



# **ST. JOHN'S MESSENGER**

## **October 2013**

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Worship Services**

**9:30 AM**

**Sunday School Classes (K-Grade 6)**

**9:30 AM**

**Confirmation Classes (7-8 Grades)**

**Wednesdays 7:00 PM**

## Calendar of Events for October 2013 ~

Sunday, October 27	Worship, 9:30 AM Installation Service for Pastor Alexander Kennedy 4:00 PM Reception to follow in auditorium
Tuesday, October 29	Evangelism and Social Ministry Meeting 7:30 PM
Wednesday, October 30	Confirmation Class 7:00 PM
Thursday, October 31	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM
Sunday, November 3	Worship 9:30 AM – <b>All Saints Day</b> Sunday School 9:30 AM

### Looking forward to November.....

Tuesday, November 5	Worship and Music Meeting 7:30 PM
Wednesday, November 6	No Confirmation class (Pastor Alex on Retreat)

## SERVER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2013

DATE	ACOLYTES		ASSISTING MINISTERS		LECTORS	
<b>Reformation Sunday 10/27</b>	9:30 AM	Erin Milano	9:30 AM	Dorothy Criscuolo	9:30 AM	Bill Benson
	Crucifer	Erin Milano				
	Torch Bearer	Ashley Gavin & Elizabeth Hanson				
	Gospel Bearer	Ryan Milano				
<b>Installation Service</b>	4:00 PM	Dan Gonzalez	9:30 AM	Dorothy Criscuolo	9:30 AM	Janet Pescatore
<b>10/27</b>	Crucifer	Dan Gonzalez				
	Torch Bearer	Erin Milano & Katie Lenz				
	Gospel Bearer	Ryan 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 678-6623

Jill Pace: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers and Gospel bearers- 599-8896

Claire Lenz: Lectors - 872-2063

# SERVER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2013

DATE	ACOLYTES		ASSISTING MINISTERS		LECTORS	
11/3	9:30 AM	Katie Lenz	9:30 AM	Andrew Dunn	9:30 AM	Andrew Dunn
	Crucifer	Katie Lenz				
11/10	9:30 AM	Jason Pace	9:30 AM	Janet Pescatore	9:30 AM	Karen Feltkamp
	Crucifer	Jason Pace				
11/17	9:30 AM	Victoria Dunn	9:30 AM	Susan Masciello	9:30 AM	Susan Masciello
Christ the King	9:30 AM	Jesse Pace	9:30 AM	Roger Vargas	9:30 AM	Joan Pirrone
11/24	Crucifer	Jesse Pace				

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**Donations have been made to the Memorial Fund for the following:**



**In memory of Genevieve Clemente**

Carol Clemente  
Joan Pirrone  
Andrea Sommella

**In memory of Vincent Sommella**

Pauline Feltkamp  
Cora and Don Sarver  
Joan Pirrone  
Charlene Comastri  
Carol Clemente  
Judy and Dave Opatow  
St. John's Council

# ***A Message from Pastor Alex ~***

It was Benjamin Franklin who once famously said, "Time is money." Now, granted, Franklin made this remark over 250 years ago, but it seems to me that this phrase has never been truer than it is today. In this 21<sup>st</sup> century, our time is our greatest and most precious commodity. We only have a certain amount of it, and between our busy schedules and the countless commitments and responsibilities we have to family, work, church, etc., it often feels like there just aren't enough hours in the day for us to accomplish everything that needs to be done. And so we constantly look for short cuts and ways to save time: EZ-pass, fast food, cliff notes, texting instead of calling, carpools, online shopping, multi-tasking – the list goes on and on. Many times we are more willing to spend the money to save our time rather than spend the time to save our money.

Now this anxiety regarding time isn't anything new. The people in Jesus' day were no different. They worried about time and the stresses of daily life just as much as we do today, and Jesus was certainly aware of that. In Matthew 6, Jesus says the following:

*"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'... indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."*

Do not worry about tomorrow. Today's trouble is enough for today. In a culture of constant anxiety about time wasting, the passing of time, and feeling compelled to be productive all the time (even if there's really nothing that needs to be done), it's tough for us to put our complete trust in what Jesus is saying here. After all, we're human! Worrying is what we do! Besides, planning ahead and thinking about the future are responsible things that we should be doing, are they not? But Jesus isn't talking about responsibility here, nor is he saying that we shouldn't think about the necessities of life. No, Jesus' message is this: do not be anxious. Take things one day at a time. Because God made you and loves you unconditionally, you can trust that God will give you what you need. Get done what you can, but remember that in the end the things of this life and world are only temporary.

Later this month we will kick off our annual stewardship campaign, and over the course of those few weeks you will hear a lot about how God calls us to be good stewards of our talents, our treasures, and **our time**. As we think about the future ministry of our congregation, may we be mindful of Jesus' words to "strive first for the kingdom of God."

Blessings,

*Pastor Alex*

***If you wish to email Pastor Alex, his email address is: [rev.alexkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:rev.alexkennedy@gmail.com)***

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## **HARVEST FESTIVAL WRAP - UP REPORT**

This year we celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> annual Harvest Festival. That equals 35 years of raising money for local charities. The annual Harvest Festival is our big fundraising event of the year but more than raising funds, our Harvest Festival is a declaration of who we are as a church community.

