

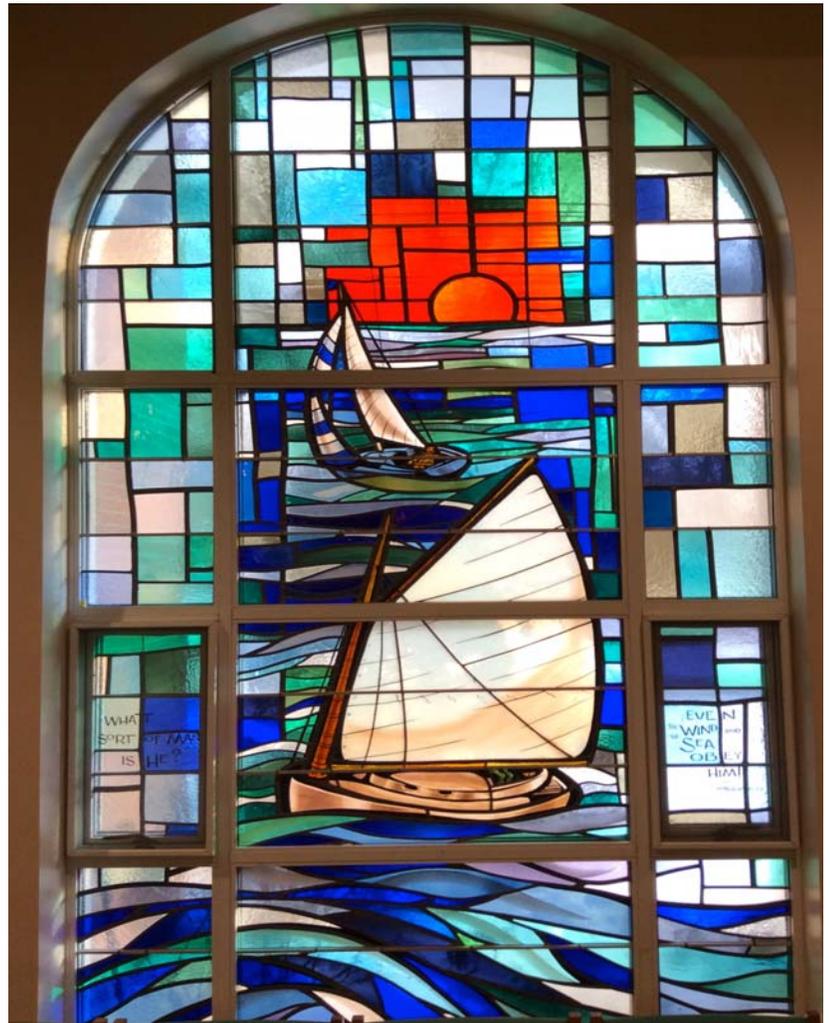
**“What kind of man is he? Even the wind and sea obey him!”...
*Matthew 8:27***

This extraordinary window depicts sailboats in our sunset. Each of us has experienced this scene at some point and is drawn to the intense beauty, power and majesty of our natural world here in Hampton Bays. Many of us see our expansive bays, ocean and feel the wind and know instinctively that this is God’s work at hand.

Genesis 1:11-12

And God said, let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky”. So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. **And God saw that it was good.**

Pope Francis in his 2014 Address to the Diplomatic Corps noted below, speaks to the care of creation and his environmental concerns. Our Holy Father understands that it is a moral imperative for us as individuals, our society and our government to respect and act responsibility towards God’s creation.



“Finally, I wish to mention another threat to peace, which arises from the greedy exploitation of environmental resources. Even if “nature is at our disposition”, all too often we do not “respect it or consider it a gracious gift which we must care for and set at the service of our brothers and sisters, including future generations”. Here too what is crucial is responsibility on the part of all in pursuing, in a spirit of fraternity, policies respectful of this earth, which is our common home. I recall a popular saying: “God always forgives, we sometimes forgive, but when nature – creation – is mistreated, she never forgives.

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