

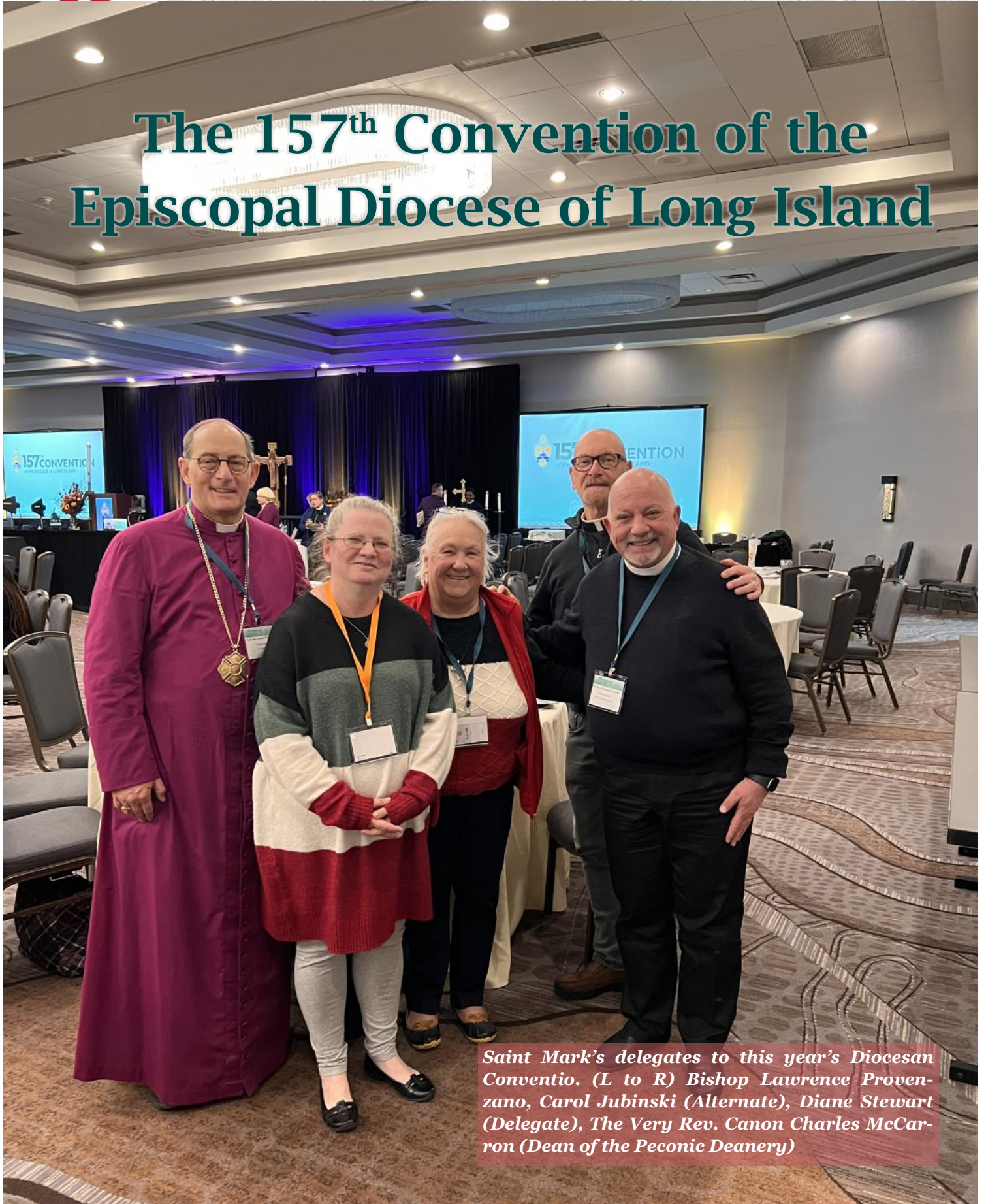


SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A LION'S SHARE

NOVEMBER 17, 2023

The 157th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island



Saint Mark's delegates to this year's Diocesan Convention. (L to R) Bishop Lawrence Provenzano, Carol Jubinski (Alternate), Diane Stewart (Delegate), The Very Rev. Canon Charles McCarron (Dean of the Peconic Deanery)

ST. MARK'S CHURCH PRESENTS

THANKSGIVING *Dinner*



Sunday, NOVEMBER 19th

Join us to celebrate this special day

Please bring a favorite family dish to share.

