



# **WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



**Regular Worship Services  
at 8:30AM & 10:00AM**

**Sunday School (K - Grade 6)  
Sundays at 10:00AM**

***“Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God .”***

***- Job 37:14***

### ***The Messenger***

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### **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**



Part of being a Christian is growing in our knowledge and experience of who God is and who God calls us to be as God's beloved children. There are many ways that we can do that - coming to worship to hear God's word and share in God's meal of Holy Communion, regular prayer, service to others, giving of our time, talents, and treasures, and inviting others to "come and see" are a few examples.

Of course, another core way to get to know God better is through reading the Bible, because that's where we read about how God has acted in history and how God has interacted with all kinds of people. Too often, though, we try to read the Bible and feel like giving up because it just doesn't make any sense. We aren't familiar with those ancient cultures, we can't see how the different books fit together, we don't know how what we read about there applies to our lives today. It can all seem very complicated and hard to understand. Worse yet, sometimes we get to those parts of the Bible that are boring, and we just don't see why we should bother. (Yes, I'll admit there are sections that are hard to slog through, with all their lists of names or laws, etc. - but there are also sections that read like an ancient world soap opera, with murders and affairs and conspiracies, not to mention God's great saving love shown throughout

time! Don't believe anyone who tells you the Bible is boring!)

When we try to read the Bible on our own, the above issues are all pretty common. That's why it's so helpful when we are able to gather together to read the Bible and talk about it together, to learn more about the history and context, and to discuss each other's points of view about how we think God is speaking to us through these ancient words. And God is speaking - Hebrews 4:12 reminds us that the word of God is living and active; these aren't just dead words on a page. God uses them to communicate with us!

Starting later this month, I'll be leading a 4-week Bible study on some of our ancestors in the faith - Adam, Abraham, Sarah, and Jacob (see elsewhere in this newsletter for details). It will be held on Thursday mornings, but I know that doesn't work for everyone's schedules. If we're going to grow in faith and as a church, we need to be more intentional about reading the Bible together. So, what I need from you is some feedback about when would be a better time to meet. If you are interested in getting together with other followers of Jesus here at St. John's to read and talk about the Bible, please let me know what day/s & time/s would work for you. Saturday morning? Sunday after church? A weeknight evening? An early morning, before work at a local diner? God's word is too important for us to neglect, so please let me know!

Thanks for your help!

*Pastor Becky*

## **100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

September 25, 2011 will be the kick-off date for starting the St. John's 100th Anniversary Celebration. We need your help in the planning of all the activities that will make this a memorable year for St. John's. Any ideas, memories, or experiences from the congregation are welcome and encouraged.

Volunteers are needed for such activities as: kick-off day, reception / dinner, advertising, booklet, history day, picnic, music Sunday, 100th Anniversary gift to community, Girl Scouts Celebrating 100th Anniversary, souvenirs, etc. to mention a few.

Please speak with Dotty Criscuolo or Joan Pirrone if you are able and willing to volunteer for any of these committees. September will be here sooner than we think.

Bishop Rimbo has agreed to preach on September 30, 2012.. This will be the culmination of a year-long celebration of what God has been doing throughout our 100 years of ministry, so keep that date open and plan to be a part of history!

Thank you for your help!

*Dotty and Joan*

## **ALL-AGES GAME NIGHT - Friday, February 25 7:30 PM**

Come have some old-fashioned fun! Bring along your favorite card or board game or join in playing the perennial crowd favorites of Uno or Train Dominos. Drinks and snacks will be provided. It's fun for everyone!!

## **PEOPLE OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY - A GARDENER, TWO TRAVELERS, AND A CHEAT 4-WEEK BIBLE STUDY, BEGINNING THUR., FEB. 24**

Come learn about the lives of Adam, Abraham, Sarah, and Jacob & how they connect with our own as we explore their stories in the Old Testament!

