



# **St. John of the Incarnation MESSENGER SEPTEMBER 2016**

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday Services**

**8:15 and 9:30 AM at St. John's**

**11:00 am at Incarnation**

**Sunday School – Grades K-6**

**9:30 AM at St. John's**

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**<http://www.stjohnslynbrook.org>**

# Calendar of Events for September 2016



## Sunday, September 11

- ❖ Worship at St. John's 8:15 & 9:30 am
- ❖ Synod Wide Day of Service
- ❖ Worship at Incarnation 11:00 am

## Tuesday, September 13

- ❖ Council Meeting 7:30 pm

## Sunday, September 18

- ❖ Worship at St. John's 8:15 & 9:30 am
- ❖ Blessing of Backpacks 9:30 am worship
- ❖ Harvest Festival Presale after 9:30 worship
- ❖ Worship at Incarnation 11:00 am
- ❖ Incarnation BBQ 12:15 pm

## Thursday, September 22

- ❖ Choir rehearsals begin 7:30 pm

## Sunday, September 25

- ❖ Worship at St. John's 8:15 & 9:30 am
- ❖ **Harvest Festival 11:00 – 3:00 pm**
- ❖ Worship at Incarnation 11:00 am
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## *LOOKING FORWARD TO OCTOBER~*

- October 4 Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30 pm
- October 9 Outdoor Worship 9:30 am - Blessing of the Pets/Pet Adoption Event (8:15 am inside)
- October 11 Council Meeting 8:00 pm
- October 16 Sunday School Rally Day  
Coffee Hour / preparing college care packages – after 9:30 am worship

# SERVERS' SCHEDULE

## SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 2016

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFERS	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
10/2	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Tyler Rouse	Bill Lindman	Bill Lindman	Bill Davison & Janet Pescatore
	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
10/9	9:30	Kaylee Palmer	Kaylee Palmer	Kim Carlstrom	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez & Aurelius Gonzalez
	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
10/16	9:30	Ashley Gavin	Ashley Gavin	Kim Barbaro	Anna Lenz	Lori Fernez & Janet Powell
	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
10/23	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Victoria Dunn	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Debby & Bill Lindman
Reformation Sunday	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
10/30	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Christopher Dunn	Claire Lenz	Claire Lenz	Katharine Forte & Carol Clemente
	Torch Bearers	Victoria Dunn	Kaylee Palmer			
	Gospel Bearer	Tyler Rouse				

## SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 2016

All Saints Day	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
11/6	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Victoria Ramirez	Hank Lenz	Hank Lenz	Robert Reckhart & Tyler Rouse
	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
11/13	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Tyler Rouse	Katharine Forte	Katharine Forte	Bill Davison & Richard Dietrich
Christ the King	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
11/20	9:30	Elizabeth Hanson	Elizabeth Hanson	Debby Lindman	Debby Lindman	Kevin Hanson & Kevin Hanson Jr.
Thanksgiving 11/23	7:30 PM	Ashley Gavin	Ashley Gavin	Joan Pirrone	Joan Pirrone	Kristina & Doug Palmer
Advent 1	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
11/27	9:30	Kaylee Palmer	Kaylee Palmer	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello	Lori Fernez & Janet Powell

## SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 2016

DATE	TIMES	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
Advent 2	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
12/4	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Victoria Dunn	Dan Gonzalez	Greg Kershner	Janet Pescatore & Richard Dietrich
Advent 3	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
12/11	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Christopher Dunn	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Dan Gonzalez & Aurelius Gonzalez
Advent 4	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
12/18	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Victoria Ramirez	Katharine Forte	Katharine Forte	Debby & Bill Lindman
Christmas Eve	7:30 pm			Dorothy Criscuolo		
12/24		Tyler Rouse	Tyler Rouse	Claire Lenz	Claire Lenz	Bill Davison & Richard Dietrich
	Torch Bearers	Ashley Gavin	Kaylee Palmer			
	Gospel Bearer	Parker Sloan				
Christmas Day	9:30 am	TBD	N/A	TBD	TBD	TBD
12/25						
If you cannot	Torch Bearers	Ashley Gavin	Kaylee Palmer			
	Gospel Bearer	Parker Sloan				
Christmas Day	9:30 am	TBD	N/A	TBD	TBD	TBD
12/25						

***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 or Lenzcr@aol.com***

***Church Office: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers and Gospel bearers- 599-0778  
Pauline Feltkamp: Ushers- 599- 2273***

### ***WE NEED YOUR HELP!***

***Assisting Ministers, Lectors, Acolytes and Crucifers are needed at St. John's. This is a wonderful way to serve during our worship services. It is a small commitment of 1-2 Sundays every few months.***

***If you are interested please contact the church office. We also need a coordinator for our acolytes, crucifers, torch bearers and gospel bearers.***



