



St. Joseph's
Episcopal Church



ST. JOSEPH EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!

The Church on the way offers you companionship in Christ. St. Joseph's is committed to love, discipleship, and service, which strengthen families and communities.

Come, let's journey together.



Interim Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Canon Dr. Fred Vergara

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 AM VIRTUAL Via Zoom ID 879 8213 9653 Passcode: 85091

11 AM Eucharist at St. Thomas Episcopal Church

6 Commonwealth Blvd, Bellerose, NY 11010

Organist & Choir Director: Nigel Gretton

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

10:30 AM Bible Teaching with Prayer & Praise

at St. Joseph's Rectory: 99-10 217th Lane, Queens Village, NY 11429

Volunteer Musician: Angela V. Vergara

8:00 PM Bible Teaching with Group Discussion

Via Zoom ID: 817 5362 7244 Passcode: 241543

For more information, visit: www.stjosephqv.org



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II, YEAR C –October 26, 2025

Music Prelude: Nigel Gretton

THE WORD OF GOD

Proclamation: O Bless the Lord, my Soul- H 411

¹ O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!

And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!

² O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!

Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.

³ He will not always chide; he will with patience wait;

His wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.

⁴ He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath;

He healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.

⁵ He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth;

And like the eagle, he renews the vigor of thy youth.

⁶ Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole,

Whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

Opening Acclamation:

Presider: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the Highest:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect: Insert**First Reading: Insert****Responsive Reading: Insert****Epistle: Insert****Sequence Hymn: Just As I Am Without One Plea– H 693**

¹ Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

² Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt;
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

³ Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

⁴ Just as I am, thou wilt receive; wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

⁵ Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

⁶ Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The Holy Gospel: Insert**The Sermon: The Rev. Canon Dr. Fred Vergara**

The Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: FORM IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy. ***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy. ***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy. ***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy. ***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy. ***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy. ***Hear our prayer.***

Prayer for the Search for a New Bishop

Almighty God, giver of every good gift and source of all wisdom and understanding, look graciously upon your church and so guide the minds and hearts of those who will choose our next bishop. We pray that those who offer themselves as candidates in this process, you will grant them wisdom and discernment, a spirit of revelation and knowledge of your will, that they will care for all your people and equip us for our ministries through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession & Absolution:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Welcome Guests, Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Traveling, Healing, etc.

Spotlight On Youth and Children

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God– H 508

¹ Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

² Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will, to do or to endure.

³ Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

⁴ Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die.
But live with thee the perfect life, of thine eternity.

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(A proper preface will be said by the Presider)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN!**

The Lord's Prayer:

And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of The Bread:

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

Alleluia.

Agnus Dei:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, Bearer of our Sins, have mercy on us

Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world. Give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take this in remembrance that Christ gave Himself for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving

(All are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion.)

Communion Hymns:

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love– H 337

¹ And now, O Father, mindful of the love that

Bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree, and having with us

Him that pleads above, we here present, we here spread forth to thee,

That only offering perfect in thine eyes, the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

² Look, Father, look on his anointed face, and only look on us as found in him;

Look not on our misusings of thy grace, our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:

For lo! between our sins and their reward we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

³ And then for those, our dearest and our best, by this prevailing presence we appeal;

O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast! O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal!

From tainting mischief keep them pure and clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

⁴ And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most patient Savior, who canst love us still!

And by this food, so awesome and so sweet, deliver us from every touch of ill:

In thine own service make us glad and free, and grant us nevermore to part from thee.

Shepherd of Souls Refresh and Bless– H 343

¹ Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

² We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on to our abiding-place.

³ Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

⁴ Lord, sup with us in love divine, thy Body and thy Blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction: *“May the God of Peace who brought again from the dead...”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS (By Warden)

Recessional: God Be with You– LEVAS 234

God be with you, God be with you, God be with you, until we meet again
God be with you, God be with you, God be with you , until we meet again

Dismissal Anthem: *“Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day. Go now in faith steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.”*

Organ Postlude: *(Please sit for the postlude, meditate on the music and applaud thereafter)*



EVENTS CALENDAR 2025



October 26 (Sunday) 11 AM

Sunday Mass: Queens Village Lions Club will have their "corporate communion." They will also sponsor the Coffee Hour. Let us thank God for the services the Lions Club provides for the community.

