



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

## **February 2018**

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Services**

**8:15 and 9:30 am**

**Sunday School – Grades K-6**

**9:30 am**

# EXCITING NEWS!

*Meet our new intern, Katharine!*

We are happy to announce that Ms. Katharine Forte has begun an internship with our congregation as part of her process to become a member of the Diaconate of the Metropolitan New York Synod! Katharine has completed all of her diakonia courses and has submitted an extensive theological essay to the Diaconate Council and has received their endorsement. This 10 month internship is the final component of her studies to become a rostered synodical deacon.

Katie comes to us with a strong theological and ministerial background. She has worked and served in a variety of settings and has experience in several ministries including music, teaching, and pastoral care. Katie's internship will include a number of responsibilities including visitation, bereavement care, preaching, and assisting with our youth.

According to the Diaconate Guidelines, the purpose of the internship is “to enable the applicant to experience the kind of service that would be expected and undertaken as a member of the diaconate; to test the person's skills, interests, commitment, and acceptance as a member of the diaconate; and to help the applicant continue in training and formation under the supervision of an experienced pastor.”

Pastor Alex will serve as Katharine's supervisor and they will meet on a regular basis. Katie will also be working with a mentor from the Diaconate Council and a “support” committee here at St. John's- Incarnation who will help oversee her internship.

We are very fortunate to have Katharine and the many gifts that she has to offer. “Everyone has been incredibly supportive and thoughtful,” she says. “I am delighted to be serving at St. John - Incarnation and am thankful for this opportunity.” Please keep Katie in your prayers throughout this internship!



*For more information on the Diaconate program, please visit: <http://www.mnys.org/ministries2/diaconate/>*

# IT'S TOURNAMENT TIME!

In the spirit of next month's college basketball tournaments, we will be having another hymn tournament here at SJILC! Last year's competition saw some surprising upsets with the top three seeds all failing to reach the Final 4 and the #6 seed "Here I am, Lord" winning the championship. Will our defending champion repeat and make it two in a row? Or will we have a new winner like, say, "On Eagle's Wings"? (You *know* how that could happen ☺)  
Here's your chance to support your favorite hymn and root it on to victory!

A reminder of the rules and format: Before Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, please submit your favorite hymn(s) that you would like entered into the tournament. The 16 hymns that have the most "nominations" will qualify with seeding determined by number of submissions. When you walk into church on March 4<sup>th</sup>, you will find 16 cups on a table placed in pairs. Each cup will have the name of a hymn on it, and matchups will be based on seeding just like the college basketball tournament (#1 vs. #16, #2 vs. #15, etc.)

Voting will be done each round/week by donations – loose change, cash, or checks made out to St. John's. The cup that has more money in each pairing at the end of the morning will be the hymn that moves on to the next round: 16 → 8 → 4 → 2 → 1

## Tournament Schedule

**Sweet 16** – Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

**Elite 8** – Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

**Final 4** – Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

**Championship** – Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)



The hymn that wins the championship will be sung in worship once a month for the next year. The runner-up will be sung quarterly (4x) and the other two hymns in the Final 4 will be sung three times over the next year!\*

**WE COLLECTED A TOTAL OF \$523.55 LAST YEAR.  
LET'S TRY TO BEAT THAT NUMBER IN 2018! THANK YOU!!!**



\* In addition to when they are normally scheduled to be sung (i.e. "A Mighty Fortress" on Reformation Sunday)

# **A Message from the Financial Secretary of SJILC...**

Dear Members and Friends,

The 2018 offering envelopes are located in the narthex of St. John's Lutheran Church for both the members of St. John's Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church of the Incarnation. All the envelopes for 2018 have St. John of the Incarnation Lutheran Church written on them.