**Who:** You

**What:** Bible Study, Coffee & Conversation

**Where:** St. John's - Knotty Pine Room

**When:** Thursdays, Feb. 24-March 17  
from 10AM-11AM

**Why:** To read the Bible and learn together!

**How:** Sign-up on the Bulletin Board or let Pr. Becky know (599.0778 or [prbeckyletters@gmail.com](mailto:prbeckyletters@gmail.com)) by Feb.13 so she can order enough materials; Cost of the participant book is \$6.00/person.

(Make checks out to St. John's, with  
"Bible Study" in the memo line.)

## **WOMEN WEARING RED TEA**

**Saturday, February 12, 2011**

**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Join us for a wonderful St John's experience. A fellowship and informative event to learn about women's heart health issues.

Tickets: Paid in advance  
\$20 each

Raffles for all ages!

For more information and tickets:  
Janet Pescatore at 239-7623.

Catering provided by Chat Noir  
Tea House in Rockville Centre!

## **FAMILY PROMISE PROGRAM UPDATE**

Family Promise of Nassau County is an interfaith program that helps homeless families get back on their feet by hosting them in houses of worship overnight while they seek employment and/or Each participating church, temple, or mosque welcomes families (no more than 14 people at any one time) from approximately 6 PM until 7 AM for a week at a time, rotating throughout the year. Other local communities of faith assist by becoming support congregations, which help to provide meals and volunteers during the week the host church is assigned.

Last spring, St. John's council voted to become a part of this important ministry. But in order for us to get this program up and running here at St. John's, we need someone to step up and agree to be our Volunteer Coordinator. The Volunteer Coordinator is the point person for organizing the week we would host - basically making the schedule of volunteers to cook and be present with the guests each night and overnight. Do you like people? Do you have gifts and skills in organizing and administration?

Homelessness is a growing problem for families here in Nassau County - and we have the opportunity to be part of the solution. Could God be calling you to become the leader of this new ministry opportunity? Do you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you? If so, please pray about it and set up a time to talk with Pr. Becky. (Expressing an interest in the possibility doesn't commit you to taking on the responsibility if it's not right for you, I promise!) Training is provided by Family Promise staff, and there are a number of people here at St. John's & other local houses of worship who are interested in helping out - once we have person to lead us! You could even share the responsibilities with another person or two.

## **NEW MEMBERS CLASSES -FEBRUARY 27 & MARCH 6 AFTER 10 AM WORSHIP**

*Looking for a church home?*

*Interested in learning more about the Lutheran church?*

*Want to know about the ministries of St. John's and how you might fit in?*

*Know someone who might want to learn more?*

...then come to our New Member sessions (or invite your friends), where we'll talk about what God is doing here at St. John's and how we can grow as disciples together. Classes are open to everyone, especially those who are considering becoming a member of St. John's. We'll meet after church from about 11:15-noon. Please contact Pr. Becky to let her know you plan to come or if you have any questions (O: 599.0778; C: 547-8392; or e-mail: [prbeckyletters@gmail.com](mailto:prbeckyletters@gmail.com)). Hope to see you there!

## **END OF YEAR STATEMENTS 2010**

The End-of-Year Statements of Giving for 2010 are located in the Narthex of the church. Please pick up your statement to help us save on stamps for mailing. If you find any discrepancies on your statement, please contact our financial recording secretary Joan Pirrone at (516) 593-4922 or email [Japirrone@aol.com](mailto:Japirrone@aol.com) with End-of-Year Statement written in the subject area. If you haven't already picked up your 2011 envelopes they are also located in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support of the church through your faithful and generous contributions.