Starts at 2:00 p.m. | Saint Mark's Parish Hall

Please RSVP by Nov. 17th: kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org | 631.288.2111

NEW FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



Rooted IN Abundance
Deep Roots

Roots run deep in Appalachia. A college graduate was asked why she returned to Harlan, far from opportunities to use her degree. Smiling she said, "I came home because I want to pick blackberries off of the same bush my grandparents picked from." Another graduate returned home and explained, "If I don't come home, who will take care of grandma?"

This rootedness reminds the Venerable Bryant Kibler, Priest-in-Partnership with St. Timothy's Outreach Center in Estill County, KY, of the Syrian commander and leper Naaman, who took loads of dirt back to Syria with him because God's healing presence was rooted in that soil (2 Kings 5). As Bryant ministers alongside communities in Appalachia, he witnesses how deeply rooted God's people are to the land where they have known God's healing through community and family. A place where abundance is known in caring for loved ones and tasting berries from ancestral bushes.



Questions for Reflection:

Where do you plant your roots? How does your location and history of being in or from a place impact your ministry?

The mountains and valleys of Appalachia have abundantly provided resources to the rest of the world, especially coal that is used to create electricity elsewhere. Companies have taken from the abundance and cleared out as soon as resources grew scarce, leaving whole communities unemployed. Some families migrate elsewhere. Others stay on the land they love, in mountains and valleys abundant in natural beauty and family connection.

St. Timothy's partners with many congregations to explore Appalachian culture and to repair homes during summer work weeks. When a team came to assist a homeowner rebuild after the devastating recent flooding along the Kentucky River, the homeowner graciously pointed the team to a neighbor's house, whose home was more destroyed. "They need you more than we do," the homeowner announced.

In this place, abundance is rooted in a community that trusts God's grace to heal what is broken. tens.org



The Venerable Bryant Kibler serves as the Archdeacon for the Mountain Region and as Director of Mountain Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington.





WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING

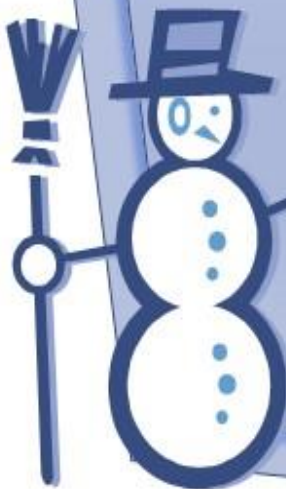
DECEMBER 2, 2023 at 11:00 A.M

HAMPTON MAID, HAMPTON BAYS

Join us on Saturday for a Women's breakfast gathering. RSVP November 27th. The cost is \$33.00 per person. As an extra bonus there is a lovely gift shop on the premises.

MENU CHOICES

Pancakes with sausage or bacon
French Toast with sausage or bacon
Eggs with sausage or bacon
Eggs Benedict
Omelete
Coffee/Tea

