



ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH **MESSENGER**

APRIL 2020



Sunday Worship – 8:15am and 9:30am
Sunday School – 9:30am

Calendar of Events:

***All remaining events in April** have been postponed or canceled due to COVID-19 quarantine. Worship services will be conducted virtually through WebEx or Zoom. The bulletins will be sent via email and regular mail. Please contact the church office if you or someone you know has not received the bulletin so we can be sure to send it.

Sun. 4/19	Worship service	9:30am
Thurs. 4/23	Evening Prayer	7:30pm
Sun. 4/26	Worship service	9:30am
Thurs. 4/30	Evening Prayer	7:30pm

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY:

Sun. 5/3	Worship service	9:30am
Thurs. 5/7	Evening Prayer	7:30pm
Sun. 5/10	Worship service	9:30am
	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	
Sun. 5/14	Evening Prayer	7:30pm
Sun. 5/17	Worship service	9:30am
Sun. 5/21	Evening Prayer	7:30pm
Sun. 5/24	Worship service	9:30am
Mon. 5/25	MEMORIAL DAY	
Thurs. 5/28	Evening Prayer	7:30pm
Sun. 5/31	Worship service	9:30am

TO JOIN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES...

Online:

<https://mdrx.webex.com/meet/jbahadur>

Pin Number: 648780712

Phone:

646-992-2010 – United States Toll (New York City)

Access code: 648 780 712

*Please note, when you dial the 646 number, it will prompt you for the access code followed by the # sign. There is no attendee code; simply press # to bypass.

Please pray for...

Larry Lipitz	Arlene	Bill Gibbs
Anthony Posimato	Sandy	Charles
Donna Valenti	Bill	Karissa Heap
Stephen Suppa	Joe	Orlando Castrence
Eleanor Haslett	Joanne	Alisa Queen
Scott Masciello	Ryan	Tad Sheppard
Sherry Powell	Grace	Harold Walker
The Carver Family	Sue	Bernadette Harten
John Michael	Faith	Mike T.
Vivian Monaco	Carmel Wright	Mary Rebando
Larry Rienecker	Joshua Emswiler	Ben Lynch
Colton Youdelman	Amie Hanna	Ginger Freise
Robbie	Christel Hild	Don
Linda Cottrell	Rocco	Nurses
Debbie Schnepf	Marina	Our Military
Family of Anthony Causi	Vito Richetti	Healthcare Workers
Family of Eileen Walber	May	First Responders
Family of John Spinelli	Ann B.	Doctors
Family of Chris Madden	Cacace Family	Grocery Workers
Family of Connie Papandrew	Family of Connie Conte	Postal Workers
Family of Jan Lynch	Family of Millie Cafaro	Delivery workers

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on a prayer request card or call or email the office at 599-0778 or stjohnincarnation@gmail.com. Please write how long you would like the name to remain on the list otherwise it will be removed after three weeks.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH
OUTING TO THE
LONG ISLAND DUCKS
GAME IN AUGUST
HAS BEEN CANCELLED.



WE APOLOGIZE FOR
ANY INCONVIENCE!

All worship services will be conducted virtually until further notice. If you have been assigned to be a lector or assisting minister, you can still serve “remotely” from your home. Ask Pastor if you have any questions.

SERVERS FOR APRIL 2020

DATE	TIME	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS
19	8:15	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo
	9:30	Kim Carlstrom	Tad Sheppard
26	8:15	Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti
	9:30	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore

SERVERS FOR MAY 2020

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
3	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	9:30	Sam Barry	Sam Barry	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Suzanna Thomas & Victoria Ramirez
10	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Christopher Dunn	Claire Lenz	Hank Lenz	Janet Powell & Kristen DeStefano
17	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Tyler Rouse	Janet Pescatore	Chris Shelton	Robert Reckhart & Sean Rouse
24	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	Kaitlyn Gavin	Kim Carlstrom	Kim Carlstrom	Carol Clemente & Janet Pescatore
31	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
Pentecost	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Victoria Ramirez	Andrew Dunn	Andrew Dunn	Doug & Kristina Palmer

If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the church office and the appropriate coordinator: Claire Lenz: Lectors & Assisting Ministers – 872-2063; Pauline Feltkamp: Ushers - 599-2273 Andrea: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers and Gospel bearers - 599-0778. If you are making a change in the schedule, please notify the office so all information can be updated.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ALEX...

“But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ is raised from the dead, he will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.”

~ Romans 6:8–9

We will always remember Holy Week 2020. Virtual services. Social distancing. An empty sanctuary. The church closed. It certainly wasn't the Easter Sunday we wanted or envisioned, but we made the best of the situation and hopefully we will never have to go through something like this ever again.

I would like to once again thank Joe Bahadur for offering his WebEx account for all of our worship services these past few weeks. WebEx has not only allowed us to worship safely and remotely from our homes, but it has also helped us connect with our homebound members and other folks around the country in ways we were never able to before! Joe has managed the technical side of our services, making sure the connection is clear and keeping background noises to a minimum. He has been a true blessing to our congregation during this difficult time and we are very grateful for his help!

All church activities and events remain suspended until further notice. We will continue to send out the bulletin via mail/email each week with one service on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. I will include children's messages and activities in these services as much as I can. In addition to Sunday worship, I will also be holding an Evening Prayer service on Thursday nights at 7:30pm beginning on April 23. Bulletins for these services will be sent out beforehand.

Our church council has now had two virtual meetings, including one this past Tuesday night. We discussed our current challenges, as well as our plans for the coming weeks. Some great ideas and suggestions came out of that meeting which we will implement accordingly. As for Confirmation, Katharine Forte and I have held one virtual class with the students, and we will continue classes online via WebEx or Zoom until the lockdown is lifted.

