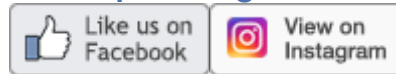




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## Sunday Services

January 14, 2017

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:30 a.m. Faith Matters and Choir Practice
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II and Sunday School
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 5:00 p.m. Evensong and Sunday School

### Ministers of Liturgy

Adrian Bogart, Donna George, *Acolytes*  
Donna George, Johanna Canonica, *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Johanna Canonica, Wayne Chambless, Corrie Decker, *Lectors*  
Herman Hertweck, Kevin Daigh, Jay Aston, *Ushers*  
Gail Wagner, *Greeter*  
Barbara Podesta, JoAnn Browne, Ellen McMillin, *Altar Guild*

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## CURATE'S CORNER



This Fall, our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano, called for a "Covenant of Prayer" among clergy and lay people in our Diocese. We have included that call to prayer here in our E-pistle this week. Bishop Provenzano is calling us to the following: 1 hour of prayer each day, one day of prayer each month, and eight days of prayer a year. It's a tall order, that's for sure, and it is something that I have already begun taking on as part of my personal prayer life for the winter as well as for the coming season of Lent. I invite you to take part in this as well. A wonderful way to begin and to enter this practice of an hour (or so) of daily prayer is this Sunday at 5:00 pm with Choral Evensong. This service offers a space of quiet prayer, Scripture reading, and sacred music which will allow you to enter a space of quiet reflection and allow the Holy Spirit to engage and to enliven your prayer life. I invite you to take part in this Covenant of Prayer with me, and the whole diocese, starting with Evensong at 5:00 pm this Sunday January 14th. As usual, Evensong will be followed by a Sunday Night Lights parish dinner and Eucharist at 6:15 pm at the Side Chapel. So, I hope to see you Sunday evening at Evensong where we can be still, we can be reflective, and we can pray together.

Peace, Fr. Stephen



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**A Covenant of Prayer**  
**Jan 9, 2017**

This past November, as part of my annual address to the Diocesan Convention, I made a proposal to the entire diocese to join me in a Covenant of Prayer.

Here is an excerpt of what I said:

"What I propose is this: a covenant to begin on the Feast of Epiphany, January 6<sup>th</sup>, between the people of the diocese and the bishop for one hour of prayer each day, one day of prayer each month, and eight days of prayer each year.

"No cell phones, no computers, no TV or newspapers. Just each of us and Jesus as a way to help change the tone and tenor of the world that God has given into our care.

"I ask that parish clergy help to provide guidance and tools to the people of your parish. Praying is something we know about. Clergy, let's equip the saints for the building up of the church and our ministry to the world.

"I believe that, by God's grace, our prayer will strengthen each of us, and provide a faithful witness in the face of hollow distractions."

Well here we are in Epiphanytide. Recognizing that we have been a faithful, prayerful community for 150 years, I am asking you to join me and commit to this Covenant of Prayer.

We as a community know the power of prayer. And therefore, we know that possibly the most effective way to change the tenor and combativeness of the world in which we live is to spend significant time in prayer -- quiet, peaceful, deep, restorative prayer. Prayer, where it's just you dancing with the Trinity in the solitude of a place and time, where you look at God and God looks back at you.

One would never think of going on a journey without the food and water necessary to sustain the journey. We normally don't leave the house for work without having had some sleep, some breakfast, that first cup of coffee or tea or juice? So why would we expect to journey throughout our day, our lives, without prayer?

What I am asking is simple but significantly transformative. The impact of each member of the diocese spending an hour in quiet prayer each day, a day of prayer each month, and eight days of prayer each year, has the potential to change the world.

The power and depth of our prayer will change each of us and our relationship to the Holy Trinity, the people whom we love, and all those who we interact with in our daily lives. And this in turn can change how those people interact with people in *their* daily lives, and on and on.

In this way, our Covenant of Prayer will sustain us as together we share the peace and serenity of God that passes all understanding and give witness to the cause of Jesus Christ in the world.

