

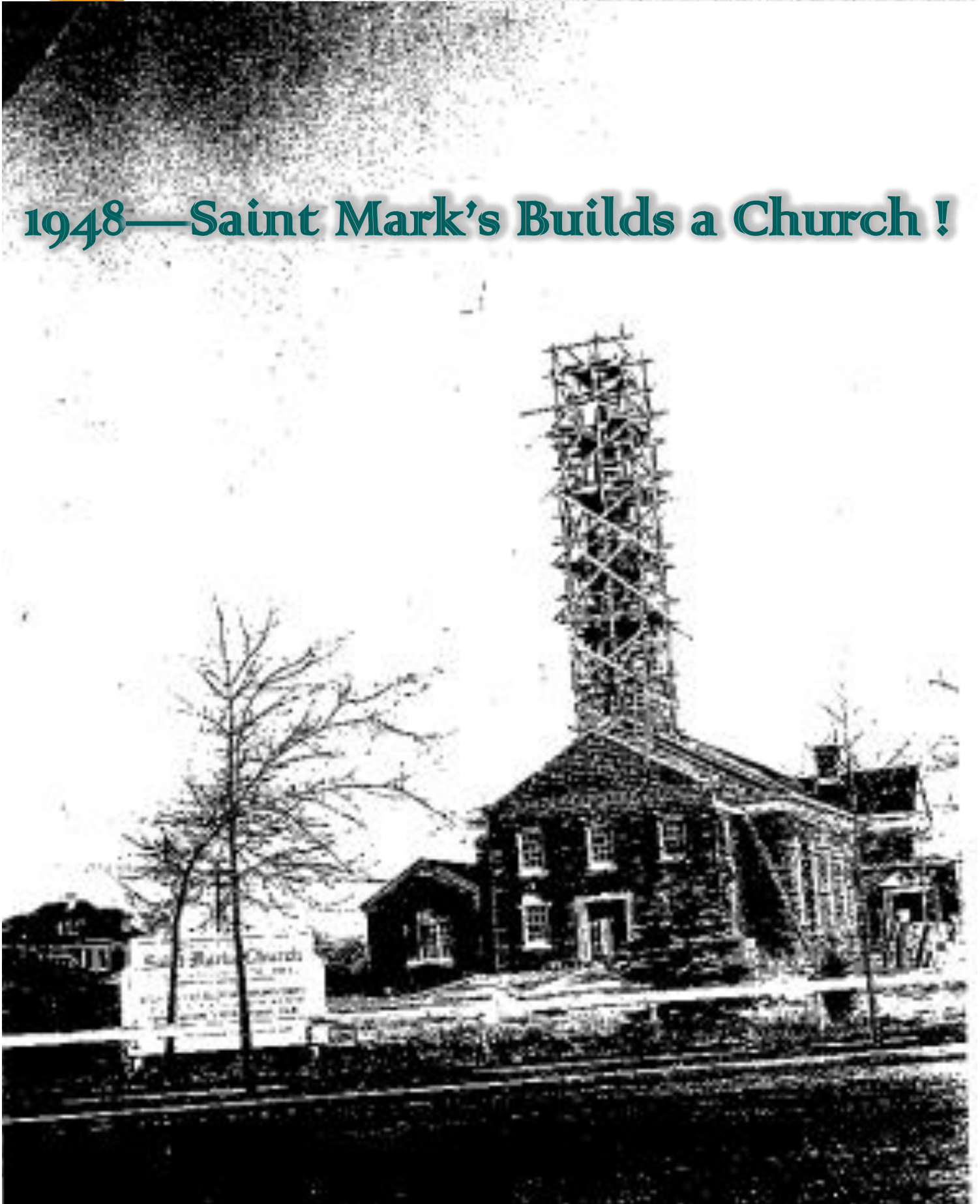


SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

1948—Saint Mark's Builds a Church!



Friday
Night
Sunday
School



Friday, October 4
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Friday Night Sunday School is for ALL AGES—Children, Youth, Teens, and Adults. Each FNSS session begins with a group pot-luck meal, fun, lesson, crafts, and prayer.