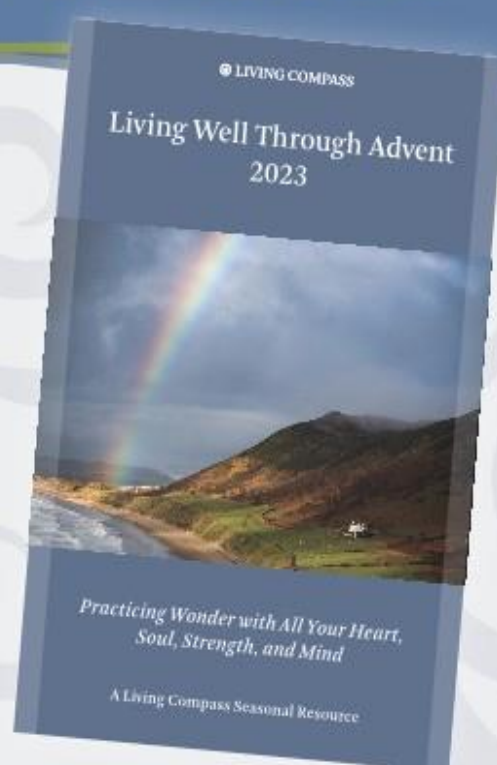


ENGAGE WITH US THROUGHOUT THE 2023 ADVENT SEASON!

Our Living Compass theme for the 2023 Advent season is ***Practicing Wonder with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind***. Each year, tens of thousands of individuals across various denominations use our daily devotionals as preparation for the coming of Christmas. Congregations also use the devotionals for Advent programs, classes, small group discussions, and retreats with the help of our FREE downloadable and printable Facilitator's Guide.

Individuals and lay or clergy leaders can access our Advent resources in multiple ways:

- Order our Advent devotional as a 5.5" x 8.5" **printed book** in English or Spanish (*with separate, original content*) while supplies last. Printed books are \$1 per book (which is 1/4 of our cost to produce the books). Shipping within the continental United States is FREE for orders of 10 or more books and \$10 for orders of 1-9 books. If you have questions about printed books, contact Carolyn Karl at carolyn@livingcompass.org. We often sell out, so please order early.
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- Purchase our Advent devotional as an **e-book** from Amazon for .99 cents (English or Spanish).
- Sign up to receive a **daily email** of each reflection for FREE (English only).
- Download our Advent **Facilitator's Guide** as a FREE **PDF** file (English only).
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Our Advent devotional includes reflections from:

Robbin Brent
David Dill
Jess Elfring-Roberts
Regan Schutz
Scott Stoner



Also available:

Vivir un Buen Adviento en el 2023: Practicando la admiración con todo el corazón, alma, fuerzas y mente—a Spanish Advent guide with completely original content. Available in print, PDF, and electronic editions.

Find these Advent resources at livingcompass.org/advent

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ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE at St. Mark's for the WHB Elementary School Families

PLEASE BRING IN
YOUR DONATIONS BY
NOVEMBER 26TH!
THANK YOU!

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- RICE
- BEANS
- PASTA
- SAUCE
- PB & JELLY
- CANNED TUNA & CHICKEN
- CHEF BOYARDEE MEALS
- SOUP
- OATMEAL
- CEREAL BARS/
SNACK BARS
- APPLESAUCE
- MAC 'N CHEESE
(BOXES & MICROWAVEABLE)
- MASHED POTATO MIX

TOILETRIES:

- SOAP
- SHAMPOO
- CONDITIONER
- TOOTHPASTE
- TOOTHBRUSHES

THE LITURGICAL GUIDE & MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 2023

Liturgical Day & Color	November 5, 2023 All Saints Sunday	November 12, 2023 24 Pentecost Proper 23A	November 19, 2023 25 Pentecost Proper 24A	November 26, 2023 Last Pentecost Christ the King
Lectionary Readings (Revised Common Lectionary)	Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
LEM	Sundy Schermeyer	Virginia Gilmore	Carol Laube	Carol Jubinski
Lector	Dick Gardner	Carol Jubinski	Tom Simson	Tom Hadlock
Usher	Steve Turner	Tom Hadlock	Pete Williams	Tom Simson
	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
LEM	Laureen Andria	Rob Perdock	Carol Fitton	Madeline Glover
Lector	Deni McChesney	Barbara Pettus	Helen Horton	Bill Glover
Greeter/Ushers	Tim Feil Bill Glover	Steve DeCaro Paul Okula	Tom Horan Kevin Tunney	Tim Feil Sandy Wyman
Altar Guild	Edie Hofmann Lee Wadelton	Catharine Nobiletti Karen Love	Victoria Garcia Diane Feil	Catharine Nobiletti Laura Bott