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop  
Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

by Courtney Callahan

Our Sunday School is blessed with its very own museum! Much in the spirit of that wonderful movie series *A Night at the Museum*, which takes place at the Natural History Museum, our museum quality stained glass windows are alive with the miracles, challenges and inspiration of the saints, angels, Holy Family, and the friends of Christ. These windows tell the story of longing for a Messiah. The Apostle and Evangelist John, our namesake, helped to explain this Messiah in these words:



*John 1:14 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*



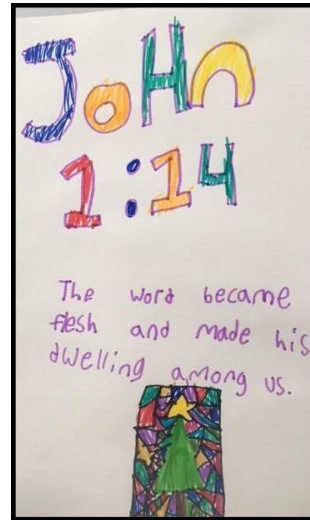
Naturally, for our first day back after Christmas break, we studied our first stained glass window depicting St. John. His feast day is December 27th - clearly this was something to celebrate! Coincidentally, on the 27th, a Buddhist friend posted an amazing photo on my wall. It was a wild fir tree with eagle ornaments-the symbol of St. John!



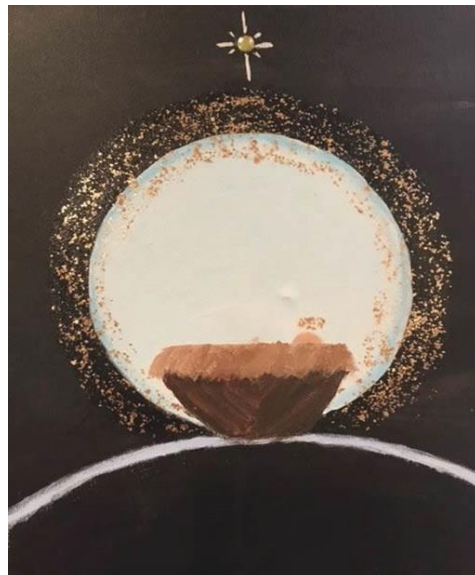


Below, you will see the lovely illustrations the children created in their journals capturing the beauty of the stained glass and the faith filled fact that our work begins on Christmas Day and honestly everyday we are receiving gifts from Jesus and giving gifts to others filled with His love. All the

children agreed that these invisible gifts are the most beautiful.



Also found in John's Gospel, our Sunday school student, Penny Doerge, painted an extraordinary cover for our Christingle Nativity Pageant bulletin, depicting the birth of Jesus entitled, "Jesus on the night He was born."



# MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY



**January 15, 2018**

## **Glen Cove program to feature Symbolic March, Celebration**

The City of Glen Cove and the Glen Cove School District with program oversight and support from the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Commission is proud to announce the 34th annual city-wide tribute to the late Civil Rights leader will be held on  
**January 15, 2018.**

The Glen Cove community will honor Dr. King with a symbolic march from the city's First Baptist Church to the Wunsch Arts Center of the Robert M. Finley Middle School, 1 Forest Avenue.

**Courtney Callahan, St. John's Director of Outreach invites all parishioners to join with her in the march. The day will begin at 8:45 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 7 Continental Place, Glen Cove. At 9:30 a.m., Fr. Mark will be part of the commemorative program.**

The theme of this year's presentation is, "50 Years - Still Striving Together." Participants in this year's program include the Glen Cove High School Select Chorale, Glen Cove High School Drumline, the Gospel Trio with remarks and readings by Glen Cove Mayor Timothy Tenke, local dignitaries and Glen Cove residents.

