



We welcome you to St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, the church on the way, with open arms and open hearts.

Please be reverent while we worship; we encourage you to fully participate in our service with responses and with song. Please use the chat to add your prayers, thanksgivings, and petitions—before the sermon—so we may include them in the service.

Prelude Hymn | Kyrie Eleison



WELCOME

Officiant:

The Rev. Canon Dr. Winfred Vergara

Voice of the People:

Shirley Jones



Opening Hymn | 488 (1982 Hymnal)



Opening Sentences

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14



The Confession of Sin

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.

The Confession of Sin

Officiant

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.**



Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen. Alleluia.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
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- Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.

- In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.
- The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.
- Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand, * Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!



Psalm 84:1-6 | Wyatt Jones-Johnson

- ¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- ² The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Psalm 84:1-6 | Wyatt Jones-Johnson

- ³ Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.
- ⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- ⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *

 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water
 - for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

Psalm 84:1-6 | Wyatt Jones-Johnson

⁶ They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lector Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit:

People as it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be for ever. Amen.



Old Testament | Sandra Jones

A reading from Sirach, Chapter 35, verses 12 to 17.

- Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford.
- For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold.
- Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;
- for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality.

Old Testament | Sandra Jones

He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Canticle I | A Song of Jonah

- I called to you, O God, out of my distress, and you answered me; * out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.
- You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, * and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and billows passed over me.
- Then I said, "I am driven away from your sight; * how shall I ever look again upon your holy temple?"

Canticle I | A Song of Jonah

The waters closed in over me, the deep was round about me; * weeds were wrapped around my head at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land beneath the earth, * yet you brought up my life from the depths, O God.

As my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, O God, * and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.

Canticle I | A Song of Jonah

With the voice of thanksgiving, I will sacrifice to you; * what I have vowed I will pay, for deliverance belongs to the Lord!



The Epistle | Carlton Mitchell

A reading from the Second Letter of Timothy, Chapter 4, verses 6 to 8 and 16 to 18.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

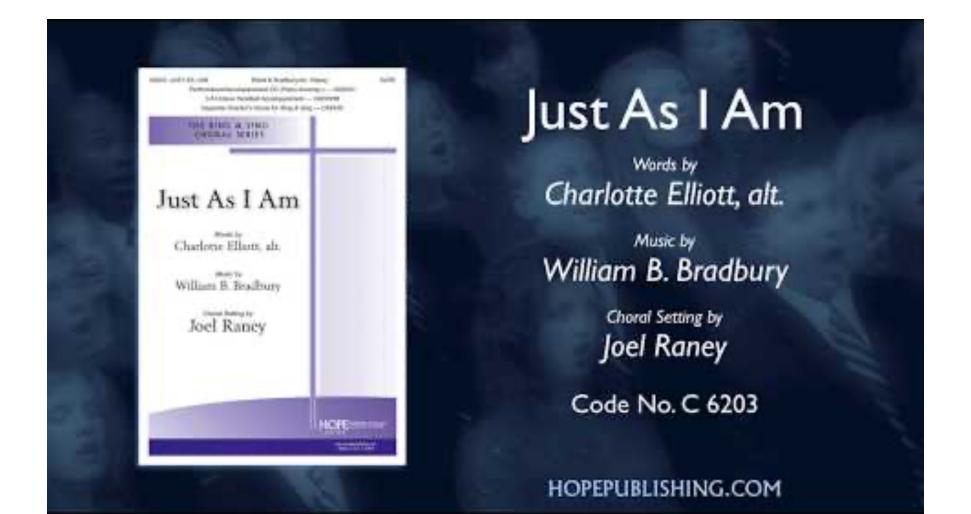
The Epistle | Carlton Mitchell

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn | 693 (1982 Hymnal)



The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 18, verses 9 to 14.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, `God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'

continued

The Gospel

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, `God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.





The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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 Suffrages

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

The Suffrages

- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.



Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Our Parish

Almighty God, hear our prayer for this our parish family at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church of Queens Village. Strengthen the faithful, revive the inactive, restore the penitent and inspire us for mission. Grant to us all things necessary for our common life, provide for our ministries and bring us to unity of heart and mind, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

Happy are the people whose strength is in the Lord! Let us come humbly before the Most High, praying, "God be merciful, and hear our prayer."

Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

Lord, be merciful to your Church. Forgive us our pride and the times we obscure your mercy. Give us humility that we may generously give to you as you have given to us.

God be merciful,

And hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People | Wendy Riley

Lord, be merciful to our nation. Forgive us our pride and the times we have gloried in our own accomplishments. Give us humility that we may generously care for the orphans, the widows, and all those in need.

God be merciful,

And hear our prayer.

Lord, be merciful to us, those called to care for your creation. Forgive us our pride and the times we have polluted the springs and pools of water with which you have blessed us. Give us humility that we may generously address the challenges that face us.

God be merciful,

Lord, be merciful to the residents of our community. Forgive us our pride and the times we fail to trust that you stand by us and give us the strength we need. Give us humility that we may generously address the challenges that face us.

God be merciful,

Lord, be merciful to all those with broken hearts, bodies, and souls. Forgive us our pride and the times we have exalted ourselves above your suffering servants. Give us humility that we may generously love all your people.

God be merciful,

Lord, be merciful to all who have died. Accept them into the glorious company of the communion of saints. Make for them a home in your dwelling forever.

God be merciful,

Concluding Collect

Holy and Merciful God, open your ears to our call; listen to the cries of our hearts. Accept our prayers and answer them according to your good and perfect will. In the name of Jesus, the Lord of glory, we pray. **Amen.**



Prayers from the Congregation

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries:

Prayers for Birthdays/Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand, Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most Gracious God, look with favor upon these your servants as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of Your grace and blessing, that they may continue to cherish each other and continue to grow in love and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Travelers

Heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation and whose presence we find everywhere: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care, protect them from any danger, and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers for our World

We continue to pray for the people of the world affected by disasters especially the dead and those displaced by the flooding in Alaska from Typhoon Halon; earthquakes in the Philippines; the ongoing wildfires in California, Washington, and Canada.

We pray for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and occupied Palestine. We pray for those detained by IOF forces. We pray for a ceasefire in Ukraine; we pray for the war in Congo; the genocides in Palestine, Sudan, and Congo; we pray for the people of the world affected by political violence and civil unrest.

We pray for the souls of the massacred, for the victims of gun violence and mass shootings, for the hungry and thirsty, for the homeless, and the imprisoned. We pray for activists protesting injustice across the country, worldwide, and those fighting for liberation.

Prayers for our World

We pray for the United States; we pray for all who are affected by the government shutdown; we pray for the cities of Washington, DC, Chicago, Memphis, and Portland who face military violence, especially those who have been shot, tear gassed, and beaten; we pray for the disappeared and kidnapped; for those taken by ICE; for families separated; for those being deported to unsafe places; we pray for true freedom and true equality for all; we pray that the rule of law endures uncorrupted, and for leadership with honesty, compassion, justice, and mercy.

Prayer for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the 80th Anniversary of the United Nations

God of all nations, you have made us all in your image and you bid us to live together in harmony. On this 80th anniversary of the United Nations, we remember its original collaborative global dream built into reality out of the ashes of World War II—"to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war." We give thanks for its enduring work as a place where nations may gather to seek peace, uphold human rights, and protect the dignity of all people. As the U.N. faces divisions in a contentious and fragmented world, rekindle its purpose and uphold its voice for the good of all creation.

Prayer for the 80th Anniversary of the United Nations

Inspire those who serve within it to pursue justice and mercy with courage and compassion. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, who calls all people into one household of grace. **Amen.**

Prayer for Scientific Integrity in Public Life

Protector God, you have endowed your children with wisdom and reason so that we might help safeguard the wellness of our neighbor. We pray for integrity and truth in the shaping of public policy, especially where science protects human health and the common good. As we see a rise in anti-science bills seeking to weaken longstanding safeguards built through hard-won knowledge and compassion, protect us from the infection of misinformation, and give courage to those who seek evidence, honesty, and care.

Prayer for Scientific Integrity in Public Life

Remind us that to love our neighbor includes defending the means by which lives are preserved. Strengthen all who labor for truth in medicine, research, and governance, that their work may reflect your healing will revealed in Jesus Christ, the Great Physician, who restored the sick and gave life to the world. **Amen**.