**Please disregard this name and do not write checks to  
St. John – Incarnation Lutheran Church.**

**Members of St. John's Lutheran Church:  
Please continue to write your checks to:  
St. John's Lutheran Church.**

**Members of Lutheran Church of the Incarnation:  
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Lutheran Church of the Incarnation.**

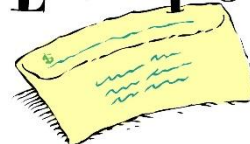
Once we are joined legally by NYS all members of both congregations will be members of **St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church.**  
Thanks be to God!

I will keep you updated on any changes that will need to be addressed.  
May God bless you always! Thank you for your continued support of our church.

Sincerely,

Joan Pirrone  
Financial & Recording Secretary

**Offering  
Envelopes**



## Calendar of Events for February:

<b>Sun., February 18</b>	Worship services Sunday School	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am
<b>Thurs., February 22</b>	Bread, Bowl & Bible Choir Rehearsal		6:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Sat., February 24</b>	PAINT NIGHT AT ST. JOHN'S		7:00 pm
<b>Sun., February 25</b>	Worship services		8:15 & 9:30 am

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## *Looking forward to March:*

<b>Thurs., March 1</b>	Bread, Bowl & Bible Choir Rehearsal		6:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Sun., March 4</b>	Worship services Baptism of Jackson Petriello Installation of Church Council Members HYMN TOURNAMENT BEGINS		8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am
<b>Tues., March 6</b>	Knitting Circle		7:30 pm
<b>Wed., March 7</b>	Confirmation Class		7:30 pm
<b>Thurs., March 8</b>	Bread, Bowl & Bible Choir Rehearsal		6:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Sun., March 11</b>	Worship services Sunday School Bowling at RVC Lanes		8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am 2:00 pm
<b>Tues., March 13</b>	Evangelism Meeting Council Meeting		6:30 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Wed., March 14</b>	Confirmation Class		7:30 pm
<b>Thurs., March 15</b>	Bread, Bowl & Bible Choir Rehearsal		6:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Sun., March 18</b>	Worship services Sunday School <b>Last service at Incarnation in Cedarhurst</b>		8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am <b>3:30 pm</b>
<b>Wed., March 21</b>	Confirmation Class		7:30 pm
<b>Thurs., March 22</b>	Bread, Bowl & Bible Choir Rehearsal		6:00 pm 7:30 pm

## SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFERS	ASSIST. MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
Lent 1	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
2/18	9:30	Elizabeth Hanson	Elizabeth Hanson	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Jill Pace & Kristine DeStefano
Lent 2	8:15 am			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
2/25	9:30 am	Kaitlyn Gavin	Kaitlyn Gavin	Claire Lenz	Claire Lenz	Alexandra & Andrew Dunn

## SERVERS FOR MARCH 2018

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFERS	ASSIST. MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
Lent 3	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
3/4	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Christopher Dunn	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Richard Dietrich & Dorothy Criscuolo
Lent 4	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
3/11	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Victoria Dunn	Susan Masciello	Chris Shelton	Lori Fernez & Janet Powell
Lent 5	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
3/18	9:30	Kaylee Parker	Kaylee Parker	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Bob Reckhart & Tyler Rouse
Palm Sun	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
3/25	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Tyler Rouse	Kim Carlstrom	Anna Lenz	Doug & Kristina Palmer
	Torch B.	Parker Sloan	Victoria Ramirez			
	Gospel B.	Elizabeth Hanson				
Maundy Thurs. 3/29	7:30 pm			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
Good Fri 3/30.	7:30 pm			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	

