright Beginnings Toy Drive – New unwrapped toys by **December 14th**.

Noonday or Evening Prayer? We would like to introduce a once-a-week service via zoom to build parish community. Please let us know if you would participate and if you prefer a Noonday or evening service.

Coffee Hour: There is a sign-up sheet outside of the parish hall. Host/hostesses are needed for the 10 a.m. service on December 17 and to assist on December 31st. Your help will be very much appreciated.

Altar Flowers - If you would like to dedicate Rosemary plants for the Altar during Advent, contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. One plant is available for Dec 17 & one for the 31st. The plants are \$40.00 each.

Christmas Remembrances – Forms are available on the table outside of the parish hall for names to be submitted for the Christmas Remembrance list. All donations will be used for the beautification of the church for Christmas. **Please note the deadline is December 17th**.

Mark Your Calendar:

December 17 – 4:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service

December 31 – 9:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols Service with Pot-Luck Brunch following.

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), *David Fridae*, *Nancy Fraser* (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), *Roberta Good* (Diane Stewart's Sister), *Jason Gordon* (Req by Kate Gabrielsen), *Elaine Hanes* (Req by Kate Gabrielsen), *Barbara Ireton* (Req. by Carol Smith), *Cathy Jones* (Farmers Market), *Gretchen & Jim Jubinski* (Fr. Chris' Parents), *Cole LoRusso* (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), *Fred Meyer* (Parishioner), *Jock McLean* (Parishioner), *Sean McLean* (Req. by Jock McLean), *Sudie Nostrand* (Carol John's Sister), *Paul Oele* (Parishioner), *Cassie Panzarino* (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), *Joan Petrella* (Parishioner), *Jean Scopinich* (Parishioner), *John Stewart* (Parishioner), *Sarah Witters* (Req. by Victoria Garcia), *Owen Foster* (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), *John Martinelli* (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), *Marilyn Dorsa* (Req. by Drew Clark), *Michele Parks* (Req. by Marjorie Kulesa), *Fred Rees Garcia* (son of Victoria Garcia), *Christina Kouris* (Req. by Sandy Wyman), *Wilfred Funk* (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), *Rebekah Lessard* (req by Jinny Gilmore) and *John Saladino* (Req. by Victoria Garcia).

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.

The plants on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Candace Andria in Celebration of our 55th wedding anniversary and by Carol Johns with gratitude for all the blessings in my life remembered and forgotten.

Christmas Remembrances 2023

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

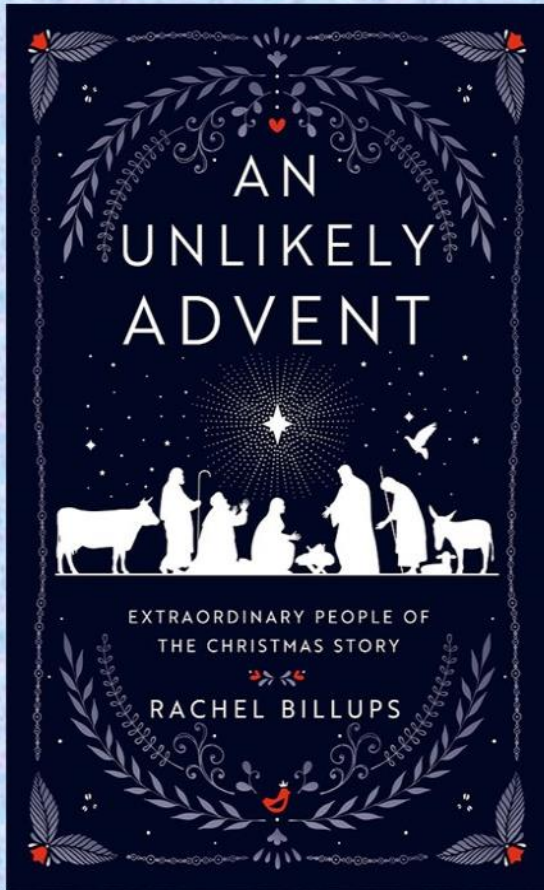
PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submitting requests is

December 17, 2023

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Advent Study

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
November 30, December 7, 14, 21

Expect the unexpected this Christmas.

This four-week Advent study focuses on the experiences of four sets of often overlooked characters in the Nativity story. During this Advent season, Rachel Billups guides readers through the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace by sharing the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. Each set of unexpected characters has something to teach about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas.

Books can be ordered through Amazon or Cokesbury. Scholarships are available.

Notes on this Sunday's Readings – December 3rd (1st Sunday of Advent, Year B)



Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

The season of Advent begins today. The name of the season means “coming,” and it celebrates God’s coming to us in the birth of Jesus and looks toward Christ’s return at the end of history as Savior and Judge.