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,
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>22 Pentecost (Proper 25A)</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p> <p>10:00am SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>BB Halloween Parade Vigil of All Saints 7:00am SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>All Saints Day All Saints Day 7:00am SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location 7:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>All Souls Day 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 12:00pm SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Richard Hooker, Priest and Theologian, 1600 12:00pm SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00am Farmers Market 9:00am Men's Breakfast 10:00am SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>All Saints Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am SCBOE Early Voting Polling Location 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p> <p>William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>Willibrord, Archbishop and Missionary, 739 12:30pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>[Ammonius, Hermit, c.403] 7:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>9</p> <p>[Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, and Margery Kempe, Mystics, 1349, 1396, and c.1440] 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Leo of Rome, Bishop, 461</p>	 <p>Martin of Tours, Bishop, 397 Veterans Day 9:00am Farmers Market</p>
<p>12</p> <p>24 Pentecost (Proper 27A)</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Beinecke Building Tour 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1784 12:00pm WH Women's Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>[Herman of Alaska, Missionary, 1837] 7:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Margaret of Scotland, Queen, 1093 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 1:45pm BB Thanksgiving Show</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Hugh, of Lincoln, Bishop, 1200</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Hilda of Whitby, Abbess, 680 9:00am Farmers Market 2:00pm Hall Rental</p>
<p>19</p> <p>25 Pentecost (Proper 28A)</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour 2:00pm Parish Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Edmund, King, 870 Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>21</p> <p>[Mechthilde of Hackeborn and Gertrude the Great, Mystics and Theologians, 1298 and 1302] 9:30am BB Thanksgiving Breakfast 12:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Vestry Meeting via zoom</p>	<p>22</p> <p>BB Closed Clive Staples Lewis, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963 7:30pm Alanon</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>BB Closed Clement of Rome, Bishop, c.100 Parish Office Closed Thanksgiving Day 2:00pm Wedding</p>	<p>24</p> <p>[Catherine of Alexandria, Barbara of Nicomedia, and Margaret of Antioch, Martyrs, c.305] BB Closed Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>James Otis Sargent Huntington, Monastic and Priest, 1935 9:00am Farmers Market</p>
<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>

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

*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.) 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

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Assisting Bishop of Long Island

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The WEEK AHEAD

- Monday, 11/20** **Parish Office Closed**
- Tuesday, 11/21** 9:30 a.m. Bright Beginnings Thanksgiving Dinner
 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- Wednesday, 11/22** **Bright Beginnings Closed**
 7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting in Atwater Room
- Thursday, 11/23** **Parish Office & Bright Beginnings Closed**
Thanksgiving Day 2:00 p.m. Jason Andria & Alicia Paladino Wedding
 Reception following in the Parish Hall.
- Friday, 11/24** **Parish Office & Bright Beginnings Closed**
- Saturday, 11/25** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Farmer's Market in the parking lot
- Sunday, 11/26** 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
 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	Tom Simson		
Usher	Pete Williams		
Altar Guild	Diane Stewart, Freear Pollard, Virginia Gilmore		
Coffee Hour	in the Atwater Room		
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.			
LEM	Carol Fitton		
Lector	Helen Horton		
Ushers	Sandy Wyman, Kevin Tunney		
Altar Guild	Victoria Garcia, Diane Feil		
Coffee Hour	in the Atwater Room		
November Birthdays			
Carol Fitton	11/07	Robert Laube	11/16
Eleanor Kast	11/08	Kelly Pickering	11/16
Peyton Feil	11/08	Margaret DeCaro	11/18
Geri Wyman	11/09	Sundy Schermeyer	11/19
Barbara Pettus	11/09	Janet Jurgielewicz	11/20
Timothy Feil	11/10	Jeanine Graviano	11/24
Timothy Jurgielewicz	11/14	Jock McLean	11/28
Carol Laube	11/15	John Kern	11/30
November Anniversaries			
Peter & Lori Williams			11/06
Edward & Barbara Callahan			11/23
Arthur & Virginia Connolly			11/28

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 11/12	8:00 am	23
Sunday 11/12	10:00 am	48
Total:		71

(0 Households prayed with us online due to a technical problem)

11/16 Bible Study	10
11/16 Mid-Week service	9

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour will take place in the Atwater Room following both services today.
The Parish Thanksgiving Dinner is at 2 p.m. today, in the Parish Hall.