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- Church Office - 599-0778

***We can always use more people to help serve at worship.  
Please consider volunteering one Sunday a month to help!***

## Prayer Requests

Larry Lipitz	Bob Robon	Bill
George Verity	Gerda Weber	Ryan
Stephanie Moser	Sherry Powell	Grace
Anthony Posimato	Carver Family	Sue
Donna Valenti	John Michael	Faith
Dorothy Hafner	Doris Oelschlager	Elfride Lynn
Elaine Smith	Vivian Monaco	Gerlinde Vogt
Joann D'Ambrosio	Larry Rienecker	Don Roth
Stephen Suppa	Arlene	Frank Zirilli
Jean Weber	Sandy	Denis Bradler
Eleanor Haslett	Joe	Joshua Emswiler
Scott Masciello	Joanne	Barbara Monteleone
Rachel Jeremie	Inga Chiramonte	Bernadette Harten
Stanley Williamson	Arlene Moglia	Patti Mittleman
Marina	Carmel Wright	

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

## WANT TO JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of SJILC, please contact Pastor Alex at 516-599-0778 or email him at stjohnslynbrook@aol.com.

**New classes will begin in March!**

## SEASONAL CHOIR FOR EASTER

Like to sing? 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, choir director!

## WE REACHED A SOUPER GOAL!

Thanks to your generosity on “Souper Bowl Sunday” we were able to deliver 430 lbs of food and \$156.81 to the New LIFE Center for those in need. **THANK YOU!!!**





## **MADELAINE CHOCOLATE SALE**

*SPONSORED BY THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE*

**Purchase your Easter candy here at SJILC  
and help support our ministry for future events!  
The sale will be before and after each service in the narthex.**

## **Bread, Bowl & Bible**

Please join us on Thursday nights  
during Lent for "Bread, Bowl & Bible"!



**February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 1<sup>st</sup>  
March 8<sup>th</sup>  
March 15<sup>th</sup>  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>**



Soup and bread will be served at 6:00 PM  
Worship will begin at 7:00 PM.  
Hope to see you there!

## **Introducing the Congregational Council of St. John - Incarnation!**

Richard Dietrich - President  
Crystal York - Vice- President  
Dennis Fernéz - Secretary  
Bruce Feltkamp - Treasurer  
Joan Pirrone - Financial Secretary

Kim Carlstrom  
Charlene Comastri  
Andrew Dunn  
Alois Essex  
Christopher Larke



Doug Palmer  
Janet Pescatore  
Bob Reckhart  
Chris Shelton  
Anne Sheppard

*Thank you for your dedication and service to our congregation!*





# ST. JOHN – INCARNATION BOWLING OUTING!

Sunday, March 11, 2018

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

RVC Lanes in Rockville Centre

2 hours of bowling w/ shoes + slice of pizza & soda

ONLY \$14 per bowler!

*To register, please sign the sheet in the narthex  
or contact Andrea in the church office at 516-599-0778.  
Friends, relatives, and neighbors are all welcome!*

**Deadline to RSVP is Thursday, March 8th.  
Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church.**



# Paint Night Saturday!

Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM

Doors open at 6:45 PM

Hosted by St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church  
Evangelism Committee



Bring your friends!  
**\$30 per person**

*Includes step by step instructions  
and all the painting supplies*  
Bring your own snacks and beverages!

Your spot will be reserved upon payment so please fill out the slip below and return with your payment to Gabrielle Barry, Susan Masciello or the church office. Space is limited so reserve your spot ASAP!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The last worship service at Incarnation in Cedarhurst will take place on Sunday, March 18, at 3:30 pm. More details to follow in the coming weeks!





**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

February 5, 2018

*Thank You*

St John Lutheran Church  
13 Blake Ave  
Lynbrook, NY 11563-2505

Dear St John Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$200.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you for joining with the whole church in this season of unprecedented generosity as, together, we support communities hard-hit by hurricanes, earthquakes and wildfires.

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response help provide supplies needed immediately, such as water and generators, and support for long-term recovery: disaster case management, volunteer team placement, community development and professional care for daily and continuing challenges.

Thank you for your trust in this work we do as church here and around the world. Through your generosity, you are sharing with neighbors near and far, revealing God's holy promises of peace and hope, shelter and safety, restoration and abundance.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. / Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, / and the world is about to turn.  
- *Canticle of the Turning, ELW 723*

In the light and life of Christ,

*Daniel Rift*

The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.