Each year the members of St. John's volunteer their time and talents, to create a wonderful community Harvest Festival. Not only do they donate their time, our congregation also donates many of the items we sell at the fair and of course all the wonderful treasures for our Brick- a- Brac tables. This year we added a "Build a Scarecrow" table to St. John's Harvest Festival and it was a big success. The children and their parents enjoyed working together to design and build the scarecrows and were able to go home with a great Halloween ornament. All of this made this yearly event a major success!

The Bric -a - Brac table was the winner as far as bringing in the most money. This year their total was \$2,327.58. Thank you to all the members and others who brought in all their treasures to be sold at the tables. We couldn't have been so successful without everybody's help.

Pauline Feltkamp

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2013 – BRIC-A-BRAC REPORT

Thanks to everyone for all of their contributions and help this year as we have a new sales record, we made \$2,327.58. We could have not done it without all of you. Thanks for all of your help and time, it is truly appreciated.

Diane Dake and Susan Masciello

We'd like to thank everyone who donated goodies to the bake sale table at this year's Harvest Festival. We had an incredible variety of baked goods, which resulted in a profit of over \$130.00 above last year's total. We couldn't have done it without you. THANK YOU!

Carol Clemente and Charlene Comastri  
Co-Chairpersons

**The Harvest Festival is always a big success.  
This year was no exception!  
A big thank you to the following businesses and people  
who donated items for our raffle baskets:**

Ála Carte Culinary Services  
Angelina's Pizzeria and Restaurant  
Freyhammer's Florist  
Hallmark Lyn Gift Shop  
Magic Bagels of Valley Stream  
Metro Diner  
Mitchel's Restaurant  
Moments, Memories, and Traditions  
Morris Variety Store  
Minuteman Press in Lynbrook  
Nail Fetish in Valley Stream  
Sip's in Valley Stream  
16 Handles  
Staples  
Sweet Peace Bakery  
Vincent's Pizzeria and Restaurant

Carol Clemente  
Dot Criscuolo  
Pauline Feltkamp  
Bruce and Karen Feltkamp  
Bob and Allison Koehler  
Henry and Claire Lenz  
Dan and Anna Lenz  
Harry Obst  
Joan Pirrone  
Mia and Jack Reisert  
Don and Cora Sarver  
Ruth Williamson

# Congratulations to the following winners of the raffle baskets!

Kindle Fire--Joan Pirrone  
26" Comfort Cruiser Bicycle--Roger Vargas  
Dining Out--Paul Hild  
Gardener's Basket--Mike Mack  
Autumn Wine Basket--Jeanette Richetti  
Basket of Match Box Cars--Ursula Lipitz  
Wine Basket--R. Dietrich  
Tea for Two--Bill Lindman  
Office in a Basket--Bill Lindman  
Kitchen Basket--Barbara Small  
Sweet Treats--Cora Sarver  
Beauty Basket--Victoria Dunn  
VTech for Girl with case--Ella DiViele  
VTech for Boy with case--Joe Richetti  
Hamilton Beach Crock Pot --Denise Steel  
\$100 Cash in a Frame--Rich Gonzalez  
\$100 Cash in a Frame --Agnes Kress  
Sweep It Up—The Humphries  
Floral Display from Freyhammer's Florist --Ursula Lipitz

Thanks to Denise Steel, our 50/50 winner for donating \$60 of her \$91 in winnings to St. John's!

Thanks so much to everyone who participated!

Best,  
Anna





## ***And we also want to thank:***

*Thanks to Sal Milano for installing the new garage door and basement door on the parsonage.*

## ***And a Thank you from:***

*Thank you so much for the altar flowers. They brightened up my day when I was home with my foot healing.*

*God bless,*

*Heidi Scalza*

## ***St. John's News***

***Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> is All Saints Day. If you have lost someone this past year and you would like his or her name read during the worship, please email, call or leave his or her name in the offering basket during this week's service and we will read them aloud during the litany at worship November 3<sup>rd</sup>.***

*New member classes will be held November 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a member of St. John's please contact Pastor Alex at the church office at 599-1778 or [stjohnslynbrook@aol.com](mailto:stjohnslynbrook@aol.com)*

*After a free energy evaluation of the church building all of the ballasts have been replaced and Exit Signs now have new LED bulbs. This was a \$3400.00 project that was paid for by LIPA through the LIPA Project.*

# ***The Pony Express is Coming!***

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, begins the 2013 Stewardship Campaign. This year we will be following the *Pony Express Program*. Under the *Pony Express Program*, each parish family becomes a “Route Rider”, relaying a saddlebag to one other family in their neighborhood or geographical area.

This program is modeled after the original Pony Express, where each rider knew he could count on the next rider to relay the mail to its next destination. Likewise, the success of our Stewardship Campaign will depend on the dedication, commitment and teamwork of each member of our congregation.

During the two-week period following Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will receive a saddlebag containing information about the many exciting activities occurring at St. John’s, along with an *Estimate of Giving* card. After reading the materials, you will fill in your card, seal it in an envelope and insert the envelope into the saddlebag. You will be able to make your decision and commitment about your financial support of the congregation in the privacy of your home, without another member of the congregation present to solicit your response. Then, you will hand-carry the saddlebag to the next family indicated on the Route List that will be attached to the saddlebag strap.

Let’s join together in making our *Stewardship 2013* Campaign a success. It is only through *your* continuing support that God’s work can be accomplished at St. John’s.

