



The disciples asked, 'Then who can be saved?!' But Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.'

- Matthew 19:25-26

The Messenger

A New Normal?

As we approach Easter or any holiday, there's an opportunity to think back on past years' celebrations. Holidays don't always go according to plan and life is always throwing us curveballs and unwanted events. What are some happy Easter memories? Maybe there was an Easter that was connected to a tragedy. One Easter morning many years ago we received news that a member of our family had died by suicide. If a holiday is about more than the food and the decorations then it can endure a difficult experience or disappointment. More than endure, it might bring meaning to what we have undergone.

In Jewish homes next month they will gather for Passover and read the story of Moses and the slaves being freed. The Seder (the order outlined in the booklet) takes them through the story with different parts of the meal exploring different parts of the scripture story and reflections on the experiences the people endured. Those trials and tribulations were formative and continue to be a major part of their identity.

I don't know any Christians who do this with our holidays, do you? Does the food on the table represent something of the story of Jesus' trial, death and resurrection? Do you recite the story?

What would be some elements of your Easter gathering with family that would tie you more closely to God and more deeply to the faith that we need in times of challenge? When things are good should we remember what we have endured, like the Exodus story does for Passover? When times are hard, can we take strength from what we have overcome in the past? Maybe remembering how Easter changed during COVID? Maybe holding on to the lesson that we can't take the opportunity to be together for granted; that when we lose people or suffer adversity, that our God is still steadfast and faithful and life will bring us blessings by the grace of a loving and compassionate God.

Easter should be our central holy day, a day when sin and death and everything that separates us from God is faced and overcome and our life in Christ grows deeper and stronger.

Pastor Jim

Child Care Center

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M-F 7:30am - 5:30pm

Children 6 weeks to 5 years

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Activities

Yoga

Saturdays at 11am and
2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7pm
All levels,
beginners welcome
Suggested donation of \$10-\$20

Book Club

Wed April 3rd 7pm on Zoom
“Demon Copperhead”
by Barbara Kingsolver
was a co-recipient of
the 2023 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Craft workshop

Sunday 3/24
Making crafts for Easter:
Eggs, nests,
birdhouses and more.

Patty, Kiah and Wayne sing “Down to the River to Pray”. Thanks to Claudia, Chip and everyone who helps with music!

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

Fundraiser

DINNER
and
AUCTION

Tickets \$125
Seniors \$115

Friday | 3. 22. 2024 | 7pm

COVELEIGH CLUB
459 STUYVESANT ST. RYE, NY
RSVP BY 3.8.2024 FOR A NIGHT OF
DINNER, OPEN BAR, DANCING,
KARAOKE, AND LIVE/SILENT
AUCTION



Milestones



Baptisms for **Mary Jane**, daughter of Daniel and Kim and **Lily**, daughter of Victoria and Phabion and, below right, Confirmation for Ryann and Jamie.

Rest in Peace, Julia Cruz and Rev. Hyacinth Mordey Imhof.



Martha, Pastor and Hy at Hy's 40th Anniversary

For Epiphany we had our sequel to the Christmas Pageant with a whole new cast! Thanks to Mary Jane for starring as Baby Jesus.



Left to Right: Jamie and Ryann, William, Dan, Kim and Mary Jane, Savannah as the star of Bethlehem and Audrey as a mounted Magi.

Child Care Center

St. Paul's child care center had a successful Scholastic Book Fair. We were able to earn "Scholastic dollars" to purchase two new Bluetooth speakers for our toddlers and preschool classrooms. We were also able to purchase audio books and reading center headphones for the preschool classrooms. Parents were very helpful in donating books to all classrooms. We had a successful Valentines Day bake sale. We celebrated Valentines Day by wearing Valentine colors and also had a pajama day. Our Child Care Center is getting ready for our big, annual Auction & Dinner fundraiser. It is a great event for parents, church members — for our St. Paul's community to come together. All of the money raised will be used to update our child care center and improve curriculum..



Members of the church council and the Child Care Committee.

Annual Training



Easter Lilies

Mail your request in by March 22nd.

Suggested donation \$30.

Checks payable to "St. Paul's"
or electronic payment.



I (We) wish to contribute lilies:

Name: _____

In Loving memory of: _____

Amount enclosed: _____



Martin Luther King Day had a huge turnout for our first MLK Interfaith Day of Service. Thanks to Donna for help with this food packing program that takes place every week during the school year. Ask for more info about Food 2 Grow On.

Thanks to Barbara, Philip and Laurie for offering prayers for healing and assisting in so many other ways.

Thank you Philip for helping each month with preaching and for your recent talk about the World Council of Churches.



