



service allows a space to feel grief during a time when many people feel joy. All are welcome to attend.

**Basic Christian Formation** – *Beginning Sunday, January 11 at 10:15 am in the Mercer School.* A multi week course to engage questions of faith from a Christian perspective in the Anglican tradition. It serves both as a preparation for adult confirmation, reception or baptism, or as a refresher for those who want to renew their faith. Register on Realm.

**Meditation and Contemplative Prayer** – Mondays via zoom at 6:30pm see the Center for Spiritual Imagination website for links, as well as other upcoming events.

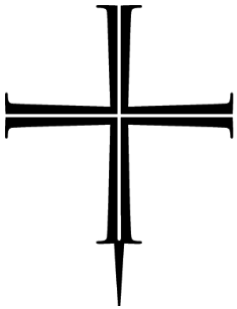
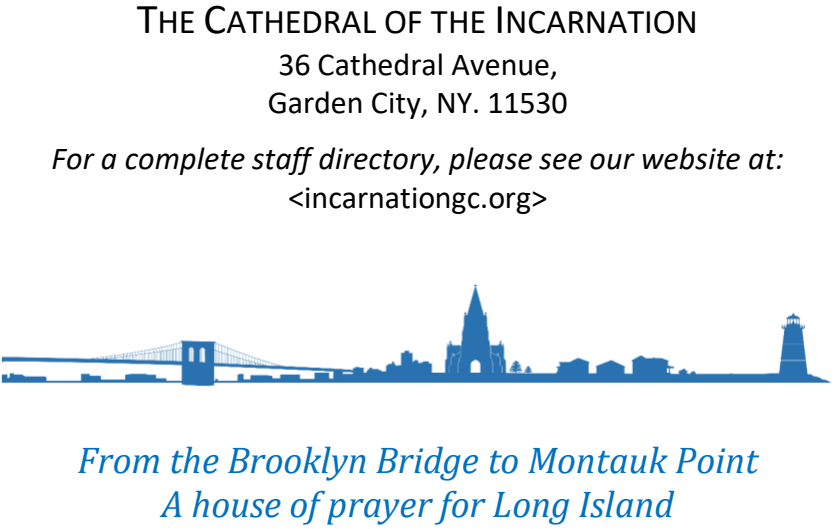
**In Good Company with the Dean** – This year, join the Very Rev. Dr. Michael Sniffen, Dean of Long Island, for a new series of intimate evening gatherings across the Cathedral Close.

These relaxed, 90-minute conversations are open to all and will explore the questions of theology, Christian spirituality, and life in community that matter most today.

**First Gathering: "Why We Talk About God"** *Wednesday, December 17 6:30-8:00pm / See House* - Discover how theology lives not only in books but also in our shared stories and daily life. This opening conversation will be held at See House, the historic former residence of the bishops of Long Island, now home to cathedral and diocesan offices. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited to 30 participants. Register on Realm.

**On Sunday, December 14,** the masses are in memory of James Albertelli from Anthony and Alison Parks. "It is holy and wholesome to remember those who have died," for they are at rest in the arms of God.

**For all who have died** in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.



# The Cathedral of the Incarnation

Garden City, New York  
14 December 2025 at 8:00 AM  
Traditional Mass

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Welcome to the Cathedral of the Incarnation, the historic Cathedral Church for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. Page numbers in this leaflet refer to the red **Book of Common Prayer** (BCP). The Holy Eucharist Rite I begins on page 323 of the BCP.*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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*Presider* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
*Presider* Lord, have mercy upon us.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

**S**tir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 35:1-10*

**T**he wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD,