



ST. JOHN'S MESSENGER

March 2015

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Services

9:30 AM

Sunday School Classes (K-Grade 6)

9:30 AM



Calendar of Events for March 2015 ~

Sunday, March 8	Worship 9:30 am – Third Sunday of Lent Sunday School & Nursery Program
Tuesday, March 10	First Communion Class – 7:00 pm Council Meeting – 8:00 pm
Wednesday, March 11	Confirmation Class – 7:00 pm
Thursday, March 12	Bread, Bowl & Bible – Soup & Bread – 6:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer – 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 pm
Friday, March 13	Girl Scout Meeting – 6:15 pm
Sunday, March 15	Worship 9:30 am – Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday School & Nursery Program
Tuesday, March 17	Mock Baby Shower sponsored by WELCA – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 18	Confirmation Class 7:00 pm
Thursday, March 19	Bread, Bowl & Bible – Soup & Bread – 6:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer – 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm
Friday, March 20	Brownie Meeting – 3:15 pm
Saturday, March 21	Defensive Driving Class – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm FIRST FULL DAY OF SPRING
Sunday, March 22	Worship 9:30 am – Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday School & Nursery Program – students will make Palm crosses BOWLING at Rockville Centre Lanes – 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 25	South Western Conference Lenten Service – 7:30 pm
Thursday, March 26	Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 pm
Friday, March 27	Girl Scout Meeting – 6:15 pm
Sunday, March 29	Worship 9:30 am – PALM SUNDAY Sunday School students will hand out Palm crosses Evangelism meeting after worship

APRIL:

Thursday, April 2 – Sunday, April 5 **HOLY WEEK**

ST. JOHN'S LENTEN SCHEDULE 2015



Thursday, March 12 Bread, Bowl & Bible – Soup and Bread – 6:00 pm
Holden Evening Prayer – 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 19 Bread, Bowl & Bible – Soup and Bread – 6:00 pm
Holden Evening Prayer – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 25 SW Nassau Conference Lenten Worship – 7:30 pm
Here at St. John's.

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ST. JOHN'S HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2015



Maundy Thursday, April 2 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 3 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5 9:30 am

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SERVERS FOR MARCH 2015 – 9:30 AM

DATE	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
3/8	Kaitlyn Gavin	N/A	Andrew Dunn	Andrew Dunn	Susan Masciello & Dorothy Criscuolo
3/15	Elizabeth Hanson	N/A	Claire Lenz	Claire Lenz	Richard Dietrich & Bill Benson
3/22	Christopher Dunn	N/A	Hank Lenz	Hank Lenz	Doug & Kristina Palmer
PALM SUN 3/29	Kyle O'Connor	Kyle O'Connor	Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	Debby & Bill Lindman
FOR PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP	TORCH BEARERS: Ashley Gavin & Victoria Dunn				GOSPEL BEARER: Erin Milano

If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the church office and the appropriate coordinator: Pauline Feltkamp: Ushers 599-2273 ; Andrea Sommella: Assisting Ministers – church office 599-0778; Jill Pace: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers & Gospel bearers- 599- 8896
Claire Lenz: Lectors – 872-2063

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

Assisting Ministers, Lectors, Acolytes and Crucifers are needed at St. John's. It is a wonderful way to serve during service. It is a small commitment of 1-2 Sundays every three months. Anyone who has made his or her First Communion is eligible. If you are interested please contact the church office.

† A Message from Pastor Alex ~

“March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” This old proverb, which apparently is an old Pennsylvania saying (although it’s also found in a 1732 collection of witty adages by Thomas Fuller of England), may never be more true than it is this year. Well, at least the first part. In fact, as I write this article to all of you, my back is still aching from shoveling the snow that we got on Sunday and Tuesday, and now they’re calling for an even bigger one on Thursday! Three snowfalls in the first week of March!? This is one ferocious lion, indeed!!!

Yes, most of us have had enough of this long winter. We’re tired of all the icy snow and slush amidst bitter cold temperatures that chill us to the bone. Spring HAS to be coming soon, right? The calendar says it’s just two weeks away, but I’m not buying it.

Which brings me to the second part of this proverb. Obviously, there’s no guarantee that March will go out like a lamb. It has snowed in April before, and that’s always a possibility when you live on Long Island! But while it may not end up being as warm and pleasant as we want it to be on March 31st, we will indeed find ourselves right in the midst of Holy Week with a different kind of lamb awaiting us: our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As John the Baptist said the first time he saw Jesus, “Behold, here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” John knew that this man, this pure and sinless lamb, would ultimately sacrifice Himself on the cross for the salvation of the world.

So if you ask me, it’s quite fitting that we observe Lent during this time of year. Just as we know that winter will eventually end and spring will awaken with new life, we also know through faith that the Lamb of God will defeat death and rise into eternal life. Washed in the precious blood of this Lamb, we will too. That I can definitely guarantee!

Peace +

Pastor Alex



COUNCIL NEWS

INTRODUCING THE 2015 CHURCH COUNCIL

President	Dorothy Criscuolo
Vice-President	Daniel Lenz
Secretary	Kim Carlstrom
Financial Secretary	Joan Pirrone
Council Members	Charlene Comastri
	Andrew Dunn
	Pauline Feltkamp
	Bill Lindman
	Ursula Lipitz
	Susan Masciello
	Doug Palmer
	Cora Sarver

Joan Pirrone will continue as our Financial Rec. Secretary.
Bruce Feltkamp will continue as our Treasurer.





Donations have been made to the
St. John's Memorial Fund
in memory of
Frank Feltkamp
by Richard Bulloss and
Bruce Robertson.



Donations have been made to the
St. John's Air Conditioner Fund
in memory of
Nelma McMenamain

by Judy & Dave Opatow
by Don Roth



Did you know that the flowers behind the altar are real? Of course you did! These vibrant and colorful flowers are one of the many things that make our sanctuary such a beautiful and sacred space. Unfortunately, fresh flowers like these are not free, and being that we have them nearly every Sunday (except during Advent and Lent), these altar flowers become a significant expense for the church.

So if you're looking for an easy way to support St. John's and our ministry, how about sponsoring the altar flowers for a particular Sunday? You can give them in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special event such as a baptism, birthday, first communion, wedding anniversary, etc., or simply to the glory of God. It's totally up to you! We will include your name and designation in the bulletin for that morning and you can take the flowers home with you following the service. If the flowers are not claimed, they will be given to a homebound member or someone else to brighten up their day!

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, there are envelopes in the pews that you can fill out or you can contact Andrea in the church office. Your generous support of this ministry is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



BREAD, BOWL & BIBLE

It is not too late!

Starting at 6:00 PM on March 12th, and March 19th, we will have “Bread, Bowl, and Bible” – a deeply religious experience in breaking bread together as a family in Christ.

It is held in the Knotty Pine room, followed by a worship service with Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

We have already enjoyed delicious soup and bread, fellowship with other members of St. John and the spirituality in the Lenten service.

We hope you can share this with us. All you have to do is show up! You can even bring a friend or neighbor if you like!

So please join us as we enjoy some homemade family recipes and worship together. You will be fed physically and spiritually – What’s better than that!?



THIS AND THAT...

Congratulations to **Bill Benson** for winning
The Outstanding Athlete of the Year Award
for the Men 95+ age division
and for being recognized as
**The 2014 Paul Spangler Oldest
Male Master Runner**

February Attendance: 229
February Offerings: \$4,767.00
February Benevolence: \$407.00

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

MARCH 21, 2015

9:00 am TO 3:00 pm

In the Knotty Pine Room

Tuition: \$30.00 per student

Save 10% on car insurance!

WELCA "MOCK" BABY SHOWER

MARCH 17th 7:30 PM

St. John's annual Baby Shower supporting the New LIFE Center will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday, March 17th, in the Knotty Pine Room. We invite everyone join us.

You may bring anything that a baby might use, from clothes, diapers, baby bottles, and bath supplies. They also appreciate small baby-friendly Bibles or board books with a "God loves you" kind of story. Your support and generosity will help those less fortunate. Refreshments will be served. Representatives from the Center staff will share how lives are changed by our gifts.

ST. JOHN'S IS GOING BOWLING!

Sunday, March 22, 2015

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

RVC Lanes in Rockville Centre

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

For only \$12 per bowler!

*To register, look for the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex or call
the church office at (516) 599-0778.*

Friends, relatives, and neighbors are all welcome!

**Deadline to RSVP & submit payment is March 15th.
Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church.**