# **FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR ALEX.....**

***“Know that I am always with you and will keep you wherever you go.” – Genesis 28:15***

If you weren't able to join us for worship on Sunday, August 28th, you missed quite a treat, and I'm not just referring to the ice cream sundaes! The service that morning included a closing program for our Vacation Bible School where our children shared all the wonderful truths that they uncovered at *Deep Sea Discovery*. What did they discover? They learned that God KNOWS us, God HEARS us, God STRENGTHENS us, God LOVES us, and God SENDS us out for service. Through songs and scripture, our kids explored God's presence in their lives and were reminded that God is with them wherever they go. They sang three of these songs for the congregation, which included motions, dancing, and a whole lot of celebration. Those in attendance I'm sure will agree that it was a very special and memorable morning!

This was our third year doing VBS here at St. John's and as I've said many times before, this program would not be possible without the support of the congregation. Your generous donations – both financial and material – allow us to give our children a VBS program that's not only fun and enjoyable, but meaningful and transformative as well. I participated in many VBS programs growing up in my home church, and I can tell you without a doubt that ours is as good as any. I say this not to gloat, but as a tribute to you, the congregation, for your commitment and support.

I owe a great debt of gratitude to so many individuals who volunteered their time and energy to help throughout the week. First, I want to thank our teachers and staff: Gabrielle Barry, Kim Carlstrom, Rob Clark, Sue Ellen Coyle, Pauline Feltkamp, Katharine Forte, Allison Koehler, Kristen Larke, Susan Masciello, Janet Pescatore, Joan Pirrone, Bob Reckhart, Tyler Rouse, Heidi Scalza, Anne Sheppard, and our church secretary, Andrea Sommella. Many thanks also to those who helped decorate and prep the rooms, especially Carrie Feltkamp for making the submarine and Doug Palmer for making the shipwreck and pier. Thank you to our photographers – Doris Hild, Rob Clark, Heidi Scalza, and Kristen Larke for taking pictures (see next page) and finally, a huge thank you to Vito and Dot Richetti, who once again donated all the ice cream and toppings for the sundaes.

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” May it continue to be so here at St. John's!

Peace +

*Pastor Alex*

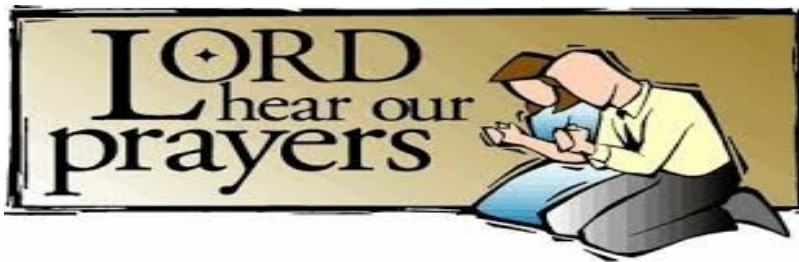




# More photos from VBS Deep Sea Discovery!







Larry Lipitz  
George Verity  
Stephanie Moser  
Anthony Posimato  
Donna Valenti  
Dorothy Hafner  
Elaine Smith  
Joann D'Ambrosio  
Stephen Suppa  
Jean Weber  
Eleanor Haslett  
Margaret Chiramonte  
John Michael

Scott Masciello  
Rachel Jeremie  
Doreen Tietjen  
Lisa Goldman  
Inga Chiramonte  
Bob Robon  
David Pontius  
Al Davis  
Sister Irene  
Michael Simmons  
Dean Veremakis  
Earnest Weber  
Linda Eagen

Gerry Murphy  
Kim Carlstrom  
Mark Humphreys  
Nicole Humphreys  
Lawson Humphreys  
Loretta Tedeschi  
Ashley Hall  
Kathy Krunseler  
William Meyers  
Robin Kalter  
Sherry Powell  
The Carver Family  
Family of Stacey Cohen

**If would like to request prayers** for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on the prayer request card in your bulletin, call or email the office at 599-0778 or [stjohnslynbrook@aol.com](mailto: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. Feel free to repeat your request at any time, we can all use prayers.



*Donations have been made to the St. John's Memorial Fund  
in loving memory of  
Doris Kortlang*

*by  
The ERTA Sunshine Club c/o Judy Posimato*



The ashes of Bob and Irma Kaempf has be interred  
in our St. John's Memorial Garden

## **BLESSING OF BACKPACKS**

Please bring your backpacks and/or book bags to 9:30  
am worship  
Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>,  
for a special blessing during worship.

## **INCARNATION BAR-B-Q**

Join us next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm at  
Incarnation for a Church BBQ.  
Bring a dish and or a dessert to share!  
Hot Dogs, Burgers and Beverages will be provided.