September 20, October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15, December 6 & 20

SAINT FRANCIS
OF ASSISI

Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, October 5, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

40 Main Street, WHB

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THE LITURGICAL GUIDE & MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 2024

Liturgical Day & Color	October 6, 2024 20 Pentecost Proper 22B	October 13, 2024 21 Pentecost Proper 23B	October 20, 2024 22 Pentecost Proper 24B	October 27, 2024 23 Pentecost Proper 25B
Lectionary Readings (Revised Common Lectionary)	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16 <i>Click on links for readings</i>	Amos 5:6-7,10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31 <i>Click on links for readings</i>	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45 <i>Click on links for readings</i>	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52 <i>Click on links for readings</i>
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
LEM	Carol Jubinski	Virginia Gilmore	Carol Laube	Sundy Schermeyer
Lector	Tom Hadlock	Tom Simson	Carol Johns	Carol Jubinski
Usher	Tom Hadlock	Steve Turner	Pete Williams	Tom Simson
	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
LEM	Laureen Andria	John Kern	Laureen Andria	Carol Fitton
Lector	Deni McChesney	Barbara Pettus	Helen Horton	John Kern
Greeter/Ushers	Eric Christensen Tom Horan	Paul Okula Rich Caccavano	Tim Feil Bill Glover	Sandy Wyman Larry Andria
Altar Guild	Edie Hofmann Lee Wadelton	Laura Bott Karen Love	Catharine Nobiletti Helen Horton	Victoria Garcia Norma-Jeanne Okula

SERVICES AT SAINT MARK'S

WEEKENDS

*Sundays at 8:00 & 10a.m.
"Fifth" Sunday of the Month one service
at 9:00 a.m. followed by Brunch*

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 each Sunday, 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>29</p> <p>Pentecost 19 (Proper 21B) Saint Mark's 100th Anniversary Celebration Postponed</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420</i> Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>1</p> <p><i>Remigius of Rheims, Bishop, c.530 or [Thérèse of Lisieux, Monastic, 1897]</i> 5:00pm Walking Club</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Remigius of Rheims, Bishop, c.530</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>[John Raleigh Mott, Ecumenist and Missionary, 1955]</i> 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 6:00pm Cinema and Soup</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226</i> 6:30pm Friday Night Sunday School</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>10:00am Saint Francis Day Blessing of the Pets 12:30pm Women's Luncheon</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Pentecost 20 (Proper 22B) 8:00am Holy Eucharist with Anointing & Prayers for Healing 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Anointing & Prayers for Healing 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>[Birgitta of Sweden, Mystic, 1373]</i> Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:00pm Walking Club</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Robert Grosseteste, Bishop, 1253</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>10 Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator, 1954</i> 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 6:00pm Cinema and Soup</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Philip, Deacon and Evangelist</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>[Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915]</i></p>
<p>13</p> <p>Pentecost 21 (Proper 23B) 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Parish Office Closed <i>Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, Bishop and Missionary, 1906</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Teresa of Avila, Mystic and Monastic Reformer, 1582</i> 5:00pm Walking Club 6:30pm Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley, and Thomas Cranmer, 1535, 1556</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, c.115</i> 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 6:00pm Cinema and Soup</p>	<p>18</p> <p>St. Luke, Evangelist 6:30pm Friday Night Sunday School</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary, 1812</i></p>
<p>20</p> <p>Pentecost 22 (Proper 24B) 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:00pm Walking Club</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 6:00pm Cinema and Soup</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>[Tabitha (Dorcas) of Joppya]</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>Alfred, King, 899</i></p>
<p>27</p> <p>Pentecost 23 (Proper 25B) 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Coffee Hour 9:15am Choir Practice 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Parish Office Closed St Simon & St Jude, Apostles</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>James Hannington, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1885</i> 5:00pm Walking Club</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Maryam of Qidun, Monastic, fourth century</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p>Vigil of All Saints 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 6:00pm Cinema and Soup</p>	<p>1</p> <p>All Saints Day</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>FEAST OF ALL SOULS All Souls Day</p>

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*The Weekly Newsletter of
 Saint Mark's Church
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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. Geryl Wolf
Assisting Bishop of Long Island