Advent Study—An Unlikely Advent. 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. Starting Thursday, Nov. 30 at 10:00 a.m.

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 for the November, 10 a.m. service outside of the parish hall. Your help will be very much appreciated. **Host/hostesses needed for November 26, and all of the Sunday's in December.**

Women's Breakfast – The women of the parish will be getting together again for breakfast on Saturday December 2nd at 11 am at the Hampton Maid in Hampton Bays. Kindly rsvp Kate via email or use the sign-up sheet outside of the parish hall. **The rsvp deadline is Sunday, November 26th.** Cost is \$33.00 per person. All are welcome!

Altar Flowers - If you would like to dedicate 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 10, & 17, two for the 9 am service on the 24** and two for the **31st**. The plants are \$40.00 each.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

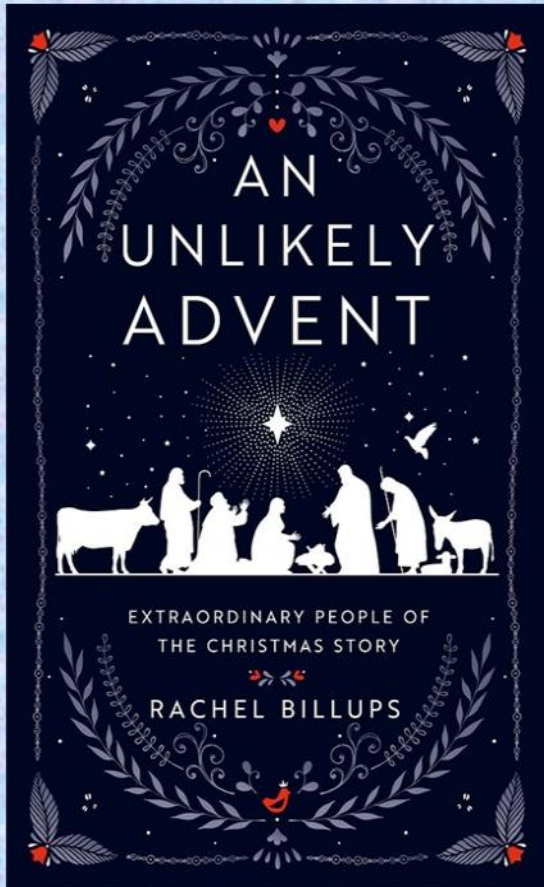
- **Women's Breakfast – Saturday, December 2 – 11 am Hampton Maid – RSVP Kate email or use the sign-up sheet outside of the parish hall.**
- **Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m.**

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), Campbell Kast (Req. by Jenn Kast), 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 flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Freear Pollard in loving memory of her father, James J. Pollard and by Catharine Nobiletti in loving memory of our 46th wedding anniversary.



Advent Study

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

Expect the unexpected this Christmas.

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

Notes on this Sunday's Readings – November 19th (25 Pentecost-Proper 28A)



Zephaniah 1:7,12-18
Psalm 90:1-8, 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Our attention today is again turned toward the subject of Christ's return and the Day of Judgment. In the parable of the talents (a monetary unit worth fifteen years' wages in the first century), we are taught that what God has given us is to be used productively and ultimately returned to God enhanced by our use of those gifts.

The rather gloomy prophet, Zephaniah, speaks God's word in the first reading today. This a warning to those who rest satisfied with their state of life. A day is coming of judgment when we must give account. Those people find that day a day of disaster.

