



ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH


MESSENGER

MARCH 2020



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

Calendar of Events:

Mon. 3/9	Yoga Class First Communion Class		7:00pm 7:00pm
Tues. 3/10	Evangelism meeting Church council meeting		6:30pm 7:30pm
Wed. 3/11	Confirmation Class		7:00pm
Thurs. 3/12	Bread, Bowl & Bible Choir rehearsal		6:00pm 7:30pm
Sun. 3/15	Worship services		8:15am & 9:30am
Mon. 3/16	Yoga Class		CANCELED
Wed. 3/18	Confirmation Class		CANCELED
Thurs. 3/19	Bread, Bowl & Bible Choir rehearsal		CANCELED CANCELED
Sun. 3/22	*Worship service *Assembling & Packing College Care Kits		8:15am & 9:30am 10:45am
Mon. 3/23	*Yoga Class		7:00pm
Tues. 3/24	*Baby Shower for New LIFE Center		7:30pm
Wed. 3/25	*Confirmation Class		7:00pm
Thurs. 3/26	*Bread, Bowl & Bible *Choir rehearsal		6:00pm 7:30pm
Sun. 3/29	*Worship service *Sunday School		8:15am & 9:30am 9:30am
Mon. 3/30	*Yoga Class		7:00pm

**Events from 3/22 to 3/31 are tentatively scheduled. Could be postponed or canceled due to COVID-19.*

LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL:

Sun. 4/5	PALM SUNDAY Worship services		8:15am & 9:30am
Thurs. 4/9	Maundy Thursday Service		7:30pm
Fri. 4/10	Good Friday Service		7:30pm
Sun. 4/12	EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP		8:15am & 9:30am

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ALEX...

Dear friends in Christ at SJILC,

Grace and peace be with you in the midst of this anxious time. At our council meeting on Tuesday night, we discussed the continuing spread of the coronavirus and some possible precautions we could take here at church in going forward. I quickly dismissed any notions of possibly canceling worship services, and to be honest, I didn't even want to think about it. Worship is the most important thing we do together as a congregation, and the idea of not having church on a Sunday - even during Lent - is just unimaginable! Unfortunately, however, much has changed over the last 72 hours. States of emergency have been issued (including most recently here in Nassau County), schools and colleges are closing, and now the synod office has urged all of our congregations to cancel worship services and church-related activities until March 31. (Please read Bishop Egensteiner's message along with the synod's statement on "exercising reasonable caution." It is available on the synod's website: <https://www.mnys.org/about/coronavirus-covid-19/>)

Therefore, in response to this uncertain and developing situation in our community, our country, and around the world, and in care and concern for one another, especially the most vulnerable members of our congregation, **we will be canceling worship this Sunday, March 15th and suspending all church-related activities for at least the next week.** If the situation improves – and let's all hope and pray that it does – we can resume services on Sunday, March 22nd, but if the virus continues to get worse and cases increase, we will follow the synod's recommendation and cancel services the next two Sundays of March 22 and March 29. I have consulted with my colleagues in the SW Nassau Conference, and the other Lutheran churches will be canceling their services and activities as well.

Church office hours will be very limited, but you can contact our church secretary, Andrea, and/or myself by email at stjohnincarnation@gmail.com or by phone (516-599-0778). If you have an urgent pastoral care need, you can reach me on my cell at 484-400-4777 or by emailing me at rev.alexkennedy@gmail.com. Please know that you can also make an appointment with me to receive pastoral care, confession and forgiveness, and the sacrament of communion. You can also make arrangements with either Andrea or myself to use the sanctuary for prayer and reflection.

Please remember that even though our worship is suspended, the expenses of SJILC will continue. If you would like to give an offering, you can make your financial gift through PayPal (log-in to your PayPal account and search for SJILC using our email: stjohnincarnation@gmail.com). Thank you for your generosity and support! Also, if you know of someone who is isolated or quarantined and needs groceries delivered, please tell us! Check in with your neighbors who are older or may be more vulnerable. This is one way we can respond to God's call to love our neighbor during this difficult time.

Keep an eye on your email for further updates, and if you have any questions, you know how to reach me. As noted below, the bishop and synod office will provide a series of digital service of word videos so that we can all worship from our homes and stay connected.