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The WEEK AHEAD

- Monday, 09/30** Church Office Closed
- Tuesday, 10/01** 12:15 p.m. Staff Meeting in Fr. Chris' office
5:00 p.m. Walking Club
- Wednesday, 10/02** 7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting – Atwater Room
- Thursday, 10/03** 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
6:00 p.m. Soup & Movie – Atwater Room
- Friday, 10/04** 6:30-8:30 Sunday School – Parish Hall
- Saturday, 10/05** 10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Pets
12:30 p.m. Ladies Luncheon
- Sunday, 10/06** 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Anointing & Prayers for Healing
9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Anointing & Prayers for Healing
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Participants			
LEM		Laureen Andria	
Lector		Sundy Schermeyer	
Usher		Pete Williams	
Coffee Hour		Candace & Larry Andria	
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Participants			
LEM		John Kern	
Lector		John Kern	
Ushers		Steve DeCaro, Tim Feil Rich Caccavano, Tom Horan	
Altar Guild		Norma-Jeanne Okula Victoria Garcia	
Coffee Hour		Helen Horton	
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS			
Luke Williamson	10/01	Michael Schermeyer	10/05
Bob Love	10/05	Noah Kaufman	10/06
Nolan Kaufman	10/06	Tierney Canty	10/06
Madeline Glover	10/07	Ann Liguori	10/08
Frank Wadelton	10/09	Edie Hofmann	10/12
Stephanie Lander Zayicek	10/12	Victoria Garcia	10/13
Carol Johns	10/13	R.J.(Richard) Kern	10/15
Leandra Melo	10/16	Theodore Jurgielewicz	10/23
Jeff Dalder	10/25	Diane Stewart	10/25
Destiny Caccavano	10/28	Karen Love	10/29
OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES			
Rob & Carol Moyle	10/01		
Emmett and Julienne Boone	10/04		
Richard & Carol Johns	10/09		
Kelly & Michael Tessitore	10/21		
Angie Cabell & Rich Walkiewicz	10/20		
Jackie & Melvin Moss	10/26		

Services		In Person	On Line
09/22 Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m.	28	
09/22 Holy Eucharist	10:00 a.m.	40	45
	Total	68	45
09/26 Bible Study		8	
09/26 Mid-Week Service		5	
John Andren Funeral 9/14		52	
Robert Dalder Funeral 9/21		30	

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 to the Glory of God by Louise Reeves "Giving thanks for all God's blessings".



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.

Diocesan Live Stream Screenings of the Investiture of the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe at the 28th Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church on Saturday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. Livestream at Saint Mark's.

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 +

COFFEE HOUR: Volunteers needed for Coffee Hour following the 8 & 10 am services. Contact Kate in the church office or use the sign-up sheet located on the table outside of the Parish Hall. Thank you to those who have volunteered!

SOUP & MOVIE NIGHT will resume on Thursday, October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. We are watching Season 4 of *The Chosen*. If you are planning to attend, kindly contact Kate in the church office.

LADIES LUNCHEON is scheduled for Saturday October 5th at 12:30. Kindly contact Kate with your RSVP.

WALKING CLUB will start on October 1st at 5:00 p.m. weather permitting. We will meet at the church

PARISH SURVEYS: New members, please see Kate in the church office or email at 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

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. There is one vase available November 3 and two on November 17th. Each vase of flowers is \$40.00 each. Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Thursday, October 3 – Soup & Movie in the Atwater Room at 6:00 PM. RSVP Kate
- Saturday, October 5 – Saint Francis Day Blessing of the Pets at 10:00 a.m. on the front lawn.
- October 26 to November 3 – Early Voting in Parish Hall.
- Saturday, November 2 – Investiture of New Presiding Bishop. Screening at Saint Mark's at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, November 4 – Service to Pray for Peace in our Country in the church.

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

Kurt Andon (Req. by Sundry 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), 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), 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) Barbara Callahan (Parishioner), Ridgie Barnett (Parishioner), Bishop Provenzano. (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.



Walk in Love Accompaniment



I came to the US from Sri Lanka to study engineering. I didn't have any family or friends here, so it was a very lonely time for me. But I made friends with some Palestinian students, and they invited me to be their roommate. They treated me like family. And they were very good cooks: they made delicious Middle Eastern food, and I did the dishes. That's one of many ways in which loving people have walked with me.

As an aerospace engineer in Silicon Valley, I had the opportunity to share that same kind of accompaniment. I worked on engineering standards with international colleagues, and we had to find ways to compromise. We spoke different languages and didn't always agree on issues, but we achieved compromise on technical issues. So, I learned to listen for the purposes of understanding. That's what life is all about: living together and learning to understand each other. Of course, this also means recognizing my own limitations, and those of others.

Sometimes it's hard to walk with vulnerable people. Part of my diaconal ministry happens in jail. At first, I didn't want to be there. I was frightened by the heavy doors closing behind me as I visited. But there was so much need! Some inmates are entirely abandoned by their family, so part of my walk with them is to love without judgment. It is a mutual walking in love – we listen to each other, and they learn from me and I from them.