Today we conclude reading through 1 Thessalonians. In his final words to this early congregation, confused because the Lord has not yet returned, Paul tells them that Jesus' return cannot be predicted. In addition, he tells them, and us, to live in preparation all the time with the confident certainty of those who live in the light of God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ.

In historical periods of social confusion (such as our own time), popular religion often focuses on the most negative and pessimistic aspects of the biblical message of judgment. The central message of Holy Scripture, however, is not God's wrath but God's love and the promise made to us of salvation. As we gather in the Eucharist, we again hear that message of the loving God and are equipped to go forth to proclaim it to the world.

Readings for Sunday, November 19, 2023

The Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament—Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 *Domine, refugium*

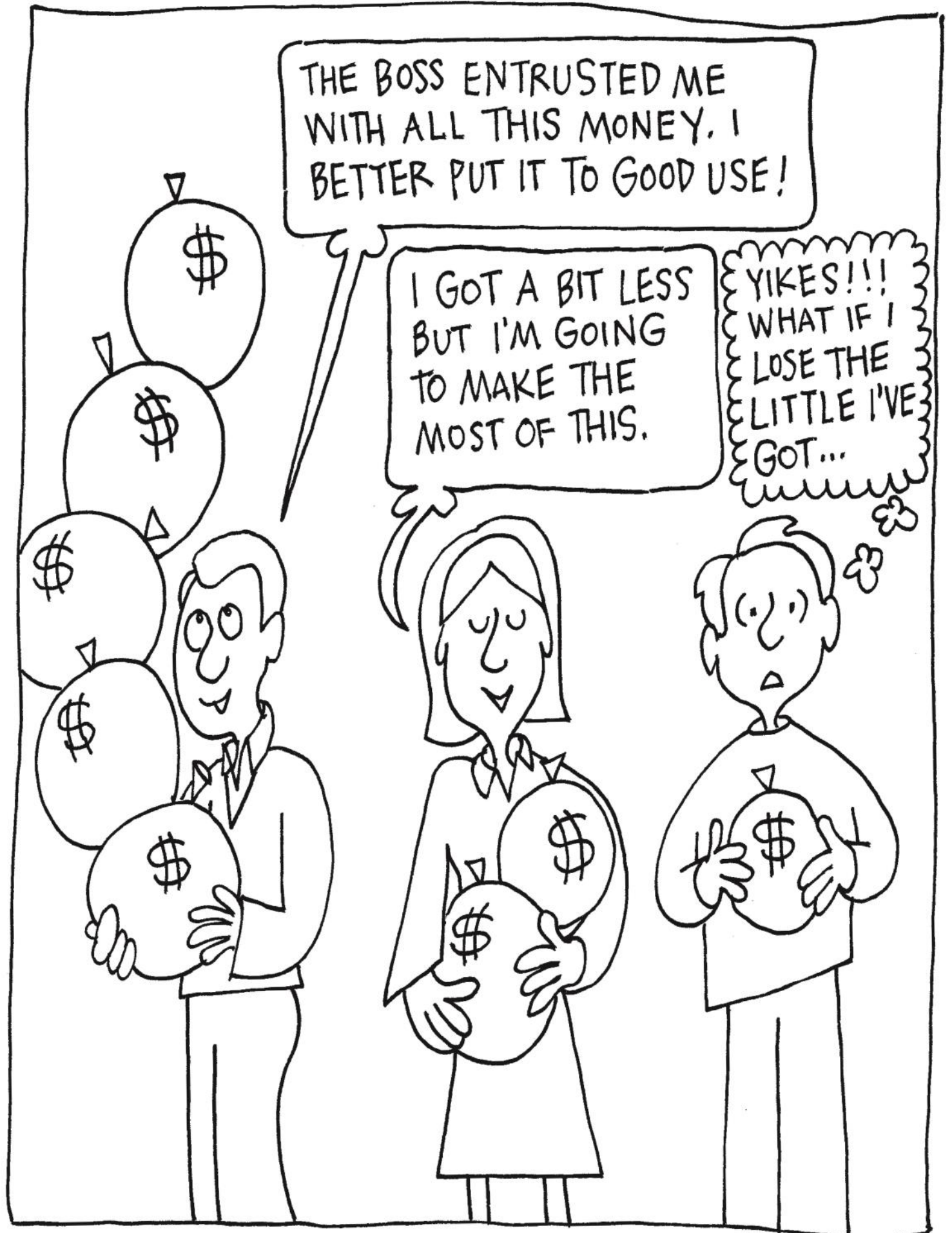
- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The Epistle—1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Gospel—Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"



