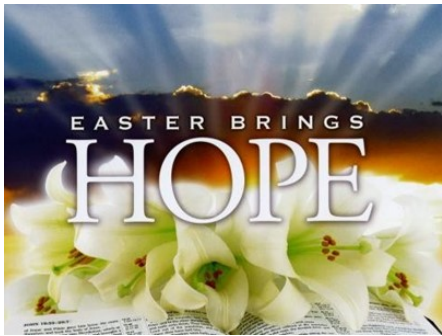


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EASTER
An Easter Blessing
by Pastor Romeo Dabee

When we gathered on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox (yes, that is how Easter Sunday is determined) we will engaged in shouting and singing: "He is risen! Yes! He lives. I know that my redeemer lives!" Since Jesus died and since this was his mission – on our behalf, we can conclude: Jesus has conquered death and made the grave the gate to eternal life for all who believe.

The German theologian Jurgen Moltmann says it best as he describes the great span of time from Good Friday to Easter. Moltmann said: "God weeps with us so that we may someday laugh with him." And today is that day when we laugh with God. Easter is a highpoint on the roller coaster of every believer's life. The dressing up with new outfits, festive music and the cheerful news stir our emotions and cause our hearts to ring with joy.

Very true! But quite often, in the weeks after Easter, the roller coaster takes a steep dive; and that should not be. For Jesus was raised by God, not just for a today, but forever. He is our ever-living head. Each Sunday is a celebration of our risen Savior. Therefore my friends, I pray that you would keep the Easter message ringing in your hearts and shining in your lives. Because Jesus lives, he lives, yes he lives forevermore.

May God bless you and your families in this time of joyous celebration; for Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Messenger
Easter 2026 Edition





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, **May 28th from 5PM to 6PM**...and Thursday, June 25, 5 PM—6PM.



Yes, volunteers are always welcome 2 hours before to help prepare bags! 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 and let us know if you have any resources, be it time, talents, and treasures, to grow this new ministry.



On April 19 we welcomed 2 new members into our St. James-St. Matthew's family — Mariam & Robert Baron.



May 10—Mother's Day 10AM
A special gift awaits all women in worship



Saturday, May 16—10AM to 12noon
Wellness Brunch with Parents/ Grandparents of young children.
A part of our *Care Initiative Program*



Pentecost Sunday—May 24 10 AM
Celebrate the birth of the Christian Church
Also, join our youth who will Affirm their Baptism with the Rite of Confirmation



Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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