As a Christian, I am motivated by the Great Commandment and the Baptismal Covenant, which tells me to respect the dignity of every human being. Everyone needs some help at some point in their lives, just as I did as a student and an immigrant. God walks in love with me in my struggles just as God does with the marginalized people with whom I minister. | TEUS.org

Questions for Reflection:

What are your experiences of being supported that have led you to walk in love with others?



The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah serves as Deacon at Trinity Cathedral, San Jose, California and ministers widely to the Silicon Valley community.



THE EPISCOPAL
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STEWARDSHIP



BULLETIN INSERTS

September 29, 2024 – Pentecost 19 (B) Explore the Way of Love: GO

As we discover the Way of Love and the practices through which we can follow Jesus more closely, we realize that Jesus did not stay in one place very often.

The pursuit of Jesus can often mean moving out of our circles of comfort and going to other places – geographically, culturally, economically, spiritually. Because if there is one thing Jesus did, it is that he went – out of his home, out of his town, out of his community - to engage with other cultures and people, to listen and dignify their stories, no matter their culture or station in life.

Jesus was a listener and witness to outcasts and sinners, drinkers and tax collectors, strangers and foreigners, the rich and the poor. He uplifted women who were considered unequal to men. He dignified people of other faiths or no faith at all, and showed them the values of the Kingdom of God, through his teaching, through his healing, through his listening, and through his meeting them where they were and putting love into action.

The Scriptures teach us that it is also our mission to go out into the world. As the writer of John’s Gospel quotes Jesus, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And as the first letter of John tells us, “Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”

Are you ready to make the commitment to go beyond your boundaries? To listen and talk, to love and serve, to use your gifts in the struggle for dignity and justice for your neighbor and for people who are outside your comfort zone?

Are you ready to challenge yourself to forge new friendships, open yourself up to new perspectives, and build bridges where once there were walls?

The Way of Love challenges us to Go.

As the writer of Hebrews tells us: “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” We are called to give freely of our resources, our stories and experiences, our time and our attention. And we are called to invite others into this Way of Love. We bless ourselves in the process.

Learn more about the Way of Love at episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Going at iam.ec/enol.



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life



Fall Worship Schedule

Starts Sunday, September 8, 2024

Sundays

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with Hymns

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with Choir

*Anointing and Prayers for Healing at both Services
on the 1st Sunday of the Month*

Thursdays

**11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with
Anointing and Prayers for Healing**



Readings for Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024 – The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21B)

The Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading—Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all these people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Psalm 19:7-14 *Cazli znarrant*

- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer

The Epistle—James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Gospel—Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Notes On This Sunday's Readings