**Always**  
being made  
**New.**

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

January 26, 2018

*Thank You*

St John Lutheran Church  
13 Blake Ave  
Lynbrook, NY 11563-2505

Dear St John Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$649.00 in support of the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

With generosity and imagination, you have made a gift that will change a life. Through the programs supported by your "Good Gifts," you are reaching out with a tangible symbol of Christ's love – a Bible for a young disciple or a textbook for an emerging leader, cleaning supplies for a family affected by a disaster, a warm meal at a local soup kitchen, a goat or pig to help a family become self-sufficient, a brick that will help build a house of worship.

Thank you for equipping others to live lives of abundance and witnessing to the healing and hope we share in Christ Jesus. Your generosity is making a difference!

In God's grace,

Christina Jackson-Skelton  
Executive Director, Mission Advancement

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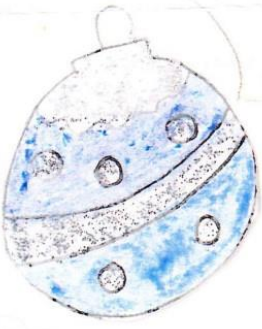
Marla,  
Amanda,  
Emmanuel.

- firstly of all we want to thank you for all the good things you are you for all the families, thanks for all the gifts with all the Almighty God blesses for My your families me and my little sister and a brother would like to thank you have a beautiful and safe Christmas and a happy new year, we love you.

Blanca Rivera



Thank you!!  
My family + I are very grateful for all of your help during the year  
Carolyn + Christina  
+  
Muller  
Family  
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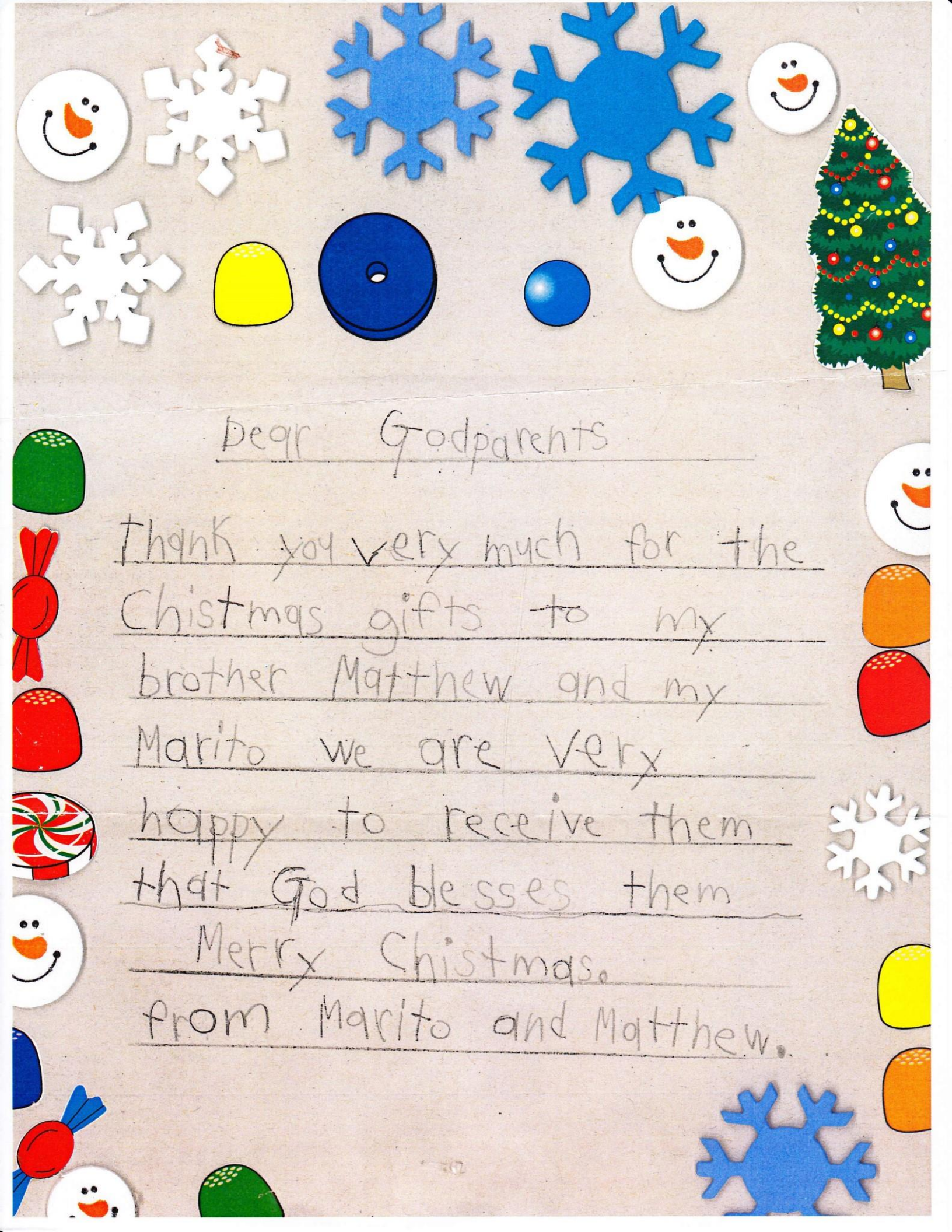
Thank you for the gifts. It bought smiles to my kids faces.