Church Council and officers

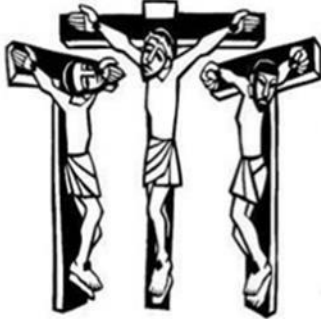
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Our Delightful Deacons

Laurie Palastro has successfully completed her Deacon internship and will become a Synodical Deacon on April 20th at 2pm. Several Deacons from across our Synod are joining the ministry at this event at St. Peter's Huntington Long Isl.

Maundy Thurs

March 28th
Dinner at 7pm



Good Friday

March 29th
11:30 & 7pm



Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord

March 31st

Good Friday Vigil

Sign up
for a 30 or 60 minute
block to sit vigil
in the church from
12:30pm 'til 3pm.

Also, add your prayer
requests to the devotion
notebook.

Community Dinner

A simple meal
and time for fellowship
during Holy Week.
March 28th 7pm.

A Lenten Evening of Forgiveness

Wednesday, March 13th 6:30-8pm

Join us for an evening focusing on mercy and forgiveness. What does the bible tell us about God's mercy and forgiveness towards us? Do we really believe we are fully and completely forgiven by God? How are we called to forgive others and ourselves? What does forgiving others look like, and what does it not look like? We will have some group discussions on these topics and some quiet time for personal reflection. Our evening will culminate with an outdoor bonfire in which we can symbolically lift up to God any unforgiveness/resentments we have towards others or ourselves. This is a great way to prepare for Good Friday and the joy of the Easter resurrection. We hope you will be able to join us. Please contact Laurie Palastro at palastro@mail.com if you have any questions.

Friendly Fridge

We have frozen
meals if someone
you know is in
need of a meal.

Call or Text
Pastor Jim
917 803-3974

Birthdays

March

3 Hannah Brady
6 Phabion Wilson
11 David Palastro
15 Kirk Gallego
18 Chris Kassas
18 Heather Tietjen
21 Emma Severance Sulimma
22 Jordan Ernst
22 Linda Johnson
24 Sam Witt
25 Jurema Pavini
26 Max Charleswell
26 Sheila Allen
28 John Santoro
29 Shannon Marie Beadle
29 Laurie Palastro
29 Daniel Pilke
30 Scott Sullivan

April

1 Cynthia Quell
2 Adrienne Perito
3 Erich Bussing
3 Cora Biederbeck
4 Orhan Eski
7 Heidi Disbennett
7 Mark Palovchek
8 Lucas Tobiasen Franceschini
11 Brett Guinta
11 Brandon Mark
11 Barbara Thistle
19 Wayne Masna
20 Isabella Rios
26 Bryan Witt
28 Kathy Onofrio-Franceschini
30 Connor Salvatore

May

2 Sarah Harrold
7 Pam Jaffee
8 Chrissie Onofrio-Franceschini
8 Kate Tobiasen-Franceschini
9 Nicole Balsome
16 Annelise Ernst
17 Thabo Boateng
18 Tony Wynne
19 Ken Schlosser
19 FloAnn Roller
23 Eric Brady
24 Gaelen Higgins
26 Carole DeNigris
26 Callie Schultz
27 Jack Wynne
28 Lisa Brady
29 Adriana Paulucci
29 Michael Gozdzieski
30 Kate Palastro
30 Christina Mutz-Carello

Scam alert

You may get an email or text that says it's from the pastor even though it's the wrong number or email

+1 (914) 311-2000

This is not me

Hi [redacted], I pray that you and your family are safe and well. Do you have a moment? I have a request that I need you to handle discreetly. I am currently going into a meeting now so no calls just reply to my text.
-Pastor Jim O'Hanlon

Care for Creation

Redirect stuff from landfill

Thanks to all who use the Clothing Shed in the parking lot. Volunteer to help with this important project.

What to Drop-off:

Used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals.

What Not to Drop-off:

Food, furniture, electronics, household items, books, toys, garbage, pillows, rags, and fabric scraps.

We welcome all
who are seeking God's love and
grace.

We welcome all
because God welcomes all.
We encourage young children to participate and make their presence known. We are many races and cultures, different sexual orientations, gender identities and families of various configurations and single people. We come from a wide variety of places on earth and individual spiritual journeys. We are various stages of life, differing abilities and health, and economic circumstances.



*Our unity is in Christ
who calls for us to reject division
and discrimination.*

Sent with a prayer to:

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