The first reading from Isaiah reflects the intensity of the prophet’s hope for the Messiah. In a period of Israel’s history when confidence in the people’s own efforts to build God’s Kingdom had collapsed, Isaiah expresses that hope in a passage that has been a part of the Advent liturgy since the earliest days of the Church: “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down...”

In the second reading we hear Paul’s greeting in his first letter to Corinth. Recognizing the many spiritual gifts of the Corinthian church (a source of their strength, but also a source of the controversy which caused him to write) he says that those spiritual gifts are given to prepare us to greet the return of Christ. Jesus’ message to his followers is an assurance that he will return and that our lives should be lived in preparation for that return.

This theme of watching for his return is always central on the first Sunday of Advent. Today’s reading from Mark is the parable of the door-keeper. It reminds us that we are always to be on the watch for Jesus’ return. The liturgy is the way the Church lives in the time between Jesus’ first coming and his second coming. In word and sacrament he comes to us again and again, veiled, but present to eyes of faith. In the Eucharist and in ministry to others we are continually being prepared to greet him when he comes again in glory.

Our gatherings for worship are meant to be points of departure for us to move into the world in active works of ministry to the hungry, the helpless, the imprisoned, the lonely, the sick, and the dying. The reign of Christ must begin with members of his body the Church making him known in the world, especially to the least of his sisters and brothers.

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Readings for Sunday, December 3, 2023 The First Sunday of Advent, Year B

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament—Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7 Qui regis Israel

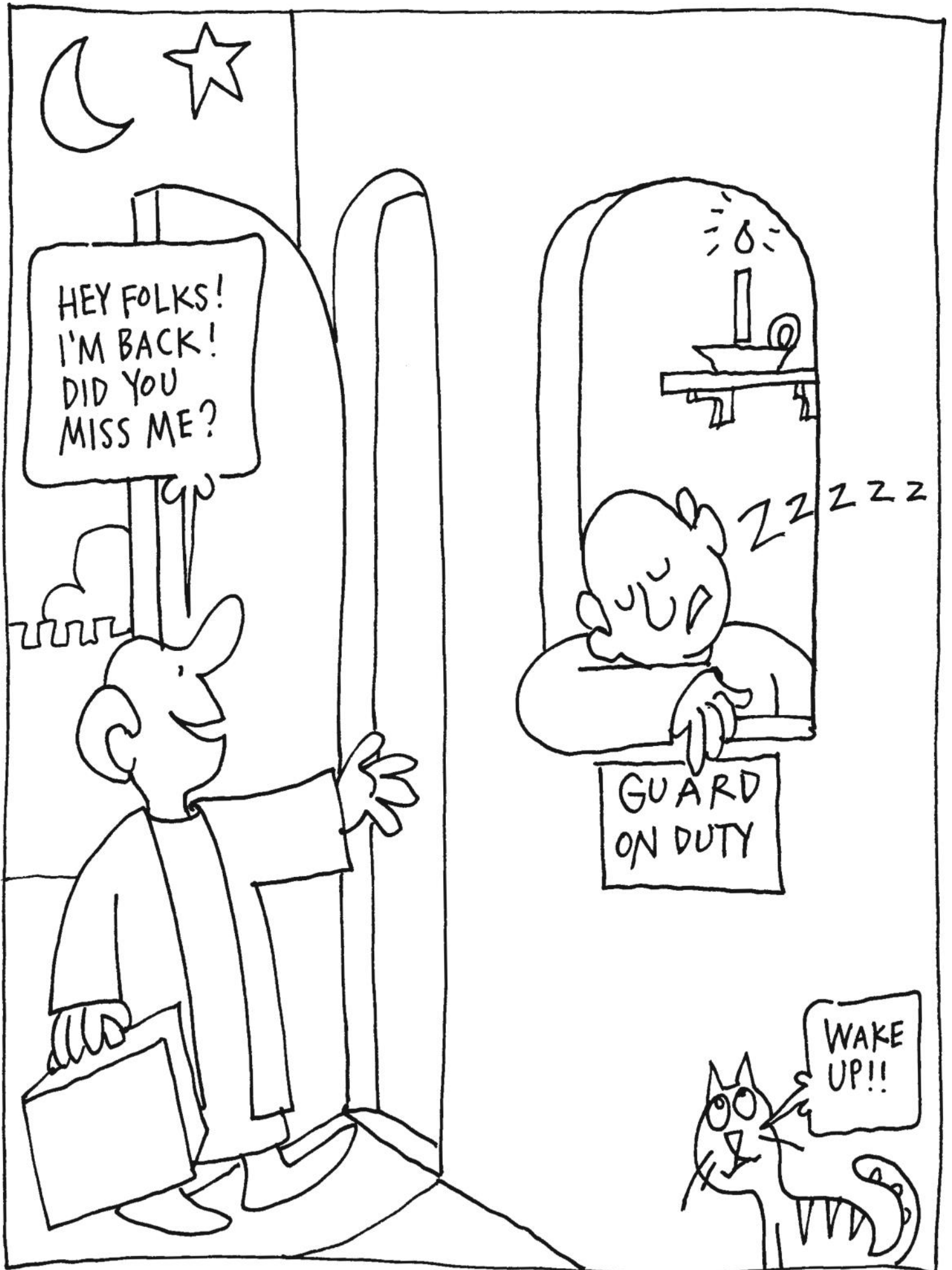
- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Epistle—1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel—Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cock-crow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."