Our Dear Sisters + Brothers in Christ -

With Love and Blessing  
to all of you  
from the Everett's  
family



Thank you for being the Christians who share the light of God's love!  
Our Christmas this year, thanks to all of you, will be much easier as we greatly appreciate the "angels" who have crossed our paths.



Dear Godparents

Thank you very much for the  
Christmas gifts to my  
brother Matthew and my  
Marito we are very  
happy to receive them  
that God blesses them  
Merry Christmas.  
from Marito and Matthew.

Pastor Kennedy and Congregation

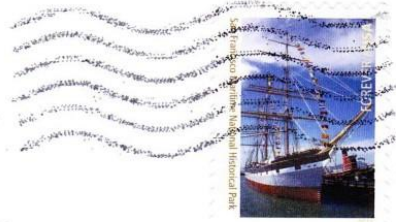


"Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith,  
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."  
-Ephesians 6:23

We remembered you in our prayers today.  
We are thankful for our oneness in Christ.

*Lenora*  
*Nancy*  
*Maria*  
*Jan*  
*Mary*  
*Kathy*  
*Sue*  
*Bob*  
*Adam*  
*Roberto J.*  
*Regina*

The staff of the Metropolitan New York Synod




Folks:

A short note of appreciation.

The gift satchels you assembled  
for our Christmas-at-Sea  
program were just amazing.

Thank you! You will have  
helped to surround seafarers  
with untold joy and blessings.

St. John Lutheran Church  
13 Blake Avenue  
Lynbrook, NY 11563-2505

 **Seafarers International House**  
123 East 15th Street, New York, NY 10003-3557





*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  
Juice/Canned Fruits  
Sugar/Flour/Salt/Pepper  
Mac and Cheese/Pasta  
Cereal (Hot and Cold)  
Pancake/Syrup/Jelly

Cookies/Cracker/Candy  
Tomato Sauce/Spaghetti Sauce  
Mashed Potatoes  
Pudding/Jello  
Napkins  
1Lb. Bags or box Rice

Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate

Parmalot Milk

**Fresh/Frozen/Turkey/Ham/Chicken**

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

**DISTRIBUTION OF FOODS BASKETS ARE TO BEGIN ON MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>. AND  
WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE MONTH OF MARCH**

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

516-483-3240  
[www.lssny.org](http://www.lssny.org)