Until then, we will keep worshipping together while we remain apart. We will continue to check-in on each other and pray for one another. We will encounter more suffering and death. However, we are Easter people! Signs of new life are all around us. Spring is “springing”, my friends, and it reminds us that death does not have the final say. May we all find comfort in the promised hope of the resurrection.

Peace +

Pastor Alex

P.S. Some of you have asked me for the words to the hymn that I sang on Easter Sunday. You will find them on the following page!

This Easter Celebration

AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation")

This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.

We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.

We're distant from our neighbors — from worship leaders, too.

No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.

No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.

O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?

With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place
we ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.

Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.

Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see —
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.

In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:

Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.

Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!

Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.

We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be
a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.

In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,
we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.

Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church's One Foundation")

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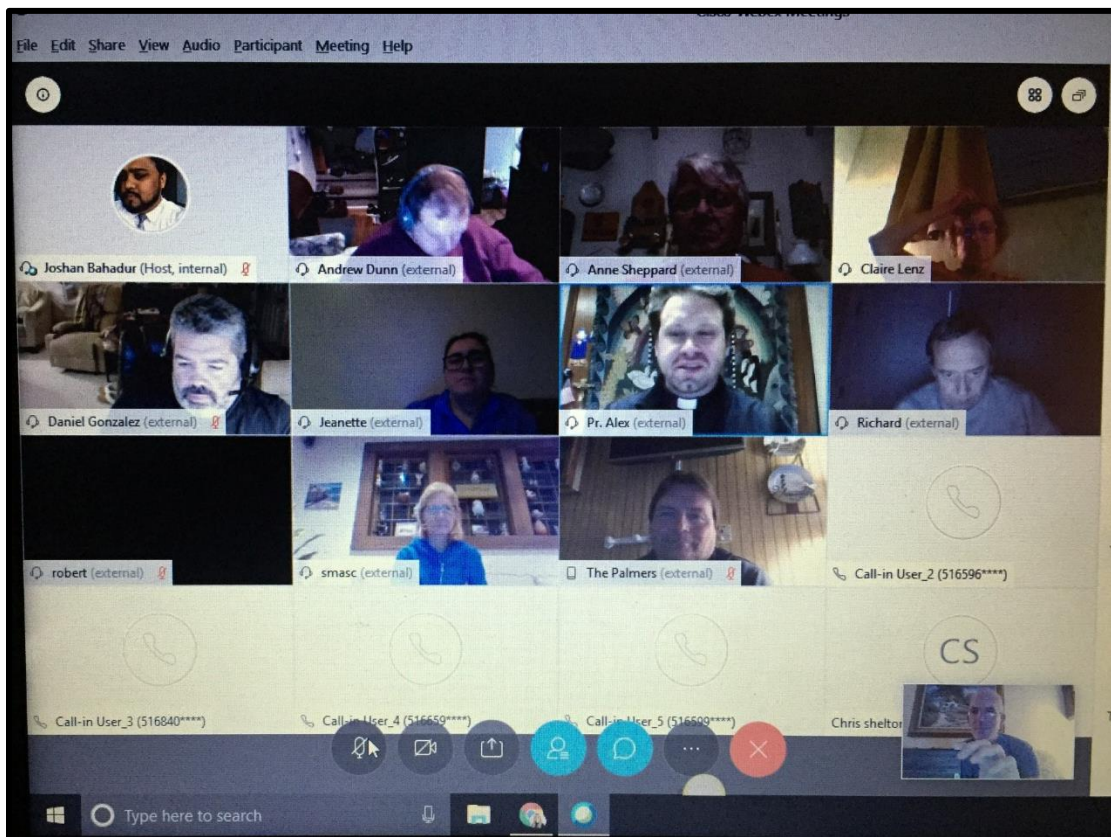
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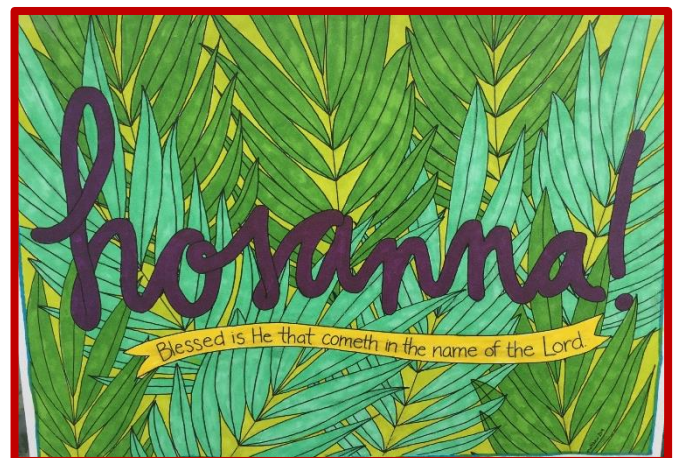
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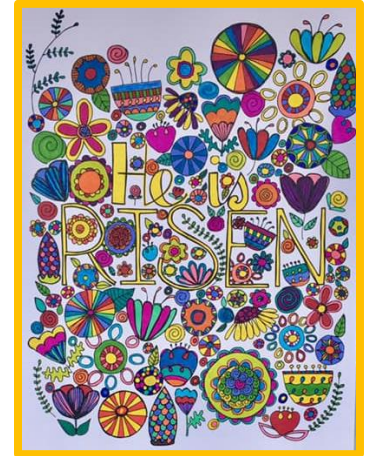
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PALM SUNDAY



EASTER SUNDAY



VIRTUAL WORSHIP AT SJILC

“BEHIND THE SCENES”