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# **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE**

# *for Youth and Young Adults*

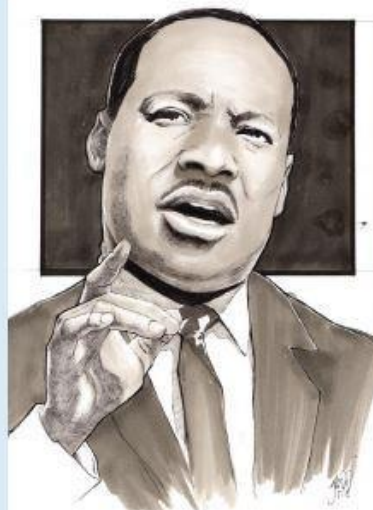


The Episcopal Diocese of Long Island  
Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries  
*presents*

## **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service**

*Calling all youth  
& young adults for  
a day of service!*

**Monday, January 15, 2018**



**Join us for MLK Day of Service at one of three sites  
around the diocese!**

**This is a day to remember the life and legacy of Dr. King and work  
to make a difference in our communities through loving service.**

- 1. 9 to 11 am, Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade:** We will participate in the parade with the Cathedral of the Incarnation in the Village of Hempstead starting at Kennedy Memorial Park.
- 2. 1 to 3 pm, Feed Long Island:** St. John's Church in Cold Spring Harbor will host a food packaging event in partnership with The Outreach Program with a goal of making 15,000 meals in two hours. We need many helpers!
- 3. 4 to 8 pm, Nourish Babylon:** Finally, we will close the day at Christ Church in Babylon helping to serve the community meal from 4:00-8:00pm. We will need greeters and wait staff to ensure that guests have a wonderful meal!



For more information on any of these events and to RSVP, contact James Reiss at the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministries: [jreiss@dioceseli.org](mailto:jreiss@dioceseli.org) or call (516) 248-4800 ex.154  
For more information: [www.dioceseli.org/mlkday2018](http://www.dioceseli.org/mlkday2018)





## THISTLE & SPOON MINISTRY

Co-Chairs:

Diana & John Fredericks

Stephanie & Fred Clark

*Please join us as we once again  
share our friendship dinners with the*

## THE GLEN COVE MEN'S SHELTER

**DATE:**

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Sunday, March 11, 2018

**HOSTED BY:**

Families

Agape/Parish Women

Families

Sunday School Dads/  
Parish men

Families

*5:00 pm - cook/prepare in St. John's Kitchen*

*6:00 pm - set-up/serve dinner*

*For more information:*

*Diana Fredericks - dhfredericks@gmail.com*

*Stephanie Clark - Sekb@yahoo.com*

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## Confirmation 2018

The next Confirmation class will be  
held on

*January 28th at 12 noon*

*in the Rector's office*

Information or questions: [curate@stjlat.org](mailto:curate@stjlat.org)



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## SCENES FROM ST. JOHN'S

Many thanks to our Sunday School Dads who transformed  
our church into Bethlehem (and back) on Christmas Eve!





Coffee Hour- January 7th





Fr. Stephen braves the "bomb cyclone"!

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## **THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN'S**

**Monday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - Offices Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m.- Morning Prayer - Chapel

8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Parish Hall

**Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer- Chapel

12:00 p.m. - Eucharist and Healing Service

**Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

**Saturday, January 19th**

9:00 a.m. - Altar Guild Set up

**Sunday, January 21st**

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 a.m. - Faith Matters & Choir Practice

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II & Sunday School

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour

12:00 p.m. - Vestry Meeting/Baptism

5:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Lights/Sunday School  
and Friendship Dinner @ Glen Cove Men's Shelter

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## St. John's Contact Information

**The Reverend Mark L. Fitzhugh, Rector**  
**The Reverend Stephen C. Tamke, Curate**

### Staff

Christopher Brayne, Director of Music Ministry  
Courtney Callahan, Director of Outreach & Children's Ministry  
Mary Savin, Parish Administrator  
Kate Scefonas, Sexton  
Mary Syracuse, Financial Officer

### Office Hours

Monday thru Friday - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
516-671-3226

### The Vestry

Michael Powers, Senior Warden (2018)  
Victoria Fox, Junior Warden (2020)  
John Fredericks, Clerk (2018)  
George Stimola, Treasurer (2020)

Jay Aston (2019)

Carlyle Dunaway (2020)

Martha Busconi (2019)

Thomas Gimbel (2019)

Johanna Canonica (2019)

Jackie Powers (2020)

Wayne Chambless (2018)

Judy Wohrle (2018)

Henry Davison (2019)

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