

## St. James-St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

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**We Worship Every Sunday at 10:00 am**

**Visit us at [SouthOzoneParkChurch.org](http://SouthOzoneParkChurch.org)**

Greetings favored ones,

It is believed that during the holi/holy days, people are most stressed – an emotionally draining time of the year. The drama that comes with this season is often compounded when, for example, there is a loss of a loved one, a job, or any other major life transition.

Compounding our personal challenges the reality of global insecurity (i.e. the long-term effects of COVID-19), the stock market reactions, political mayhem, and volatile times, it may be a difficult time for many. So, how are we to cope and survive during this season—how are we getting through Lent?

As daylight hours increase, sooner than later, we would be basking in the sun. However, before we get there, we journey through a sacred time in our church year—Lent. The disciplines of Lent: Repentance, Fasting, Prayer and Acts of Charity—become our focus as individuals and as a community of believers.

My fellow sojourners, this season is not just for the soul or building up your lives spiritually. Lenten practices are a divine tool for transformation of your entire being.

It is my prayer that you embrace this Lenten journey and process. Enter into it and then find yourself exiting as a new person renewed and reprogrammed to be of service to God and our neighbors we have from God.



## The Messenger

March 2024 Edition



*We journey through the season of Lent with weekly*

**Mid-week Devotions at 7 PM**

*Beginning February 21, we will explore*

*The Liturgical Church Year:*

*The Seasons of Advent—February 21*

*Christmas—February 28*

*Epiphany—March 6*

*Lent & Easter—March 13*

*& Pentecost—March 20*

### Holy Week and Easter Services



**Come Worship With Us!**

***Palm Sunday—March 24 at 10 AM***

***Maundy Thursday—March 28 at 7 PM***

***Good Friday—March 29 at 7 PM***

***Children's Easter Program***

***Saturday, March 30 at 10 AM***

***Easter Sunday—March 31 at 10 AM***



Part of our mission as a called-out community of believers known as the church is to bring the gospel (the good news of Jesus) to the world. St. James-St. Matthew's has identified a need in our community for food, and a Food Ministry was launched.

In partnership with Stacey's Pantry (St. Jacobus, Woodside), St. Paul's, Richmond Hill and Key Food and Stop and Shop Supermarkets, we launched this new ministry providing a monthly service—the next program is set for Thursday, **March 21st from 3PM to 4PM** and Thursday, April 25th from 3 PM—4PM.



Yes, volunteers are always welcome at 1 PM! What this means is that there is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your lives of service to God and your neighbors. Please contact the Church office either by phone, 718-845-8770, or email [stjstm@aol.com](mailto:stjstm@aol.com) and let us know if you have any resources, be it time, talents, and treasures, to grow this new ministry.



*...Still Wanted !*

We still need worship leaders like: **Ushers, Lectors, Assistant Ministers, Communion Assistants, Altar Guild members.** Please contact Pastor Dabee or the Church Office to indicate your willingness to help make worship a welcoming and meaningful experience for everyone in attendance. Thank you helping with sharing the gospel—the good news of Jesus in this place !



**Lenten Soup Supper at 6 PM**

*Wednesday, February 21 to March 20  
Please arrive by 6:15pm to participate !*



**Saturday, March 23rd**

*All are welcome from 9 AM to 12 noon  
to help with some springtime cleaning.*



*Join us on **Sunday, March 17**  
after worship for a special time  
of fellowship in memory  
of our beloved **Barbara A. Minera***



**Sunday Worship: 10:00 am**

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