November 1 (Saturday)

Historic ordination to the priesthood of Deacon Edwin Way, the first Karen (Burmese) to be ordained in the Diocese of Central New York. Rev Way is formerly a political-religious refugee from Myanmar, and Fr. Fred mentored him to the Episcopal Church. He attends via Zoom at our Wednesday Bible studies

November 2 (Sunday)

All Saints/All Souls Sunday: Please write the names of your departed loved ones on a piece of paper, and we will pray over them at the service. Then we will submit the names to the newly formed Prayer Committee, which will mention these names in their prayer meeting. If you are interested in being part of the Prayer Committee, please email frfred@stjosephqv.org.

November 14 (Friday) - November 15 (Saturday)

159th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island at the Marriott Melville, Long Island. Please contact Warden Sandra Simpson, or Warden Reggie Byfield.

November 19 (Wednesday)

United Thank Offering U.T.O collection of the offerings, please contact Camylle Haughton

November 21 (Friday) 9 PM-2 AM

*St. Peter's Episcopal Church presents: Harlem Renaissance Dinner Dance
Leonard's Palazzo-555 Northern Blvd, Great Neck, 11021
Tickets \$170 / \$180 after Nov 2.*

November 22 (Saturday)

Annual Thanksgiving Giveaway. Please see Warden Reggie and Norma Byfield for more information. Donations are welcome.

November 23 (Sunday)

Confirmation by Bishop Geralyn Wolfe at St. Thomas Episcopal Church

December 6 (Saturday) 10 AM

Ordination of Paula Sinclair to Transitional Diaconate, Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City. Let's give our full support and fervent prayers

December 12 (Friday) 8 PM Rector's Winter Ball at Leonard's Palazzo

Address: 555 Northern Blvd, Great Neck, NY 11021

Tickets: Adult \$155 | Children (4 to 12) - \$75. For tickets and journal entries, please contact Ms. Camylle Haughton, Mrs. Norma Byfield, and Warden Sandra Simpson.

2025 Rector's Ball Honorees: Ms. Paula Augustine, Ms. Jennifer Maxfield, and Ms. Alice Miller

Youth: Mr. Dan Evans

Community: Ms. Carol Bishun and Ms. Jinghua Lu

****We will also be celebrating the honorees from the 2020 Rector Ball, which was canceled due to the COVID pandemic****

2020 Honorees: St. Joseph's Cross - Ms. Pauline Parchment, Mr. Hickman Simmons, and the late Ms. Jacqueline Hicks. Nicole Hicks will accept the award for the late Jackie Hicks.

St. Joseph's Visionary Award: Reverend Patrick H. O'Connor



\$1.00 Challenge

The \$1.00 Challenge ends on November 22, 2025. Please invite your family and friends to participate and help us raise funds to rebuild our church.

"It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing...". Let's "Grow a Dollar", one day at a time"

Legacy Fund

St. Joseph's would like to remind you that you may contribute to the Legacy Fund in celebration of birthdays and anniversaries, special blessings, milestone sacraments like baptism and confirmations, and to commemorate memorials. You may also make planned gifts such as bequests of cash, stocks, IRAs, life insurance proceeds, and charitable trusts. Proceeds from the Legacy Fund go towards the future of our church. Please contact Treasurer Coretta Johnson with questions.

Tree of Life

Reminder: The Tree of Life is also available for contributions from past and present members and students to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, graduations, and many more special occasions.

Special Program: Family as Mini-Church

Family as Mini-Church" (FMC) is a brainchild of Fr. Fred with the goal of transforming families into "mini-churches" where parents and caregivers serve as pastors, teachers and ministers. The project is overseen by Team and funded by the Lilly Foundation at \$10,000 per year for three years. There are two groups in FMV: (1) Parents-Caregivers Group which shall meet periodically to study how to lead family prayer and worship. (2)

The YAYA Group (youth and young adults) who will meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays via Zoom from 7:30 PM-8:15 PM and 2nd Sunday at 6:00-6:45 PM via Zoom (898-3026-1280 Passcode: 630182). Both groups will be given the resource on "How to Pray Effectively" book; and the YAYA will do an interactive Bible Study on "Journey to a Better Life." "Journey to a Better Life".