In the meantime, I will be keeping all of you in my prayers. May the Lord bless you and calm your fears as together we pray for healing and peace in the weeks ahead.

In Christ +

Pastor Alex

A note from Pastor Chang...

*Dear Pastor Alex and Congregation,
I am so happy for you and so proud of you as Body of Christ for your ministry:
Give thanks to everyone to work together to bring the Good News to many others
in Lynbrook. Praise the Lord that you are so great to glorify God's name!
We started our second round outreach on February 24, an 11:00am Bible Study and
will building up into our second worship service soon, do remember us in your prayers!*

*Yours in Christ,
The Rev Mary Chang
Retired Stately Supply Pastor
St Jacobi Evangelical Lutheran Church
5406 Fourth Avenue Brooklyn NY11220*

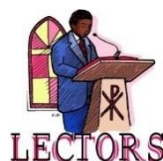
**A very special Thank you to Don Roth for creating a
Liturgical Year in Bulletin covers!
A beautiful addition to our narthex!**



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

We are in need of more members to volunteer as worship servers. Please consider helping out during our services. We need assisting ministers, lectors, ushers, acolytes and crucifers. Anyone can serve regardless of age! We can accommodate your schedule. These are easy ways to serve on a Sunday morning and will add to your worship experience

Pastor Alex will be offering training for those who would like to serve in worship as acolyte, ushers assisting ministers and lectors. Please contact the church office or see Pastor Alex if you are interested in serving.



SERVERS FOR APRIL 2020

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFERS	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
5	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Victoria Dunn	Andrew Dunn	Chris Shelton	Doug & Kristina Palmer
	Gospel Bearer	Christopher Dunn				
	Torch Bearer	Kaylee Palmer	Christopher Palmer			
9						Dorothy Criscuolo & Robert Reckhart
<i>Maundy Thurs.</i>	7:30pm	Kaitlyn Gavin	Kaitlyn Gavin	Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
10						
<i>Good Friday</i>	7:30pm	Victoria Ramirez	Victoria Ramirez	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	N/A
12	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Tyler Rouse	Susan Masciello	Chris Shelton	Andrew & Alexandra Dunn
	Gospel Bearer	Sam Barry				
	Torch Bearer	Victoria Dunn	Christopher Dunn			
19	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	9:30	Sam Barry	Sam Barry	Kim Carlstrom	Tad Sheppard	Robert Reckhart & Sean Rouse
26	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Kaylee Palmer	Kaylee Palmer	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Carol Clemente & Suzanna Thomas

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

SERVERS FOR JUNE 2020

DATE	TIMES	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
7	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
Trinity Sunday	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Victoria Dunn	Dan Gonzalez	Chris Shelton	Dorothy Criscuolo & Susan Masciello
14	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	Kaitlyn Gavin	Claire Lenz	Hank Lenz	Janet Powell & Kristen DeStefano
21	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	9:30	Sam Barry	Sam Barry	Susan Masciello	Anna Lenz	Andrew & Alexandra Dunn
28	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Christopher Palmer	Christopher Palmer	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Larry Lipitz
Anthony Posimato
Donna Valenti
Stephen Suppa
Eleanor Haslett
Scott Masciello
Sherry Powell
The Carver Family
John Michael
Vivian Monaco
Larry Rienecker
Mary Rebando
Keith Goldstein
Marina

Arlene
Sandy
Bill
Joe
Joanne
Ryan
Grace
Sue
Faith
Joshua Emswiler
Charles
Christel Hild
Bruno Grillo
May

Bernadette Harten
Carmel Wright
Karissa Heap
Orlando Castrence
Alisa Queen
Tad Sheppard
Harold Walker
Mike T.
Bill Gibbs
Amie Hanna
Ginger Freise
Ben Lynch
Rocco

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. Feel free to repeat your request at any time; we can all use prayers.

Bread, Bowl, and Bible!

Join us for dinner and worship
on Thursday evenings in Lent:

March 19th (canceled)

March 26th

April 2nd



Soup and bread will be served at 6:00 PM
Holden Evening Prayer will begin at 7:00 PM.

We hope you will join us!

SJILC'S 4th ANNUAL HYMN TOURNAMENT!