Prayer for the Safeguarding of Checks & Balances

God our Governor, whose rule is righteous and whose wisdom endures, grant discernment to all leaders of this land that they may be instruments of peace, integrity, and justice. We give thanks for the checks and balances woven into our democracy, acknowledging human fallibility and designed to promote accountability and encourage cooperation. Protect this vital system, O God, from erosion and abuse, that our common life may reflect fairness and accountability.

Prayer for the Safeguarding of Checks & Balances

Defend especially those most vulnerable when power goes unchecked, and shelter your children beneath your steadfast care. We ask this through Christ, who reigns not by domination but by love, and in whose resurrection we find true freedom. **Amen**.

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.

Prayers from the Congregation

We continue to pray for all who need healing: for Kiplin, Barbara, and Lorna who are recovering. May God grant them healing mercies and guide those who care for who are for the ill.

We pray for Joan Carrott and family on the passing of her nephew Adlai who went to be with the Lord. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for all the families of those who have died. May their souls rest in peace and rise in glory, and their memories be blessings.

Afua J.

Agatha D.

Alfreda

Alison B.

Anthony V.

Antonia N.

Audia W.

Audley O.

Avril S.

Barbara C.

Barbara L.

Beverley W.

Cessarine M.

Chad C.

Chandra R.

Christine

Clarence S.

Claudette G.

Corey T.

Crystal N.

Daisha D.

Daphne A.

David T.

David W.

Delores

Desmond G.

Dexter B.

Doreen R.

Dorette H.

Dorothy M.

Eda D.

Edris B.

Fitzburt D.

Francine B.

George U.

Harold J.

Hyacinth D.

Ivy J.

James H.

Jean G.

John L.

Jon V.

Joy S.

Jose C.

Judy

Julene K.

Kathleen N.

Keisha A.

Leighton G.

Leonard R.

Lois T.

Lorraine

Madeline

Marcia L.

Marcia

Marie M.

Marlon K.

Mary M.

Maureen T. Norma M. Rupert W.

Melissa A. Pat W. Sade C.

Michael A. Pat Z. Simone

Monica Peter T. Sr. Sheila

Myrna C. Rena G. Sowande

Natalie B. Renae Teron

Nathan E. Rosa S. Verely P.

Nichola & Family Rosalind M. Walter

Nishah C. Rosalind P. Wayne W.

Noel J. Rose C. Willacey & Maxfield

Norma J. Rosemary C. family

You may speak aloud the first names of those for whom you would like to pray.



Prayer for Healing

God of all power and wisdom, by the might of Your command, drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity; grant to your servants your healing touch so that their weakness may vanish and their strength renewed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**.

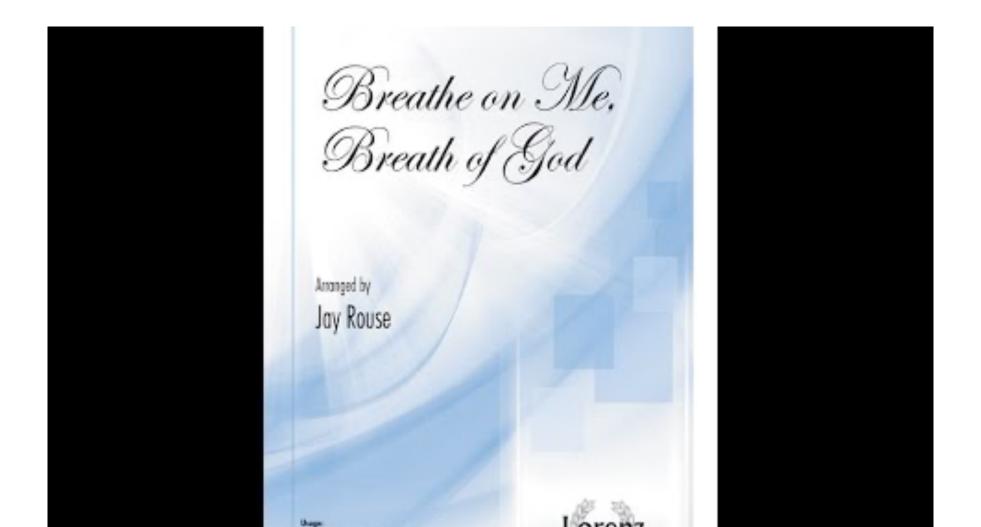
The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



The Peace | 508 (1982 Hymnal)



Stewardship Moment Hayley Gonzales



Stewardship doesn't end today—it begins anew each day we say yes to God's call to give, to serve, and to love. This month we've reflected, shared, and recommitted ourselves to God's work through this church. Let us leave this place reminded that our time, our talents, and our treasures are not just offerings—they are acts of faith and gratitude. May our giving continue to tell the story of God's goodness in our lives, and may we walk forward together, trusting that what we place in His hands will always be multiplied for His glory.