*The Stewardship and Finance  
Committee*

## SERVER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

DATE FEBRUARY	ACOLYTES	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS
2/6	8:30AM Jennifer Dalton	8:30AM Roger Vargas	8:30AM Roger Vargas
	10:00AM Jason Pace	10:00AM Rick Dusenbury	10:00AM Arlene Moglia
	Crucifer		
2/13	8:30AM Erin Milano	8:30AM Joan Pirrone	8:30AM Gerda Weber
	10:00AM Carrie Feltkamp	10:00AM Claire Lenz	10:00AM Claire Lenz
	Crucifer David Powell		
2/20	8:30AM Victoria Dunn	8:30AM Andrew Dunn	8:30AM Andrew Dunn
	10:00AM Jesse Pace	10:00AM Michael Fernez	10:00AM Susan Masciello
	Crucifer Nils DeStefano		
2/27	8:30AM Katie Lenz	8:30AM Dorothy Richetti	8:30AM Anna Lenz
	10:00AM Ryan Milano	10:00AM Hank Lenz	10:00AM Hank Lenz
	Crucifer Margaret Milano		

If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the church office and the appropriate coordinator:  
 Bob Koehler: Assisting Ministers and Crucifers/Gospel bearers- 678-6623  
 Dot Richetti: Acolytes and Torch bearers- 599-8702  
 Claire Lenz: Lectors - 872-2063

## FEBRUARY 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 2/1	Sewing Ministry, 9:30 AM; Worship & Music Committee, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, 2/2	Confirmation, 7:30 PM; Choir, 7:30 PM
Friday-Sunday, 2/4-2/6	Adult Retreat, Graymoor Retreat Center
Friday, 2/4	Girl Scout Badge Workshop, 7 PM
Saturday, 2/5	Zumba, 9:30 AM
Sunday, 2/6	Worship, 8:30 & 10 AM; Sunday School, 10 AM
Tuesday, 2/9	Sewing Ministry, 9:30 AM; Council, 8 PM
Wednesday, 2/10	Confirmation, 7:30 PM; Choir, 7:30 PM
Friday, 2/11	Youth Group Lock-in (overnight)
Saturday, 2/12	Zumba, 9:30 AM; Tea Party, 1-3 PM
Sunday, 2/13	Worship, 8:30 & 10 AM; Sunday School, 10 AM Stewardship & Finance Committee, 11:15 AM
Tuesday, 2/15	Sewing Ministry, 9:30 AM
Wednesday, 2/16	Confirmation, 7:30 PM; Choir, 7:30 PM
Saturday, 2/19	Zumba, 9:30 AM
Sunday, 2/20	Worship, 8:30 & 10 AM; Sunday School, 10 AM
Monday, 2/21	President's Day
Tuesday, 2/22	Sewing Ministry, 9:30 AM; Evangelism/Social Ministry, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, 2/23	NO CONFIRMATION (Winter Break); Choir, 7:30 PM
Friday, 2/25	Game Night, 7:30 PM
Saturday, 2/26	Zumba, 9:30 AM
Sunday, 2/27	Worship, 8:30 & 10 AM; Sunday School, 10 AM

### **Looking Ahead to March...**

Wednesday, 3/9 ASH WEDNESDAY Worship, 12 Noon & 7:30 PM  
 No Confirmation (Come to worship instead!)

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Janet Arena	
The Carney Family	
Dotty Criscuolo	In Memory of Sal Criscuolo
Dotty Criscuolo	In Memory of Dorothy & Julius Roll
The Dake Family	
The Feltkamp Family	
Arlene Germano	In Memory of Barrett Robins
Marjorie Gorr	In Memory of Beatrice and Charles Gorr
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hild	
Bob Kaempf	
Doris Kortlang	
The Lipitz Family	
The Masciello Family	
Mr. & Mrs. Sal Milano	
Ed & Arlene Moglia	
Janet Pescatore	
Joan Pirrone	
Judy Posimato	
The Richetti Family	In Memory of Loved Ones
Larry Rienecker	
Don Roth	In Memory of Dot and Henry Roth
Don Roth	In Memory of Bob Weber and Loved Ones
Mignon Tipton	In Memory of Robert Tipton
Gerda Weber	In Memory of Robert Weber
Gerda Weber	In Honor of My Family