BULLETIN INSERTS

December 3, 2023 – Advent 1 (B) First Week of Advent: Saying “Yes” to the Journey

As Advent begins this week, we invite you to orient yourself to the coming of Jesus at Christmas through the practices of *Journeying the Way of Love*. This journey begins by saying “yes” to God’s call to birth new life into the world—a call that is both powerful and gentle, a call that will, if fully embraced, grow beyond our imaginations, spilling out of ourselves and into our family, friends, community, and the whole world. Over the course of this holy season, we invite you to respond to that call using these daily practices, and encourage you to offer them to your friends, family, and neighbors.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. There, you’ll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.

Sunday, December 3

WORSHIP

Read Luke 21:25-36. How do the symbols of the Advent season help you understand the story of Jesus? Where do you see them in your worship today?

Monday, December 4

TURN

Read Isaiah 58. How does this reading challenge you to think about feasts and festivals differently? How might this lesson change the way you celebrate or recognize this holy season?

Tuesday, December 5

LEARN

Read Matthew 4:18-22. How do these verses from Matthew inspire you to read Scripture with new eyes? Try reading several different translations of this passage. See how the language might change your reading of it.

Wednesday, December 6

PRAY

Pray along with the Collect for Advent I, found on page 211 of *The Book of Common Prayer*. Set a timer for three minutes to sit in silence and hear what God might be saying back to you.

Thursday, December 7

BLESS

Call or write a letter to a family member with whom you would like to have a closer relationship. Make plans in the new year to chat on the phone or meet over Zoom or in person. Let them know how much you love them and look forward to knowing them better.

Friday, December 8

GO

Read or watch your local news. Ask God to open your heart and eyes to ways you can promote reconciliation and healing in your community.

Saturday, December 9

REST

Spend at least 45 minutes outside today, without doing yard work or fixing lights or redoing bows on the garland. Take some time to just sit outside and let the air wash over you, taking away the stress and worry of the moment. Read Psalm 100 before and after your outside time. See how this psalm may help you rest and recharge your spirit.



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

4:00 p.m.—Music Begins

4:30 p.m.—Service

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

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



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

November 18th, 2023

It is a privilege to share with you about how God has continued to be present at Camp DeWolfe, amongst the life of our Diocese. Camp DeWolfe is a holy and sacred outdoor space, for retreat, rest, and experiencing God in nature and community. This year, the Family Camp programs for families, small groups, and individuals, welcomed over 1,500 campers of all ages, as part of our summer programming. Once again, the Camp DeWolfe ministry welcomed its largest number of guests to visit the camp during the summer months. By the end of 2023, Camp DeWolfe will have hosted just over 5,000 guests, representing campers and retreat guests from a variety of faith backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultures, from both our year-round retreat and summer programs.

We are blessed to witness God continuing to utilize this place to touch the lives of so many people each year. And it is our prayer that you will consider camping or retreating in 2024 and partner with us, through our ministry of hospitality and service to all, as we develop and empower leaders in Christ. In the spring, we will again be offering our "Service Saturday" programs, hosting volunteer groups at Camp DeWolfe, as we prepare for the summer season. All ages are welcome!

I would like to thank the staff of Camp DeWolfe, the Camp Board of Managers, and Bishop Provenzano for their unwavering prayer and practical support of Camp DeWolfe in 2023. It is through their efforts that we were able to better live out our mission and I ask that you join me in thanking them for their faithfulness.