**November 19, 2023 – Pentecost 25 (A)
Meet Your Episcopal Service Corps Programs: Servant Year, Philadelphia, PA**

Young adults joining Servant Year commit to a year of volunteer local service, as well as a common rhythm of life, spiritual companionship, and asking big questions.

Spiritual Life

Community life is shaped by a daily round of prayer. Each community has its own regular pattern for this prayer, established at the start of the year. In addition, worship is a central charism of the Servant Year community. As such, Corps members actively participate in the larger worshipping community of nearby Episcopal Churches: Saint Mark's or St. James.



For eleven months, Servant Year members form a community within the community of either Saint Mark's or St. James School, which is larger and more dispersed. It is home to others who live there, and in some ways a home for the people who work, learn, pray, and have fellowship in its broader community. A home is a safe place by definition, and we commit to safeguarding one another's safety in every reasonable way, primarily by taking responsibility for ourselves and our own actions.

Volunteering

Through Servant Year, corps members embody the idea that Christian service begins with the recognition that we are called to service through our baptism, locating all work in response to the echoing command of Jesus to his disciples to "go" and do something! Servant Year members serve either at St. James School or St. Mark's Church, according to their gifts discerned during the interview process.

Servant Year members receive housing at either St. James School or St. Mark's Church, in individual rooms. Members also receive a \$600 monthly stipend, and are encouraged to participate in a retirement savings plan in which the program matches member contributions up to \$1,100. Members receive health insurance with no charge to themselves, and the program covers all co-pays for care. A \$5,000 education award to help with student loans or continued education after the program is available to all members. The program also covers travel costs for arrival and departure for the year of service and one trip during the service year. The program also supplies each member with a \$500 clothing allowance at the beginning of the year.

Applications for the 2024-2025 Corps will open December 1. Visit ESC's website to learn more about Servant Year or to take the ESC Discernment Quiz, [EpiscopalServiceCorps.org](https://www.episcopal.org/service-corps).

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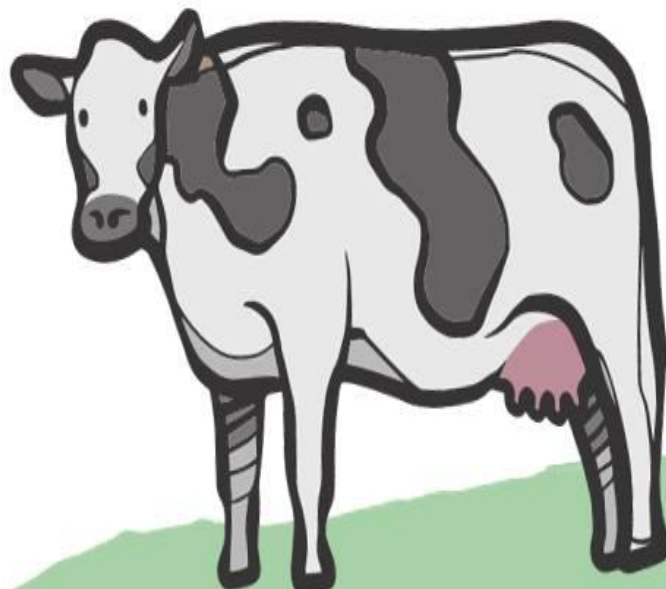
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