An Invitation to Support Our Ministry

When you are blessed by our ministry, we invite you to donate.



To support us, please visit our website at www.stjosephqv.org/donate or scan this QR code by opening the camera on your cell phone, scanning this image, and clicking on the yellow link that pops up or send payment via Zelle to treasurer@stjosephqv.org





Offertory Prayer

Creator God, you made the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. You have blessed us with your abundant, abiding love so that we may be inspired to live generously. From your plentiful gifts, we give you our own first fruits, the gathering of our time, talent, and treasure. May they be a blessing to the world. **Amen**.



The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

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The General Thanksgiving

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.



The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen**.

2 Corinthians

13:14

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Closing Hymn | LEV 189



Announcements



Oct. 26

Nov. 1

QV Lions Club | Corporate Communion | Sponsored Coffee Hour 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 who Fr. Fred mentored to the Episcopal Church. He attends our Wednesday Bible study via Zoom.

Nov. 2

Family As Mini-Church Group & YAYA Group will sponsor Fellowship



- Nov. 2 All Saints/All Souls
 - Please write names of your departed loved ones to be prayed over.
 - These names will then be submitted to the Prayer Committee.
- Nov. 4 FMC YAYA Bible Study begins | 6-6:45 PM via Zoom 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
- Nov. 14 Diocesan Convention 11/14-11/25

 Delegates will be the same to attend the Special Convention on April 18, 2026 to elect our new bishop. Please contact a Warden if you would like to attend.



Nov. 21	St. Peter's Harlem Renaissance Dinner Dance Leonard's Palazzo
	9 PM to 2 AM & \$170/person before November 2

- Nov. 23 Confirmation | St. Thomas Church | Bishop Geralyn Wolfe
- Nov. 29 St. Stephen's Tanger Outlet Trip | \$65 per person due November 2
- Dec. 6 10 AM | Cathedral of the Incarnation | Saturday

Ordination of Paula Sinclair to Transitional Diaconate



Dec. 12 Rector's Ball at Leonard's Palazzo
Honorees: Paula Augustine, Jennifer Maxfield, Alice Miller, Dan
Evans, Carol Bishun, Jinghua Lu and 2020 honorees Pauline
Parchment, Hickman Simmons, late Jacqueline Hicks, The Rev.
Patrick O'Connor



Attention all Ministry and Committee Heads

As we plan for the 2026 fiscal year, please contact Coretta Johnson, Treasurer or Justin Sinclair, Vestry Member regarding 2026 budget needs for your church ministry or organization.



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:

- Parents-Caregivers Group which shall meet periodically to study how to lead family prayer and worship
- YAYA Group who will meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays via Zoom

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."



Family as Mini-Church

The YAYA Zoom Bible Study will commence on Tuesday from 6PM-6:45 PM via Zoom and every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Zoom ID: 898 3026 1280

Passcode: 630182

The manual "How to pray effectively" will be given to YAYA and FMC groups. If you wish to get a copy of the manual (book), we invite you to join the FMC or YAYA group.

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).



Tourney to a Better Life

Are you ready for a better life?
Join us this fall for *Journey to a Better Life*, a powerful 13-week exploration of St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians and study this practical roadmap for experiencing God's power, deepening your relationships, and discovering your purpose.

Wednesdays at 8 PM via Zoom November 5, 2025 to January 28, 2026 (Christmas Break from December 17 to January 7)

Come discover the life God has always intended for you!

\$1 Challenge is back

St. Joseph's \$1 Challenge is back! It and will run until November 22, 2025 so invite your family and friends to participate and help us raise funds to rebuild our church.

Let's grow a dollar one day at a time!

End of Announcements



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

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