At this time, I ask you to please consider making an end-of-year donation to the **Fr. Domenic Ciannella Annual Fund for Camp DeWolfe**. Your donation will help us raise the support needed to start the 2024 ministry season well. Please visit www.campdewolfe.org/donate-online-today or simply mail a check to "Camp DeWolfe" using the postage paid return envelope. Please know you are welcome to pause, play and pray with us in Wading River, and we pray God's blessing upon you as we approach this Advent Season.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MT", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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SUMMER CAMPING PROGRAMS & FOUR SEASON RETREAT CENTER

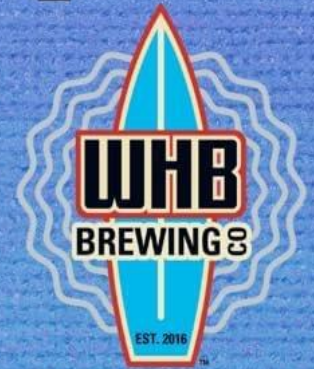
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DECEMBER 9TH

2023

11AM START

RAIN OR SHINE

After Party includes Open

Bar/Food 11:30-2pm

Tickets at [Elitefeats.com](https://www.elitefeats.com)

Live Music 11:30am - 2:30pm



220 Rogers Way | Unit I Westhampton Beach

**Donations of can goods and cash to support the Food Pantry
at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church**

Westhampton
THE GREATER
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



WINTER *Market*

EVERY SATURDAY

9AM - 1PM

Starting December 2, 2023
Indoor Market at
Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
40 Main Street
Westhampton Beach

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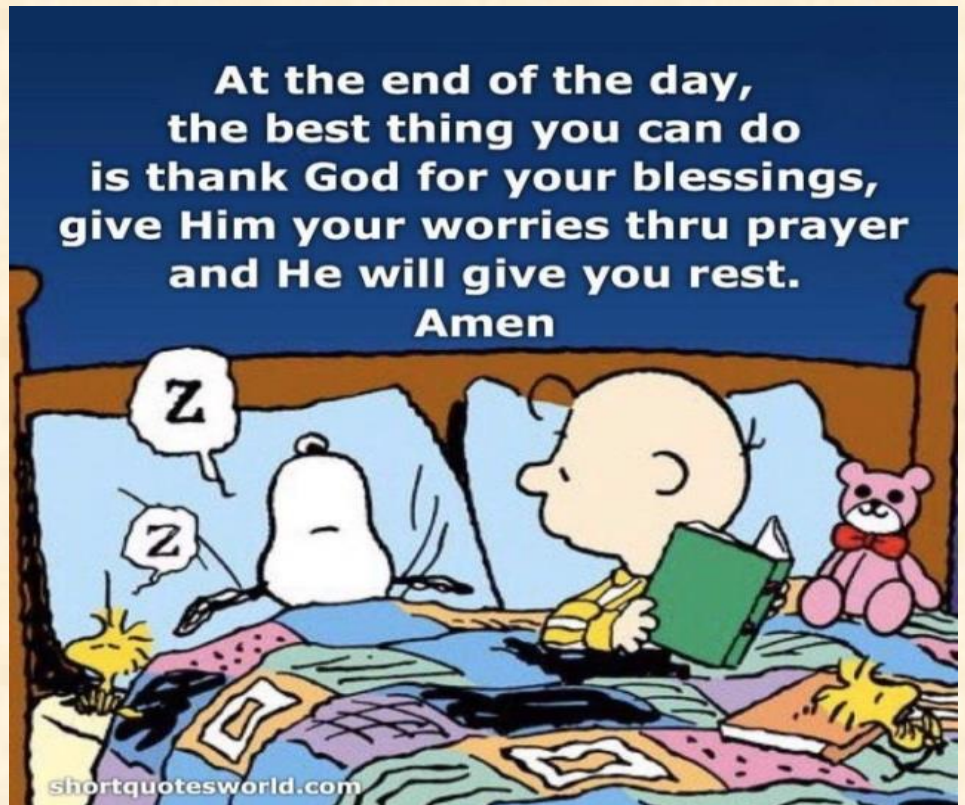
Rites of Passage

November Birthdays

- 7 Carol Fitton
- 8 Eleanor Kast
- 8 Peyton Feil
- 9 Barbara Pettus
- 9 Geri Wyman
- 10 Timothy Feil
- 14 Timothy Jurgielewicz
- 15 Carol Laube
- 16 Kelly Pickering
- 16 Robert Laube
- 18 Margaret DeCaro
- 19 Sundry Schermeyer
- 20 Janet Jurgielewicz
- 24 Jeanine Graviano
- 28 Jock McLean
- 30 John Kern

November Anniversaries

- 6 Peter & Lori Williams
- 23 Edward & Barbara Callahan
- 28 Arthur & Virginia Connolly



On the Lighter Side...



THOU SHALT LIGHT BUT ONE CANDLE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, AND THE NUMBER OF CANDLES TO BE LIGHTED SHALL BE ONE. FOUR CANDLES THERE ARE, BUT THOU SHALT LIGHT BUT ONE, NOT TWO, NOR THREE, BUT ONE. AND STAY AWAY FROM THE ROSE COLORED ONE.

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