## **BRIC-A-BRAC PRE-SALE**

**PRE-SALE SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

AFTER 9:30 WORSHIP DOWNSTAIRS IN THE  
AUDITORIUM

## **BAKERS NEEDED!**

**We need baked goods for our Harvest Festival,  
September 25<sup>th</sup>!**

If you would like to help, please sign the sheet posted in the narthex. Bring your baked goods to church the morning of the Harvest Festival. Make a note on the cake as to what kind it is and if it has nuts. Thank you!

**Note: please no whip cream cakes.**

**We'd like at least 3 of each category.**

\*Chocolate Chip Cookies

\*Brownies

\*Breads (pumpkin, banana, etc)

**More than 3 is even better!**

\*Devil's Food Cup Cakes

\*Yellow Cup Cakes

\*Cakes



## **HARVEST FESTIVAL RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED!**

The Harvest Festival Raffle Committee is looking for donations of prizes to be used for our raffle table. If you are interested in donating an item, please call Karen Feltkamp 887-5725.

Thank you to all who have donated in the past.

**Please remember Harvest Festival is September 25<sup>th</sup> this year.**

**If you know of a business that may want to donate a prize for our raffle, there are letters you can use in the back of the church. There are also some flyers if you would like to post them at places you may frequent.**

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL September 25, 2016**

Please mark your calendar for this day of fun and fellowship

How can YOU help?

Bake a cake or cookies...

Donate items to the Bric a Brac table...

Enjoy a delicious hot dog or bratwurst...

Buy a raffle ticket...

Help set up or clean up at the festival...

Help with Pumpkin painting.....

Many hands make light work and we can always use **YOUR HELP!**

Thank You, Karen Feltkamp and Anna Lenz

## **Seeking New Choir Members**

Do you like to sing? Have you ever thought about joining a choir? Here's your opportunity!

**The St. John's choir is looking for new members. All are welcome, male & female;** young adult & "senior"; soprano, alto, tenor, or bass is welcome. Choir rehearsals are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM and will begin on **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Allison Koehler, choir director at 516-678 -6623.

## God's work. Our hands.

**On Wednesday, August 31, a group from St. John's went to the New LIFE Center in Uniondale. They helped stock the shelves of the food pantry and prepared about 20 backpacks filled with the school supplies that our congregation collected last month!**



*“Then the king will say to those at his right hand,  
'Come, you that are blessed by my Father,  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;  
for I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,  
I was a stranger and you welcomed me...”*

*~ Matthew 25:34-35 ~*



In Loving Memory

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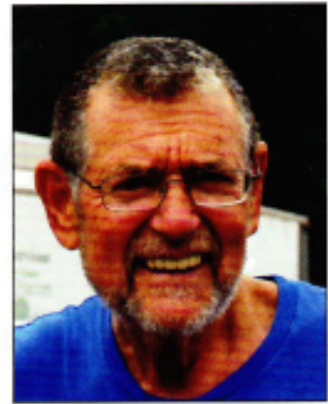
**Bill Benson 1919-2016**



## A MESSAGE FROM MIKE

This was not the message that was originally supposed to be in this month's Long Island Footnotes.

As we were putting the final touches on this month's magazine, we learned that our good friend – our great and glorious friend – Bill Benson had passed away.



Bill was an amazing human being, and an inspiration to everyone. He was the ultimate answer to anyone who has said that he or she is too old to run, too old to continue to be physically active. As recently as last year he was running 5 kilometer races, including the Heart & Sole 5K and the Carter, DeLuca, Farrell & Schmidt Ho Ho Ho Holiday Run in December. Bill's favorite race was the Fifth Avenue mile, which he had run for the past 16 consecutive years, and in 2015 he became the oldest runner to finish that event. Bill had been looking forward to running in the 2016 edition of the Fifth Avenue Mile but, sadly, that was just not to be.

We were thrilled to have been able to celebrate Bill's recent milestones with "Bill Benson's 90th Birthday Run" in June of 2009 and "Bill Benson's 95th Birthday Run" in June of 2014.

Bill never gave in to what others might call old age. He obviously was aware of his growing physical frailty, but he never let it stop him from enjoying the sport that he had loved for so many years. He never let anything interfere with his good humor and his positive outlook on life. He never lost the twinkle in his eye.

Bill was a frequent contributor to this magazine for many years, giving us statistics and insights into the exploits of local athletes and their relation to the overall National running scene.

Bill loved life...and he loved it to the very end. Although his body was failing him, Bill had the good fortune to be in full possession of his faculties and his wit to the very end. All of us can only hope to cross that final Finish Line in the same manner as Bill was fortunate to have done.

That's it for now. Just remember to think good thoughts about our friend Bill from time to time. I know that I will.

See you on the roads and trails.

Best regards,

*Mike*

Mike Polansky,  
President, Greater Long Island Running Club