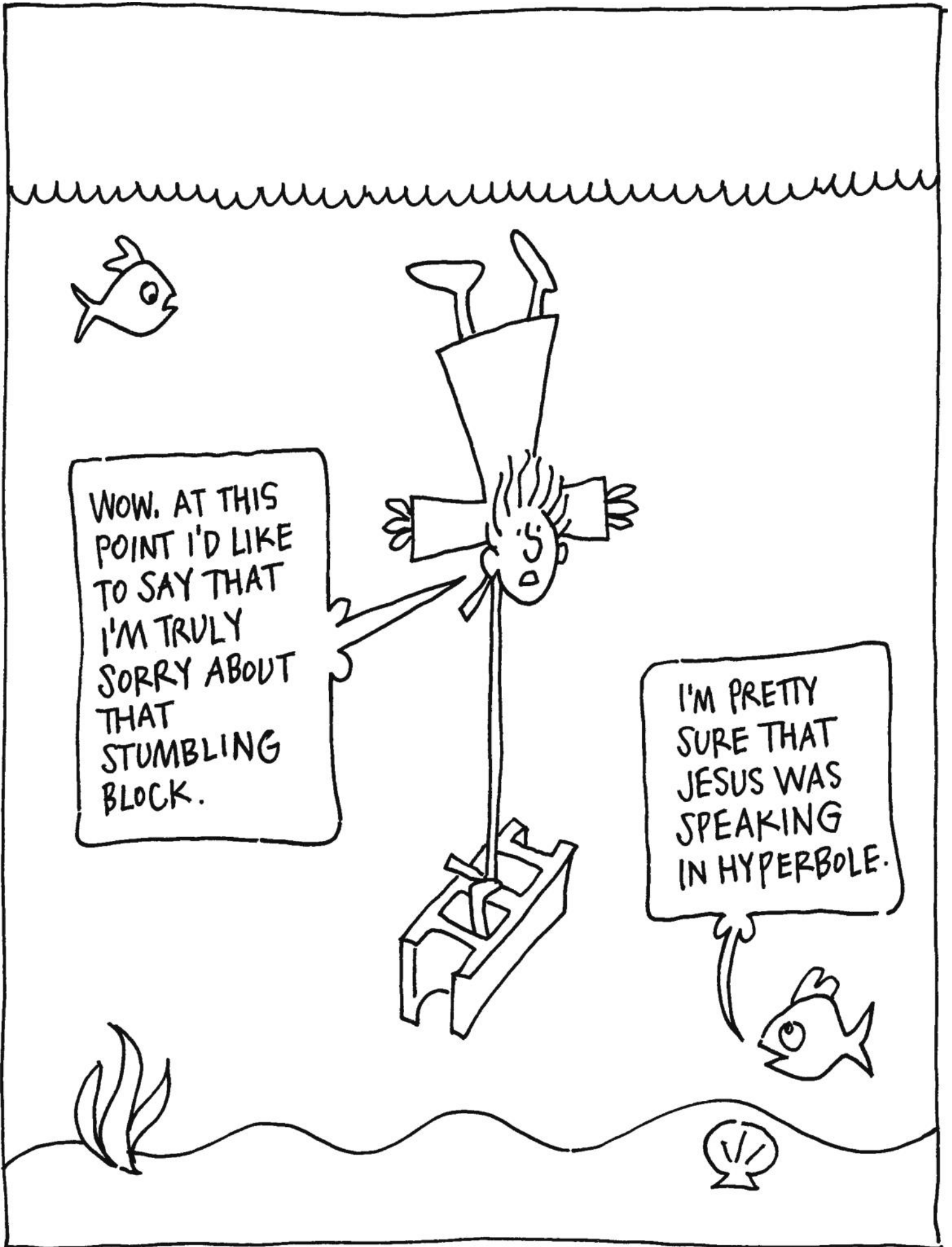


In today's Gospel reading, the disciples complain about someone (who was not part of their group) casting out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus' response is that the man should not be stopped, for "whoever is not against us is for us." The importance of the ministry of every person, rather than just the ministry of disciples or clergy or church members, is so great, that to despise other ministries is to risk personal disaster. If pride in our own ministry is getting in the way, cut off that pride.

In the first reading, Moses complains to God about the burden of being the sole leader of the Israelites. God has Moses call together seventy of the leaders and gives them a share of the Spirit. Two of those chosen had not come to the meeting, and yet they also received the Spirit. When some complain about those two, Moses upholds the value of their ministry as well.

We continue to read from the Letter of James for our second lesson. Here James gives some pastoral advice to the elders (the Greek word is "presbyters," the origin of the term "priest" in the Christian church). The leaders are to minister to the sick, anointing them with laying on of hands and prayer. James reminds us that the prayers of faithful people are the source of God's power.

Our ordained leaders are not the sole ministers of Christ; rather, they model the ministry we are all to perform. In our baptism, we are set apart as ministers of Christ who share in his royal priesthood. It is in that ministry, especially to the poor, oppressed, and dying, that we find God present to us in the lives of those for whom we care. Our ministry is expressed in our liturgical actions, and the Eucharist is the model for our daily living and for the nature of God's Kingdom.



Rites of Passage

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Luke Williamson
- 05 Michael Schermeyer
- 05 Bob Love
- 06 Noah Kaufman
- 06 Nolan Kaufman
- 06 Tierney Canty
- 07 Madeline Glover
- 08 Ann Liguori
- 09 Frank Wadleton
- 12 Edie Hofmann
- 12 Stephanie Lander Zayicek
- 13 Victoria Garcia
- 13 Carol Johns
- 15 R.J.(Richard) Kern
- 16 Leandra Melo
- 23 Theodore Jurgielewicz
- 25 Jeff Dalder
- 25 Diane Stewart
- 28 Destiny Caccavano
- 29 Karen Love

- 20 Angie Cabell & Rich Wolkiewicz
- 21 Kelly & Michael Tessitore
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- 26 Jackie & Melvin Moss

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John H Andren, Jr.
March 16, 1939 ~ August 11, 2024



Robert A. Dalder
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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!



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