ROUND 1 – "THE SWEET 16"

#1 You Are Mine – \$19.50

#16 The Old Rugged Cross – \$18.00

#8 Canticle of the Turning – \$2.00

#9 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling – \$0.00

#5 Will You Come and Follow Me – \$4.00

#12 Blest Are They – \$3.26

#4 Abide with Me – \$6.00

#13 Lift High the Cross – \$4.02

#2 How Great Thou Art – \$6.00

#15 Beautiful Savior – \$1.00

#7 We Are Called – \$0.00

#10 Soli Deo Gloria – \$2.36

#6 I Love to Tell the Story – \$4.00

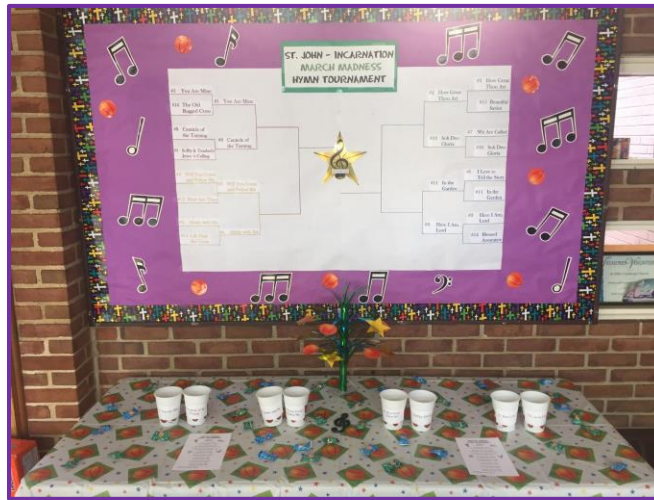
#11 In the Garden – \$13.00

#3 Here I Am, Lord – \$9.00

#14 Blessed Assurance – \$3.00



1st ROUND TOTAL: \$95.14



ROUND 2 – "THE ELITE 8"

#1 You Are Mine

#8 Canticle of the Turning

#5 Will You Come and Follow Me

#4 Abide with Me



#2 How Great Thou Art

#10 Soli Deo Gloria

#11 In the Garden

#3 Here I Am, Lord

2020 Tournament Schedule

Sweet 16 – Sunday, March 8th

Elite 8 – TBD

Final 4 – TBD

Championship – TBD



BACK TO SCHOOL CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR COLLEGE KIDS!

We will once again be sending care packages to the college students in our congregation!
There are two ways that you can help us with this:

1. Donating one or more of the items listed below (please bring to church by 3/15).

2. Helping assemble packages in the Knotty Pine room after worship on
Sunday, March 22nd

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

COFFEE MUG
INSTANT OATMEAL
INSTANT NOODLES
EASY MAC & CHEESE
RAMEN NOODLES
CUP OF SOUP
MICROWAVE POPCORN
COOKIES
POWDERED DRINK PACKETS
CORRECTION TAPE

HIGH LIGHTERS
PENS
PENCILS
POST-IT NOTES
TISSUES
HAND SANITIZER
PAGE FLAGS
CANDY
GUM
COUGH DROPS



If you would like your son, daughter or grandchild to receive a care package, please contact the church at 516-599-0778 or stjohnincarnation@gmail.com with the student's name, school, and address. Thank you!

SEASONAL CHOIR FOR EASTER

Enjoy singing? Ever thought about joining the choir, but can't commit to coming all year-round? Here's your chance to share your gift of music on a short-term basis! Come Thursday nights at 7:30 PM, to prepare to help lead the congregation in song during worship for the Easter Season. Everyone – male & female; young adult & “senior”; soprano, alto, tenor, or bass – is welcome. Have questions? Talk with Allison Koehler, our choir director!

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of SJILC please contact the church office at 516-599-0778 or email us at stjohnincarnation@gmail.com



Christ
is
Risen!
Alleluia

Easter Baskets

Easter is a joyous and glorious time for us as we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection. For many, that joy is overshadowed by a feeling of hunger.

It is our purpose, at the **New LIFE Center – Long Island**, to care for and uplift our neighbors and we invite you to participate in building up the body of Christ.

We are asking for your help in providing Easter Food Baskets for the hungry. These baskets are much more than food. They are a visible sign that carries the message of Christ's love and concern.