If you want to join the Parents-Caregivers Group, please contact: Jennifer Maxfield (718) 749-6044 and for YAYA, contact Hayley Gonzales (516) 784-8787. Other members of the Committee are: Edline Severe Joseph, Wendy Riley and Camylle Haughton (convener).

Please get in touch with Justin Sinclair or Coretta Johnson for 2026 budget needs



Stewardship Moment

That We Cannot Say

Through Song

When I was in high school, my drama teacher told us that when we are creative- whether we are performing, drawing, playing music, etc- we are participating in our own small way in the holy act of Creation in much the same way that God created all things. It had never occurred to me that something as simple as writing a song was an echo of God creating the universe.

The human voice is the vehicle of the soul- it is the means by which we communicate with one another from the moment we emerge screaming into the delivery room. Song is an illumination of that communication, a way to come together as an entity and speak with one voice. As a congregation, song is a means by which we breathe as one body and pray as one soul. As I've heard it said, "When we sing, we pray twice."

Composing music is not only my form of praying as an individual, but my way of bringing the choir together to pray as one with music written especially for them. It's my way of giving a gift to the congregation as well as using the gifts given to me to participate in my own tiny echo of Creation.

Music can serve as a vehicle for healing, for social justice, for experiencing grief, or for expressing great joy. We see senior choirs form for the benefits to the mind and body, choirs for the unhoused to feel the benefits of community, and social justice choirs form to spread the word of change throughout the world. There is little to say that we cannot say through song, and little more powerful than saying those things as a gathered community of love sharing in the act of Creation.

CONFIRMATION CASSES 2025

(Resources: BE-Being Episcopalian; CW -Confirmation Workbook)

Saturdays at 11 AM (In-Person, Zoom Recording Available)

DATES	TOPIC	RESOURCE	TEACHER	VENUE
11/01/25	The Holy Eucharist	CW, pp. 20-21	Sean Wallace	SGEC
11/8/25	Baptism & Confirmation	CW, p.22, BE, p.54	Teachers T	SJEC
11/15/25	Church Mission	BE,pp.21-27	Teachers T	SJEC
11/22/25	Rehearsal for Service	In-Church	All team	STEC
11/23/25	CONFIRMATION SERVICE	11 AM <i>(Confirmands arrive 10:30AM)</i>		STEC

Venues/Addresses:

SJEC: St. Joseph's Episcopal Church Rectory: 99-10 217th Lane, Queens Village, NY 11429

SGEC: St. George's Episcopal Church: 319 Front Street, Hempstead, NY 11550

STEC: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 6 Commonwealth Blvd, Bellerose, NY 11010

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(Note: Confirmands are 12 years and above. Adults coming from other denominations who wish to be received into the Episcopal Church are also welcome. Application Forms Available. Parents or Caregivers Allowed in Classes)



LEADERSHIP IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Presiding Bishop & Primate: The Most Rev. Sean Rowe

Diocesan Bishop (of Long Island): The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano

Assistant Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolfe

Assisting Bishops: The Rt. Rev. William Franklin

LEADERSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH:

Interim Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Canon Dr. Winfred Vergara

Wardens: Ms. Sandra Simpson and Mr. Reginald Byfield

Vestry Members: Roxanne Adams (**Clerk**); Coretta Johnson (**Treasurer**); Olidia Gordon, Justin Sinclair, Angela Brown, Hayley Gonzales, Jennifer Maxfield, Pearl Nurse, Jeffrey Samms, La Verne Mitchell, Edline Severe-Joseph and Nichola Walker.

Committees Co-Chairs:

Finance: Justin Sinclair, Angela Brown, and Warden Sandra,

Building and Grounds: Jennifer Maxfield and Jeffrey Samms

Stewardship: La Verne Mitchell and Hayley Gonzales

Youth and Young Adults: Nichola Walker and Edline Severe Joseph

Outreach: Warden Reginald and Olidia Gordon

Fund-Raising: Roxanne Adams and Angela Brown

Ad Hoc Committee working with ERELI: Fr. Fred Vergara, Sandra Simpson, Reggie Byfield, Nichola Walker, Jeffrey Samms, and Pearl Nurse.

Ad Hoc Committee on One Mission Campaign: Fr. Fred (Interim PIC), Reggie Byfield (Warden), Sandra Simpson (Warden), Coretta Johnson (Treasurer), La Verne Mitchell, Roxanne Adams, Justin Sinclair, and Hayley Gonzales

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