Please help by donating any of these suggested items:

Cake Mix/Frosting/Brownie	Cookies/Candy
Juice/Canned Fruits	Tomato Sauce/Spaghetti Sauce
Sugar/Flour/Salt/Pepper	Mashed Potatoes
Mac and Cheese/Pasta	Pudding/Jello
Cereal (Hot and Cold)	Napkins
Pancake Mix/Syrup/Jelly	1Lb. Bag or Boxed Rice
Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate	
Parmalat Milk	

Fresh/Frozen/Turkey/Ham/Chicken

In lieu of food donations, store Gift Certificates would be appreciated.

DISTRIBUTION OF FOODS BASKETS ARE TO BEGIN OF MARCH

AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL

Lutheran Social Services of New York
New LIFE Center – Long Island

516-483-3240
www.lssny.org

**The New LIFE Center specifically requests extra
hot chocolate, cookies and icing!**

WELCA Baby Shower

Come join us for a fun filled evening on
Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 PM.
to benefit the New LIFE Center!

INFANT LAYETTE PROGRAM



*Lutheran Social Services of New York
New LIFE Center Long Island
311 Uniondale Avenue
Uniondale, NY 11553
516-483-3240*



The Infant Layette Program of Lutheran Social Services of New York - New LIFE Center - Long Island is a ministry that helps mothers and families in need by providing them with basic necessities for their new babies. The mothers that are referred to us, by social service agencies, hospitals and clergy, receive a generous amount of infant clothing sized Newborn to 24 months packaged as a layette. They also receive diapers, formula, blankets, and many of the other essential items listed below.

The New LIFE Center has been blessed to have generous support from numerous congregations, organizations, and individuals. Through baby showers, social ministry projects, and individual donations, we are able to reach out to many families who struggle to provide even the basics for their infants. The number of layettes that we distribute continues to increase and donations are always needed to meet the challenge.

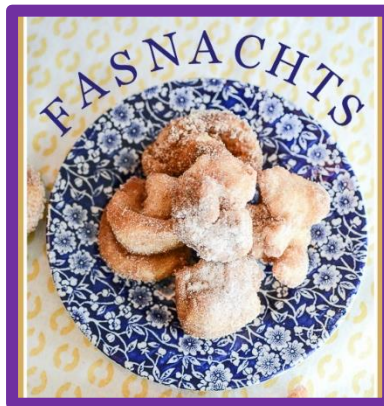
Please consider supporting the Infant Layette Program. There are many ways to contribute to this ministry: making a donation, organizing a collection of items, or by hosting a baby shower. Please feel free to contact us. Your support is a blessing to our infants and their families.

ITEMS NEEDED

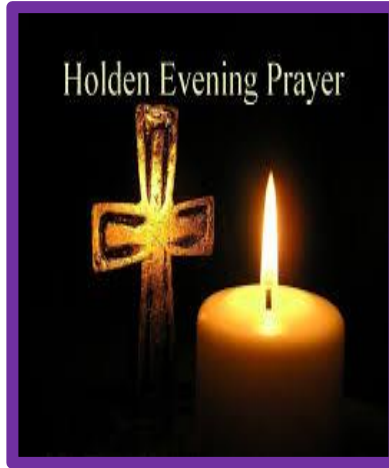
BABY FOOD
CEREAL
FORMULA
BIBS
BURPCLOTHS
PACIFIER
BOTTLES
DIAPERS NEWBORN-6
DIAPER BAGS
LOTION
WIPES
SHAMPOO
BABY WASH
Q-TIPS
COTTON BALLS
OINTMENT
SAFETY ITEMS
SMALL DISHES
CUPS & UTENSILS

CRIB SHEETS
CHANGING PADS
SMALL COTTON HATS
INFANT SOCKS
SOFT SHOES
ONESIES
STRETCHIES
SLEEPERS
SACKS
RECEIVING BLANKETS
QUILTS
FLEECE BLANKETS
INFANT TOWELS
WASH CLOTHS
OUTFITS 0-24 MO
INFANT JACKETS
SWEATERS
INFANT TOYS (SMALL)
CLOTH BOOKS
STUFFED TOYS (SMALL INFANT)

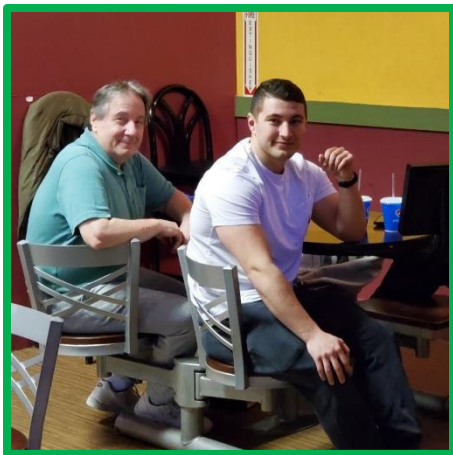




BREAD, BOWL & BIBLE



Annual Bowling Outing!





LONG ISLAND DUCKS GAME!

Sugarland Skeeters vs LI Ducks



Come out to see the LI Ducks play on Friday, Aug 7TH.

Game starts at 6:35pm. Tickets are \$16.00.

The seats are in Section 207 Row S and T.

If you would like to purchase tickets,
please sign up in the narthex or call/email the church!

All checks are to be made out to Don Roth

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHTS



Coat Collection – 95 coats

61 donated to New LIFE Center

and **34** donated to United Veterans Beacon House.

Souper Bowl of Caring
and Feb. food collection:
425 items (350 lbs.)
and **\$136.12** donated to
New LIFE Center!



Chocolate & Wine Painting Event– Donations \$160

Used \$70 from this event
and bought 140 reusable bags
for the Easter food baskets
at the New Life Center.
Received 160 donated bags
from Stop and Shop

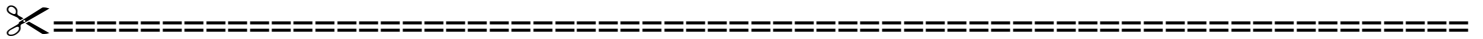




BEAUTIFY SJILC AT EASTER TIME



If you would like to place Easter Flowers on the altar during the Easter season in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the form below. You can mail it or drop it in the offering basket with your free will donation. After the holiday season, the flowers will be given to our homebound members and others in need.



BEAUTIFY SJILC AT EASTER

In Memory of _____

OR

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Envelope # _____

THIS IS A FREE WILL OFFERING



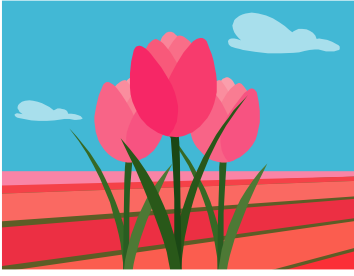
Give to SJILC using PayPal!

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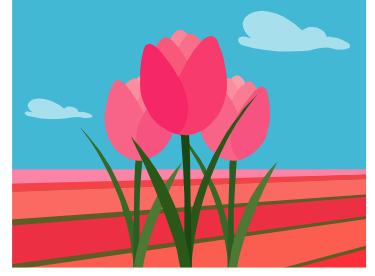
Log in to your PayPal account, choose the "send" option to send money, and type in our new email address: **stjohnincarnation@gmail.com**.

Once you have entered the amount you would like to give, please select the "Sending to a friend" option to send your donation for free. **(Otherwise, PayPal will charge you a small transaction fee.)** Confirm payment and you're done!

It's a fast and easy way to support the ministry of St. John-Incarnation!



FLOWER POWER

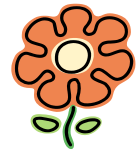


SJILC has partnered with FLOWER POWER FUNDRAISING

Flower Power offers top quality flowers & flower bulbs for our friends and family members to purchase.



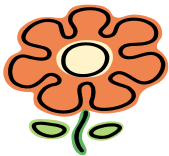
All orders ship directly to your home and come with a 100% money-back guarantee.



For every purchase made, SJILC receives 50% of the sale price!

Go online at <http://SJILC.fpfundraising.com> to place your order!

If you are not on the internet and want to order flowers to help our fundraiser,



Please contact Janet Pescatore at 239-7623 or 581-1221.



There is a catalog in the narthex!

Many thanks to **Vinnie Masciello** and his workers for painting the hallway floor between the auditorium and the Knotty Pine room and installing new closet doors at the end of the hallway!

